

Separated from this extraneous matter, and from a good deal of desultory remark, his proposals are briefly as follow:—

The total expenditure of the year 1847 (after deducting 1,525,800*l* for Irish distress) was 57,704,614*l*. Mr. M'Gregor is of opinion that, by certain arrangements, the expenditure of the year might be reduced to 52,400,000. Of this sum he allots 28,250,000*l* to pay the interest of the debt; and, in order to make the remaining 24,150,000*l* meet the remaining current expenses of the year, he proposes the following reductions:—Army, navy, and ordnance, from 18,500,000*l* to 14,250,000; civil list, from 393,800*l* to 390,000; other charges on the consolidated fund, from 2,319,530*l* to 2,200,000; miscellaneous services from 3,561,067*l* to 3,250,000*l*; charges of collecting the revenue, from 3,963,529*l* to 3,350,000*l*; other payments out of the taxes in their progress to the Exchequer, from 763,926*l* to 710,000*l*. The total proposed savings he states at 5,304,614*l*, of which 4,250,000*l* is to be effected by reducing the expenditure of our desirable establishments.

The four ordinary sources of revenue upon which Mr. M'Gregor relies to raise the revenue required for his estimated expenditure are:—Customs, Excise (under one office with Stamps,) Post-office, and crown lands. He would levy customs duties only on eight articles—tobacco, sugar (at present duties,) distilled spirits (all kinds,) wines (at duties adjusted for revenue,) spices (all kinds,) tea (at 1*s* per lb.), silk manufactures, and other articles of luxury (at an *ad valorem* duty.) The revenue collected by the combined excise and stamp boards, he would have raised upon spirits and malt, licences, and stamps, legacy and probate duties.—He estimates the total return from customs, excise and stamps, post-office, & crown lands, at 41,000,000*l*, thus leaving a deficit of 11,000,000*l*. To raise this he would impose, in lieu of the present tax of three per cent. upon all incomes, a "duty of five per cent. upon the rents or profits of all realized property, whether funded, houses, lands, warehouses, docks, East India Stock, Bank Stock, and all stocks and shares whatever bought and sold in the market."

**JENNY LIND.**—We are assured that Jenny Lind has determined to abandon the stage, and that if she sings in public at all, it will only be at concerts. We have even heard it affirmed that those who heard her sing on Thursday listened to her last vocal efforts in public in this city. Rumour says that Mr. Tumley has offered her another engagement at her Majesty's Theatre, on her own terms, but the offer, made by Mr. Knowles of our Theatre Royal, for her services after the London opera season closed, met a similar refusal. There may be much truth in this, but we do not credit all that is said. We believe she is under promise to appear at several concerts during the next four weeks, her services being rendered gratuitously in the cause of charity. She sings at Birmingham, on the 28th inst., and at Liverpool, on the 6th of January, in aid of public charities. Truly she is a noble creature!—*Manchester Courier*.

**JENNY LIND.**—The concerts given for charity in Manchester by this noble creature realised, clear of all expenses, £25,000. She will sing on Thursday, in Liverpool, also for charity.

#### ANOTHER VIOLATION OF THE PROMISE.

Our readers will remember that, two or three months ago, the *Islander* published a notice of its intention to treat with profound silence any thing and every thing which should thenceforth appear in the *EXAMINER*. The light of its countenance was to be forever withdrawn from our path, and we were doomed to grope our way, as best we might, in the worse than Cimmerian darkness, created by the exit from the scene of contention, of that great luminary! But the *Islander*, or rather Professor Numskull, knew not what he did when he published that paragraph: he was certainly not his own master in the matter, for scarcely a week passed ere the promise was violated; and many a time since we have had a merry chuckle at similar proofs of inconsistency. The truth is, the *EXAMINER* is the only planet that gives light to the *Islander*; if, in its erratic courses, it strays from our orbit, it is dark and cheerless,—but when it returns, all its warmth and radiance are borrowed from us. To drop metaphors, and use plain language suited to the capacity of Professor Numskull, it has been proved to a demonstration, that the *Islander* cannot get up an editorial without bringing the *EXAMINER* in question. We have the satisfaction to know, that all the Professor's stock-in-trade, in this respect, is supplied by us.

A full-column of editorial, printed in close type, is devoted in the last *Islander*, to show that our object, in writing on the subject of Capt. Cumberland's nomination in the last *Examiner*, was, "to create jealousy and mistrust, and if possible to create a breach between His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and certain of his constitutional advisers and supporters." We hope the

reader will not mistake this choice language for ours.—It is curious, not only as a specimen of the literary profligacy of Professor Numskull's amanuensis, but as informing us, unwittingly, no doubt, that the Lieutenant-Governor is a political partizan, and that Professor Numskull and his blind guides, are alarmed lest the Governor should be lost to the Clique, and induced to coalesce with the Liberal Party, as Governor Huntley did, who was everything that was good and gracious while he supported the pretensions of the Oligarchy. We disclaim the object imputed to us. The "jealousy and mistrust" were apparent enough before we wrote a syllable on the appointments. All the noise and hubbub were made by the *Islander's* own party: Dr. Conroy stormed—threatened a vote of no confidence, and posted off to the country, to arouse the indignation of his colleague and confederates there—Mr. Palmer sent in a conditional resignation of his offices; and in short, almost every person of the Clique party about town, expressed not only "mistrust" of His Excellency, but manifested the greatest violence of temper, and used the most indecent language of complaint against him. What was the consequence? The Governor was forced to yield in the matter of Capt. Cumberland's appointment; and in that he did wrong. The *Islander* would have us believe that Captain Cumberland from the first declined the appointment. We know better. Capt. Cumberland was consulted, we have every reason to believe, and expressed his willingness to take the vacant seat, before his name was mentioned by the Governor to his Council. He declined only because he saw there was so much opposition to him. If it be true that he declined the appointment as soon as offered, why did the *Islander's* party make such a tremendous outcry? Was that the way to show trust and confidence in the Governor?—to give support to his administration, and to cement the bonds of amity between himself and his "constitutional advisers?" Our "object" was to show that the Lieutenant Governor was surrounded by the worst of enemies in persons who deceitfully called themselves his friends—to shew likewise that they had no right to complain of Captain Cumberland's nomination, on the ground of its being adverse to Responsible Government, inasmuch as the Colony has been all along governed on the anti-responsible principle, and as Mr. Warburton's removal from the Council because he advocated that principle, was applauded by the parties who complained the most loudly of Captain Cumberland's selection.

The *Islander* deliberately falsifies our editorial when it says, we proceeded "to shew that irrespective of Responsible Government, Capt. Cumberland is in all other particulars a fit and proper person to be appointed to the Executive Council." We challenge the writer to point out the passage that will bear this interpretation. As to the craving for offices attributed to our party, the Almanac will shew on which side the craving and acceptance have been the more conspicuous; and the assertion regarding our tampering with the sureties of the Treasurer, can be rebutted by Colonel Lane, one of the sureties, who did not wait to be alarmed by officious friends on the subject of his security for Mr. Smith! As to the "plotting" for office, we could tell something bearing strongly on this point, in reference to a gentleman now in his grave, that would not redound to the credit of the party he has left behind him.

We are told, at the conclusion of the *Islander's* editorial, that both the Governor and Captain Cumberland can afford to despise the *EXAMINER*. It is to be regretted that Professor Numskull is not equally rich in his scorn, as he would thereby be spared the trouble of employing a person to write him a long article, in order that a "breach" might not be created by our paper between His Excellency and "certain of his constitutional advisers!"

Although it is nearly four years since the Palladium departed this life, we have observed with some uneasiness for some time past, indications that its ghost still appears at intervals, to the writers of the *Islander*. The *Islander* people cannot forget how much it annoyed and troubled them in its lifetime, and remembering the many foul slanders with which they sought to blast its fair fame, it is perhaps, after all, but reasonable to suppose that their guilty consciences will, for a long time, present its apparition to their disordered minds. So long, indeed, as the *Islander* is disposed to reverse the good old humane maxim, "de mortuis nihil nisi bonum," we don't, in sooth, care if it never have a day's peace from the ghostly visitations of the Palladium.

**THE NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR.**—We perceive by the last *Gazette*, that DANIEL BRENNAN, Esq., has been appointed to a seat in the Executive Council of

this Island. Although Mr. Brennan is generally believed to entertain opinions on local politics adverse to our own, yet we do not hesitate to acknowledge, that in his selection we think the Governor has made a wise and judicious choice. A gentleman well known to the country, and fully acquainted with its wants and resources—possessed of much practical knowledge, and no inconsiderable share of ability to use it, he would be a really valuable acquisition to a good Government, enjoying the confidence of the people, but under the present form of Administration, it may be questioned whether any man, howsoever efficient, can serve the permanent interests of the country.

We perceive by the *Islander* of Friday last that Professor Numskull is unable to deny that Mr. D. Maclean wrote the letter signed "Master Brooks." Even if he had denied the fact, which is evident to every body, we are not such a green horn as to believe him. Professor Numskull, being utterly incompetent, from sheer ignorance of the ordinary rules of composition, and from most incorrigible stupidity—to write three lines of common-sense English—cares not what he inserts in his "reputed paper," provided it be in the shape of an editorial—always a god-send to the *Islander*. The paragraph to which we make reference is neither a disclaimer nor admission of the authorship of Master Brooks—like the Professor's skull, it's full of filth, and nothing more. Numskull's clumsy scribbler informs us, that when we "derive a little more experience in the business of conducting a public journal," we shall be able to discriminate between imitating style and imitating talent. Three interesting enquiries suggest themselves, which we hope will be duly answered—1st, what is the extent of Numskull's experience in conducting a public journal? 2nd, Is experience derivative? 3rd, Is talent imitative? We hope the Professor will get some cleverer person to answer these questions than he wrote the paragraph about "Master Brooks."

**THE HON. DR. KAYE AND THE SMALL POX.**—A correspondent writes us to know, if Dr. Kaye, who has been recently appointed to a seat in the Legislative Council, will be permitted to reach town to attend the meeting of the Legislature, after so lately attending, in his medical capacity, the persons infected with Small Pox in King's County? "Who knows," remarks our correspondent, but that the honourable and learned Doctor may carry in his clothes the infection, and thereby greatly endanger the public health of the Town?"

Really, we know not what to say to the above question. If our correspondent's fears are well grounded, Doctor Kaye will be a more dangerous character than as a mere politician. We suggest that the Board of Health should assemble immediately, and compel the supposed unclean Councillor to lay in quarantine at Governor's Island, or somewhere else, for a term of 21 days. Should the learned Doctor, however, in spite of all our fears, be permitted to breathe the pure air of the Metropolis, he ought to be consigned to the care of the Usher of the Black Rod, and any person who would shake hands with him, before he has been thoroughly smoked, and undergone more than an ordinary ablution, be deemed guilty at least of a breach of parliamentary privilege.

**STEAMER BETWEEN CHARLOTTETOWN AND PICTOU.**—We are glad to learn that the Hon. Samuel Cunard has lately presented a Petition to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, praying aid towards defraying the expenses of a Steamer, which he purposes putting on the route between Pictou and Charlottetown. From the well-known ability and zeal with which Mr. Cunard has prosecuted the business of Steam communication in the other Province, we may indulge the most ardent hopes of efficiency in the undertaking which he now contemplates; and we sincerely trust the Legislatures of the two Colonies will promptly and generously second his designs.

**THE REV. JOHN MCBEAN.**—This gentleman arrived in Halifax by the last Steamer from England, and is hourly expected in Charlottetown, to take charge of St. James's (Presbyterian) Church. He is, we are told, a gentleman of superior ability as a preacher.

**ROBBERIES.**—Several daring acts of outrage and robbery have been lately committed in this Town by parties unknown. Mr. W. R. Watson's out-store was, a short time since, broken into, and some fish and flour taken therefrom. The out-store of Mr. James Anderson was next attacked, and five barrels of herrings stolen out of it; and on the night of the 13th instant the Bakery of Mr. John Gainsford was forced, and three and a half barrels of flour were emptied from the barrels and carried away. It is to be regretted that the thieves have escaped in every instance, and that there is no publicly recognized protection for property against similar depredations.

**SMALL POX.**—We learn that there have been Twelve new cases of Small Pox reported to the Board of Health at Georgetown, by Dr. Kaye. They were confined to the families of the persons first attacked, and as Vaccination was resorted to by all parties old and young, it was hoped that the disease would not spread among the inhabitants.—*Gaz.*