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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### LETTER FROM MR. WARBURTON ON HIS REMOVAL FROM THE COUNCIL.

Lot 11, December 8, 1848.

MY DEAR SIR,

I perceive in the last *Gazette* a notice, demi-official I presume, to the effect that Mr. Palmer has been appointed, at His Excellency's recommendation, to replace me at the Council Board. I think it therefore necessary publicly to state the reasons which induced me, being an advocate for Responsible Government, to remain in the Council after I had failed in obtaining a seat in the House of Assembly.

Some time in January last the Lieutenant Governor left a message at my lodging, that he wished to see me before I left Town. I was then told by His Excellency that Earl Grey would not confirm the appointments to the Council until he obtained his opinion on the subject. Fancying at the time that if I remained in the Council I might be an obstacle to His Excellency in the Government of the Island, I at once said that I would free him from the difficulty and resign my seat. This was refused, and I was told that if I did not soon hear from His Excellency (and he did not think I should), I might rest satisfied, or words to that effect. Being perfectly indifferent in the matter, I returned home, and I think a day had scarcely elapsed before I received a letter from His Excellency, stating, that upon mature consideration he would defer confirming the appointments until he was better acquainted with the state of the Colony.

I heard nothing further on the subject until about a month before the Election, when I had another interview with His Excellency, who told me that before he could recommend Earl Grey to confirm my seat in the Council, he wished to know what my political opinions were—whether I was an advocate for Responsible Government, and whether I sided with the minority in the Assembly. I answered both questions in the affirmative. His Excellency then plainly told me that he would not recommend Earl Grey to confirm my seat.

I make this statement because I think it due to those friends who so strenuously supported me against the most influential (because of his ledger) individual in the District, and because I intend, upon another occasion, to offer myself as a candidate for their support. If they think my conduct has been such as to merit their approval they will have an opportunity of showing it.

I remain yours very truly,

JAMES WARBURTON.

E. WHELAN, Esq., M. P. P.

P. S.—Since writing the above I received a letter from His Excellency, stating that my seat in the Council has not been confirmed, solely upon public grounds.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR—Of all the stupid and silly productions I have ever read, an article in the *Islander* of last week, over the signature of "E.M." beats all. Again and again have I endeavoured to comprehend what the writer would be at, and can come to no other conclusion than that he was so frightened at the address of George Coles, Esq., to the young men of Charlottetown, that he wishes to impress upon them how sinful a thing it would be for them to interfere with politics—they have nothing to do it would seem, to remove their grievances, and to arrive at the greatest honours and offices of emolument in this Island, but to be industrious in their several callings. I could have wished that this "I thank God I am not as other men are" writer had told us a little more of his history. Has he, with all his boasting, obtained any higher reward for his industry than the office of a merchant's clerk? Was it his industry that

reduced him from the maker of spinning wheels to that of an itinerant musician and singer of profane songs? Was it his industry or his ignorance that caused him to be prosecuted while acting as deputy for another? Was it his industry that caused him to be suspended in a public office a few years ago? And lastly is it his industry, or his unbearable presumption, that causes his most intimate friends to amuse themselves behind his back at his expense, and his Master to—n his sect, and wish they were all in a certain warm place that shall be nameless. In conclusion, I would advise this old Mechanic to let this his first attempt at handling tools he knows nothing about be his last, or he will be sure to get a more injurious cut than this, and let him practise that religion which he preaches, and be lowly and meek, and in charity with all men. Let him hold fast that which he has—let him practise a little humility—let him not snap and snarl at his master's customers, as he is in the habit of doing, and he will be better qualified than he is at present to give a fatherly exhortation to the young men of Charlottetown.

I am, Sir, yours obedt. and obliged,

NO MECHANIC.

December 14.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR—As your paper has ever been hostile to the principle of giving more offices to one man than he is able conveniently to attend to, I beg to observe that, if there is any case in which this monopoly is detrimental to the public interests, it is in that of the Head Mastership of the Central Academy. The gentleman holding this situation has several small offices under Government, the most important of which, perhaps, is that of Commissioner in the Small Debt Court; and in attending to these he loses on an average at least one month out of the twelve. The pupils of the Academy have idle time during vacation—the loss they must sustain through the official employments of the Head Master is eminently calculated to weaken the confidence of the community in the efficiency of the Institution. If reform is needed anywhere it is most assuredly in this.

Yours, &c.

A PARENT.

## THE EXAMINER.

CHARLOTTETOWN, MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1848.

### Fourth English Mail for November.

The Steamship Canada arrived at Halifax on Monday last in 16 days from Liverpool—after a passage stated to be unusually boisterous. The schr. Rob Roy arrived here with the Mail on Thursday evening. Latest dates are to the 25th ult.

The news is not very important nor interesting. There has been no improvement in either the Timber or Corn Trade—both continued very dull. The Cholera had ceased to make any progress in England, but in Scotland its virulence continued almost unabated.—Vast numbers of emigrants continue to leave Ireland almost every day for Australia and the United States.—In France public excitement is hourly on the increase in anticipation of the approaching Presidential Election. The opinion seems to gain ground that Louis Napoleon will be the successful candidate, although a majority of the Clergy, and a large proportion of the members of the National Assembly, are said to be in favour of General Cavaignac.—The siege at Vienna was strictly maintained at the last advices, and it is stated that an immense number of students and others, concerned in the late outbreak against the imperial authority, have been shot.

Further items of news will be found in succeeding columns.

## ENGLAND.

MANUFACTURING DISTRICTS.—The steady improvement noticed in trade in the manufacturing districts continues, and rather strengthens than otherwise. The increase in the amount of business done for the last few weeks has inspired Spinners and Manufacturers with more confidence, and they are now demanding an advance in prices, which has rather curtailed operations. The Cloth and Yarn market maintains its improved tone. The stocks of lower reed Cloths are pretty much worked off, and yarns of all numbers are in better request, with stocks extremely light; and prices, both of Cloth and Yarn have made an advance fully equivalent to the rise in the raw material. There is a much more cheerful feeling.

THE CORN MARKET.—The Corn market is extremely dull for all articles, with some decline in value. The arrivals of Flour have been considerable this week, which at present all goes into bond, and the value in bond for the best Western is 25s. 6d. per bbl., little or nothing, however, doing in it. Duty paid Flour 18s. to 29s. but selling only in a retail way. Indian Corn moves off very heavily at 33s. to 35s. per quarter, and Meal is quoted 17s. per bbl. American Wheat in bond 6s. 5d. to 7s. 2d. and free 7s. 2d. to 8s. per 70 lbs.

CHANGE OF MINISTRY.—Rumours of changes in the Ministry have revived. Lord John Russell will, it is said, retire in consequence of ill health, and the Premiership will be accepted by Lord Clarendon.

## IRELAND.

The news received this week from Ireland has been of a most unimportant character.

There are 8000 paupers on the out door and work-house relief, Skibbereen.

The special commission will again open in Clonmel on the 5th of December, to which it stands adjourned, for the trial of the remaining political prisoners; and it is said that Charles Gavan Duffy will be brought down to Clonmel, and there tried at the commission.—*Limerick Chronicle*.

In the case of Kevin Izod O'Dogherty, of the *Tribune*, a memorial, signed by every one of the jury who found him guilty, was presented by the Lords Justices on Saturday, urgently praying for a commutation of the sentence from transportation to a term of imprisonment. There was, at the same time, presented a memorial to the like effect, most numerous and influentially signed by the citizens of Dublin, the names of the Lord Mayor and Lord Cloncurry heading the list. The reply is expected to be favourable.

On Saturday, the Judges of the Queen's Bench unanimously gave their opinion, that the points raised in error in Mr. Martin's case were untenable; and should therefore, be overruled. On the previous day, Mr. Smith O'Brien was brought to Court, and his Counsel handed in the assignment of errors, on his behalf—no less than fifteen in all. On Saturday, the Attorney General put in the joinder to those. The arguments were commenced on Tuesday, and had not been concluded on Thursday night.

DEPOPULATION!—The *Freeman* of Friday reports the eviction of one hundred and fifteen human beings in the South of Ireland! It also gives the names of four emigrant vessels which this week left the port of Limerick alone, carrying with them 510 emigrants.

EMIGRATION.—Emigration continues to increase every day. Numberless families are constantly leaving the surrounding districts, and passing through our city to the nearest seaports, for the purpose of emigrating to America. On yesterday a large number of emigrants from Lord Clifden's estate passed through Kilkenny on their way to the Western Republic.—*Kilkenny Journal*.

THE POOR RATES IN NENAGH UNION.—About £4100 of the last rate and arrears still remain uncollected. £2000 of that sum it is thought will be available—and the collectors have been granted an extension of time on Thursday next, the 16th instant, to pay in the amount of their warrants. The remaining sum of £2000 is totally lost to the union by the misapplication of the funds collected by two of the rate collectors, whose sureties are either *non est*, or insolvent.

THE COUNTY DUBLIN JURY LISTS.—MR. DUFFY'S TRIAL.—An occurrence has taken place of a very suspicious nature, and which will have the effect, in all probability, of further postponing Mr. Duffy's trial. This is the abstraction of an entire Barony from the County Jury Lists, which had been placed in the hands of Mr. Shaw, the printer, on Bachelor's walk. In the circumstances attending this proceeding, there is conclusive evidence of contrivance and design. We cannot, for obvious reasons, at present go more into particulars.—*Dublin Evening Herald*.