

To the Editor of the Colonial Herald.

Sir; Your correspondent TRITICEUS says, in his last letter—"Let us take, for instance, the imports from the North American Colonies alone for the last year: These were—

Table with 2 columns: Category (Imports, Exports) and Value (Sterling). Includes sub-tables for 'BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES' and 'EXPORTS'.

Thus leaving a balance of £42,470 9 6 1/2—and he gives us to understand that the above statement was taken from the Custom House Returns.

I feel desirous of setting him right as to a few particulars; for, on referring to the official returns of the Imports and Exports for the last year, signed by the Collector, I find them set down as follows:—

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Thus leaving apparently a balance against the Island of £78,319 4s. 2d. sterling. It is to be kept in mind, however, that the exports in the above estimate only refer to the Agricultural produce, timber, and some few quintals of Fish sent out of the country.

Taking the freight of the above enumerated articles at the lowest valuation, it will amount to a considerable sum; and be it recollected, that at least nine-tenths of it were earned by vessels belonging to the Island.

Since these subjects were brought under discussion, a new Governor has arrived. Has he a turn for business?—Time will show.

Yours always, NEMO.

Auction.

TO BE SOLD, at PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Court House in Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-SECOND day of DECEMBER next, at 12 o'clock, noon.

FOR SALE—An English built CARRIAGE, adapted either for one or two Horses, with Hood, Patent Axles, Lamps, &c. Also, a set of new Harness, with or without the Carriage.

THE HOUSE at the North corner of Pownall and Water Streets, Charlottetown, lately occupied by Messrs. Cooper & Bremner as a Printing Office, &c.

WHEREAS one Alexander Davidson, representing himself to be the Agent of W. M. Allan, of Halifax, has notified the debtors of the late firm of W. Mackay & Co., of Georgetown and Souris, that the amount of their respective debts are to be paid to him, as Agent of the said W. M. Allan, under an Assignment, said to bear date the 18th December, 1839; and whereas the subscriber is not a party to or possessed of the knowledge of the existence of any such instrument or deed of assignment, under such date, or at any other prior or subsequent date, he hereby fully and unequivocally disavowing the same; and whereas, on the acting partner, Rufus Shattuck, absenting himself from the Island with a large amount of property, belonging to said firm, on the 9th August, 1840, the subscriber took possession of all the remaining Stock in Trade, Ledgers, Books, Accounts, Debts, Notes, Bonds, Obligations, Agreements, Securities, of all kinds soever, Ships on the Stocks, &c., and dissolved said firm of William Mackay & Co.; and when as the subscriber has subsequently been engaged in winding up the affairs of said firm, to ascertain the amount of the defalcation of said Rufus Shattuck, and realize funds out of said debts and other property to pay all just claims against said Firm, so far as the same may serve therefor; and whereas, on the 20th December last, the Subscriber, when in Prince Edward Island, did appoint W. Mackay, sen., Esq., of Georgetown, and John Knight, of Souris, his Attorneys, for the purposes above mentioned, respectively, at Georgetown and Souris: Now, NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons indebted to the Estate of the late Firm of W. Mackay & Co. are hereby required to make payment forthwith of their respective debts, to either the said W. Mackay, sen., Esq., of Georgetown, or John Knight, of Souris, and to no other person or persons—they alone being lawfully authorized and empowered to grant the necessary receipts and discharges for the same.

THE FRAME of a HOUSE, 27 by 19, just erected—to be removed at the expense of the purchaser, it not answering the purpose of the owner. A bargain may be expected, if immediate application be made to JOHN MACDONALD, Builder.

THE Subscriber requests all persons who stand indebted to him, for the services of the CANADIAN HORSE, to make payment on or before the 25th inst., otherwise legal steps will be taken for the recovery thereof.

LOST, yesterday afternoon, between Mr. Purdie's L Store, Queen Square, and Mr. Parkin's Boarding House, Pownall Street, a large GOLD BROACH, with hair set in it. Whoever will bring the same to Mr. Dealey, Queen Square, will be handsomely rewarded.

British and North American ROYAL MAIL STEAM SHIPS. Of 1250 Tons burthen and 440 Horse Power each. Under Contract with the "Lords of the Admiralty."

Table with 4 columns: Ship Name, Destination, Date, and Agent. Lists ships like ACADIA, BRITANNIA, CALEDONIA, COLUMBIA.

Several vessels, which had been previously waiting for a wind, went to sea on Monday, with the wind at N.E.—Among them were the Arab, Marshall, for Bideford, the Antelope, Griffiths, for Dublin, the Duck, Shipton, for Hermitage Bay, Newfoundland, and the Aspendus, Welsh, for St. John's, N.F.

THE Fourth Session of the Institute will commence on Wednesday evening next. The President will open the Session with a short address, and will be followed by Mr. John McNeill, with an introductory lecture, to be delivered extemporaneously. The present members will be admitted to the Institute until the end of the year, by the tickets they now hold. The Lecture Room will be thrown open to the public for next Wednesday evening, and they are invited to attend. The Chair will be taken by the Hon. Charles Young (President), at 8 o'clock precisely, and the doors will be closed at a quarter past eight. A full attendance is requested.

FRESH ARRIVAL. THOMAS HOW HAS just received, in addition to his former Stock, a LARGE SUPPLY, consisting of Tea, Sugar, Molasses, Raisins, Currants, Ginger, Allspice, Salt, Mustard, Soap, Starch, Candles, Indigo, Glass, Putty, &c. &c. The whole will be sold cheap, for ready money only.

Upper Queen Street, November 27th, 1841.

suming the Government of this Colony. I am most earnestly impressed with the importance of advancing the Agricultural and Commercial pursuits of this Island; and as my endeavours will be as untrusting as impartial, so I humbly look for the Divine blessing, to render them a benefit to all classes of this most industrious people.

STEAM COMMUNICATION. To the Editor of the Colonial Herald.

Sir;—I am one of those who have not only been vigilantly looking on at the proceedings of the Committee, which was appointed at a Public Meeting, held here some two or three weeks ago, for the purpose of reporting upon the probable expenditures and receipts of a steamer plying between this Island and the neighbouring Colonies, but who have been also attentively hearing, and endeavouring carefully to answer the various objections that have been offered in opposition to the measure—and as many of these objections are futile and erroneous, I think it but due to the committee and the public to explain and answer them in the order that they have been raised. But before doing so, I will pause for a short time, and make some observations upon the Report of the Committee. That Report was most minutely investigated, and most carefully prepared, so that the public might have no cause hereafter to blame the Committee for neglecting any part of the trust reposed in them.

Now, Sir, I will endeavour to answer some of the objections that have been raised by those opposed, not to the establishment of a Steamer, but to the embarking of any surplus Capital in the undertaking. The principal objection seems to be, that this community have had quite enough of steam speculations, in the total failure of the Steam Mill. How that scheme was ever expected to pay, I am at a loss to discover, even to this day! How it could be supposed that artificial means could successfully compete with the natural elements of air and water, in such an undertaking! But because one speculation has failed, it should not be the means of preventing us to make another attempt at Steam in a different way, the more especially when the public can see for themselves that it may be entered into with safety.

Another objection is, that a person has no vote, unless he should hold five shares. This is not correct, and has been circulated by some designing individuals, to accomplish their own pernicious purposes. When the Committee were framing something in the shape of a prospectus, it was proposed, that every person holding from one to four shares should have one vote; holding five shares, two votes; ten shares, three votes; fifteen shares, four votes; and that no person should be eligible to be a director, unless he held at least five shares. And it is possible that this has been the origin of the mistake, made by some as an objection. But all this must be subject to the approval of the majority of the Shareholders, and therefore cannot pass into any Bye-law, until the share-list be filled up.

The next objection is, that Captain Graham has been promised the command of the boat. No such promise has ever been made, so far as I have ever heard; and even if it had been promised to him, it must be subject to the vote of the majority—as the majority alone will have the appointment of the master.

A fourth objection is, that an opposition Steamer might be started, which would most materially interfere with the profits of the Company's Boat. In answer to that objection, I would say, that it is most unlikely and improbable any Steamer would be put upon the line in opposition, because it could not successfully compete with our boat, when we enjoy the transportation of the Mails, and have the benefit of the several grants from the three different Legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and this Island, which amount annually to nearly £1000. And even if an opposition Steamer were to start, who would derive the benefit? The public, to be sure. And how? By the increased means of intercourse, at a lower rate.

The last objection that I have heard is, that the undertaking would never pay. In answer to that, I would say, read the Report of the Committee—examine every item therein contained—and point out the errors (if any) that the Committee have made in coming to the conclusion at which they have arrived. If no errors can be discovered, then let the cavillers cease their cry against the measure, and embark their capital in such a profitable undertaking.

I feel that I have trespassed too much upon your columns, but the subject is fraught with such vast importance to this community, that I felt desirous to touch upon every point, at a however slightly, so that the public may perceive, at a glance, the advantages to be derived from the undertaking, and also may see the futility of the objections that have been raised to it. I trust, for the honor and credit of the Island, that the measure will not be allowed to fall to the ground for want of support, and that all persons interested in the progressive improvement of this, their native or adopted country, will come forward and give their aid towards the accomplishment of such a desirable undertaking as that of regular steam communication between this and the neighbouring Colonies. One word more. If this at-tempt prove abortive, it will be an everlasting disgrace to those persons in this Colony who have the means, and who withhold them on account of any of the above objections.

I am, Your obedient servant, HALIUS.

Wooden building, owned by S. Wiggins & Son; occupied by Thomas & Sandal, general ship chandlers, &c.; and the second flat office by S. Wiggins & Son.

Wooden building, owned by W. Flaherty, and occupied by the 10th and 11th Troop, commission merchants.

Wooden building, owned by J. Hughson, and occupied by W. Peckey, and J. D. Purdy & Co. general dealers.

Wooden building, owned by D. J. McLaughlin; and occupied the lower flat by Knowles & Thorne, Commission merchants; and the flat by Thomas Hanford, Auctioneer, &c.; third flat by the Hardenbrook, sailmaker.

Wooden building, owned by John Ward & sons; first and second floors occupied by A. & C. Perkins, Flour merchants; second flat by J. Ward and Sons.

Four story brick building, owned by Wm. Jarvis, and occupied by J. & R. Reed, as a Flour store.

Wooden building, owned by Peter Reid, and R. L. Harris, and occupied by themselves and Smith & Underhill.

Wooden building, owned by Thomas Gilbert of Gagetown, and occupied by D. J. McLaughlin, D. C. Perkins, and Estey & Co. general dealers.

Four story brick building, owned and occupied by Walker Tisdel and Son, Hardware merchants.

All the wooden buildings on this wharf were three stories high.

The Colonial Herald. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1841.

The steamer Pocahontas arrived yesterday. The papers received by her do not contain a single article worth extracting. She sails again this morning, and it is a questionable point whether she will return this Fall again or not. N.B. It is said that new boilers are to be put into the Pocahontas in the course of the winter.

The officer of the Volunteers concerned in the arrest of Grogan within the Vermont frontier, has been dismissed the service by the Commander of the Forces, Sir Richard Jackson, in conformity to the sentence of the Court Martial.

The Gazette of Tuesday last announces, that William Swaby, Esq. has been provisionally appointed a Member of the Legislative Council, in the room of the Hon. George R. Goodman, resigned.

The Hon. J. Spencer Smith has been appointed Colonial Aide de Camp to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

A meeting of the Inhabitants of Georgetown and its vicinity was held at the Court House there on the 20th inst. when a congratulatory Address was voted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on his assumption of the Govy the Lieutenant Governor, on his assumption of the Government; and the following gentlemen appointed to deliver it, viz: Hugh Macdonald, Esq., Angus Macdonald, Esq., Rev. A. D. Panter and J. Wightman, Esq. On Wednesday the deputation waited upon His Excellency with the Address, which is as follows:—

We Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Magistrates, Clergy, Merchants, and other Inhabitants of Georgetown and its vicinity, beg leave most respectfully to offer to your Excellency our sincere congratulations on your arrival in this Island, to assume the Government thereof, and to assure your Excellency of our devoted loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Royal Person and Government, as well as to the British Constitution under which we have the happiness to live.

The solicitude of Our Most Gracious Sovereign, for the welfare of Her Majesty's Subjects resident in Her North American Colonies, is a guarantee, that under your Excellency's administration, this Colony will participate in the benefits to be derived from an extension of its Agricultural and Commercial resources.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our submission to the Laws, and our willingness to support your Excellency in your efforts for the public good; and that our united endeavours shall at all times be devoted to render your Excellency's administration agreeable.

Signed, on behalf of the Meeting, ANGUS MACDONALD, Chairman.

Georgetown, 20th Nov. 1841.

[His Excellency's Reply.] To the Magistrates, Clergy, Merchants, and other Inhabitants of Georgetown, and its vicinity.

The Address which you have this day presented, from the Magistrates, Clergy, Merchants, and other Inhabitants of Georgetown, and its vicinity, affords me the grateful opportunity of assuring you how sincerely I appreciate the expression it contains of your devoted loyalty to Her Majesty's Royal Person and Government, as well as of your attachment to the British Constitution; and I deeply feel the kind manner in which you have congratulated me upon my as-