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were impartial. I can doubt that the influence of the members of this House, the learned counsel who practise here, and who said to me, it is in vain for you to struggle, you see the committee will decide every thing against us (hear, hear). They will at once say, that when 7 to 4 are struck you may instantly send your witnesses home; we will go on with your case, but I have heard the said recently (hear, hear), and now that being so, I will put it to you to honor and candor of the gentleman who hear me, if they will persevere in that course, and not give us this trial. You have your public tribunals to try everything unstained and untainted. You find in those tribunals gentlemen among you, whatever their politics may be, who perform their duty with impartiality. I will say that of your English gentlemen who come amongst us in the judicial seat. You have therefore unstained and untainted benches of justice; you have impartial juries; you can remove a trial from place to place; you can, what we call, change the venue; you can get counsels free from all bias and party attachment; you can get judges to preside and correct the errors of juries if they find a verdict against evidence or the weight of evidence—but your present tribunal, who is to correct it? Nobody. It is the most absolute tribunal in the world.

Law you profess to know nothing of; and what can be more dangerous than for a body to take upon itself to decide upon law who is utterly ignorant of it? You say you have laid down rules that no man shall be deprived by law of his life or property without evidence, what is your evidence? what would you require? This gentleman goes on to state that whatever one on one side wishes to have, they have only to suggest it to a friendly counsel that he may ask for it, and which a counsel in a Court of Justice would be ashamed to ask. I am ready to prove my case. I call upon you to let me to prove my case (hear, hear). If that committee decide that I have made a false charge, there is no submission to humble which will not be proudly bowed to by me. If that committee states it is proved that I have made a misstatement there is no reparation I shall not make which so humble an individual as myself may be capable of. But I cannot stand by the notion that any censure is inflicted on me by any vote of a majority that will not come to the civil and eradicate it. (Much cheering.) I will not say all—several may not come, but many will come down to-morrow, and be reproached in their clubs, if they happen be away when their ballot is going on. All they want to have said is—“Oh! If you had been in your place—if you had been there, the majority would have been the other way.” A morality of party against the morality of justice! (Cheers.)

I have heard a great deal against religion here. What scuffles and scrambles have been made for the purpose of throwing out observations against religion in one part of the House and in another, and what sanctimoniousness of demeanor has been observed on other occasions—(Hear, hear.)—This, then, is a question of trying a matter fairly, after the solemn oath of the Holy Word of God. When there are those men of pure sanctity?—Why don't they come forward now and adjourn their Sabbath-days' Bills, if we are to hear any more of these bills, and come to a real vindication of their calling on the sanctity of the name of the eternal God—(hear, hear.) Sir, I mean to move that this committee shall be formed, and I shall submit upon that to anything which the House may think fit. I have repented of nothing, I have retracted nothing—(Hear, hear.) I mean not to use harsh or offensive language. (Cries of “Oh, oh!” from the Tory side, at which the Hon. and learned gentleman paused, as if surprised, which produced profound silence.)

After a brief pause the Hon. and learned gentleman proceeded. I admire their attention to a subject which introduces the name and sanction of the Deity. (Hear, hear.) I repeat what I have said, but I wish I could find terms less offensive to themselves and equally significant. (Hear, hear.) Sir, I now move for the appointment of a committee. The Speaker, Mr. O'Connell, it is contrary to the rules of the House to give for a committee without having given notice.

Mr. O'Connell. If that is the rule, Sir, I now give notice that I will move for the committee to-morrow—(Hear, hear.) Lord Castlereagh then rose, but gave way to Lord John Russell—Sir, I rise to move that your address be inserted in the Journals of the House.

A COLONIAL GOVERNOR.—Barbadoes papers contain the report of a trial in Trinidad of a novel and interesting description, in which the press of that island had not ventured to insert a report. It is stated that Sir G. F. Hill, the Governor of the island, was indebted to Messrs. Rundle & Co., of London, on a bill for £381 1s. 4d. with interest from the date, which remaining unpaid, they sued. His Excellency in the law courts of the island under his Government. He pleaded his privilege in Barbadoes, being subject to the jurisdiction of the court. The plea, however, was overruled, and judgment recorded for the plaintiff. The report states that Sir George intended to appeal; but, as the Barbadoes paper remarks, “a much better mode of getting rid of the transaction would have been to pay the debt.”—*London Week-*

THE BRITISH COLONIST
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1838.
We are not apprised of any later arrivals from England since last week.
We insert the proceedings had in the House of Commons relative to Mr. O'Connell's speech at the Crown and Anchor dinner. The agitator had no choice but to submit to the will of the House to be reprimanded by the Speaker; but he afterwards offered an explanation, which is nothing less than a repetition of his former accusations against members, and he calls for a committee to enquire into the subject, which will probably be granted.

We occupy a considerable portion of our space this week, with the statement of Gen. Van Rensselaer. This document we conceived to be of sufficient importance to warrant our publishing it; and we believe that the *exposé* which is there made of the proceedings of Mackenzie, and the gang who congregated on Navy Island, will well repay a perusal. To those who may have been acquainted with Mackenzie in this province, but were still ignorant of his true character, this statement will, we think, furnish them a lesson how to receive into their confidence persons whose sole object is agitation, leading, as in the present case, to general Rebellion.

The better feelings of the inhabitants of the Province, notwithstanding the turmoil in which they were kept during the past winter, shew themselves pretty forcibly in the various appeals that are made to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on behalf of the unfortunate persons in custody for High Treason. It is, indeed, an evidence of the humane disposition of the people, and of their cherishing nothing of a vindictive spirit towards the deluded persons in whose behalf they have benevolently come forward to intercede. But while we observe with satisfaction this disposition evinced by the loyal portion of the people, (and we believe that loyal portion to be the mass,) we must also admire the firm adherence to a sense of paramount duty by which these intercessors are met. His Excellency, seeing the necessity of satisfying public justice, by making some examples, while he receives the addresses of the inhabitants on the subject, with the utmost condescension and urbanity, yet shews strong, may insuperable reasons for the rigorous measures he has entered. We recommend to the serious perusal of our readers His Excellency's reply to the inhabitants of West Flamboro' on this subject.

THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO met last week, in St. Andrew's Church, and inter alia approved of a call given by the congregation of Newmarket, to the Reverend William Ritchie, A. M., late of Demerara. Mr. Ritchie will be induced to the charge of this congregation in May.
The Presbytery adopted an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and a deputation of their body waited on Sir George Arthur to present the same.—The Address and His Excellency's Reply we subjoin.
To His Excellency Sir George Arthur, K. C. B., Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding Her Majesty's Forces therein.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of Toronto, and the members of this district, charged with the solemn circumstances connected with the case, on his being brought to this town in a wagon, an attempt at a rescue took place in the street, but did not succeed, as Mr. McMorris was not disposed to withdraw himself from the custody of the constable who had him in charge, and refused to accede to the wishes of those who were desirous of liberating him.—*Id.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 11th April, 1838.
ANSWER
OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, to an address presented to him on his assuming the Government of the Province, and praying for merciful consideration of the cases of offenders convicted of High Treason.
The Lieutenant Governor has great satisfaction in receiving from many of the inhabitants of West Flamboro' and the adjacent Townships, their congratulations on his arrival in this Colony.
The Lieutenant Governor feels that the occasion of offering these congratulations, is not an inappropriate one for an Address praying for the extension of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy. But the Lieutenant Governor is obliged to say, that however grateful to his feelings the universal exercise of mercy would be, as imperative, but very painful sense of public duty, forces him to draw a line, beyond which interference with the course of Justice, cannot properly be carried.
The crime of High Treason is one which strikes at the foundation of all civil society, and is calculated, above all others, to bring in its train the most grievous outrages which can afflict a community; it is, therefore, in the view of the British Legislature made to rank the highest in degree of guilt, and as most deserving of extreme penalty.
When a resort to the use of deadly weapons is determined upon, and the lives of the innocent are in consequence sacrificed, the Lieutenant Governor feels that the Law properly attaches the guilt of blood to the fact of the first resort to arms; and that it would be in vain to endeavor to vindicate the Law, or to hope for the preservation of the public peace, were this principle not acted upon, as well as inculcated.
In the late revolt some of the unhappy Convicts were Leaders of others, who, with their assent and by their command, took up deadly weapons for the execution of what was Murder, Rape, and Robbery; and the limited extent to which these crimes have been committed, is to be attributed to the mercy of Divine Providence, and the loyalty and bravery of Her Majesty's dutiful and attached Subjects—not to the repentance or forbearance of the insurgents.

The Lieutenant Governor thinks it necessary that the community should understand, that the blood of the innocent must not be shed, and hope of impunity to the offender at the same time indulged. The Law must be respected; and a course which would seem to question the wisdom of the Legislature in the classification of crime, and in prescribing the extent of punishment for crime, ought not to be considered as a proper exercise of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy.
The Lieutenant Governor, therefore, is most reluctantly obliged to say, in answer to the Address, that he cannot interfere with the course of Justice in all cases arising out of the late Rebellion.
As punishment is, however, intended for example, and the prevention of crime, and not to gratify resentful feelings, the Lieutenant Governor has great pleasure in assuring the Subscribers to the Address, that it will be his most anxious care to restrain the infliction of the extreme penalty of the Law within the narrowest bounds, and to temper Justice with Mercy in all cases, as far as a due regard to the ends of Justice and public security will allow.

Lord Gosford and the gentlemen of his suite visited the House of Refuge and other public institutions yesterday, in company with a delegation from the Common Council. At the institution for the Deaf and Dumb the party was received by Mr. Peet, the principal, under whose direction a number of the pupils exhibited their acquirements, much to the gratification of Lord Gosford and the other gentlemen. At the House of Refuge his lordship passed a considerable time, making his report on the details of the institution, which to him is a novelty. Besides these, the distinguished party visited the Long Island Farm, the Orphan Asylum, and the prison at Blackwell's Island.—*New York Com. Advertiser.*
His Excellency the Earl of Gosford, late Governor-general of Her Britannic Majesty's Provinces in Canada, &c., sailed for England in the packet-ship *Toronto*, Capt. R. Griswold. His Lordship was waited on by a great number of gentlemen, who thus testified their desire to pay their respects to him, till the last moment of his sojourn on this side of the Atlantic.—*Id. and Old Countryman.*
An inspection of the 93d Regiment of Highlanders took place at the South Barracks on Saturday morning last, at eleven o'clock, under their gallant Col. McGregor, in full tartan costume. The day was one of the most delightful of our winter days, and notwithstanding the early hour at which the parade was formed, nu-

merous spectators were attracted by a sight which has become uncommon in Halifax since the departure of the troops from Canada. The regiment made a fine appearance, and their splendid band played a number of Scotch airs, which enlivened the scene greatly.—*Halifax Times March 20.*
Her Majesty's Frigate the *Pique* has arrived at Quebec, having on board the 93d Regiment. We believe this to be the earliest arrival in that port on record.—*Montreal Transcript.*

HALIFAX, March 28.—Arrived on the 26th—H. M. Ship *Vesta*, Capt. Castles, Cork, 23 days—180 soldiers, parts of the compliments of the 65th and 93d Regts. It was reported previous to the *Vesta*'s leaving, that H. M. Ship *Inconstant*, had arrived at Portmouth.

The *Heracles*, 74, which arrived this morning, (23th) brings portions of the 16th, 34th, 65th, and 85th Regts, in all about 400 men.

H. M. Ship *La Pique*, Capt. Boxer, will sail on Saturday next for St. John, New Brunswick, with the remaining part of the 65th Regt.

The *Minden*, 74, had sailed from Gibraltar for Bermuda with the 11th Regt. recently stationed at Zante.

We have never been able to see any reason in the complaints so noisily urged in a certain quarter, almost ever since the arrests for sedition and treason began, on account of the occasional liberation of parties arrested. There is less reason in them now, than ever; because the supposed danger which went to excite them some months since, is now over. Their authors care so little for reason, that they are nevertheless as noisy as ever.

In our last, we mentioned the fact, that 174 prisoners then remained in goal in this city, and that 23 had been discharged (some under heavy bonds for their appearance in court, when required,) during the week previous. We have often before had to notice the discharge of prisoners in larger or smaller numbers, sometimes under bail, and sometimes without.—*Montreal Courier.*

We publish in this day's Gazette the Royal Proclamation for calling a session of the Special Council, under the late Statute of the Imperial Parliament, making temporary provision for the government of this Province, to be held at the Government House in this city, on Wednesday the 18th instant. We have not deemed it advisable to publish a list of the Special Council, who are said to have been nominated by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, understanding that the list has not been completed, and that definite answers of acceptance of office have not been received from the whole of the members.

The following gentlemen, it is stated in the *Quebec Mercury*, have been appointed Officers of the Special Council; and, if correct, we esteem the appointments as extremely judicious:—
To be Clerk of the Special Council, W. D. Lindsay, Esq.; Assistant Clerk, G. B. Faribault, Esq.; Deputy Assistant Clerk, C. De Lery, Jun. Esq.—*Montreal Gaz.*

It has now become a matter pretty clearly ascertained, that the Banks of the city of New York are prepared and determined to resume specie payments, early in next month. The Boston Banks have declared their intention to follow the example immediately.—The Philadelphia institutions manifest some degree of reluctance, in the case; but there is little chance of their opposition affecting the course resolved upon and publicly announced, in the metropolis of American commerce. It is more likely they will be forced to adopt it.—There is thus a prospect of a speedy resumption of specie payments, through the greater part of the continent. It is to be hoped that the lesson taught by the suspension, may not soon be forgotten.

The Banks in Lower Canada, in the first instance, were driven to suspend specie payments, only by the universal adoption of that measure in the States. There will of course, be no reason for their not resuming, as soon as the leading institutions in the neighbouring Republic set them the example. We understand, accordingly, that such is the determination they have come to, in this city. Between Montreal and Quebec, there can be no distinction, on such a point. Of the ability of the several recognised institutions through the Province, to resume, there cannot be a doubt. It was through no fault of theirs that they suspended; and they have been strengthening themselves to resume ever since.

How the Banks in Upper Canada may act, is perhaps problematical. Had they yielded to the tide, when our banks yielded, their course would have been clear. As it is the silly policy which forces them to stand against the tide, makes their present course somewhat doubtful. We hope the effects of that sad blunder, which the rulers of Upper Canada would persist in, against all advice, may not prove so serious as to retard the resumption of specie payments in that Province. If ever there was a proof given of the folly of any scheme, it has been given of this. The Banks taken under this mischievous protection, suspended just as others are resuming.—Though they should resume with them, it will still say nothing for the wisdom of those who spent so much—for nothing.

With the resumption of specie payments, we may expect to witness the disappearance of our shill-plasters. As we have been pretty well supplied with good specimens of this kind of paper-money, we have no business to complain at that score.—The small notes in circulation, will generally be withdrawn without loss to the public, and we may expect to see their place supplied with a more substantial currency, of silver and copper manufacture. On this head

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