On Monday, Edward Broadhurst, Esq., was dmitted a Barrister of the Supreme Court on his own application.

A case came on to be tried before the Suprem Court on Friday, from which a circumstance occurred novel in this Colony, and uncommon occurred novel in this Colony, and uncommon even in the Mother Country. Two men, Harridaniand Armstrong, were indicted for a robbery in the stores of the Australian Agricultural Company: and a man named Lampshaw was indicted with them as an accessary before the fact, in councilling, advising, &c. The evidence against the prisoners rested upon the testimony of a man named Wood, who had, when before the committing Magistrates, signed a confession, admitting that he had been concerned with the other prisoners in the robbery, and was admitted as evidence against them. Before the Supreme Court, Wood denied that he had ever made any confession, or that he had acknowledged to the confession, or that he had acknowledged to the robbery, in fact, they must be sleeping. The Attorney General observed, that the impudence of the fellow exceeded all that he had ever with nessed—the prisoners must be acquitted, but Wood had over-reached himself. The learned gentleman then quoted from 2nd Starkey, on Evidence—a case tried before Baron Garrow, in 1818, when the learned Judge held, that if any evidence had been promised pardon, upon any statement made against other parties and himself, and he subsequently denied that statement, it would be good evidence against himself. The case was referred for the opinion of the twelve Judges, who held the ruling of the Baron to have been correct. On Friday, therefore, Wood was put upon his trial, and upon his own con-

ssion convicted. On Friday next the Commissioner of the Court of Requests will decide as to the points reserved in favour of the signers of the Patriotic bond. The time appointed is ten o'clock.

On Monday morning, a new coach, from the manufactory of Mr. James Allan, started for Campbell Town. Its spirited proprietors are Mesers Ireland and Morris. The workmanship of the vehicle is very superior, and while such specimens of coach making can be turned out of hand in the Colony, there can be no necessity for importing. for importing.

On Monday, a gentleman named Campbell alighting at the Royal Hotel, threw the reins of his horse to a man who applied to hold the animal. In a short time the fellow mounted the horse, and rode away, and it could not be found till the following morning, when it was discovered in the pound, but the saddle and bridle

Tegg's Literary News, a journal of a purely literary nature, has closed its labours. On Saturday last, the twenty-sixth, or final number was

On Monday night, a man named John Druit servant to an officer in H. M. 50th or Queen's OwnRegiment, met, at a late hour in York-street two women, and a man called James Doyle; bruit knew one of the women, who is a very bad character, and had been turned out of the regi-ment; she insisted upon his treating her, to which, finding that he coold not get away with which, finding that he could not get away with-out, he consented, and they went into a public-house in York street; some rum was called for and drank, for which Druit paid, taking the money from a purse which he replaced in his waistcoat pocket; this was observed by Doyle; upon Druit going out of the public house door, Doyle came behind him and passed his hands round his waist, so that he might be sure of his best and introduced them into Druit's waistcoat booty, and introduced them into Druit's waistcoat pockets, from one of which he drew forth the pockets, from one of which he drew forth the purse containing three half-crowns and two shil-lings. Druit raised the cry of "stop thief," and Doyle was soon captured. Only two half-crowns and two shillings were found upon his

Supreme Court---Criminal Side.

MONDAY, before Judge Burton and a Military

Jury.

Charles Staines, was indicted for cutting and maiming one Thomas Ashton, at Invermien, on the 10th October last. The case broke down, prosecutor's name being Rushton and not Ash-

John Marsh and John Hobson, were jointly indicted for stealing some blankets and other articles, from the dwelling house of Edwin Park, at Brown's Creek, on the 10th November, and putting one William Sybley in bodily fear. The men were shephards employed by Mr. Parke, and upon the day laid in the information,

Parke, and upon the day lated in the information, the prisoners came to the sheep station, one of them stood sentry over Sybley, while the other packed up the property stolen.—Guilty.

Manuel Gomez, a Portuguese, a native of Bravo, was indicted for violating the person of a child named Susannah Redhead, above ten, the state trades coars of age at Sydney, on but under twelve years of age, at Sydney, on the 8th January; from the evidence of the Surgeon it appeared that the offence had never been

completed:
The prisoner was again indicted for the as sault, with intent &c.—Guilty.—To be worked upon the Treadmill for two years.

Police Incidents.

John Flett, who looked as though he had been drawn through a bush backwards, and who eyed the Bench in the same suspicious manner as a magpie would leer through a marrow-bone, was magne would ter in prancing like a young, un-broken colt, and appeared to think his dignity much ruffled by being surrounded by the myr-

midons of the law.

Constable—I picked him up sleeping soundly in Windmill-street; he was without a hat.

Colonel—Or nightcap?

Constable—He wore no nightcap.

Colonel-Eh! no nightcap! Were you drunk

Flett-Not I indeed Constable—First he called himself a Captain then a Custom House Officer, so we locked

him up. Colonel...Captain and Custom House Officer hum—What have you to say?
Flett...That I've been most scandalously used;

these fellows put me in the watch house.

Colonel... The very safest place for a Captain and Custom House Officer, sleeping in Wind mill-street without his hat or nightcap. You

must pay five shillings to the poor.
Flett...I bow to your decision. Colonel ... Thank vou. Flett...But I've been cruelly illtreated.

Colonel...I can't see that.

Colonel...I can't see that.

Flett having handed out the coin pranced from the har growling at the decision.

William Farrel, one of the amphibit, shining from the effects of sperm oil, was charged with having mistaken the Charley of the night for a sparm whale as he called it, and made an attempt to harpoon him, but the Charley, a wary old codger, parried the thrust, and carried the fishy-looker assaulter to a place of security.

Beach....Were you drunk?

Farrel...Lord love you! I've been sailing on Temperance principles these fifteen months and a half; and isn't it deuced hard if I mustn't wet my whistle after grilling in the sun that length of time.

Bench... You must pay five shillings,
Farrel...Ain't paid off yet, not a mag.

Bench...One hour stocks.

Farrel (to the Constables)...Heave a head, my

Farrel (to the Constables)... Heave a head, my lads; and save tide; I'm in such a bustle, till I get out of limbo. Heave a head, heave a head,

my lads. Thomson, who did his best to squeeze his phiz into a shape that might have been mis-

aken for an interesting cast of countenance, by hose who are not aware that the countenar is the index to the mind, but such is not the case, with the J.P's. at the P O, and endeavouring to cause a briny, pearl to trickle down his cheek, but without leffect. The fool should have provided himself with an onion. The charge amounted to a simple case of intoxica-tion, John having been found totally incapable of finding his way home, a coach from the Po-lice stand was called, and John was shook and jolted to the watch house.

Bench...What have you to say?

John...I only had two glasses of half and half. Bench...We feel no interest in what half and nalf you drink,
John.- Then I'll change the subject. I con-

ider that I was quite the thing.

Bench. No doubt. But you must pay five hillings to the poor.

John. Can't; hav'nt a fraction of the irre-istible. I'll pledge my castor for the amount. The Clerk of the Exchequer eyed the tile, and

The Clerk of the Exchequer eyed the tile, and observing a brown tinge in the place of a glossy black pervading the surface, shook his head in a negative manner, and John was consequently consigned to the stocks for an hour.

Margaret Desmond, a woman who has haunted Sydney streets as a rogue and vagabond for a long time past, and who only emerged from the factory on Saturday last, was again brought up on Tuesday, and sent by Colonel Wilson to the factory for three months. "May you not be there when I come back," said Margaret, as she left the bar.

To the Editor of the Commercial Journal.

Observing with much satisfaction the spirit with which some of the Sydney journals have taken up the case of Mr. Smith's loss by fire, and the unprecedented manner he has been treated by the Insurance Office, I hope you will not consider this letter too great an encroach

ment on your columns.

I must confess myself (to use the Colonial phrase) cleanly done by this incorporated company of humbugs. I paid £5 5s. for 12 months' insurance, and I find £150 would be all I could recover, instead of £500, the sum named in the

In looking back to an English policy I find 6s. 3d. per annum paid for £400 insurance of premises and property worth £800; a loss occurred by fire to the amount of £600; the £40. was immediately paid.

was immediately paid.

Now, according to Mr. Smith's statement, he lost above £400, and only recovered £127, or about one-third of the whole amount due to him. This is paying for insurance with a vengeance, and shews it high time those affairs were

A plan has been suggested to me of a Union Insurance Society, The following is an out-line...Suppose 100 respectable housekeepers wish to insure according to their respective pro-perties, and the risk of the various insurances were as 1, 2, 3, 4. Now A wishes to insure his private house of brick or stone for £500, having no dangerous trade or material kept or used therein: this would be as No. 1 risk. B is a carpenter, whose weather board workshop joins his dwelling house; he has fire and candle used

his dwelling house; he has he and candle used in his workshop; he wishes also to insure for £500. This would be as No. 3 risk.

C has a weather-boarded house, which he also wishes to insure for £300: this would be as No. 2 risk. [No. 4 risk would include all very hazardous business.]

A Sub-committee to be appointed to examine the receiver of every Members and determine the

the premises of every Member, and determine the A bond to be signed by every Member to pay his part of any loss that may attend any one of

its Subscribers to the amount of his insurance. Now suppose C's weather-boarded house to be hurned down this would be £3 for each Mem. ber to pay if they were all insured for the same time and at the same risk: but this is not the case. A would pay £1 for his brick house, whilst B, the carpenter, must pay £3 for his wood buildings, &c. and so on in proportion. There would be little chance of fraud, as every Member, on seeing or hearing of a fire, would repair immediately to the spot; his own interest would prompt him thus to save all he could; he would have his eye on every thing that passed, and could form a pretty correct idea of the pro-

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SALES BY AUCTION.

perty destroyed.

THIS DAY -Polack, at Bazaar, 2200 Ewes and Wethers. Polack, at Bazaar, pure bred Durham Cow.

Polack, at Bazaar, Phæton. FRIDAY — Polack, at Bazaar, Dairy Cows. Isaac Simmons & Co. at Rooms remainder of Mr. Tawell's wellselected Library of Books, Maps, Plans, Thermometers, Barometers, &c. in the Evening.

SATUR. — Polack, at Bazaar, Merchandise.
Polack, at Bazaar, Furniture, Pia-

noforte, Plate, &c. &c. &c

Married.

Yesterday, at St. James's Church, by the Rev-T. Wood, Mr. J. H. Young, to Miss Elizabeth Murray, second daughter of Mr. Murray, of

Passengers Only.

THE remarkably Swift Brig. SEA WITCH. will positively sail FOR LON-DON DIRECT on the 15th Inst. For terms of Passage, apply to Captain Hewson on board; or, to

T. GORE & CO., Agents.

£1 REWARD.

OST a POINTER BITCH PUP about six week old. Whoever will bring the same to No. 6, Bridge street, shall receive the above Re-

Two Good Servants Wanted.

A STEADY active Man who understands driving a dray; also, a Female Servant. Apply to Mr. Henry Fisher, Prince-street, between the hours of 8 and 10 in the morning. Sydney, 30th January, 1838.

CRICKET.

FTER the defeat of the Australian Club by A first the deleat of the Arthur the Union, on Monday last upon the retirement of the latter Club to the tent appropriated for their use and their friends, a Challenge was given by the Australians to play eleven Euro given by the Australians to play eleven Europeans, against eleven Australians, bona fide, born in this Colony. Any person of European birth who understands the game of Cricket, is respectfully invited to call at the "Crooked Billet," when he will be treated with, by mine host Puzzy, an old Cricketer. Puzey, an old Cricketer.
6th February, 1838.

NOTICE.

S this Journal has changed hands, it is requested that all acounts to the Slst ultmay be paid on presentation; by S. Stapleton, who is the only person authorised to receive payment.

Two thousand five hundred superior bred Ewes Five hundred aged Ewes Five hundred ditto.

Five hundred ditto, to lamb in March Five hundred Maiden Ewes, two years old, now ready for the tups

Further particulars on reference to tioneer.

SALES BY AUCTION.

Polaok's sales.

TWO THOUSAND EWES AND WETHERS.

On WEDNESDAY next, the 7th instant, at

12 o'clock precisely, BY A. POLACK,

At his Horse and Cattle Bazaar, FOUR HUNDRED BREEDING EWES 400 ditto of different ages, some with lambs five months old 500 Ditto

400 Ditto, with lambs 500 Wethers 18 months old, warranted clean and never to have been diseased. Terms made known at time of sale.

PURE BRED DURHAM COW.

THIS DAY, the 7th instant, at 12 o'clock pre-

BY A. POLACK,

At his Horse and Cattle Bazaar,

NE PURE BRED DURHAM COW, just
landed ex Snarton landed ex Spartan.

. May be seen until the day of Sale, at Mr.
Holmes', Lower George street.
Terms made known at time of Sale.

PHÆTON.

THIS DAY, at 12 o'Clock precisely, BY A. POLACK.

At his Horse and Carriage Bazaar, VERY SUPERIOR PHÆTON, nearly new, by a first-rate builder, fitted with shafts and pole. Terms made known at time of Sale.

DAIRY COWS.

On FRIDAY next, the 9th instant, at Twelve precisely,

BY A. POLACK,

At his Horse and Cattle Bazaar. FIFTEEN DAIRY COWS, with their Calves, of a very superior breed.

Terms made known at time of sale.

Furniture, Pianoforte, Plate, &c.

BY A. POLACK,

ON SATURDAY NEXT, the 10th instant, at eleven o'clock precisely, at his Bazaar, the fol-lowing Furniture, the Property of the Hon. C. D. Riddell, Esq. Colonial Treasurer,

TOWO pair of EBONY COUCHES ditto Sofa ditto Chairs One Three ditto elbow ditto
One set Dining Tables

Handsome Paper Hangings One square Pianoforte, by a first rate builder One Kitchen Range
One Smoke Jack (very superior), by Gray of
Edinburgh, has never been fixed, and is now
in excellent condition.

AFTER WHICH,

Sundry Household Furniture, consisting of Side Board, Horschair Sofa, Cane seated Chairs And various Articles too numerous to particu-ALSO,

A quantity of Silver Plate, including Gravy, Table, Dessert, Tea, and other Spoons Dinner and Dessert Forks Sundry Platedware, &c. &c. Terms made known at time of sale.

BY A. POLACK, ON SATURDAY NEXT, the 10th instant, at 11 o'clock precisely, at his Bazaar, for the

benefit of those concerned,

PIECES FUSTIANS
12 Pieces Coarse Clot 12 Pieces Coarse Cloths
1 Bale Linen Shirts

Case Ladies' Shoes Ton English Soan

1 Case Cloth Caps
And a variety of Goods to close Consignments.

On FRIDAY, the 16th February, at Elever o'clock precisely,

BY A. POLACK.

At his Bazaar. FORTY THREE very superior DAIRY COWS with Calves at their feet 5 Devon bred Bulls

32 Heifers and Steers. ALSO. 500 Fat Wethers in excellent condition, fit for

immediate slaughter. AFTER WHICH,

3 Very Superior Clydesdale Mares 2 Bay Geldings with black points, have been run together Saddle Horses, excellent roadsters

3 Draught Horses, and 8 Working Bullocks, Dray and Harness. Terms liberal made known at time of Sale.

Seventy-five Dairy Cows. TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY A. POLACK,

At his Horse and Cattle Bazaar, on FRIDAY, the 23rd instant, at twelve o'clock precisely, SEVENTY FIVE DAIRY COWS, of a very superior breed, with their College Terms made known at time of Sale.

MIXED HERD OF CATTLE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

On an early day, of which due notice will be given. BY A. POLACK,

LIGHT HUNDRED HEAD of HORNED CATTLE, selected from the Herds of the late Mr. William Bradbury, and now depasturing at the "Long Swamp," County of Argyle. Bradbury's breed of Stock is so well-known to be inferior to none in the Colony, and the above 600 having been selected with the greatest care, A D feels assured that no further comment is A. P. feels assured that no further comment is required in their praise.
Further particulars made known on reference to the auctioneer.

Two Thousand Five Hundred Ewes,

BY A. POLACK, Unless disposed of in a few days by Private Contract,

SALES BY AUCTION.

Medical Hall.

A. POLACK

BEGS leave to notify that he has received instructions from the present Proprietor, Mr. Surgeon Burke.

to dispose of by Private Contract, the Lease (for 7 years), Goodwill, &c. of those truly valuable Premises, situate in George-street south, and known as MEDICAL HALL; together with the Shop Fixtures, Drugs, Medi-cines, &c. requisite for carrying on the Business cines, &c. requisite for carrying on the Business of a first-rate Chemist and Druggist. The Premises are very spacious, and fit for the residence of a professional man of the highest respectability, and the situation unexceptional for Business, being in a thickly populated neighbourhood, and the greatest thoroughfare in the Colony, every convenience is attached thereto, having a large yard, stabling, coach house, &c. in the rear.

Further particulars on reference to

EVENING SALE

OF THE REMAINDER OF MR. TAWELL'S WELL CHOSEN LIBRARY, MAPS, PLANS THERMOMETERS, BAROMETERS, &c.

TOGETHER WITH A VERY CHOICE INVOICE OF RICH CUT GLASS. EXCELLENT PLATED WARE, CHINA TEA SETS, &c.

By Isaac Simmons & Co.,

At the Auction Mart, George street, on Friday Evening next, 9th instant, to commence at half-past six o'clock precisely, r. m., without

THE LIBRARY comprises some of the best Standard Works of the day. Amongs the rest there are viz. —
Middleton's Dictionary of Arts, &c., with plates
Illustrations to History of of England, ditto Penny Magazines (5 vols.) for 1832, 3, 4, 5, and 6

Pursuit of Knowledge Goldsmith's History of England Blumenback's Elements of Natural History Giffard's English Lawyer Enfield Speaker Anson's and Sir Edward Parry's Voyages

Murray's School Books Natural History, 2 vols. Parents Cabinet Blair's Lectures Paley's Works Sketches in London Loudon's Encyclopædia on Gardening, &c. &c.

AFTER WHICH, SOME EXCELLENT PLATED WARE, WARRANTED-CONSISTING OF

Candlesticks, latest patterns Cruet Stands, ditto Bottle Stands, ditto Fruit Baskets, ditto

ALSO, ELEGANT CUT GLASS, Comprising Sugar Basons

Vases, Lustres
Ten handsome burnished gold edged Tea Services, with a few Table and Side board Lamps.
TERMS—Under £30. cash; above that sum, approved Bills at three months.

Theatre Royal, Sydney.

By particular desire, and for the first time at Half-price, MARRIED LIFE.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1838. Will be performed, the Serious Drama- in Three Acts, (Translated from the French, by J. H, Pane, Esq.), entitled

THERESE: Or, the Orphan of Geneba.

A DANCE BY MR. FITZGERALD.

The whole to conclude with the popular Comedy in 3 Acts, called MARRIED LIFE. (Characters as before.)

J. LAZAR, Manager.

R. AND T. JONES RE now Landing the following Goods:—
2 Tons Loaf SUGAR

3 Tons Blue STARCH
1 Ton fig BLUE
200 Dozen MUSTARD A small quantity of fine glazed Starch for lace ALSO,

Liverpool and Dairy Salt, white and brown Ginger, Pickles, Sauces, Carolina and Tablé Rice, York Hams, Oatmeal, Pearl & Scotch Barley, Negrohead and Colonial Tobacco, &c. &c. 62 George street, Sydney, February 5, 1838.

Ex "Spartan" and "Siam" H. TYRER has received by the above

VV. Vessels, a splendid assortment of every description af GOODS which will be opened in a few days, consisting of Silks, Satins, and Sarsenets Black and fancy Velvets Gauze and Lutestring Ribbons Silk and Cotton Hosiery Prints and Muslins Challis and fancy Dresses
Embroidered French Merino ditto
Kid and fancy Silk Gloves
Also, a variety of Haberdashery.

February 7th, 1838.

FLOOR CLOTH.

81, George-street.

W H. TYRER has received an extensive V assortment of London Manufactured FLOOR CLOTHS, which he will engage to lay down at 5s. per square yard, and warranted o 81, George-street.

February 7th, 1838.

W. H. TYRER has just received by the above Vessel, a splendid investment of the newest and most fashionable JEWELLERY

Manufactured in London. 81, George-street.

Ex "Spartan."

February 7th, 1838.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS.

Commissariat Office

Sydney, 1st January, 1838. OTICE is hereby given, that Tenders wil NOTICE is hereby given, that Tenders will be received at this Office until Thursday, the 16th day of February, at Noon, for furnishing for the Military and Convict, Service, in the several Districts, the Supplies undermentioned, in such quantities as may be required, during Twelve Calendar Months, commencing the 1st April pext, under the conditions hereafter specified, viz:—PROVISION.

PROVISION. 1. The Military Ration being 1. 1 lb. Fresh Meat 1 lb. Wheaten Bread

1.7 of an Imperial Quart of Rum 2. The Ration for Male Convicts being 12 oz. Wheaten Bread 14 oz. Maize or Barley Bread the Contractor having the option of giving 20 ozs. of Wheaten Bread for the whole.)

8 oz. Maize Meal 1 lb. Fresh Beef 1 oz. Brown Sugar oz. Sait oz. Yellow Soap The Ration for Female Convicts in the first

and second Classes.

10 ozs. Wheaten Bread

10 ozs. Maize or Barley Bread (the Contractor having the option of giving 16 ozs, of Wheaten Bread for the whole.) 6 ozs. Maize Meal

8 ozs. Vegetables 1 oz. Salt 1 oz. Brown Sugar. oz. Tea 1 oz. Yellow Soap Female Convicts in the third Class.

12 ozs. Wheaten Bread 12 ozs. Maize Meal 4 ozs. Fresh Beef 8 ozs. Vegetables oz, Salt doz, Yellow Soap For Children of 2 Years and upwards.

12 ozs. Fresh Beef

4 ozs. Fresh Beef 4 ozs. Maize Meal 1 Pint Milk oz. Yellow Soap For Children under 2 Years. 8 ozs. Wheaten Bread, best quality

8 ozs. Wheaten Bread, best quality

4 ozs. Fresh Beef † oz. Yellow Soap
For Children under 9 Months.
6 ozs. Wheaten Bread, best quality Pint Milk
oz. Yellow Soap.

The Ration of Forage being 8 lbs. of Maize or Barley 4 lbs. Bran 12 lbs. of Oaten or Cultivated Grass Hay 4 lbs. Wheaten Straw. 9. FUEL AND LIGHT. Firewood, per 100lbs.
Sperm Oil,
Common Oil,
Per Gallon, Imperial.

8. FORAGE.

Mould Candles, Dip Candles, Cotton Wick, 10. FOR HOSPITALS, &c. Fresh Beef, Fresh Mutton, Maize Meal,
The best Wheaten Bread Bread of
2nd and 3rd quality,
Arrowroot, Sago, Rice,
Tea, Sugar, Oatmeal Tea, Sugar, Oginiem
Salt, Yellow Soap, Pearl Barley,
Tobacco, Vegetables,
Milk, per Quart
Port Wine, per Dozen

Vinegar, per Imperial Gallon Roach Lime per Bushel Straw for Bedding, per 100lbs. 11. SUPPLIES FOR PENAL SETTLEMENTS.

(To be included in the Sydney District.) Wheaten Meal, 20 per cent Wheaten Meal, 10 per cent Maize Meal ditto, Maize, per 100 lbs. Biscuit, Sugar, Tea, Rice, Soap,
Colonial Leaf Tobacco,
Rum, per Imperial Gallon
to be packed and shipped at the expense of the Contractor.

DISTRICTS. 1. District of Sydney.—The Town of Sydney and along the Parramatta Road to the 8th mile stone at Burwood; the Road from Iron Cove Bridge to the Ferry opposite Bedlam Point; the South Head Road, and all' Roads leading to

Botany Bay east of the turn-off to Liverpool from the Parramatta Road. 2. District of Paramatta.—The Town of Paramatta and along the Road to Sydney as far as the 8th mile stone at Burwood; the Road from Paramatta to Liverpool to where it joins the main Road from Liverpool to Sydney; the Road to the Male Orphan School; the Western Road to Emu Ford; to Blacktown on the Richmond Road; the North Road through Mulgoa towards the Cowpastures, to its junction with the Liverpool Road at Mr. Blaxland's farm; the Windsor Road as far as Rouse Hill; the cross Road by Road as far as Rouse Hill; the cross Road by the Seven Hills to Tongabee; the North Road to Dural from Parramatta by Castle Hill; the North Road from Bedlam Point Ferry to Dural, and all the Roads within these already men-

3. District of Liverpool .- The Towns of Liver pool and Campbelltown; the Road from Liver-pool to its junction with the Parramatta Road ım'; all Roads between that Road and to Petersham; all Roads between that Road and Botany Bay, and George's River; also from Liverpool to the Cowpasture Bridge; the cross Road from Carne's farm leading to the North Road; the North Road from Kirkham to Mr. Blaxland's farm; the Road leading west from the Male Orphan School to the Cowpasture Road at Carne's Farm; the Road from Liverpool to Campbelltown, and from thence to Menangle Ford, and such cross Roads as may be within those described.

4. Myrtle Creek District.—From the Nepean to the Winge Carrabee River, and including the Township of Berrima.

5. St. Vincent District .- The Country south ward of the Winge Carrabee River and Berrima including Lumley and Goulburn. 3. Illawarra District. 7. Blue Mountain District.—The Bathurst Road from Linu Ford to the one mile east of Mount Vittoria, and all Roads between it and

the Upper Branch of the Hawkesbury. 8. Bathurst District,-The Town of Bathurst and ten miles round, also the old and new lines of Road to within one mile east of Mount Vit-

man's Ferry northward to Baker's Farm; south ward to Great Maroota Forest, and westward to Cattal Greek. 15 mm. 1 ht o god

11. Lower District of Hunter's River. New castle, Maitland, Paterson's Plains, Dungog, both sides of Hunter's River to Black Creek and Glendon; the Road from Black Creek to Baker's

Farm, and all between that and the Coast. 12. Upper District of Hunter's River Patrick's Plains, Jerry's Plains, and both sides of Hunter's River upwards from Black Creek and

Glendon.
13. District of Port Stephens. 14. District of Port Macquarie.
15. The Stations at Dabee and Mudgee. 16. The Station at Yass Plains.
17. , The Lachlan.

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QUALITIES OF THE SUPPLIES:

Limestone Plains.

QUALITIES OF THE SUPPLIES:

1. All the articles required by this notice are to be of the best quality of their several kinds.

2. The Bread for all the purposes above stated must be the produce of clean, sound! Colonial Wheat, Barley, and Maize, from which, on the Military Ration, 20 per cent., and on the Convict Ration 10 per cent. has been extracted in bran and waste. The Wheaten Bread to be made in loaves of 3lbs., and the Mixed Bread in loaves of 3lbs., and baked 24 hours before

loaves of 31 lbs. each, and baked 24 hours before loaves of 31bs, each, and baked 24 hours before being issued.

3. The Fresh Meat for the Military Ration to be in the proportion of 5lbs, of Beef and 2lbs; of Mutton weekly; deliverable alternately in fore and hind quarters, when the quantity admits of it. For the Convict Rations the Beef, is required in the same manner; Salted Beef being issued only in summer to Road Parties, and when authorised.

4. The Maize Meal to be similar in quality to the Wheaten Meal, and to be twice ground.

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5. The Vegetables for the Hospitals and other Establishments entitled thereto to be supplied in reasonable proportions of Potatoes, Greens, Pumpkins, Onions, &c.
The Rum to be West India, five per cent.

under proof. Mode of Delivery. 6. No part whatever of the Supplies above specified are to be received in charge of the Commissariat, but all to be delivered by the Contractor

missariat, but all to be delivered by the Contractor direct to the Parties or Establishments entitled thereto, upon the written order of the Commissariat Officer in charge of the District, or of the Person authorised for that purpose.

7. The Rations for the Troops, the Convict Establishments, and Road and other parties are to be delivered by the Contractor at the Barracks, Establishments, or Huts where the Parties to be supplied may be stationed; being previously to removal from the Contractor's Premises approved by a Person authorised for Premises approved by a Person authorised for the purpose.

8. The Forage to be delivered by the Contractor at the Establishments where the Horses or Cattle are stationed, and in case the whole Ration of Forage be not required or delivered, each of the species to be reckoned as the proportion.

tion of the Ration undermentioned, viz.

The Maize or Barley 4-12ths. The Hay 5-12ths. The Bran..... 2-12ths.
The Straw 1-12th.

GENERAL CONDITIONS. 9. The whole of the supplies of every description in each District are intended to be included in one Contract; and, therefore, no Tenders can be received unless for supplying the whole without exception that may be required in the entire of a District, and to each District there

entire of a District, and to each District thera must be a separate Tender.e

10. Provisions and Forag bei ng required by Rations according to scales under these respective heads, the Tenders are required to express the price per Ration only, and not of the several Articles, excepting that of Rum, the price of which requires to be separately stated. or Hospitals and Penal Settlements being required by Weight and Measure, must be priced accordingly, as shewn under these heads research

pectively.

12. Contractors supplying Road Parties on the Bathurst or other roads similarly situated, are required to have at all times on the spot a supply for fourteen days in reserve, in the care of a competent Agent, to whom reference may be had in the Contractor's absence. between the Contractor and the party receiving the supply as to its quality, the same is to be decided in the following manner—The Party

decided in the following manner—The Party objecting will name one Person as Arbitrator, the Contractor or his Agent another, these two will (previously to any other proceeding on their part) concur in naming a third as Umpire, who in the event of the Arbitrators not agreeing in opinion, will be called upon for his decision, which shall be final. And should it be decided that the article is not of proper quality, it must be 'immediately replaced by the Contractor, failing which it will be procured, and the expense charged to his account.

14. It will be in the power of either Party to limit the duration of the Contract by giving in writing a Notice of three Calendar months to writing a Notice of three Calendar months to the opposite Party, and to end the Contract at the expiration of that period, it being under stood that such Notice can be given only from

the first day of a Month.

15. The Contractor will be required to prepare his own account monthly, according to the prescribed form; and on the production thereof, with the requisite vouchers in a complete state, will receive payment either in British Silver Coin, or by a Bill on Her Majesty's Treasury at Par, at the option of the Senior Commissariat

16. The value of all packages is to be included

in the prices demanded.

17. Persons wishing to Tender are requested to apply either at this Office, or, to the Commissariat Officers in charge at the several Stations, who will furnish them with printed Forms. tions, who will furnish them with printed Forms for the purpose, and communicate further particulars; and as adequate security will be required for the due fulfilment of the Contracts; each Tender must be accompanied by a latter from the Parties proposed as such, stating that they are willing to become bound as securities for the Contractor accordingly; and no payment will be made upon any Contracts until the Bonds have been executed the expense of which is

have been executed; the expense of which, if any, is to be paid by the Contractor.

18. The Amounts of the Bonds required in the several Districts are as follows, viz.—Sydney: the several Districts are as follows, viz.—Sydney; £3,000; Parramatta,£1,500; Liverpool,£1,000, Myrtle Creek, £300; St. Vincent, £500; Illamarra,£500; Blue Mountain,£1,000; Bathurst,£1,000; Windsor,£1,000; Lower Hawkesbury,£200; Lower Hunter,£1,000; Upper Hunter,£300; Port Macquarie,£1,000.

19. All Tenders are to be enclosed in a separate envelope, addressed to the undersigned, and marked "Supplies for 1838" 20. Flour in place of Bread to be given for

the Military Ration, when required, in the proportion of 142-7th ozs. of the former for 1602s of he latter. 21. The Contractor for the District of Sydney

will also be required to furnish the Government Vessels, or casual purposes, any of the supplies under the head of Hospitals. 22. The Rations and Articles particularised 9. Windsor District.—The Town of Windsor the Road as far as Rouse Hill, and all others on that side of the Hawkesbury above Cattal Creek.

10. Lower Hawkesbury District.—From Wiseman's Ferry northward to Baker's Farm; south man's Ferry northward to Baker's Farm; south

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SKETCHES BY BOZ.

THE RIVER.

"Are you fond of the water?" is a question very frequently asked in hot summer, weather by amphibious-looking young "Very," is the general reply. "An't you?"—"Hardly ever off it," is the response, accompanied by sundry adjectives expressive of the speaker's heartfelt admiration of that element. Now, with all respect for the opinion of society in general, and cutter clubs in particular, we humbly suggest that some of the most painful reminiscences in the mind of every individual who has occasionally disported himself on the Thames, must be connected with his aquatic recreations. Who ever heard of a successful water-party?—or to til the arrival of the next party. put the question in a still more intelligible on water excursions out of number; but we solemnly declare that we cannot call to mind one single occasion of the kind which was not marked by more miseries than one to crowds of spectators—beer and tobacco would suppose could reasonably be crowded into the space of eight or nine hours. dren wait for the start in breathless ex-Something has always been wrong. Either the cork of the salad-dressing is come out, or the most anxiously expected member of the party has not come out, or the most disagreeable man in company would come out, or a child or two have fallen in the water, or the gentleman who undertook to steer has endangered everybody's life all the way, or the gentlemen who volunteered to row have been "out of practice," and performed very alarming evolutions, putting their oars down into the water and not being able to get them up again; or taking terrific pulls without putting them in at all; in either case, pitching over on the backs of their heads with start ling violence, and exhibiting the soles of the noise of distant hurra'ing along each their pumps to the "sitters" in the boat, in a very humiliating manner. We grant that the banks of the Thames are very beautiful at Richmond and Twickenham and other distant places, often sought though seldom reached; but from the "Red-us" back to Blackfriar's-bridge, the scene is wonderfully changed. The Penitentiary is a noble building no doubt, and the sportive youths who "go in" at that to the skin, and exerting every muscle to particular part of the river on a summer's evening, may be all very well in perspective, but where you are obliged to keep in shore coming home, and the young ladies will colour up, and look perseveringly the other way, while the married dittoes cough slightly, and look at the water, you certainly feel rather awkward-especially if you happen to have been attempting the most distant approach to sentimentality for an hour or two previously.

Although experience and suffering have produced in our minds the result we have just stated, we are by no means blind to a proper sense of the fun which a looker-on may extract from the amateurs of boating. What can be more amusing than Searle's yard on a fine Sunday morning. It's a Richmond tide, and some dozen boats are preparing for the reception of the parties who have engaged them. Two or three fellows in great rough trousers and Guernsey shirts, are getting them ready by easy stages; now coming down the yard with a pair of sculls and a cushion—then having a chat with the "jack," who, like all his tribe, seems to be wholly incapable of doing anything but lounging about—then going back again, and returning with a rudder line and stretcher-then solacing gage into the hands of the porters, who themselves with another chat-and then wondering, with their hands in their capacious pockets, "where them gentlemen's got to as ordered the six." One of these. the head man with the legs of his trousers carefully tucked up at the bottom, to admit the water, we presume-for it is an element in which he is infinitely more at home than on land-is quite a character, and shares with the defunct oyster-swallower the celebrated name of "Dando." Watch him as taking a few minutes respite from his toils. he negligently seats himself on the edge of a boat, and fans his broad bushy chest with a cap scarcely half so furry. Look at his magnificent though reddish whiskers, and mark the somewhat native humour with which he "chaffs" the boys and prentices, or cunningly gammons the gen'lm'n into the gift of a glass of gin, of which we verily believe he swallows enough in a day to float a "six oar" without producing the slightest effect upon the scull. But the party has now arrived, and Dando relieved

The order is obeyed; the boat is immediately turned completely round, and pro-

frenzy of excitement. "Pull round, Tom, he is," cries a third; and the unfortunate young man, at the imminent risk of breaking a blood-vessel, pulls and pulls, until the head of the boat fairly lies in the diagain, adding, in an under tone, to somebody by him, "Blowed if hever I see sitch-a set of muffs!" and away jogs the boat in a zigzag direction, every one of the six oars dipping into the water at a different time; and the yard is once more clear, un-

A well contested rowing match on the all sorts, kinds, and descriptions-places in flow freely about-men, women, and chilcompany their proteges during the raceto the harmony of the scene-groups of watermen are assembled at the different stairs, discussing the merits of the respective candidates—and the prize wherry which is rowed slowly about by a pair of skulls, the direction of the bridge through which the candidates for the prize will come to; which being done, Alick who is a damp bank of the river-every head is bent forward—the noise draws nearer and nearer the boats which have been waiting at the the bridge start briskly up the river-a well manned galley shoots through the arch, the sitters cheering on the boats behind them which are not yet visible-" Here they are," is the general cry-and through darts the first boat, the men in her stripped preserve the advantage they have gainedfour other boats follow close astern, and there are not two boats' length between them-the shouting is tremendious, and the interest intense. "Go on, Pink"-Give it her, Red"-" Sulliwin for ever"-"Bravo! George" stretch out?"-" Two pots to a pint on yellow," &c., &c. Every little public house fires its gun, and hoists its flag; and the men who win the heat come in, amidst a splashing and shouting, and banging and confusion which no one can imagine who has not witnessed it, and of which any description would convey a

One of the most amusing places we know is the steam wharf of the London-bridge, or St. Katharine's Dock Company, on a Saturday morning in summer, when the Gravesend and Margate steamers are usually crowded to excess; and as we have just taken a glance at the river above bridge, we hope our readers will not object to Coaches are every moment setting down at the entrance to the wharf, and the store of the entrance to the wharf, and the stare of newildered astonishment with which " fares" resign themselves and their lugseize all the packages at once as a matter of course, and run away with them heaven knows where, is laughable in the extreme. A Margate boat lied alongside the wharf, the Gravesend boat (which starts first) lies alongside that again; and as a temporary communication is formed between the two, by means of a plank and handrail, the natural confusion of the scene is by no means diminished.

very faint idea.

"Gravesend?" inquires a stout father of a stout family, who follow him under the guidance of their mother and servant, at the no small risk of two or three of them being left behind in the confusion. "Graves-end."—" Pass on if you please, sir," replies the attendant—" other boat," whereupon the stout father being rather mystified and the stout mother rather distracted by maternal anxiety, the whole party deposit themselves in the Margate boat, and after congratulating himself on having secured very comfortable seats, the stout father sallies to the chimney to look for his luggage from his state of uncertainty starts up which he has a faint recollection of having into activity. They approach in full aqua- given to some man something to take sometic costume, with round blue jackets, striped where. No luggage, however bearing the shirts, and caps of sizes and patterns, from most remote resemblance to his, in shape the velvet skullcap of Tully's lounge to the or form, is to be discovered, on which the easy head-dress familiar to the students of stout father call very loudly for an officer. the old spelling-books as having on the au- to whom he states the case in the presence thority of the portrait, formed part of the of another father of another family—a little after a beautiful ride, at the fashionable costume of the Reverend Mr. Dilworth. This is the most amusing time to observe (the stout father) in thinking that it's high had, greatly to their annoyance, to retrace a regular Cockney water-party. There has time that somthing was done with these evidently been up to this period no incon- steam companies, and that if the corporasiderable degree of boasting on everybody's tion Bill don't do it, something else must; part relative to his knowledge of navi- for really people's property is not to be gation; the sight of the water rapidly sacrifised in this way; and that if the luggage cools their courage, and the air of self-de- isn't restored without delay, he will take nial with which each of them insists on care it shall be put in the papers, for the mises, went home from the public house, somebody else's taking an oar is perfectly public's not to be the victim of these saying he would help them to some property delightful. At length, after a great deal of great monopolies; on which the officer they might not think of. Upon his arrival

changing and fidgeting, consequent upon in his turn replies that that company the election of a stroke oar—the inability ever since it has been St. Kat'rine's Dock of one gentleman to pull on this side, of Company, has protected life and property; them levy upon that, at the same time shutanother to pull on that, and of a third to that if it had been the London-bridge ting the window. The enraged bees took pull at all, the boat's crew are seated. Wharf Company, indeed he shouldn't have Shove her off!' cries the cockswain, who wondered, seeing that the morality of that the sheriff's representatives, who fled in all looks about as easy and comfortable, as if company (they being the opposition) can't haste from the house, closely followed by the he were steering in the Bay of Biscay. be answered for, by no one, but at it is, he's swarm. The ingenious tenant persisted in convinced there must be some mistake, and refusing re-admittance to the broker, mainhe wouldn't mind making a solemn oath, taining that he had satisfied his writ by couds to Westminster bridge, amidst such a lafore a magistrate that the gentleman'll going voluntarily out of possession. splashing and struggling as never was seen find his luggage afore he gets to Margate. before, except when the Royal George Here the stout father, thinking he is mak-went down. "Back wa'ater, sir," shouts ing a capital point, replies, that as it hap-qumber of persons who emigrated to the

water, and back comes the boat, stern first' long; on which the officer rapidly explains to the spet from whence it started. "Back the mistake, and the stoot mother and the water, you sir, aft; pull round, you sir, stout children and the servant are hurried for ad, can't you?" shouts Dando, in a with all possible despatch on board the Gravesend boat, which they reach just in can't you?" re-echoes one of the party. time to discover that their luggage is there "Tom an't for'ad," replies another. "Yes, and that their comfortable seats are not. Then the bell, which is the signal for the Gravesend boat starting, Legius to ring most luriously, and people keep time to the bell by running in and out of our boat at a rection of Vauxhall-bridge. "That's doubte quick pace: the bell stops the boat right-now pull all on you?" shouts Dando starts : people who have been taking leave of their friends on board are carried away bgainst their will; and people who have been taking leave of their friends on shore, find that they have performed a very needless ceremony, in consequence of their not being carried away at all. The regular passengers; who liave season tickets, go below to breakfast; people who have purform, who ever saw one? We have been Thames is a very lively and interesting chased morning papers, compose themselves scene. The water is studded with boats of to read them; and people who have not been down the river before, think that both coal-barges at the different wharfs are let the shipping and the water look a great

deat better at a distance. When we get down about as far as Blackwall, and begin to move at a quicker rate, pectation-cutters of six and eight oars the spirits of the passengers appear to rise in glide gently up and down, waiting to ac- proportion. Old women who have brought large wicker hand-baskets with them, set bands of music add to the animation, if not seriously to work at the demolition of heavy sandwiches and pass round a wine glass, which is frequently replenished from a flat bottle like a stomach-warmer, with considerable glee, handing it first to the gentlemen with the foraging cap, why plays the harp -partly as is an object of general interest. Two o'clock an expression of satisfaction with his previous strikes, and everybody looks anxiously in exertions, and partly to induce him to play ' Dumbledumdeary," for "Alick" to dance -half-past two, and the general attention earthly child, in red worsted socks, takes which has been preserved so long, begins certain small jumps upon the deck, to the to flag, when suddenly a gun is heard, and unspeakable satisfaction of his family circle. Girls who have brought the first volume of some new novel in their reticule, become extreniely plaintive, and expatiate toMr. Brown, or young Mr.O'Brien, as the case may be who remarks in a low voice that he has been quite insensible of late to the beauties of naturethat his whole thoughts and wishes have centred in one object alone-whereupon the young lady looks up, and failing in her attempt to appear unconscious, looks down again; and turns over the next leaf with great difficulty in order to afford opportunity for a lengthened pressure of the hand. Telescopes, sandwiches, and glasses of brandy and water cold-without, begin to be in great requisition; and bashful men who have been looking down the hatch-way at the engine, find to their great relief, a subject on which they can converse with one another—and a copious one too-Steam-" Wonderful thing steam, Sir,''—" Ah! (a deep drawn sigh) it is indeed, sir,"-" great power, sir""Immense-immense;"-" Great deal done by steam, sir"-" Ah (another sigh at the immensity of the subject, and a knowing shake of the head)! you may say that sir Still in its infancy, they say, sir," and other novel remarks of this kind, are generally the commencement of a conversation which is prolonged until the conclusion of the tripnot a long one on the water : nor we hope on paper either. If the trip should have appeared tedious, our good humour returns the moment we reach the pier, and if our description should have unfortunately done so

ENGLISH EXTRACTS.

(From the Atlas, October 8, 1837.)

Proposals for a New Whale Fishery :-The Perth Gazette, the news sheet which purveys to the amusement and instruction of the new settlement of Swan River, strongly recommends the establishment of a whale fishery on the western shores of Australia. In King George's Sound, it seems, fifteen whales were struck, and seven taken, and tubbed during the last season. Women and boys are said to engage in the hazardous business of whale catching from the want of hands experienced in that distant part of our dominions. The Americans are begining to gather upon this new fishing ground. One of their vessels (the Cambrian) sailed away with 1800 barrels, chiefly of sperm, obtained last season between Swan River and the island ot St. Paul.

The Rhine .- The steam-boats on the Rhine have carried 150,000 travellers, mostly British, up and down the river this year,; there were 30,000 in 1831, which was considered a large number. The prevalence of cholera in the Italian States has probably caused this influx of tourists to the banks of the Rhine.

A Misnomer .- A lady and gentleman who had booked their places at the Gloucester Coffeehouse, for the little town of Lymington, in Hampshire, found themselves town of Leamington, in Warwickshire, and their journey by the mail of the same evening .- Leamington Chronicle.

A New Way to Pay Old Debts .- A man named Moore at Burton Joyce, Cheshire, having heard that a broker and his bailiff were levying a distress for rent on his prehe threw a bee-hive violently into the room, where the men were at their work, bidding summary vengeance for the indignity upon

Emigration to the Canadas. - By returns Dande; 11 Back waster, you sir, aft; pens be an't going to Margate at all; and British North American colonies during the we had always observed fires on the hills at upon which, everybody thinking he must that "Passenger to Gravesend" was on last year, was 34,226, and to the United he luggage in letters of full two inches States of America during the same period, idays when the scirocco is blowing to set fire.

87,744. In the year 1884 the numbers were respectively 40,069 and 33,074, and n 1832, at which time emigration seems o have reached its maximum, 66,339 and 32,980. The proportion of emigrants from he different parts of the empire has not remained the same during the last ten years. In 1836 the number of persons who landed at Quebec and Montreal was, from England, 12188; from Ireland, 12,590; and from Scotland, 2,224, while in 1829, the numbers were 3,565, 9,614; and 2,643; in 1831, 10,343, 34,135, and 5,354; and in 1834, 6,799, 19,206, and 4,581. Of those who landed at Quebec and Moutreal last year, 23,088, went out at their own expense, and 4,640 were sent out by parochial

Tragic Occurrence-Jealousy, Murder, and Suicide. - At Clifton, a circumstance becurred on the 28th ult, which has thrown that beautiful village into a state of the utmost agitation and excitement. It may not be generally known, that near the summit of a cliff rising 300 feet above the surface of the River Avon, and which is commonly styled St. Vincent's Rock, there is a hole or nearly circular aperture extending twenty or thirty yards inward, and to which an underground passage has lately been excavated by the proprietor of the Clifton Observatory. About noon on the above day an elderly gentleman, accompanied by a young and lovely female, appeared at the door of the Observatory, and requested to be admitted to the "Giant's Hule," as this cave is generally called. While one of the attendants went for a torch, which was to light them through the passage, the doorkeeper observing that the gentleman seemed in a state of great excitement, muttering to himself in a low tone of voice, asked if he were not well, hinting that it might be better he should rest himself ere he ventured in the close air of the cavern. This intimation was either not heard or not heeded: but the lady said, " I am much obliged to you for your attention, but my husband is subject to these fits of absence. The torchbearer having performed his office, left them leaning over the balustrade of the outer entrance of the cave, enjoying the view of the picturesque landscape on each side of them, and of the river rolling at their feet. What remains of this catastrophe can only be told by the people who were walking under the rocks at the time; they state that they saw a lady and gentleman leaning over the balustrade; the gentleman soon turned round, and could distinctly be perceived using violent gestures to the lady, who terrified, sunk to the ground clinging to the railing; then they saw him attempt to lift her up by the waist, which she resisted, still holding fast by the iron rails and uttering the most piercing screams. He at last succeeded in lifting her up to the top of the railing,; the people at the Observatory, hearing her cries, hastened to the scene, but not in time to save the victim; he no sooner heard their approaching footsteps, than, with a jerk, he hurled her into the depths below; for a moment he stedfastly regarded the body of the unfortunate lady, as it whirled round in the air and fell upon the ground a disfigured mass. and then with a spring, and a demoniacal laugh at those who were on the point of seizing him, he cleared the barrier betwixt him and eternity; but a just Providence ordained that he should suffer acutely for his double crime; he fell upon a pointed pinnacle of rock, and there, impaled and writhing the wretched man hung for nearly a minute-gradually his hold relaxed, his joints stiffened, and he fell heavily about ten yards from the body of his wife. Those that ran to the lady when she fell only heard her repeat these words: " My God, I am innocent," On inquiry, it has been ascertained that they arrived at the Gloster Hotel the night before, from London; but all attempts to discover the name or address

of the parties has proved abortive. - Taun-

BONA SEPT. 1 .- On the evening of the Both of August, the inhabitants of this city beheld a spectacle which will remain no less memorable than the explosion of the Casbah. I was that evening in the camp of Drean, five leagues south of Bona, and was contemplating like most of the tenants of the camp the singular phenomenon of the sudden eclipse of the sun, while not a single cloud was to be seen in the heavens. It was four o'clock in the afternoon. The sun was still high above the western summits of the Atlas; but its rays were broken, and a thick black veil seemed to enfold the dark-red orb. The French officers in vain consulted their almanacks; no eclipse was marked for that day. The maltese victuallers beat a tattoo of crosses on their breasts and foreheads, and and the Arabs set to praying for dear life.

It was about half an hour afterwards that messengers arrived at full gallop from the town, with tidings that the plain was on fire, and the city in danger of being destroyed. The gloomy veil that darkened the sun was the smoke of the dry vegetation. I and all the Bona people in the camp galloped away to the town as fast as our Arab horses would carry us, and when we arrived at the little chain of hills which separate Bona from the plain beyond the Seybuss. we were able to discern the awful spectacle of waves of fire and smoke impelled by a hot south wind, and rolling with irresistable fury towards the

park of artillery.

It was not difficult to divine the cause of the conflagration. At this dry and parched season the natives are in the habit of setting fire to the bushes and withered plants on the hills." They do this partly under the idea that it tends to fertilise the soil, but chiefly with a view to provide themselves with a stock of coals and dry wood, for the trees and bushes are never completely consumed. This habit readily accounts for the absence of trees in this country. For several weeks

to the vegetation, as the flames then take the their own habitations to danger. At four in the afternoon the drums beat the alarm in the streets of Bond. Soldiers, citizens, and labourers, hastened to provide against the threatening calamity. The powder magazine and park of artillery were first removed then in order to preserve the immense stock of hay, the dry plants for some hundred paces round were hastily torn up by the roots. Fortunately, at about six o'clock the scirocco ceased and a strong north-west wind sprung up, by which the conflagration was driven back to the hills. Without this providential interposition all efforts to avrest the fiery torrent would have been in vain, and this calamity alone, by destroying a great part of the material for the expedition against Constantina, would probably have rendered that

expedition impossible for the present year.

The conflagration, now rolling towards the mountains, threatened the huts of the Kabyles. With our telescopes we could see these barbarians, in their ragged robes and brown leathern aprons, fleeing over the heights. The men were laden with their worldly wealth, the women with the younger children. It was towards midnight that the spectacle of the fiery mountains became nost magnificent. Immense columns of fire driven along by the north wind, rose higher and higher towards the summits of the hills. The gloomy Atlas appeared to be stormed by a whole army of flery giants. The wild beasts fled from crag to crag, and the howlings of the panic struck jackalls and hyenas could be distinctly heard in the town. Several hundreds of large white-headed vultures driven from their eyries, flew screaming over the flames, while the appearance of the scattered Kabyles, sometimes towards the summit of a hill, and sometimes nearer to the plain, where the fury of the conflagration had wasted itself, added to the picturesque effect of the scene. The woman with their dishevelled hair, their blue stained faces and their long fluttering garments, standing out in bold relief from the murkey glare of the mountain, appeared more haggard and more spectral to

my eye than they had ever done before. Towards one o'clock the fire reached the cork trees on the top of the hills, and instantly the whole western ridge of the Atlas seemed converted into a chain of volcanoes, now hurling up to the sky thick masses of yellow grey smoke, and in the next vomiting huge columns of fire. In a few hours the mountain became dark again, for the fire, obeying the impulse of the wind, was descending into the plains beyond the reach of our view. At present, towards the west, we behold nothing but massess of black coals, where a few days ago the landscape was covered with a parched vegetation. Never did the Atlas appear to me to wear so gloomy an aspect. - Private Letter from a French Officer.

War Office, 1st Sept .- 51st regt., Capt J. W. Harvey, from half-pay unattached, to be Captain, vice C. W. Tyndale, who exchanges; Sept. 1, Lieut. P. Rice, to be Captain, vice, Harvey, who retires; Ensign F. Carey to be Lieut, by purchase, vice Rice; Gent. Cadet F. C. Doveton, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign by purchase, vice Carey, Sept 2.

The Preston Prodigy .- Daniel Hartley of New Preston, 12 years of age, weighs 16 stone; on each foot six toes, and on each hand five fingers and a thumb.—English Paper.

Two French Ships at Hobart Town .-We have now in port two French whalers, and from all accounts, we may expect very many more before long. It appears the French Government is now turning its attention to the whale-fishing, and is offering large bounties to encourage the trade. It is understood, that a French corvette will almost immediately be stationed here, and another at Sydney, in order to protect their commerce, and supply the whaling vessels with gear, &c. An American man-of-war CONFLAGRATION OF THE PLAIN OF BONA. and a Consul is also expected, in order to protect the American trude, and bring under protect the American trade, and bring under controul the seamen of their vessels, which, according to our beautiful police law, cannot be punished for desertion. Thus, in all probability, before long we shall have two foreign men-of-war stationed here, and thus be protected by foreign power, when our own Government has not condescended either to give us a battery or a single boat for our protection. Truly is England the worst of mothers to her infant Colonies. It would appear that every thing the people wished was to be denied, and tyranny and oppres sion alone allowed to stalk over the interests of Colonies, without even a reproving word being uttered by those whose duty it is to endeavour to make the people loyal and united .- Colonial Times.



ABSTRACT OF THE

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE Wednesday, January 31, 1838.

> Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 24th January, 1838. QUARANTINE.

FEW cases of TYPHUS FEVER, having occurred on board the Minerva His Excellency the Acting Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council. has deemed it necessary to place the Ship, Crew, and Passengers under Quarantine, according to the Law of which all, persons are hereby

required to take notice accordingly. The boundaries of the Quarantine Station at Spring Cove are specified in a Proclama tion dated 15th July, 1837.

By His Excellency's Command, E. DEAS THOMSON.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, January 31st, 1838. TO MASONS.

CONSIDERABLE quantity of Stone Guttering being required for the Church-hill, Persons disposed to Contract for furnishing the same (according to the model) are requested to transmit Tenders to this Office, by Twelve o'clock on Tuesday, the 13th of February next, endorsed "Tenders for Guttering."

Particulars may be obtained and the model inspected, at the office of the Town Surveyor. By His Excellency's Command,

E. DEAS THOMSON.

PORT OF SYDNEY.

N account of the declared Value of all A Goods Imported and Exported from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1837, (exclusive of the Imports from the Fisheries and New Zealand,) Total value of Imports..... £194,297

Ditto of Exports-To the Fisheries £20,37 New Zealand. £13,811 Other Places ... £81,898--106,016 J. GIBBES, Collector, G. COOPER, Controller.

Custom House, January 30, 1838

Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 29th January, 1838.

HIS Excellency the Acting Governor has been pleased to approve of the following alterations in the Police of the Colony, Sydney---Assistant Chief Constable

Mitchell, to be Chief Constable from the 1st proximo, in the room of Mr. George Jilks, appointed Chief Constable of Windsor.

Windsor-Mr. G. Jilks, to be Chief Constable from the 1st proximo, in the Room of Benjamin Hodgen, dismissed; Richard Dawes, to be constable from the 15th instant, in the room of Thomas Gibbons dismissed.

By His Excellency's Command, E. DEAS THOMSON.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Sydney, 30th January 28, 1838. THE Emigrants who have arrived in the ships Layton and Brilliant, have been landed and lodged in Emigrant Buildings, in Bent-street, where persons desirous of engaging them are requested to make applica-

The following Abstract is published for general information : —

LAYTON.

MARRIED MALES. Blacksmiths. 2
House Carpenters. 9
Rough Carpenters 2 Quarryman.....
 Tailor
 1

 Cloth Workers
 3

 Farm Servants
 19
 Dyer..... Gardeners. 4
Masons' Labourers. 2
Stockman and Butcher. 1 Engineer..... 1 Ditto and Millwright..... 1 Hat-maker.... Sawyers..... 3 WIDOWER.

Plasterer..... 1 Males......60 UNMARRIED FEMALES. Females..... 4 BRILLIANT. MARRIED MALES. Farm Servants........... 19 Farm Overseers 7

Stock Overseers..... Stockmen..... 2 Shepherds..... 2 Gardeners..... 3 Wheelwright 1 House Carpenters 2 Sail-maker..... 1

WIDOWER. Blacksmith..... 1 Males.....49 WIDOWS. Dairy Women 2

UNMARRIED MALES. Shepherds 2 Schoolmasters 6 UNMARRIED FEMALES.

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