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PUBLIC NOTICE.

IT may not, perhaps, be generally known to our Friends and Subscribers, that **TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED COPIES** of this Journal are printed and circulated throughout the Colony weekly, thus proving the great advantage Advertisers would derive by sending their favors to this office for insertion. Price per Quarter to Sydney Subscribers, 6s.—Country Subscribers, 6s.

The Proprietor begs respectfully to state, that no resignation can be attended to unless accompanied by the payment of all arrears up to the expiration of the current quarter.

Our advertising Friends are particularly requested to forward their favors before 7 o'clock on the evening before publication, as after that hour it will be impossible to receive them.

NOTICE.—Any Person known to have purchased the *Commercial Journal* from any of the Deliverers, will be prosecuted for so doing, knowing it to have been embezzled.

NOTICE.

THE undermentioned Persons are appointed **COUNTRY AGENTS** for this Journal, and are the only Parties authorised to receive Money on account of the same, by giving a written Receipt on yellow Paper, bearing the written Signature of **WILLIAM JONES**—

Mr. HUGH TAYLOR..... Parramatta
Mr. COHEN..... Maitland
Mr. CHAPMAN..... Windsor
Mr. MARK HALE..... Bathurst
Mr. H. R. REUBEN..... Campbell Town.

GOVERNMENT FORMS.

EVERY description of **GOVERNMENT FORMS** constantly on Sale at the Printing Office of **WILLIAM JONES**, 7, Colonnade, Bridge street.

Also,
Seamen's Articles, Indentures, Law Forms, &c.

The Trade supplied on liberal terms.

CARD.

GEORGE KING,
SILK & VELVET DYER,
GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHES RENOVATED
No. 31, Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

To Wool Growers and Settlers.

GIBBONS
OFFERS his services as Wool Broker and General Agent for the disposal of produce consigned to him. As he purposes confining himself to a Commission Business, his Friends' orders will have his undivided attention. From the convenience of his Store to the water, land carting will be avoided.

Having been nearly three years a Landowner, affords him an opportunity of knowing the trade of Sydney, and the principal Members who purchase and ship Wool.

Australian Company's Wharf,
Lower George-street, August 4, 1838.

OBSERVE.

UP COUNTRY Storekeepers, Chemists, Confectioners, and others who are interested in purchasing **CONFECTIONERY** to the credit of themselves, and satisfaction of their Patrons, will do well to call at **DUNSTON'S**

WHOLESALE & RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT, where they will find every description of the very best London manufactured Goods, at Colonial prices, although he has a per centage to pay.

N. B.—Two respectable Lads wanted as Apprentices. Clothes, Board and Lodging supplied. No Premium required.

HOUSE & SHOP

TO LET in HUNTER-STREET, next door to "Macleod's Bazaar." Rent extremely moderate. Fixtures to be taken at a fair valuation, which may be paid for by a good bill at three months.

N. B.—The situation is one of the very best in Sydney, being within twenty yards of the centre of George-street, and one of the greatest thoroughfares in the town. For particulars apply to Mr. Peck on the premises.

TO EMIGRANTS.

WANTED,
EIGHT good Labourers, to proceed to Wood stock, Illawarra. Immediate application to be made to Captain J. G. Collins, Petersham, or to Captain Carter, Queen's Wharf, December 17.

WANTED.

A FEMALE Servant, as Housemaid. Apply to Mr. S. Brown, McDonald's Buildings, George street, or to the Office of this Paper.

JOHN THOMSON,

Paper Hanger, Painter, &c.
Next door to Mr. Hebblewhite's Auction Rooms,

BEGS most respectfully to announce to the Inhabitants of Sydney and public in general, that he has just received a large assortment of

GLASS

of all sizes, which he is enabled to dispose of by Wholesale or Retail, cheaper than any other House in Sydney.

J. T. would particularly call the attention of the public to his very large

STOCK OF PAPER-HANGINGS

being of the newest and most fashionable patterns, and which he will be enabled to put up at the lowest possible price in a most superior manner, having had long experience in the Papering and Painting Trade.

N. B.—Shops and Shews Rooms tastefully decorated on most reasonable terms.

Sydney, December 21, 1838.

NOTICE.

MR. W. C. WILSON, is the only Person authorised to collect Monies for Advertisements and Subscriptions connected with this Paper; and will give Printed Receipts on colored paper for the same, bearing the written signature of **W. JONES.**

NOTICE.

THOSE Parties who have Property belonging to them in my possession, and on which I have advanced money at different times, are hereby warned that unless such property is redeemed within ten days from this date, the same will be sold at the risk of the parties concerned. Dated at Sydney, this 15th of December, 1838.

SARAH GILLINGHAM,
alias SARAH JOYCE.

WOOL.

THE undersigned begs to announce to GROWERS OF WOOL, generally, that he has received instructions to purchase a limited quantity of Australian Wool, and being desirous to conclude the Shipment with as little delay as possible, an early application is requested.

THOS. U. RYDER.
Hunter-street, 12th November, 1838.

The undersigned have on Sale BY RECENT ARRIVALS,

A LARGE Assortment of Tilt, Mast, and Truss HOOPS
Invoices of Imperial Standard Corn, Coal, and Fruit Measures
Ditto Bowls, Dishes, and Woodware, in great variety
Ditto Hair Sieves, various sizes

ALSO,
Beer Engines, with fittings complete
200 Tuns first rate London made Oil Butts, Imported with Dry Goods.

NEWMAN & TOOTH,
Kent Brewery, 13th November, 1838.

SYDNEY BREWERY, PARRAMATTA-STREET.

CHARLES BROOKS

RESPECTFULLY returns thanks to his numerous Friends, who have so liberally patronised him since taking to the above Establishment, and embraces this opportunity to assure them that every effort on his part will always be exerted to prove himself worthy of their continued favors.

Merchants, Dealers, Captains of Ships, and others, interested, are at the same time assured, that his Beer is warranted of first-rate quality, and is particularly adapted for Exportation.

ON SALE,

At the Stores of the Undersigned.
WOOLPACKS, WOOLBAGGING, and Sewing Twine
Two-hushel Bags
Striped Shirts
Duck Frocks and Trowsers
Blankets, 8 4 9 4 10 4
Tarpaulins, 10 x 14, 21 x 16
A variety of Wines in wood and bottle
Brandy, Rum
Colonial and Negrohead Tobacco
Hysonskin Tea
Mauritius Sugar
Colonial Soap
An assortment of Millinery.

THOS. U. RYDER.
Hunter-street, 12th November, 1838.



Australian Social Lodge, No. 260.

THE BRETHREN of the above Lodge, who Congregate at their Lodge Rooms, Saint John's Tavern, George-street, on Thursday the 27th instant, at "High Twelve," to celebrate the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist. The Brethren will re-assemble and dine together at Petty's Hotel.

Dinner on the Table at half-past six o'clock. Visiting Brethren are Respectfully invited to attend.

By order of the W. M.
P. J. KELLEY, Secretary.

Messrs
KAY & MILLER } Stewards

Tenders for Medicine.

PERSONS willing to Contract for the supply of MEDICINE for the ensuing twelve months, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1839, inclusive, are requested to transmit Tenders for the same to the undersigned, on or before Friday, the 28th December next.

The Tender must include the supply of Bottles when required, and Trusses at a fixed price. The charge for bleeding Patients, and extracting Teeth are not to be included in the Tender for next year.

The Medicine must be of the best quality, subject to the approval of Dr. Wallace and Dr. Nicholson, the visiting Surgeons, who will give every information as to the terms of the contract.

Communications addressed to the undersigned, to be left at the Dispensary Rooms, Hart's Buildings, Pitt-street.

T. WOOLLEY,
Chairman.
JOHN M'GARVIE,
Hon. Sec.
Sydney, December 18, 1838.

NEW LICENSING ACT

COMPILED BY
G. R. NICHOLLS, Esq.

THE undersigned informs the numerous Applicants for the above Work, that it is published THIS DAY.

W. MOFFITT.

Public Notice.

OWING to the very great influx of favors from our advertising Friends, together with the numerous and repeated solicitations of Subscribers, we have been induced to enlarge the size of our Journal; consequently we give this PUBLIC NOTICE that on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1839**, the *Commercial Journal* will be printed the size of the **LARGEST NEWSPAPER** in the Colony without any additional charge, the prices being as usual, viz:—

5s. per Quarter in Sydney.
6s. ditto in the Country.

—Thus affording ample space for all Foreign and Local News of importance, together with Domestic Intelligence, Police Information, with all the passing events of the day, hitherto omitted from want of room.

Published every Wednesday and Saturday Mornings, at the Office No. 7, Colonnade, Bridge Street, Sydney, where all communications are respectfully requested to be addressed.

THIS DAY IS PUBLISHED, PRICE 5s. AN ACT

TO Regulate the DISTILLATION OF SPIRITS in New South Wales, and for the Issue of Licenses, for Distilling, Rectifying, or Compounding Spirits therein.

To be had of W. Moffitt, Pitt-street, or at the Commercial Journal Office, Bridge-street.

FUR SALE,

A FREEHOLD HOUSE, lately known by the sign of the "Royal Oak," situated in that flourishing Town of Woolongong, with a Quarter of an Acre of Land, capable of being used as a Yard, or any other purpose whatever.

Terms may be known on application to Mr. J. Hall, Auctioneer, Pitt-street.

Rent coming in, £70 per year. Possession will be given on first of July next.

TO SETTLERS.

GENTLEMEN of the above class and others in want of first rate ready made Clothes, will always find a splendid assortment, comprising Dress, Frock, Riding and Shooting COATS, Trowsers and Waistcoats of the newest patterns made up of the first quality of every variety of material, at

HENRY HAYES,

Tailor & Draper,
GEORGE-STREET,
Opposite Woolley's, Ironmongers.

* Children's Clothing in the genteel style.
Sydney 11th December, 1838.

On Sale by the Undersigned,

FINE FLOUR, at 2s. per 100lbs.
Irish and Hambrogh Pork, per barrel
Irish Butter, per firkin.

J. BURT.
Queen's Wharf, Dec. 12, 1838.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, will on Monday, the 24th instant, REDUCE our COACH FARES to and from Sydney, to Liverpool, and Campbelltown, after the following rates:—

From Sydney to Campbelltown.....	8 0	Outside.
Ditto ditto.....	10 0	Inside.
From Sydney to Liverpool.....	5 0	Outside.
Ditto ditto.....	6 0	Inside.
From Liverpool to Campbelltown.....	4 0	Outside.
Ditto ditto.....	5 0	Inside.

JOHN IRELAND & CO.

Now Unloading

From the "CITY OF EDINBURGH" and "MEDUSA,"

CIDER—Bottled
Stationery, assorted
Pickles
Slops
Boots and Shoes, from four different makers
Millinery
Calico
Prints
Shawls
Stocks
Lucifers
Seeds
Medicine and Instruments
Perfumery
Starch and Blue
Paper Hanging
Oil Casks, from Chippendale's
Guns and Fancy Sticks,

At the STORES of
ALFRED SAUNDERS,
George-street, Sydney,
December 12, 1838.

FOR SALE.

A FEW CASKS EAST PIMLICO ALE, in prime Condition;
Also a few barrels of BASS' BURTON ALE,
At HARPER'S "Settler's Arms," Sussex-street.
December 11, 1838.

SALES BY AUCTION.



The Whole of the cargo
OF THE BRIG "ALICE,"
Capt. HAYNES, from the Cape.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
BY ISAAC SIMMONS & CO.

At their Mart, George-street, on THURSDAY, 27th December, 1838, without the slightest reservation, to close Accounts,

CONSISTING OF—

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| LOT 1—10 | Pipes of Superior Cape Sherry, |
| 2—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 3—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 4—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 5—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 6—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
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| 10—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 11—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 12—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 13—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 14—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 15—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
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| 27—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 28—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 29—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 30—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 31—10 | Half-Pipes |
| 32—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 33—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 34—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 35—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 36—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
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| 44—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 45—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 46—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 47—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 48—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 49—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 50—10 | Ditto ditto ditto |
| 51—76 | 10 quarter pipes of ditto each lot,
20 bags walnuts. |

The whole of the above Wines are of a very superior quality, having been selected by the well known house of Thompson, Watson and Company.

Terms at sale.

MR. S. SOLOMONS

IS instructed to sell by Auction, on FRIDAY the 28th, and MONDAY, the 31st instant, at Crampton's Hotel, Pitt-street, the following articles, the Proprietor, Mr. Richard Crampton, having purchased the goodwill of the "Rose Inn," North, whether he is about to remove.

Two splendid Billiard Tables, by Thurston, India rubber cushions, with apparatus complete

Spirit Fountains and Beer Engines
Bar Fixtures
Lamps
Household Furniture of every description
Plate, &c.
Wines, Ale, Porter, &c.
Two Bullocks, Drays, Horses, &c.
And a variety of other valuable property.

AFTER WHICH,

About 240,000 of Superior BRICKS, a fair sample of which will be produced at the time of Sale.

The Terms are liberal, and will be made known at time of Sale.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by MR. S. SOLOMONS, at Mr. Crofton's, Cabinet-maker, Pitt-street, at eleven o'clock, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, without reserve, Mr. Crofton leaving Sydney for Maitland, his whole STOCK IN TRADE, consisting of the following goods:—Work Benches, Cedar, Rosewood, hard ditto, Bedstead Stuff, and the WHOLE STOCK OF FURNITURE.

Commissioner Office,
Sydney, October 24, 1838.

THE Contractors for furnishing Supplies of Provisions, Forage, &c., for the Military and Convict Services in the Districts of

BLUE MOUNTAIN and LIVERPOOL,

having given three months notice of their intention to discontinue their Contracts on the 31st of December, next, Notice is hereby given, that Tenders will be received at this Office, until Thursday, the 22nd of November, next, at noon, for providing the said Articles from the 1st of January, 1839, to the 31st March, 1840, both inclusive, the particulars and conditions of which are specified in the Commissioner's Annual Advertisement, dated 1st of January, and published in the Government Gazette of the 5th January, 1838, pages 28, 29, and 30.

W. MILLER,
Dep. Com. Gen.

EDINBURGH CASTLE,

PITT-STREET.

THE Undersigned being always assiduous to please, most respectfully announces to Connoisseurs and others, who delight in a Glass of Wine, of superior quality, that he has now on hand an Extensive Stock of Wines of the most approved Vintages, to which he invites his Friends, with the assurance, that on trial, they will be found in flavour and excellence to be surpassed by none in the Colony.

Dunbar's bottled Ale and Porter.
Superior Cognac Brandy.
Real Jamaica Rum
Rich Devonshire Cider, in prime condition.
Excellent case Gin.
Peppermint, Cordials, Compounds, &c.
Dec. 10, 1838.

James Atkins Cook.

PUBLISHED THIS DAY,

AUSTRALIAN DIARY AND ALMANAC,

Daily Memorandum Book for 1839.
PRICE FIVE SHILLINGS.

THIS useful Publication contains an Interest Table at 10 per cent., the Signals, Assignment Regulations, Agricultural Almanac, and a variety of other useful information, too numerous to particularise.

Also, a Rules Memorandum of Accounts for every day in the year, after the model of Lett's Bill Due Book, in London.

To be had at Mr. Barlow's, Bridge-street, and at the Publisher's,

WILLIAM MOFFITT,

23, PITT-STREET.

JOHN BENNETT of George-street, Sydney, Shoeing Smith and Farrier, begs leave to announce to his friends and the public in general, that he is about to retire from business, at his shop, well known for many years in the occupation of the late Thomas Cooper, at the commencement of the ensuing year. He feels extremely grateful for that share of public patronage he has hitherto experienced, and begs leave to recommend his successor, Mr. William Garland, of the Brickfield Hill, Sydney, Shoeing Smith and Farrier, whose knowledge of the business for some years has rendered him completely competent, and has given satisfaction to those who have honored him with their commands.

W. G. further begs leave to state, he shall ever make it a precedent to pay due and prompt attention to all Orders he may be honored with, and trusts by his assiduity and perseverance, he shall meet with that share of the public support he has hitherto experienced.

Sydney, 21st December, 1838.

For Sale,

J. WARD'S,

BOAT BUILDER,
Adjoining Aspinall & Brown's Wharf,
WINDMILL-STREET,

ONE BOAT Carvel built, flat, stoutly timbered, between thirteen and fourteen feet long.

Water arising from the Nepean River, and joining the property of H. H. Macarthur, Esq., The Branch Road from the Copwasture Bridge to the Five Oaks leading through the Estate.

Further particulars, as also a view of the plan of the Estate may be obtained on application at the Offices of

HUGHES & HOSKING,
Albion Wharf.
Dec. 19, 1838.

Glen Tiber Estate.

To Let, for a Term of Years,

THE above well known and beautiful Estate, situate at the Copwastures in the County of Camden, containing (2000) two thousand acres, apart of which is under cultivation and numerous Farm Buildings thereon erected, bounded on the East by the property of Mr. Burdett, on the West by Vander Ville, the Estate of S. Wild, Esq., and on the North and South by two never failing Creeks of pure Water arising from the Nepean River, and joining the property of H. H. Macarthur, Esq., The Branch Road from the Copwasture Bridge to the Five Oaks leading through the Estate.

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DERWENT

Seed Potatoes,

Seven Shillings per Cwt.

THE Undersigned has on Sale at his Grocery and Provision Warehouse, 35, York-street, DERWENT SEED POTATOES of the following kinds:—

BLACK POTATOE
PINK EYE Ditto
APPLE Ditto
WHITE ROUGH Ditto

AT SEVEN SHILLINGS Per Cwt.
HENRY PECKHAM.

All kinds of Groceries, Butter, Cheese Bacon, &c. &c. at his usual moderate prices.

Derwent Potatoes.

NINE SHILLINGS PER CWT.

THE Undersigned having received a large supply of Brown's River Potatoes, ex *Marian Watson and Co.* from Hobart Town, is enabled to sell them at his Grocery and Provision Warehouse, 35, York-street, near the corner of Market-street, at the moderate price of Nine Shillings per Cwt., or picked at Ten Shillings per Cwt, not to be equalled in Sydney.

HENRY PECKHAM.

THE

Only good Leeches

IN SYDNEY,

To be obtained at MELHUISI'S, Chemist, Brickfield Hill.

To Let Furnished,

A LARGE Dining Room, two Bed Rooms, two-stall Office, and Coach house.
Apply at the Office of this Paper.

FOUR Thousand Five Hundred Orange Lays for SALE, three Thousand of which are upwards of two years' old, and fit to remove now, or any time between this and the beginning of October. They are to be seen on application to the undersigned, who will contract with any Gentleman to have any number of them planted under the direction of an experienced Nurseryman.

A. HIGGINS.
Cheshire Cheese, Parramatta-road,
December 10, 1838.

Christmas Presents and New Year's Gifts.

JUST LANDED, an assortment of splendid Wax Dolls, Ladies' Work Boxes, and Writing Desks, Fancy Baskets, Foot Balls, Cricket Bats and Balls of all sorts, Toys, Whips, Guns, Swords, &c., &c., at

MRS. HORDERN'S,

No. 12, King-street, Terry's Buildings, between Pitt and Castlereagh-streets.

Stolen from Crampton's Hotel,

ON Saturday Evening or on Sunday Morning last, a Danish BITCH, spotted black and white, with young, answering to the name of Moggy. Whoever will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the offender, will receive Five Pounds Reward. If found to have Strayed, will receive Ten Shillings reward.

December 21, 1838.

FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.

A BAY MARE, aged three years, black points, branded L. E. off side of neck, was stole from my Estate, Berry Park, Hunter's River, about five weeks since, and is supposed to be in the neighbourhood of the Hawkesbury. A reward of Fifty Pounds will be paid by me on conviction of the thief. Any person found in possession of the Mare after this notice will be prosecuted.

JOHN EALES.
Sydney, December 13, 1838.

Australian Fire and Life Assurance Company.

To the Directors of the Australian Fire and Life Assurance Company.

GENTLEMEN.—We, the undersigned, Proprietors in the Fire and Life Assurance Company, request a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders may be immediately called, to consider a proposal for adding Marine Assurance to the present business of the Company.

We are,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servants

Thomas Gore
Francis Mitchell
C. W. Roemer
R. Daerer
Joseph Wyatt
T. D. Edwards
Henry Smyth, Major
H. Ferris
John Larnack

James Barker
George Miller
Edward Hunt
Thomas Walker
David Cunningham
Thomas Woolley
T. W. Smart
C. Nicholson, M. D.
C. J. Garrard
John Terry Hughes

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HUGHES & HOSKING,
Albion Wharf.
Dec. 19, 1838.

TO LET,

SEVENTY ACRES of fine alluvial LAND, situate near the seven mile stone, on the Liverpool Road, running down to and bound in part by Cook's River, plentifully supplied with fresh water, well timbered, and fenced in with a suitable three-railed fence.

To Graziers and Butchers driving cattle from the interior for the Sydney market, the above will prove a valuable acquisition.

To Market Gardeners, Dairy-men, and others, it holds out various advantages from its quality of soil and contiguity to Sydney.

Wood-Cutters will here find Timber suitable for every purpose of Building, Fencing, Shingling, Firewood, &c.

A POLACK.

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SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVALS. From Portsmouth, via Launceston, on Saturday, having sailed from the former port on the 8th August, and from the latter the 19th instant, the schooner Savannah, Ann, Captain Lawler, with wine, fruit, &c. Passenger, Mr. Graham.

DEPARTURES. For Calcutta, yesterday, the ship Eden, Captain Noble, in ballast.

For Guam, same time, the barque Earl Gray, Captain Talbot, in ballast. For Batavia, same time, the barque Merlin, Captain Thompson, in ballast.

For Launceston, same time, the schooner Mizarra, Captain Downs, with sundries.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

Janet Lee, Mandarina, and St. George, for Batavia, Frank, for Mauritius, Nereus, for South Australia, to day. The Florentia for London, to-morrow.

PASSENGERS PER PERSEVERANCE, from the Mauritius.—Messrs. Dubois & Milne, Mrs. Prady and child—and one European prisoner, and four Isle of France natives, prisoners.

The cargo of wine &c., brought by the Savannah, is that brought to Launceston by the Hamilton Ross, from the Cape, the former vessel having shipped her original cargo from London at that port. Mr. Street is the owner of the Savannah, and the wine &c. is consigned to Messrs. Lamb & Parbury.

The Henry Bell, from this port, arrived at Singapore, on the 23rd August.

The Abel Cowser, is refitting for London.

The brig William is loading for the Launceston port, and will sail in all probability on Sunday next.

A few more of the emigrants, were released from the Quarantine Ground, who came by the William Roger, and arrived in Sydney on Saturday last.

The brig Nereus, which vessel left this port on Friday last, bound for South Australia, has returned to port, in consequence of her having sprung a leak. She now lies in Cockle Bay, ready to go on the Patent Slip as soon as the tide is lanching.

MARKETS.

Monday, Dec. 21.—According to procedure, the market was held this day. The supply was very good, and the market display was generally speaking, very gratifying. Mr. Ginger's stall, for the sale of poultry, put us in mind of a library, but instead of books, some thing more digestible at Christmas time, were ranged on the shelves, viz.—fat turkeys, geese, fowls, and other delicacies of the feathered tribe. The prices, however, were the same as last week. Butter remains the same; and fruit, although plentiful, maintains its former price. Wheat and Flour, remain the same.

FREIGHTS.

To London and Liverpool.—Wool 1/4d. per lb. Oil, old measure, 4/1. 10s. to 4/1. 15s. per Ton. Timber, £3. 10s. to £1 per Load; Flax £6 per Ton. To Hobart Town and Launceston £1 5s. to £1 13s. per Ton. To Swan River £1 10s. to £2 per Ton. To New Zealand and South Sea Islands £2 to £2 10s. per Ton.

RATES OF INSURANCE.

London and Liverpool..... 2/1 to 3 per Cent. Hobart Town..... 1 per Cent. Launceston..... 1 1/2 ditto. Swan River..... 1 ditto. New Zealand..... 1 ditto. South Sea Islands..... 2 ditto.

Sydney General Trade List.

IMPORTS.

Reports from the 15th to the 22nd instant inclusive.

December 17—WILLIAM (brig), 149 tons, Thion, master, from Launceston, R. Anderson, agent; 1550 bushels wheat, 28 trusses hay, 60 barrels pork, R. Campbell; 1 bale, H. Dangar; 25 bales hay, R. Anderson; 12 trusses hay, A. Duncan; 88 bags wheat, Barker and Hall; 1 carriage, A. B. Spark; 1 bale corded hair, Salting and Garrard; 500 bushels wheat, E. H. Pollard; 50 bags flour, 700 kangaroo skins, L. C. King; 7 casks butter, W. J. Munn; 200 bundles kangs, A. B. South & Co.; 4 chests tea, Brown & Co.; 3 bales skins, 82 bags oats, Ouder.

December 17—PERO (barque), 217 tons, Gray, master, from South Australia via Georges Town, Hughes and Hosking, agents; sundry materials from the wreck of the South Australian and Lady Wellington.

December 18—LOTUS (barque), 281 tons, Gore, master, from Launceston, T. Gore & Co., agents; 25 barrels Hambro' 25 barrels Irish pork, 20 hogheads ale, R. Campbell; 63, 180 slates, 50 firkins Irish butter, 120 barrels cement, 10 kegs 1 cask colonial butter butter, 1 bale cloths, 3 cases stationery, Edwards & Hunter; 100 chests 60 half-chests hyson skin, 105 ten-catty boxes hyson, 200 five-catty boxes gunpowder tea; 30 firkins butter, 17 trusses hay, T. Gore & Co.; 2 cases haberdashery, D. Gallway.

December 18—PORTLAND (barque), 511 tons, Conbro, master, from Greenock, Gilchrist & Co., agents; 258 emigrants.

December 18—ALICE (brig), 266 tons, Hayne, master, from Cape of Good Hope, G. Porter & Co., agents; 360 pipes 200 half pipes 250 quarter pipes 9 half anses Cape wine, 1 cask wine cuttings 19 bags walnuts, G. Porter & Co.; 1 half ann wine, 2 boxes fruit, J. Parker.

December 18—ELIZABETH (barque), 194 tons, Pritchard, master, from Singapore, J. H. Grose, agent; 1167 bags sugar, 46 boxes 30 tubs sugar candy, 8 slabs tin, 25 bags pepper, 10 coils rope, 250 planks, Ouder.

December 18—CALEDONIA (barque), 189 tons, Symers, master, from Madras, King George's Sound, and Port Phillip; 213 bags rice 74 bags gram, 81 bags sugar, 5 cases soap, 6 iron mortars, 32 ploughs, 11 casks black oil, Edwards and Hunter; 3 cases cigars, A. B. Spark; 7 cases baggage, Salting and Garrard; 1 box 500 sover cigars, A. W. Young; 1 bag 300 sover cigars, R. Furton; 3 boxes books, Rev. W. J. Ainslie; 1 case, A. McLeay; 1 box, D. Macintyre; 1 box, H. H. Macartur; 1 box, Salting and Garrard; 1 box, E. B. Mowle; 2 boxes, Captain Innes; 1 box, Mrs. Lay; 1 box, Flood; 1 box, Learmouth and Co.; Van diemen's Dand; 1 box, W. P. Cook; 136 seal skins, Captain Symers.

December 19—POPPIEA (barque), 451 tons, Lowe, master, from London, F. Mitchell, agent; 239 male prisoners.

December 19—SAMUEL BAKER (schooner), 269 tons, Will, master, from Mauritius via Hobart Town, T. U. Ryder, agent; 3962 bags sugar, 477 bags rice, 1000 bundles rattans, T. U. Ryder; 1 bags sugar, S. S. Brown; 100 baskets 100 cases olive oil, T. Gore & Co.

December 19—JEAN A (barque), 281 tons, McCutcheon, master, from Madras and Batavia, Edwards and Hunter, agents; 6683 bags sugar, 2 Billing; 200 straw hats, 60 bags coffee, 200 cigar cases, 50 jars Manilla preserved fruits, 105 boxes Manilla cigars, 20 casks arrack, 105,000 loose cigars, 5 tons Japan wood, Capt. McCutcheon; 687 bags sugar, 485 bags coffee, 500 bags rice, Ouder.

December 20—CAMILIA (brig), 261 tons, Gardner, master, from Madras, Monte Flores, Heilath & Co., agents; 18 cases manukoes, 24 barrels port, Montefiore & Co.; 66 trusses hay, 31 bundles kangaroo skins, 8 kags shot, Ouder; 30 bags potatoes, H. & C. Walton & Co.; 20 tierces beef, C. W. Roemer; 6 tons bark, Salting & Co.; 131 trusses hay, 91 bags wheat, 25 barrels pork, R. Campbell, junior & Co.; 68 trusses hay, J. W. Jay; 10 trusses hay, D. Egan; 471 bushels wheat, Rollo O'Farrell; 91 bags potatoes, G. Rattray; 739 bars 40 bundles iron, P. W. Flower; 25 bundles hay, Newsham & Co. packages.—Mrs. Levine; 1 horse, A. B. Smith; 20 baskets sperm oil, J. Gardner.

December 22—PERSEVERANCE (barque), 237 tons, Corkhill, master, from Mauritius, H. M. Bagster, agent; 736 bags rice, 7 tanks molasses, 1 bale corks, 5 casks 32 cases wine, 316 bags sugar, E. Dubois; 48 casks molasses, Salting & Garrard; 3 cases piece goods, 2 carriages, G. Porter & Co.; 50 bales soap, 10 bags rice, 1 case snuff, G. F. Blanchard; 21 casks molasses, 139 bags sugar, C. W. Roemer; 172 casks molasses, 1 case cordials, 31 bags sugar, Ouder.

EXPORTS.

Reports from the 15th to the 22nd instant inclusive.

December 18—NEREUS, 121 tons, Lees, master, for South Australia; 33 kags butter, 40 kags

beer, 2 half pipes wine, 180 bags maize, 54 packages furniture, 9 bundles hoop iron, 2 roll floor cloth, 4 hogheads molasses, 452 pieces cedar, 1216 cedar boards, 18 bags flour, 323 flag stones, 5 sofas, 24 baskets 6 kgs 2 bags nails, 1 coil rope, 5 packages ginger, 1 set tools, 1 crate bottles, 6 casks apparel, 2 horses, 214 sheep, 1 mail coach, 1 trunk oatmeal, 11 drays, 12 hags, 1 Champagne, 131 packages machinery, 2 bags heads beef tobacco, 3 bales tobacco skins, 10 barrels ale, 4 barrels stout, 42 boxes tea, 2 bags coffee, 3 boxes raisins, 1 cask currants, 3 bags sugar, 4 boxes candied, 1 bales soap, 1 case haberdashery, 2 cases jewellery, 3 cases glass, 5 coffee mills, 12 baskets 18 bags sugar.

December 19—EARL GRAY, 571 tons, Talbot, master, for Guam, in ballast.

December 20—MELIN, 365 tons, Thion, master, for Batavia, in ballast.

December 21—WILLIAM STOVOLD, 187 tons, Davison, master, for Sperm Fishery; whaling stores.

December 21—COROMANDEL, 638 tons, Leader, master, for Batavia, in ballast.

December 21—MINERVA, 121 tons, Downes, master, for Launceston; 184 logs cedar, 15 hags barrels ganpowder, 200 cases gin, 57 oil pecks, 3 bags coffee, 2 boxes soap, 2 boxes pipes, 2 cases ale, 2 casks oranges, 5 casks oysters, 1 basket lemons, 8 bags onions, 2 casks fruit, 17 bags coffee, 7 cases baggage.

December 22—WOODLARK, 245 tons, Grimes, master, for South Seas; whaling stores.

December 22—MANDARIN, 421 tons, Donal, master, for Batavia, in ballast.

December 22—FORTUNE, 311 tons, Norris, master, for South Seas; whaling stores.

December 22—RENOVA, 325 tons, McLean, master, for Batavia, in ballast.

Stock on hand the 15th instant.—B. P. rum 77,492 gallons; brandy, 16,092 gallons; gin, 20,415 gallons; other spirits, 7,483 gallons; fig and Cavendish tobacco, 76,786 pounds, Brazil ditto, 13,710 pounds; unmanufactured ditto, 20,621 pounds; cigars, 31,512 pounds; snuff, 2,678 pounds.

Received during the week.—B. P. rum, 11,929 gallons; brandy, 1,254 gallons; other spirits, nil; fig and Cavendish tobacco, 9,929 pounds; Brazil ditto, nil; unmanufactured ditto, nil; snuff, nil.

Delivered for exportation.—B. P. rum, 25 gallons; brandy, 503 gallons; gin, 1,400 gallons; other spirits, 910 gallons; fig and Cavendish tobacco, 1,155 pounds; Brazil ditto, nil; unmanufactured ditto, nil; cigars, 107 pounds; snuff, nil.

Stock on hand the 22nd instant.—B. P. rum, 85,061 gallons; brandy, 16,941 gallons; gin, 92,215 gallons; other spirits, 6,573 gallons; fig and Cavendish tobacco, 82,202 pounds; Brazil ditto, 13,710 pounds; unmanufactured ditto, 20,621 pounds; cigars, 30,915 pounds; snuff, 2,678 pounds.

At this season of the year, it is usual for the Journalists to address their subscribers in thankful strains, for the support their exertions have received during the last twelve months; and we, as a portion of that small community, will not be backward in returning our thanks for the very liberal patronage extended to us, during this period of our Editorial and Proprietorial campaign; we therefore, in accordance with custom, thank our friends and the public, and in return wish them a happy Christmas, to be followed by a profitable and peaceful new year.

It has been our study to use our best abilities to forward this our adopted land, in every thing that is just, and of good repute, crying down evils and upholding virtues, denouncing the abuses that appaling the good works our puny Government; and we trust we shall go on and prosper.

The Attorney-General outwitted. We have been lately taxed with aiding and abetting the Herald in its remarks concerning the late annihilation of the Aboriginal Blacks; but those who have read our columns, and will feel inclined to understand them aright, will easily perceive, that we did not, and could not approve of murder at all, much less in such a wholesale fashion as these poor deluded and ignorant blacks were slaughtered. It is not the Attorney-General's interference in these matters that we complain of, but the hanging of men upon the same circumstantial evidence adduced, as when they were formerly tried and acquitted; if there was any fresh evidence adduced, then let it be shown to the public, and they will be satisfied. Some of the would-be Aboriginal protectors have even dared to insinuate that the first Jury were not so learned as the last; and why, because in returning a verdict to satisfy their conscience, and having the fear of God before their eyes—and not the fear of Governors, Judges, Attorney-Generals, and Government Spies, they were compelled to try the men in Not Guilty.

The following appears in Monday's Monitor, relative to that all-absorbing subject—"The Murdered Blacks," being a portion of a leading article therein published:—"The following conversation between two gentlemen, took place in the Military Barrack-square, on Tuesday, just after the execution of the seven murderers of the native blacks, and while General O'Connell was reviewing the troops of the Garrison:—"Country Gentleman.—So, I find they have hanged these men?" "Yes, they have." "Country Gentleman.—Ah, hem—we are going on a safer game now." "Town Gentleman.—Safer game? how do you mean?" "Country Gentleman.—Why, we are poisoning the Blacks; which is much safer; and serve them right too!" "We vouch for the truth of this conversation, and for the very words,—and will prove our statement, if public justice should, in our opinion, require it."

For our own parts we believe the above, like the observation in the Herald, about two or three of the lately executed men—to be a fabrication.—a weak invention of the enemy of the whites.

Our version of the dialogue in the Par-rack-square yesterday week, respecting the Blacks. Although we are certain that the following is nearer the truth than the dialogue, as it appears in the Monitor, yet we would not be so presumptuous as to say that we could vouch for the very words:— "Settler.—Well, have they hanged these men this morning?" "Townsmen.—Yes;—I understand they have." "Settler.—Ah, they have fallen upon a safer game in that part of the country now." "Townsmen.—Indeed; what may that be?" "Settler.—Oh, they poison them." "Townsmen.—Faction then?" "Settler.—Yes; they have done so with a great many already!"

"FRAUD ON THE CROWN LAND FUND.—The Herald of Monday week states as a fact, that some emigrants lately arrived, were hired to fence irregularly by sea. It is a capital thing for South Australia, by all the difference between the expense of a passage hence to South Australia, and one all the way from the mother country to the New Colony. But it is a bad thing for New South Wales, and an unjust thing in itself. We agree with the Herald, that an Act of Council should be immediately passed, inflicting a fine of £50 on the master of every emigrant whose passage to this Colony was paid out of the crown land, until he has paid in this Colony two years, conviction of the offence before any two magistrates in Sydney, being at any time procured. The onus to lie on the masters of vessels; but to enable the latter to distinguish between emigrants of this description, and other free men, it should be made a list of all passengers who were hired to Mr. Parnock, the barrister agent; and upon Mr. P.'s finding any emigrants in the list, to give formal notice in terms of the new Act just recommended to the master of such vessel about to leave the port, threatening him with prosecution in case he take such emigrants away."

[The above article appeared in the Monitor this day week, and although we may regret the conduct of such emigrants, who have been brought to this Colony at the expense of the public, yet we cannot see what justice there would be in imposing fines upon captains of vessels taking these said emigrants to any of the adjacent Colonies.—For this reason,—it is a lamentable fact, that even now, the emigrant agents in the mother country are busily employed in deluging industrious and happy inhabitants of villages to emigrate to this Colony, under the impression that their remuneration for labor would be fifty per cent. greater than that they now receive; but when they arrive here, what is their astonishment to find that there is no labor to be procured, which will bring them in more than a bare subsistence on the staff of life;—for although the amount of wages is considerably larger here, yet the difference of rent alone, is at the least, including taxes in England, one hundred per cent. less there than in this Colony. Finding therefore that they have been deceived, a disgust takes root in the breasts of these emigrants for every thing around them, and they determine to leave the Colony on the first opportunity. Can they be blamed for accepting to fill situations in an adjacent Colony? As a British subject, too, they have a right to travel where they list, and what power can step them? And, what power, we would ask, could frame such regulations as to prohibit a master of a vessel from taking such determined emigrants, without subjecting himself to a heavy penalty? Such an Act would be based upon anything but what is right, and just, and constitutional. How our contemporaries could so far forget themselves, as to speak in the manner given in the article above, is a mystery to us!]

MONDAY, DEC. 24.—Mr. Jacobs made his appearance this evening in the character of Squire Adwinkle, in "The Spectre Bridgroom"; and, as Monsieur Morbleu, in "Monsieur Tonson." We have not time to notice in our present number, the merits of this performer; but we will say that, in our humble opinion, his competitors must struggle and study hard to bear the least comparison. We regret that any performer should attempt to succeed when labouring from the effects of a cold, as Mr. Jacobs did last Monday, and therefore the "Horn of Chace" was a evening attempt.

THIS EVENING, "All for Love, or the Lost Pleiad," with new scenery, &c., will be presented, upon "a scale of splendour never before attempted in this Colony"—as the bills have it. Playgoers may therefore expect a rich treat after their Christmas carousal.

Mrs. TAYLOR.—This celebrated actress, who fell down a trap, through the stag floor, on Saturday night last, we are happy to learn, is doing as well as can be expected; but she is not sufficiently recovered to appear to-night.

SHARP PRACTICE.—On Thursday last G. R. Nicholls, Esq., appeared as attorney in a lamp information, for a publican, at the instance of Mr. Wood, the lamp contractor, who agrees to pay the amount of the fines inflicted upon his customers. During the examination, an objection was raised by Mr. N., which caused Mr. Windeyer to say that he thought Mr. N. was rather too sharp in his practice in this case. Mr. N. immediately rose, and said that with all due respect to the Court and his Worship, he must say that he was the last person that ought to be accused of "sharp practice"; and he hoped his Worship would recall his words. Mr. W. said that he did not intend to apply the expression to Mr. N. in a general way, far be it from him (as persons were obliged to be sharp in their practice sometimes), he only alluded to the objection raised. That may be all very correct, continued Mr. N., but the public will not so decide the speech. For our own part we think the public will so decide the expression of Mr. Windeyer; for we are quite sure Mr. Nicholls is the last person in the Colony that can with propriety be so accused.

SHARP PRACTICE.—Mr. Windeyer accused an attorney the other day of this legal evil, but his Worship was in a very gentlemanly manner replied to by the attorney, and Mr. W. explained to the satisfaction of all parties. Now, if their Worships on the Bench would take a circuit round the table in the Free Court of the Police Office, they will there find to their dissatisfaction that these attorneys are sharp in their practice in the art of carrying upon a table; for to the left of the Clerk of the Eschequer may be seen the letter W deeply cut with a penknife, which should not be, for the table "might be sold for much and given to the poor," when Government is declared a bankrupt!

CLEAN HANDS.—(Under this head, our version of the public perceive differs from our contemporary the Herald—but we wish to be precise.)—A man, when cross-examined at the Police Office on Thursday last, who had charged a woman with committing an assault upon his person, when he went to her well for water, was told by the magistrate that it was his opinion there was fault on both sides, and he also thought that the complainant did not come to Court with clean hands. The man, in the greatest astonishment, uplifted his two brawny hands, and exclaimed aloud—"and how is it possible for a man's hands to be cleaner, when he is over head in business in the brick and mortar line." The Court roared, most contemptuously, and we were surprised the magistrates did not commit some of the most noisy for the contempt.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.—George-street, from Campbell's Wharf to the Queen's Wharf is improving rapidly under the hands of the gangs. Globe-street is also being prepared by blasting the rock, to make it fit for the passage of carriages.

THE THEATRE. During the past week there has been rather a thin attendance at the Victoria Theatre, owing now not so much to the influenza, as the dull time of year; still the houses, had as they were this week, have been considerably better than we can recollect having seen at the old Theatre a few weeks prior to the Christmas Holidays.

We certainly think that the ill-repaid proprietor should close his season about the October month, and re-open the first week in Christmas. The few who have lately attended the Victoria will easily perceive that Mr. Lazar, the manager, is a most indefatigable man, and we trust this damp thrown upon his exertions to please the public will not cause him to relax in his duties—however this the houses may be at this period of the year—for, nil desperandum, better days are not far off; and we are sure, that in the long run, if the manager will do his best, or as well as he did last season, the proprietor will not have cause to complain: it is impossible to expect sunshine every day; and a harvest is not reaped every month in the year. A late Australian, in a late paper, commented upon the productions at the Victoria Theatre, in the following words—"if our Virginia Sovereign were to see a list of the late productions at the Sydney Royal Victoria Theatre, her Majesty would assuredly think that her name had been taken in vain."

A sensibly absurd remark of our partial contemporary, we must say—and we calculate we know the organ from whence its discordant music flowed; and in future ought that is said on theatricals in that journal, will be read by us with much jealousy. The drama of Valsha, &c., seems to be one of the productions that our contemporary has taken offence at; but perhaps the writer of the above extract was not aware that this very drama was performed with unbounded applause in the Adelphi Theatre, London; and the Virgin Queen was never heard to express any dissatisfaction at its production. The Larboard Line we have before noticed, and if general plaudits are the criterion by which to decide a play, this may with safety be ranked as an established favorite. The manager has

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PAPERS FROM MY PORTFOLIO.

A LITERARY CONTROVERSY AT SEA. Showing that "Mister Beverley Suttor" is not the only person who gets laughed at for his Poems.

Without money we were forced to do, We wrote to while away the hours; And as for fame, or honor—pooh!— Fame lodges not with such poor poets.

Wednesday 3rd May—at sea. Forwarded to our Editor (of "The Traveller,") the following as my week's contribution:—

A GALE AT SEA. The stormy Petrel, ill-bidding bird; The Albatross, and other birds appear; The shrieking of the wild sea-mew is heard, 'Tis so serene announcing that a storm is near.

Portentious clouds, dark, gather in the north, A ruffling mist now o'er the water creeps, Which suddenly in heavy rain breaks forth, And swift before the wind our vessel sweeps.

"By tops'ill halcyons stand," the boat's-m'n bawl, More furiously the breeze comes o'er the sea; "Close reef your tops'ills," next he loudly calls, "Obey the sailors' rash tumultuously."

With sparker braid'd, the main and forest's stow'd, All snug aloft and in storm stay set trim; The howling winds with rage our bark may zeal, She like a sea fowl o'er the waves will skim.

The heaving billows, like a throng of hills Broad bas'd, and crown'd with curling wreaths of snow, Rise thrum'ningly in overwhelming swells, As if to sink us 'neath their beds below.

Loud the hoarse thunder sends its hollow peals, The lightning's vivid flashes glances and fly,— The fierce electric shock our vessel feels, And wild commotion darkens all the sky.

The angry foam keeps dashing o'er the deck, The crew, for safety, fly to ropes and shrouds; They fear in ev'ry wave stern death's grim beck, And to the rigging cling in trembling crowds.

Still thro' the fearful elemental strife, In safety, cheerily, we save our way; Each sailor feels indebted for his life, To his brave ship, and shouts exultingly.

These lines were conducive of much jesting and mirth; for be it known our unpaid efforts to amuse, did not exempt us from the fate attendant on all who submit the offspring of their lucubrations to public notice, and criticism was as busy with our productions, as though our little world afloat had purchased their right of censure and privilege to condemn. A shrewd suspicion was formed of the author, but as the most inviolable secrecy was preserved by the Editor, surmise was all they could go by. One unfortunate line was the only stumbling block to the unqualified reception of the effusion, but this was innumerable: old and young, literate and illiterate, all joined in the hue and cry, and were loud in denouncing it as a pleonasm, a sacrifice of sense to sound.

"All snug aloft and in storm stay set trim." This was the bone the critics grumbled over; every one thought he had caught a famous opportunity for venting abuse and betraying superior knowledge. The meanest sailor on board would come up to the supposed author, and touching his hat, ask him with ironical respect, to have the kindness to point out the "storm stays";—all knew the ship had stays, but that there were courses or sails called "storm stays," was going a step beyond their learning. The jests were unceasing; and it so happened that a day or two after the Stanzas appearance, we encountered some very severe weather, so that the vessel was obliged to be reduced to close reefed main and foretopsails.—"Ah! Mister ——" said the boatswain, as the reputed author came on deck to view the warring of the elements, "I suppose this is what you calls 'storm stay trim,'" and as he staggered along the uneasy deck, catching at the shrouds for support, he was heard, while looking upward, shouting in meek heroic strain,

"All snug aloft and in storm stay set trim." The Skipper could not restrain his smiles, and the laughter against the author promised to be general for the remainder of the voyage. In the next paper there appeared letters from correspondents, enquiring the meaning of the "extraordinary Whimsical phrase of the talented author; and to the surprise of every one, there also appeared an anticipatory reply, entitled

"PINDARIC EPISTLE, To the Editor of 'The Traveller,' in refutation of certain allegations;" and was as follows:—

"Good mister Editor, I've been accused, Insulted, vilely treated and abused; Rated in glorious trim Sir— For what? I'll lay my life you could not guess, They say that I,—yes I, have made a mess, And in my sleeve laugh at 'em all sir.

The subject matter of contention, I'll now proceed at once to mention; 'Tis "Gale at sea" At stanza three, You'll find it doth appear— What next is written here— "With sparker braid'd the main and forest's stow'd,"

"All snug aloft, and in storm stay set trim, The angry winds with rage our bark may zeal, She like a sea fowl o'er the waves will skim."

Each clever criticiser, Then whom none can be wiser, Contend the term "storm stay set trim Is wrong—no ship that yet did swim Ever carried such a sail.

With Whimsa on the point, I did converse, Who, quick to me his meaning did rehearse, But which I did not f'il, To see the moment that it met my eye, But I's not you, therefore no wonder why, But I digress—faced Whimsa thus did say;