

more valuable they became to me; not intrinsically indeed; but, as pledges, that notwithstanding every evil influence, to run down my character, still there were some people, so generous as to believe me honest and sincere.

Before closing this subject, I shall again say, that I trust it will not escape the notice of the Post Master General. I have brought it forward, now, only urged by the extreme folly of the person in fault; but, it should not have been forgotten at home; and, there, I can still further set forth, the wretched state of Post Office arrangement in this Province. In November last I put into the Post-office of Niagara a parcel of letters for the Western District, and I did so attended by a witness. About 7 weeks afterwards I found occasion to make enquiry as to these letters, at the Post-offices, to which they were destined, viz. Sandwich and Amherstburgh, and had the mortification to discover, that not one of them had been forwarded thither. Than the Post-office, no establishment ought to be more nicely regulated or more narrowly watched. All commercial transactions depend upon it; and, not business alone, but the most delicate concerns of friendship, confidence and love.

We have now to turn our attention to the second letter in course, that of Hagerman, which I shall cause to be reprinted by the side of this. It seems ostensibly, to have been called forth, by the short notice which I took of the writer, in the part of this communication, dated 12th June, when I said as little of him as correct narrative would admit. I had indeed been advised to take no notice of him whatever, for, said a gentleman, "the least notice will make him proud." At that time, I had been put in possession of a Circular, which I was told Hagerman had profusely distributed through Adolphustown; but of this, a copy of which I shall insert, I then desisted to take account; indeed, the people of Adolphustown had sufficiently replied to it at that time.

(CIRCULAR.)

Ernest Town, 20th May, 1818.

SIR,

In consideration of the honor done me by the inhabitants of my native Township, in confirming the Report which I drew up for transmission to Mr. Robert Gourlay. I have thought it my duty to inform you that in consequence of Mr. Gourlay's principles having been ascertained to be widely different from those expressed in his Report to the Legislature of Upper Canada; as his friends and Relations in this country who were acquainted with him in England, have deserted him, and publicly announced his true character; and, as Mr. Gourlay in one of his late addresses to the inhabitants of this country, remarked that he was glad he had not received any more reports, as they would have encumbered him too much, I did not forward to him the report of the Township of Adolphustown.—And in this measure I was actuated not only by my own opinion, but at the request of your Chairman, Mr. Fisher, and several other gentlemen of the country.

I feel myself also called upon to make this communication to you, from a conscientious belief that Mr. Gourlay's object is not what we at first thought it to be, that he has imposed upon us, and that, actuated by sinister motives, his conduct and principles tend to disturb that quiet, happiness, and security, which we have hitherto enjoyed under the mild influence of indulgent laws, and the fostering care of a beloved sovereign.

Should the Inhabitants of the Township think proper to call a meeting on some future day (and it would be well worth the trouble) I will with pleasure attend, and I pledge myself to advance such proofs of my assertions, as I think will tend to a conviction in the minds of every unprejudiced person, of their truth and correctness.

I remain, Sir,  
Your obedient humble serv't.  
D. HAGERMAN.

The Inhabitants of Adolphustown thought proper to meet on a future day, viz. the 6th of June, and reported "This meeting do disapprove of the withdrawing the Report of this Township, dated the 5th January, 1818, in answer to Mr. Gourlay's first address to the Resident Land Owners of Upper Canada."

It is a spectacle (says Seneca) worthy of a God, to see a man who is so bold as to march against fortune, and so courageous as to challenge her.

Self-sufficiency is the source of impertinence; we ought to be the last to admire and boast of our laudable actions—leave that to others. G.

KINGSTON,  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1818.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. GOURLAY'S TRIAL.

On Saturday, the 15th instant, the case of the King vs. Rbt. Gourlay for publishing a seditious Libel, was tried before the Court of Assizes, now sitting in this Town. The publication charged as libellous was the Niagara Petition to the Prince Regent. It being a cause of great expectation, the Court House was thronged beyond what was ever known on any former occasion. The solicitor general opened the prosecution, and produced Stephen Miles, Printer, as a witness, to prove the publication of the pamphlet, which not being precisely proved, was admitted by the defendant.—Mr. Gourlay entered into a very full defence, which, we understand, will probably be published. He called John Clark, Esq. of Niagara, to prove his character and conduct in that District, & that the Petition charged to be a libel, although written by the defendant, was examined, approved and published by a committee of the Representatives of that District, with their names annexed to the publication. The defendant also called James Wilkie, Esq. Ordnance Store keeper, of Kingston, who testified that, from his earliest years, he had been well acquainted with Mr. Gourlay, having been brought up in the same neighbourhood, and served under his command as a commandant of volunteers in Fifeshire; also that Mr. Gourlay's character in his native country was fair and irreproachable, and his family and connections, of the first respectability. The solicitor General replied at great length. Judge Campbell, who had exercised much patience and candour during the arguments, delivered a learned and able charge to the Jury, who withdrew, and in about half an hour returned into Court, with a verdict of NOT GUILTY. As soon as the verdict was delivered, an instantaneous and general burst of applause, which continued for some minutes, marked the state of the public feeling on this interesting subject.

Thus the verdict of a Jury, after a full and fair discussion in Court, has established the right of uniting in a Petition to the Prince Regent, and using the requisite means of forming such union; and has refuted the most extraordinary charge, that a large proportion of the loyal inhabitants of this Province have been guilty of a seditious Libel, by the circulating and adopting the Petition in question.

On Monday, the 17th inst. a number of Gentlemen gave Mr. Gourlay a Dinner at Moore's office House. At seven o'clock, the company, consisting of between 30 and 40, sat down to a table furnished in Mr Moore's best style. Mr. T. Dalton presided, assisted by Mr. S. Johns as vice-president. After the cloth was removed, Mr. Dalton addressed himself to the company nearly in these words.

GENTLEMEN, FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,  
It is peculiarly gratifying to me (as I am sure it is to every one present) to witness the universal joy that has been diffused by the firmness and integrity of a Canadian Jury, in protecting from the rude hand of spoilers, the best, the dearest, the hallowed right of every British subject; it is a sure pledge that English Liberty will be perpetuated in Upper Canada. We are met to express to each other, in social harmony, our unbounded satisfaction at the happy escape of Mr. Gourlay from the merciless fangs of low minded pride, bolstered and propped by a "little brief authority."—This event is of such immense importance to every man in the country who has any, the least, regard for the inestimable blessings of our glorious Constitution, that it would indeed be wonderful did not your hearts this day overflow with mirth and hilarity.

The following toasts were given from the Chair, and drank with shouts of applause. Between each toast an appropriate song was called for and sung with true patriotic feeling and mirthful glee.

The King.  
His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.  
May his ears be open to the Petitions of his loyal subjects, and his hands ready to redress their wrongs.

The Duke of Richmond, whose character in England and Ireland affords a happy presage of his government in this country.

His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant Governor of this Province. May his administration justify the high expectations formed of it, by promoting an Enquiry into the state of the Province.

The Constitutional right of Petitioning. Disappointment and disgrace to those who would stifle it by criminal prosecutions.

Robert Gourlay, whose honorable acquittal we commemorate. May his slanderers, assassins and prosecutors blush for their abuse of him.

Mr. Gourlay rose, and addressed the company as follows:

GENTLEMEN,  
I am a poor public speaker, yet, were I really a good one, no language could express my feelings on this occasion. As it concerns myself individually, I sincerely thank you for the honor done me: no traveller, "peited by

the pitiless storm," could ever have half the satisfaction from welcome to a hospitable retreat, as I now experience in your company;—but, Gentlemen, when I consider, that, with my deliverance, is connected that of the freedom of this country, and the most valuable public right of British subjects, I am most truly proud of this occasion—I sympathize with you as fellow subjects—I rejoice with you as men; and all personal suffering and abuse sinks into nothing:—under such circumstances, charity to my enemies becomes an easy virtue.

Gentlemen, whatever may have been tho't, or whatever may have been said, I declare, upon my honor, that no expression ever dropped from my pen tainted with malice. An enthusiastic regard for the cause which I espoused, while I was conscious of the best intentions, and had my eye fixed on the mighty good which might result, has often made me severe with those who opposed it:—perhaps imprudently severe, for, it is often the best policy to answer mean and base reflections with silence and contempt.—Gentlemen, I confess to you, that in one or two instances I have erred: but error is human. Now, that the great objects in view are so well established, I shall be most happy to have done with petty warfare and party bickering: as soon as the ends of justice and the law are sufficiently satisfied, I shall be most ready and willing to exchange forgiveness with my enemies in every quarter.

The Integrity of Judges and the Independence of Juries, equally entitled to respect.

The Liberty of the Press, the safeguard of civil Liberty.

Impartiality, the first duty of a Magistrate. Reformation or removal from office to those who sacrifice it to personal or party feelings.

Our worthy visitors from other Districts.

The following volunteers were given from various parts of the table.

A straight jacket, instead of a silk gown, for the advocate of the new doctrine, that the inhabitants of this Province may unite in a general Petition, but must not publicly propose or communicate a Petition to each other, for the purpose of forming such union, on pain of prosecution for it as a Libel, whether true or false.

May the rights and privileges of a virtuous people ever be supported.

May those who have taken an active part in the measures adopted by the friends of enquiry never regret what they have done.

The finger of scorn, pointed at those, who, for want of rational arguments, attack their opponents, in the streets, with clubs and whips, and fists, and teeth, and nails.

The immortal Wellington, the glory of Great Britain, the pride of Ireland, and the admiration of the world.

May the matter contained in the pamphlets denounced as noxious by the Solicitor General, prove an antidote to corruption.

The evening was spent in social hilarity; and before the company separated, this sentiment was drank: "Happy to meet, happy to part, and happy to meet again."

MR. MILES,  
I am creditably informed, that the most satisfactory evidence has been shown at York, of an order having been received, some months since, from the Prince Regent, authorizing the admission of American settlers to this Country.

If such be the case, why is not that order promulgated? and an emigration induced, under the sanction of Government, of a description of people, who, alone are qualified, to prostrate our lofty forests, and change the face of the Country, from a howling wilderness, into Verdant fields, and who are fully susceptible of loyal attachment, to the country they adopt.

It must be obvious to every one, who, has the smallest knowledge of Upper Canada, and of the inducements it holds forth, to agricultural pursuits, and the sure reward it offers, to the industrious husbandman, that, never did a country suffer more, for the want of an increased population of yeomanry, than it does,—then, why should any measure be suppressed which has for its object, the remedy of that want, and the consequent prosperity, of the country?

"Something is rotten in the State of Denmark!" and I fear, too much may be found, to exist, in justification of the late measures, resorted to by Robert Gourlay, instituting an enquiry into the conduct of administration.

Canadians!! Those of you, who, have come forward, in sincerity of heart, and purity of intention (and I trust, you are all actuated by such considerations) to support a generous stranger, in asserting your rights, upon constitutional principles;—maintain your ground!—contribute your utmost aid to the cause you have begun! The present time I hope, is propitious to your views! Your illustrious Governor in chief and his renowned Coadjutor are arrived, and the Government of this Province is soon to devolve upon a person from whose administration you have much to hope.

ARISTIDES.  
August 10, 1818.

Mr. Miles,  
SIR,

You will oblige a correspondent by inserting the following Certificate in your paper, for the satisfaction of Township Representatives for the new Cattle District. Much more might be said upon the subject, but as it is not the intention unnecessarily to wound Mr.

Kerr's feelings; unless he further commits himself the matter will rest here.

"I Certify, and am willing if required to be put under Oath, that Robert J. Kerr in the presence of my self and others; did declare, that he knew his conduct at the late general Convention held at York 6th July 1818 was wrong but that he had detained the members of that Convention two days, and would detain them as much longer as lay in his power."

Signed, DAVIS HAWLEY.  
Kingston, Aug. 14, 1818.

Yesterday morning, at 6 o'clock, Maj. Gen. Tinsling Widdrington, and suite, left this place for Lower Canada. The usual salute was fired on the occasion.

MELONS.—We have seen in the garden of the Rev. Mr. Perinault of this town, some extraordinary Melons. On one vine we counted 28, and another 26. From 8 seeds, there is growing 132 large melons that will measure from 12 to 18 inches, with at least the like number of smaller ones.

A report is current, though not credited, in the U. States papers, that the Floridas have been ceded to the United States by Spain.

York, August 13.

His Excellency Major General Sir Peregrine Maitland, K. C. B. Lady Sarah Maitland and family and Major Hillier, A. D. C. to His Excellency, arrived here yesterday in the Steamboat.

His Excellency took the usual oaths as Lieutenant Governor of this Province this day at 12 o'clock.

Land Council.

The three next Land Council days will be on Wednesday the 2d and 23d of September, and 14th of October.

MARRIED.

On Saturday last, Capt. Otty, of the Royal Navy, to Miss Eliza Crookshank.

Montreal, August 8.

Yesterday morning, the Car of Commerce arrived from Quebec, having on board 1380 settlers. We believe this is by far the greatest number that was ever carried in this river at one trip. On this short voyage 5 BIRTHS took place.

Sir Ralph Abercrombie.

The following anecdote of this distinguished officer, reflects the highest honor on his private character. During the residence of Sir Ralph at the ancient residence of his family in Clackmannanshire, his humility and christian deportment pointed him out as a proper person to fill the office of an elder in his parish church. Being ordained according to the rites of the church of Scotland, when the solemn services were ended, he addressed the minister to the following purpose:—"Sir, I have often been entrusted by my sovereign with honorable and important commands in my profession as a soldier, and his majesty has been pleased to reward my services with distinguished marks of his royal approbation; but to be the humble instrument of putting tokens of my Saviour's dying love into the hands of the meanest of his followers, I conceive to be the highest honor I can receive on this side of heaven."

Important Discovery.

We have been informed by a gentleman who has made trial of the experiment, that holding a wound to the fire, will immediately stop the flowing of blood from it; that having received a severe wound in the foot, and after having become almost exhausted by the loss of blood, he was induced to try the above experiment, and found it effectual. The wound must be held to the fire, for some considerable length of time.

Joseph Bonaparte the Ex-King of Spain we are told is at Gravelley Point, and is some expected to visit this town.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We find it impossible to comply with the request of "D. D. J." from Brockville, and "Observer," this week.

SECOND NOTICE.

CREDITORS of the late Charles Stuart, Esq. are requested to meet the Executors to his Estate, at Walker's Hotel, on Monday the 24th inst. at one o'clock, on business relative to the Estate.

GEO. OKILL STUART,  
ALLAN MCLEAN.

Kingston, Aug. 1, 1818. 10

Jewelry & Silver

PLATE, By private Sale,  
For a few days at the Auction Room of Archibald McDonell.

Gold and Silver Watches, Gold Chains, Seals, Keys, Pins, Broaches, Earrings, Pearl and colored Stone Rings, Neck Chains, Lockets, Bracelets and Snaps, Tooth pick Cases, &c. Silver Spoons, Forks, Fish Knives, Butter do. Snuff Boxes, Thinables, Pencils, Tooth picks, Aromatic Boxes, Nutmeg Graters, Spectacles, Fruit Knives, Plated Candlesticks, Bottle Slides, Forks, Table, Desert, Tea, Taddy, Gravy and Tureen Spoons, Sugar Tongs, &c. Watch Materials and Glasses, Needles, Pins, Cutlery, Braces, Spurs, Pencils, Purfes, &c. &c. Black Ornaments; and also a large stock of excellent Gilt Chains, Seals, Keys, Snaps, Broaches and Earrings—Sold wholesale.

The above Goods are mostly London made and are of the latest patterns and best quality.

N. B. Old GOLD and Silver Lace, Diamonds, Pearls, &c. Bought.

Wanted in exchange for goods or part Cash, a few Tons first Pot or Pearl Ashes, delivered in Montreal or Quebec as may be agreed upon.

Kingston, Aug. 3. 10 w2

PUBLIC SALE.

THE whole of the PICKETING round the Town of Kingston, from the water's edge near Block House No. 1, to the water's edge at the Naval Hospital, will be sold in Lots at Public Auction, for the benefit of Government, on MONDAY the 24th AUGUST instant.

The Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, near Block House No. 1. Aft. Commy. Gen. Office, Kingston, 18th August, 1818

MR. WHITE LAW, being about to return to Europe, requests all persons to whom he is indebted immediately to send in their accounts, and they shall be paid: Those also who are indebted to him are requested to settle their accounts with as little loss of time as possible.

Kingston, August 17. 12 w2

TO LET,

AND immediate possession given, a that large and convenient House, with a complete Merchant Shop, Ware House and out houses, and an excellent Garden, standing in the most public place in the Village of Bellville, fronting Maine, Water and Bridge Streets. For particulars apply to the subscriber in the Township of Richmond.

ANDREW KIMMERLY.

12th Aug. 1818. 12 w2

Drugs & Patent MEDICINES,

OF almost every description, sold at Dr. MARSHALL'S Surgery, opposite Mr. Kirby's Store.

N. B. Soda Powders.

Kingston, Aug. 17, 1818. 12 w4

COME into the enclosure of the subscriber, on the 10th inst. three Pigs. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take them away.

A. GABIOT.

Inn keeper.  
Kingston Aug. 15, 1818. 12-3

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, are requested to call and settle their respective accounts on or before the 5th September next; at which time, he intends embarking for England, and will leave such accounts as remain unsettled, with an attorney for Collection. Those having demands will please present them for payment.

JERRY WHITEHEAD.

Kingston, August 15, 1818. 12

To Let,

THE House, &c. at present occupied by Doctor Short; nearly opposite the School House.—Inquire on the premises.

Kingston, August 11th, 1818. 11

TO LET,

THE Dwelling House and Shop next door to T. Markland, Esq. lately occupied by Mr. A. McPherson. For further particulars application may be made to the subscriber.

Wm. MITCHELL.

Kingston, Aug. 3. 10 w2

Wanted Immediately,

ONE hundred cords of WHITE OAK BARK; for which tenders will be received until the 24th inst. by the subscribers, and payment made on delivery of the same at this place UNDERHILL, ATKINSON & Co. Kingston, 4th August, 1818. 10