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SCOBELL'S
INSPECTION STORE.
SCOBELL, General Inspector of Pot Ash, Beef and Pork, presents his compliments to the Merchants and other Inhabitants of Kingston and the vicinity, for the image they have extended to him during the past year; and he begs leave to inform them that he has removed his Inspection Store and convenient Store and Wharf of the Forth, lately occupied by Mr. A. McCall, where he will be always ready to inspect such articles as may be consigned to him for that purpose; and he hopes, from his long experience, punctuality, and strict attention to business, will to merit the approbation and support of the public.
N. B. For Sale,
5000 lbs. weight of Smoked Hams.
5000 do. Cheese.
5000 do. Upper Canada Butter.
2 Tons of Lard, in kegs for family use.
50 Barrels Salt.
R. SCOBELL.
Kingston, April 14th, 1835. 57z

THE MANSION HOUSE,
Kingston, U. C.
THE Subscriber respectfully begs leave to notify to the Travelling Public, that he continues to occupy this extensive and well kept Hotel.
The Mansion House is pleasantly situated in Store Street, being the principal and central street in Kingston; is convenient to all the Steam Boat Wharves, and no establishment of its kind in the Upper Province can surpass it in the excellence and comfort of its apartments, both parlors and bedrooms (thirty-four in number) all of which are furnished in the very best style.
The Hotel has lately undergone a thorough repair, and is at present in most excellent order and condition for the accommodation of the Public.
The subscriber having kept a Hotel for many years, has acquired a special knowledge, and therefore trusts, that with unremitting attention to the comfort of his guests, he will continue to merit public patronage.
In the rear of the Mansion House there is a LARGE YARD,
And extensive Stabling, and where a Livestock is constantly kept.
The Mansion House Carriage and Porters will always be in readiness to convey Passengers and Luggage to and from the different Steam Boats.
S. CARMINO.
Kingston, June 22d, 1836. 103z

PRIZE MEDALS.
THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MONTREAL offer THREE PRIZE MEDALS for the three best ESSAYS that may be presented on the following subjects:—
1. On the connection between the language and the character of a people.
2. On the physical history of rivers in general and of the St. Lawrence in particular.
3. On the circumstances which affect climate in general, and the climate of Lower Canada in particular.
4. On the comparative adaptation of prairie and forest to the settlement of a new country.
5. The changes that have taken place in the habits of exotic plants cultivated in the northern parts of America, particularly as regards the changes induced on their agricultural and horticultural properties.
The conditions are:—
1st. The Essays shall be presented on or before the 20th of February, 1836.
2d. The Essay may be in French or English.
3d. The names and residences of the Authors must be concealed: to ensure which, each Essay shall have a motto, and shall be accompanied by a sealed note superscribed with the name and residence of the Author. This note shall only be opened in the case of the Essay being declared worthy of a Prize, otherwise it shall be destroyed.
4th. The successful Essays shall remain the property of the Society.
5th. The Society reserves to itself the right to withhold the Prize, should no one of the Essays on any particular subject appear deserving of it.
The Essays are to be addressed to J. S. McCord, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Society.
ANDREW H. ARMOUR,
Recording Secretary

To Merchants and others.
LANDS FOR SALE.
200 ACRES of valuable Land, is offered for sale on most advantageous terms. It is situated only a few miles from the Village of Berlin, in Waterloo Township, Gore District—and is not exceeded by any in the Province, for fertility; and is in a good settlement—containing about 150 acres clear Land whereon is erected a Log Dwelling House, &c.—A good title will be given, and possession may be had immediately. This Lot would well suit a small emigrant family, with limited means, and afford them a snug and comfortable home. The terms are moderate. Apply, by letter, (post paid) or personally, to
H. W. PETERSON,
Waterloo Township, Gore District, U. C.
June 1st, 1836.

"COMMISSION OFFICE."
THE undersigned being about to establish a Depot for the reception of West India DRY HIDES, begs leave to inform his friends and the Tanners of this Province and the adjoining States, that he will be happy at all times to receive their orders and furnish the article at the lowest New-York prices.
J. B. CLARKE.
Kingston, 1st July, 1836. 6z

LEATHER.—SOLE and Upper of various Tannages—CALF SKINS, KIPS, &c. &c. for Sale by
LAROCQUE, BERNARD & Co.
Who will keep a large assortment constantly on hand.—May 18

NOTICE.
To Chieftains, and other Pensioners who are paid by the Commissariat.
THE Assistant Commissary General hereby notifies the above description of persons that they must make personal application at the beginning of each quarter, to the nearest Commissariat Office for their Pensions. In cases when Pensioners, reside a distance from a Commissariat Office, which might render it inconvenient or expensive to the Pensioners to apply at the beginning of each quarter, or if from sickness or other good cause application cannot be made personally even once in the year, an officer will be sent annually to visit those stations to identify and pay those who cannot for these causes present themselves at a Commissariat Station.
The Pensioners are enjoined to keep possession of their Instruction Papers, as their Pensions will be paid only to them in person on their being identified thereby.
It is further notified that the Government will not under any circumstance recognize Agents, or the claim of any individual for debt contracted by the Pensioners.
Commissariat,
Kingston, 15th March, 1836. 75z

BANK
OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING,
IN 20,000 SHARES OF £50 EACH, (THREE-FOURTHS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBSCRIBED IN ENGLAND, AND THE REMAINDER ARE RESERVED FOR THE COLONIES)
WITH POWER TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL.
LONDON DIRECTORS:
GEORGE DE ROSCO ATTWOOD, Esq.
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GEORGE RICHARD ROBINSON, Esq. M. P.
JOHN WALDRON WRIGHT, Esq.

THE rapidity with which the British North American Colonies have advanced in prosperity and commercial importance, the vast increase of their population, the high rate of interest, the fluctuation of exchange, the inadequacy of the capital already employed for banking operations, and the increasing facility of intercourse with the Mother Country, point out the different settlements of British North America as affording a secure field for the profitable employment of Capital; for which purpose, and with a view of promoting the Mercantile and Agricultural interests of the Colonies, the present Company has been established.
The management of the Company's affairs is vested in the London Court of Directors, and the Banks in the Colonies are to be conducted by local Boards appointed by them.
A general meeting of the Proprietors is to be held yearly in London, to whom a statement of the Company's affairs will be submitted.
Power has been reserved to the Directors to apply for, and accept on behalf of the establishment, a Charter of Incorporation or Act of Parliament.
A Deposit of £10 sterling per share to be paid within a period to be named in the letter of allotment, at the rate of Exchange therein fixed, and the Deed of Settlement to be signed at the time of payment.
After payment of the deposit, the remainder of the Capital will be required by instalments not exceeding £10 sterling per share, at such intervals (of not less than three months) as the Directors may find necessary to carry the objects of the bank into operation, of which due notice will be given.
The undersigned, commissioned to represent the Court of Directors in America, and to visit the several Colonies for the purpose of putting the affairs of the Bank into operation, hereby gives notice that he will be ready to receive and consider applications from persons residing in the Province of Upper Canada, who may be desirous of becoming Shareholders in the Capital Stock of the Company, addressed to him at the Post Office at Montreal, on or before the 10th day of August next.
ROBERT CARTER.
New York, 14th July, 1836.

FORM OF APPLICATION.
TO ROBERT CARTER, Esq. Post Office, Montreal.
SIR,
I request that you will allot to me Shares in the BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA; and I hereby engage to pay the Deposit of £10 sterling each, upon so many of such Shares as you may allot to me, at the time, place, and rate of Exchange to be specified in your letter of allotment; and at the same time to execute the Deed of Settlement.
I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Signature at length,
Place of abode,
Date,
ALL LETTERS MUST BE POST PAID.

Bank of Upper Canada.
PUBLIC Notice is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Stock-holders of this Bank is requested to be held at the Bank on Wednesday the 24th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of Electing a Director to serve during the remainder of the present term, in the place of the Hon. PETER ROBINSON, who has resigned, and for business which will be then communicated.
By order of the Board,
THOS. G. RIDOUT,
Cashier.

FOR SALE.
A quantity of excellent writing Ink, at the Chron. & Gazette Office, corner of King and Brock Streets.
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NOTICE.
THE undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of Kingston, in the Midland District, hereby give notice, that they intend to apply to the Provincial Legislature at its next sittings, for the enactment of a Law authorizing Foreigners to possess Real Estate, in free and common Socage, in this Province, under such stipulations as may be found necessary to guard against Political interference, or undue speculation tending to monopoly.
Kingston, 10th August, 1836.

A. Manahan, J.P., M.P.P. John Cameron,
Lawrence Herchmer, J.P., T. Briggs, Jun.
Thomas Greer, A. McNabb,
William Wilson, R. B. Armstrong,
David John Smith, James Sampson,
W. H. Gray, J. P. J. Macfarlane, J. P.
W. B. Smyth, John Strange, J. P.
James Fraser, Geo. W. Yarker,
R. M. Ros', John Mowat,
Thomas Wilson, J. Macindoe,
A. Foster, Joseph Bruce,
C. Hales, Douglas Prentiss,
Francis M. Hill, S. Muckleston,
Charles Heath, S. A. Irons,
James Williamson, W. H. Dean,
W. Dean, E. M. Hardy,
C. Hatch, R. McLean,
L. Yeckley, Thos. Mee,
Robert Anglen, Wm. Thirkell,
Wm. Bowman, Thos. Bamford,
John P. Bower, John Roy,
H. Earl, Charles Willard,
N. Palmer, Wm. Garratt,
William Burke, James McDonald,
Ephraim Cone, Geo. Armstrong,
Thomas Baker, P. Fleming.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned Inhabitants of the County of Hastings, in the Midland District, hereby give notice, that they intend to apply to the Provincial Legislature, at its first sittings, for the enactment of a Law authorizing Foreigners to possess Real Estate in this Province, under such stipulations as may be found necessary to guard against Political interference or undue Speculation, tending to Monopoly.
Belleville, 12th August, 1836.
A. Manahan, J.P., M.P.P. H. W. Yager,
Edmund Murray, Martin Ryan,
Smith Bartlett, Jr., William McCarty,
T. Parker, J. P. Samuel M. Benson,
H. Baldwin, James McDonnell,
W. Spencer, Peter O'Reilly,
Benjamin Walton, John Addison,
James R. Shaw, William Wardrop,
B. Duggall, Thos. Dufco.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made to the Legislature of this Province at its next session, for the amendment of the Charter of the Marmora Foundry Company, requiring an increase of its Capital to £250,000, and praying that express Banking Privileges be granted to the Company.
A. MANAHAN,
JAS. MACFARLANE,
JAS. SAMPSON,
GEO. W. YARKER.
Kingston, July 4, 1836. 11z
The U. C. Gazette will please insert this.

Important to Farmers.
THE SUBSCRIBER would respectfully inform the Public that he is now manufacturing Tait's Improved Patent THRESHING MACHINE,
Which is decidedly the best Machine now in use. He would only say to those wishing to purchase the article, to call and see the operation, that they may be satisfied that it is the greatest manual labor saving Machine ever invented. Price, low; Terms of payment, easy.
N. B. The Subscriber having furnished himself with a canvass Threshing Floor, he will be able to thrash in the field. All orders for Thrashing promptly attended to, either in the field or barn, on reasonable terms.
S. N. BAKER.
Napance Mills, July 5, 1836. 2ewul

CITY OF TORONTO AND THE HOME DISTRICT DIRECTORY, with Almanac & Calendar, for the Years 1836 and 1837. This work is now in the press, and will be completed about the 15th of August next. It will contain an Alphabetical List of the Inhabitant Householders of the City of Toronto and its Liberties, as well as an Alphabetical List of the Inhabitant Householders of the 52 Townships of the Home District, distinguishing the number of the Lot and Concession. It will contain a register of Civil, Ecclesiastical, Commercial, Legal, Medical and Miscellaneous matter, the Act of Incorporation of the City of Toronto, and the Laws enacted by the Council, a Post Office Table, &c. &c. As this work will contain so much information, alike useful to the stranger, the Inhabitants of the City, and of the Home District, as well as the Inhabitants of the Province generally, its circulation will be great, and it therefore offers an excellent medium for Merchants' Advertisements, which will be inserted at a rate as may be agreed upon with the proprietor—GEORGE WALTON, Chawett's Buildings, King-street, City of Toronto—or upon the usual terms. An early application is requested.
Toronto, July 29, 1836. 11z
Editors of Newspapers inserting this will have a copy of the work sent them.

The Kingston Almanac for 1837, published at the Chronicle and Gazette office about the latter end of September next. The attention of Merchants and the public generally is respectfully called to this notice.
Kingston, August 12, 1836.

The Traveller's Guide.
VISITING the Falls of Niagara, with a neat Map of the Falls and Islands, plan of the Falls, &c., handsomely bound, for sale at the Chronicle and Gazette Office.
Kingston, May 6, 1836. 90

New Testament for Schools.
At the corner of King and Brock Street.
JUST published, and now for sale, a handsome edition of this book.
MURRAY'S ENGLISH READER.
Kingston, July 14, 1836. 5z

Information Wanted,
OF PATRICK GALAGHER, who left Ballintree, Ireland, about four years ago, and sailed from Londonderry, to Pennsylvania, and is now supposed to be in Upper Canada. Any information respecting him will be thankfully received by his sister, Margaret Gallagher, at Mrs. Ferns', Store Street, Kingston, Upper Canada.
Kingston, August 31, 1836. 19z
Editors in Canada and the United States, will confer a great favour by inserting the above.

WOOL WANTED.
CASH paid for clean WOOL, of good quality, delivered at the Woolen Factory, Gananogue, by
WEBSTER & CHAMBERS.
August 1, 1836. 10114

Unclaimed Books.
LYING in the Bindery here for years:
A quarto Bible, by Henry, &c. 2 vols.
A Study of Medicine, 4 vols. 8mo.
The Performance on the Harp in the Highlands, 1 vol. by John Gunn.
Ægis of England, by M. Evans, 1 vol. 8mo.
Sketches in Switzerland and Italy, J. Scott, 1 vol. 8mo.
Farmer's Magazine, 5th ed. 1 vol. 8mo.
7 copies of Byron's Works, in 8 vols. Philadelphia ed.
If not claimed and paid for in two months from this date, they will be sold for the expenses of binding.
Chronicle & Gazette Office, }
Kingston, 24th August, 1836. } 16z

JUST RECEIVED, and for sale at the Chronicle & Gazette Office, a TOWNSHIP MANUAL, neatly bound, comprising all the laws now in force relating to the townships; among which are the Highway and Assessment Acts; new township meeting Act; The Laws respecting Boundaries; Lane Fences and Water Courses; Ins-keepers; the law and office of Constable, the law of Landlord and Tenant; distress for rent; Court of Requests Act; Summary Punishment Act; Jury law; the laws relative to Mills and Mill Dams; Flour; Pot and Pearl Ashes; Statute Labour; Travellers' Weights & Measures, &c.; and on many other interesting subjects.
By the Author of the "Provincial Justice."
Price one Dollar.
Kingston, December 5, 1835. 64

CROWN OFFICE,
June 20th, 1836.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and general Gaol Delivery, and of Assize and Nisi Prius, in and for the different Districts will be as follows:
District, Court Commencing,
Eastern, Monday 1st August.
Zion, Tuesday 9th August.
Cornwall, Tuesday 9th August.
Brookville, Tuesday 9th August.
Perth, Tuesday 22d August.
Kingston, Tuesday 22d August.
Hamilton, Thursday 1st Sept.
Sandwich, Monday 1st August.
London, Monday 22nd do.
Niagara, Thursday 30th do.
Amherst, Thursday 8th Sept.
Newcastle, Thursday 23rd do.
Barton, Wednesday 5th Oct.
Prince Edw. Monday 5th Oct.
Toronto, Home, Monday 17th Oct.
Of which all Sheriffs, Coroners, Magistrates, Gaolers, and the Peace Officers, are commanded to take notice.
By order of the Court,
CHARLES C. SMALL,
Clerk of the Crown and Pleas.

NOTICE.
THE Subscriber begs leave to acquaint his friends and the public generally, that he has received invoices of the following articles per the ship Thalia from Liverpool, and are now on the way from Montreal, viz. Black and Blue Superfine West of England Cloths, Olive Green and Mottled Colours, &c. &c. do. Double and Single Mill'd Cassimeres, &c. do. Fancy Buckskins, the latest London patterns of Valonia and Marseilles Vestings with suitable trimmings for the above. The whole will be found inferior to none in the Market both for durability and cheapness.
The latest fashions always received, and Gentlemen accommodated with suit in twelve hours.
J. O. takes this opportunity of requesting those customers whose accounts are of long standing to call and settle as money is a scarce article in Market, and at the present time would be very acceptable to him.
JOHN OLIPHANT.
Kingston, 14th June, 1836. 101z

Information Wanted,
OF Wm. HARRISON, an Englishman, supposed to be in Belleville, U. C., or Geneva, U. S. Any information of him will be thankfully received by his brother JOHN HARRISON, Front Street, Kingston.
6th August, 1836.
Editors will confer a particular favor by copying the above.

JUST finished, and for sale at the Book-Store on the corner of King and Brock Street, a large assortment of
Account Books
of best materials and workmanship, for sale at Montreal prices.
Blank Books or Paper, well and correctly ruled to any pattern, at short notice.
Kingston, June 1, 1836.

FOR SALE
AT the Commercial Wharf, Kingston, foot of Store Street, WHISKEY, SALT, PLASTER OF PARIS, & WATER LIME, by the Subscribers.
TRUAX & PHILLIPS.
Kingston, 23d May, 1836. 95z

NOTICE.
WRIGHT & INGERSOLL have BEER for Sale at Mr. Florence Donoghue's Tavern, Kingston, in Barrels and smaller Quantities, to suit purchasers.
Fredericksburg, 10th January, 1836. 57z

CELTIC SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the time for receiving the Essays as advertised by the Society, is postponed from the 1st of August to the 15th of September next.
JOHN A. MACDONALD,
Kingston, 14th July, 1836. 5z

IRISH MINSTRELSY.
SONGS OF THE LEGENDS AND TRADITIONS OF IRELAND, BY S. LOVER, ESQ.

We remember hearing a medical friend tell a touching anecdote connected with a Scotch Regiment stationed in the East Indies. Without any specific disease, the men kept dying off. Every day there was a vacant place in the ranks. This led to a minute investigation of all possible causes, and at last it was discovered that of an evening the soldiers were in the habit of gathering under a palm tree near the barracks. One of them had a singularly fine voice, and he used to sing 'Farewell to Lochabar,' till there was not a dry eye among his audience. The effect of this old familiar air was such as to make home present to them, with all its ties, all its recollections, doubly endeared by the distance. The pining after their native land dispirited the men to such a degree that it became a disease, and the authorities were obliged to forbid the 'Farewell to Lochabar' being sung in the Regiment. No countries are so rich in ancient melodies as Ireland and Scotland; their history, political and domestic, is embodied in their airs. Rebellion in both left its memory in music, and given the various feelings of energy, resistance, hope, sorrow, joy, and despair. Music is the universal language! How many moods are there no words can express, which yet find vent in some favorite air! The gay spirits exhale themselves like expanding flowers in the sunshine of some few light notes; and still oftener will sadness and despondency find relief and sympathy in some sad old song. The man who never hummed a tune would be a monster. Now an air without words is like a fair face without smiles or tears. The olden musicians felt this: 'they severed not the sisters sweet;' and what delicious touches of natural poetry are to be found in the ballads of former hearts and long past summer evening! But the artificial froze over the true, and Delia, Flavius, &c., came out as cold and false as rouge and attitude could make them. Music has of late years looked round for her partner, 'im-mortal verse;' and we owe Mr. Lover a debt of gratitude, not only for his charming songs themselves, but for showing how well the touching and the natural accord with the musical. We have before expressed our enjoyment in his 'Songs of the Superstitions of Ireland,'—from how rich a mine need scarcely be said. The first is founded on a very touching incident. 'It is related of Carolan, the Irish bard, that after his loss of sight, and the lapse of twenty years, he recognized his first love by the touch of her hand.
"True love can ne'er forget,
Fondly as when we met,
Dearest, I love thee yet,
My darling one!"
Thus sang a minstrel grey
His sweet impassioned lay
Down by the ocean's spray,
At rise of sun.
But withered was the minstrel's sight,
Morn to him was dark as night,
Yet his heart was full of light,
As he this lay began.
"True love can ne'er forget," &c.
"Long years are past and o'er
Since from this fatal shore
Cold hearts and cold winds bore
My love from me."
Scarcely the minstrel spoke
When quick with flashing stroke,
A boat's light oar the silence broke,
Over the sea.
Soon upon her native strand
Doth a lovely lady land,
While the minstrel's love-taught hand
Did o'er his sweet harp tun,
"True love can ne'er forget," &c.
Where the minstrel sat alone
There that lady fair hath gone,
Within his hand she placed her own,
The hand dropt on his knee.
From his lip soft blessings came—
He kissed her hand with trust flame,
In trembling tones he named her name,
Though her he could not see.
But oh! the touch the bard could tell
Of that dear hand remembered well.
Ah! by many a secret spell
Can true love trace his own!
For true love can ne'er forget;
Fondly as when they met,
He loved his lady yet,
His darling one!

THE EUPHRATES EXPEDITION.
(From a Supplement of the London Gazette of Friday, July 28, 1836.)
India Board, July 28, 1836.
A despatch has been received at this office from Col. Chesney, R. A. in command of the Euphrates expedition, dated Euphrates steamer or, Anns, May 28, 1836, of which the following is a copy:—
Euphrates Steamer, Anna, }
May 28, 1836. }

Sir,—It is with feelings of the deepest regret that I do myself the honor of informing you that the Tigris steamer was totally lost during a hurricane of indescribable violence, which, after a short struggle of about eight minutes, sent a fine vessel to the bottom to five fathoms water, and deprived his majesty of fifteen valuable men, with five natives in addition.
The last depth sounded: and we have since found three and a half fathoms on one side of the spot, and five on the other.

My reports up to the 17th inst. at Deir, will have informed you that all was going on as successfully as the most sanguine could possibly desire. We found the Arabs well disposed, and quite ready to form depots for us of wood, charcoal, bitumen, and lignite coal, all met in abundance, and tried with complete success. In addition to these marked advantages, the survey has been carried 500 miles down the Great River, which seemed in all respects prosperous up to the afternoon of the 21st inst., when it pleased God to send the calamitous event of which it is my duty to give a feeble sketch.
A little after one p. m. on that melancholy day, the flat boats being a little ahead, and the Tigris leading the Euphrates, a storm appeared, bringing with it, high in the air, clouds of sand from the west north west quarter. At this moment we were passing over the rocks of Is Geria (deeply covered) and immediately after we made a signal for the Euphrates to choose a berth, and make fast; which was done more as a matter of precaution, on account of the difficulty of seeing our way thro' the sand than from apprehension that the squall would be so terrific. The Tigris was immediately directed toward the bank, against which she struck without injury, but with so much violence as to recoil a distance of about eight yards, leaving two men on the bank, who had jumped out to make fast. The wind then suddenly veered round, drove her bow off, and thus rendered it quite impossible to secure the vessel to the bank, along which she was blown rapidly by the heavy gale, her head falling off into the stream as she passed close by the Euphrates, which vessel had been backed opportunely to avoid the concussion.
The engines were working with full power, and every endeavor made to turn the vessel's bow to the bank. One anchor was let go, but the heel of the vessel made it impossible to get the other out, and she was then nearly broadside to the wind, with the engines almost powerless, and the waves, rising to four or five feet, forcing their way in at the windows. Lieut. Cockburn, the Messrs. Staunton, and some of the men made ineffectual attempts to keep out the water, for the fate of the vessel was already decided; and the fore part of the deck being under water, Lieutenant Lynch came to report that the Tigris was sinking, and the word was immediately passed for all to save themselves. At this very instant a momentary gleam of light faintly showed the bank at the apparent distance of eight or ten yards; and, as there seemed every probability that the stern would touch it before she went down, Lieut. Lynch encouraged the people to remain steady until they reached the land. All were on deck at this critical moment, some clinging to the ropes of the awning, the paddle boards, and funnel; but the majority were close to the tiller, and all behaving with the most exemplary obedience, until the vessel went down all at once, and probably within half a minute after we had seen the bank for an instant.
Lieutenant Lynch, who was at my elbow, dived out underneath the starboard ridge rope, at the moment when there was about four feet water on the deck, and I had the good fortune to get clear in the same way, through the starboard side, and also to take a direction which brought me to the land, without having seen anything whatever to guide me through darkness worse than that of night. When it cleared a little, I found around me Lieut. Lynch and Mr. Eden, (both greatly exhausted,) Mr. Thompson, the Messrs. Staunton, and several of the men. The hurricane was already abating rapidly, and as the distance from the vessel to the shore was very short, we indulged the hope that the rest of our brave companions had reached the bank lower down. For an instant I saw the keel of the Tigris above, near the stern. She went down how foremost, and having struck the bottom in that position, she probably turned round on the bow as a pivot, and thus showed part of her keel for an instant at the other extremity; but her paddle beams, boats, and parts of the sides were already broken up, and actually floated ashore, so speedy and terrific had been the work of destruction.
From the moment of striking the bank until the Tigris went down it scarcely exceeded eight minutes; while the operation of sinking itself did not consume more than three; indeed the gale was so very violent that I doubt whether the most powerful vessel, such as a frigate, could have resisted it, unless she was already secured to the bank, and, for this there was, in our case, little or no time, as it was barely possible, in the position of our consort, to make fast and save the vessel.
I had little, or rather no hope, that the Euphrates could have escaped, but the intrepid skill of Lieut. Cleaveland and Mr. Chariwood enabled them to get out two anchors in the very nick of time; and by the united means of two hawsers, and the engines working at full power, the vessel maintained her position at the bank until the storm abated, as the enclosed letter from Capt. Estcourt will explain more fully; and as it required all the power of a fifty horse engine in the case of the Euphrates to keep her hawsers from snapping, I infer that the twenty horses of the Tigris would not have been sufficient to enable her to keep the position at the bank, even if the officers had succeeded in securing her along side of it.
Lieut. Lynch and Mr. Eden continued cool and collected until the last moment, nor were