We [illegible] undertake to return communications which we do not approve of ourselves. Communications should always be legibly written, and on one side of the paper only; if long it increases the difficulty of finding time to insert them. Whatever is intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of his good faith.

The Daily British Whig.

[illegible] Office, Princess Street.

[illegible]AY MORNING, DEC. 29, 1856.

[illegible]D TELEGRAPHS.

[illegible] P. M., Napoleon.

[illegible] "EUROPA."

[illegible] Dec 29.

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We publish to-day an extended report of the emergent communication of St. John's Grand Lodge, New York, from and accepted Masons, which was held on the 22d inst. Our readers are aware that there has been for some eight or ten years an ugly split in the fraternity, and that there are now three Grand Lodges claiming jurisdiction over the Order in the State of New York. The first, of which Mr. Lewis is Grand Master, has three-fourths of the lodges in the city and State under its rule. The second, of which Mr. Ayers is Grand Master, has but four lodges, which withdrew from the first on account of some difference of opinion as to the right of Past Masters to sit in the Grand Lodge. There is a suit pending between these bodies for the property of the Grand Lodge. The third, St. John's Grand Lodge, has twice withdrawn from the Grand Lodge, more on account of men, we believe, than measures. The report gives an account of their endeavor to return to the main body, and the refusal of the Grand Committee to accede to their proposals. The whole quarrel, in which the main principles of which are [illegible] and harmony, is absurd.

AMONG THE FREE MA[illegible] NEW-YORK.

[illegible] Lodge.

of Masons is whom are originally and invariably vested the government and superintendence of the fraternity within its territorial jurisdiction: Therefore the body styled St. John's Grand Lodge is not Masonic, nor its members Masons.

3. To the third proposition no answer is necessary.

4. That the ancient landmarks (written and unwritten) are those principles of Masonic law and polity which are immutable, and that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations therein.

5 and 6. That amendments to the constitution of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York can only be made at its annual communication, and as provided for by section 12 of said constitution.

7. That the privilege to become a Mason consists in possessing the qualifications known to masonic law, and having the unanimous consent of the lodge to which the petition is presented.

Finally, that the propositions presented are of such a character that they cannot, in whole or in part, be further entertained.

ROBERT MACOY,
HENERY W. TURNER,
ANDREAS CASSARD, } Committee for the Grand Lodge of New York.

Your committee would further report that a reply has been received to the communication, addressed to R. W. Edward Cook; in it two of your committee were verbally informed by this gentleman that his committee had no power to treat with the committee from St. John's Grand Lodge upon the subject of a union.

From the spirit manifested by the committee from the two other masonic grand [illegible] of this State it is evident that there [illegible] their part to harmonize the [illegible] the masonic fraternity [illegible] opinion to [illegible] com-

York will repay the Commission. The friends of the shipwrecked, if they have any, would do well to see to their necessities immediately. At last accounts the ship was in a bad condition, and the lighters sent to her assistance had not been able to reach her, owing to the high surf running.

WATERTOWN AND ROME R. R.

The Watertown and Rome Railroad Co., at a meeting of its Board of Directors held in the City of New York on the 17th inst., declared a dividend of four per cent. for the current six months, payable on the 15th day of January next. The holders of stock registered in New York will be paid their dividends at the People's Bank in that city; others at the Treasurer's Office at Watertown.

The business of this Company for the year ending on the 30th day of September last, and also for the previous year shows the following result:

	1856	1855
Earnings,	$434,524 79	$404,705 65
Expenses,	218,505 56	239,783 98
	$216,019 23	$167,921 67
	167,921 67	
Increased,	$48,097 65	

The financial statement for the year ending on the 30th of September last was as follows:

Earnings,		$434,524 79
Expenses	$218,505 56	
Interest and Sinking Fund,	60,000 00	278,505 56
[illegible] for the year,		$156,019 23

[illegible] for the year on the [illegible]

—but we cannot help, in the pride of our heart, saying, "we are proud of this number."

THE PLOUGH, THE LOOM, AND THE ANVIL. A monthly Magazine devoted to Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures. Vol. 9th. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, June to December. J. A. Nash and M. P. Parish, New York. $3 a year.

This is a fresh visitor to Our Table. It is a Magazine devoted to Scientific and Practical Agriculture, Horticulture, Fruit-growing, Breeds of Animals, the Care of Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Bees, &c.; to Manufactures, the Mechanical Arts, and Improvements in Machinery; and to Commerce and Mining, in their relations to Agriculture and Mechanics. It is predominently a Journal of the Industrial Arts, in sympathy with the Farmer and the Mechanic; with the Merchant, who facilitates their mutual exchanges: and with the Inventor, whose genius usually benefits others more than himself; with the Preacher and Teacher, those promoters, par excellence, of industry, intelligence, art, science, and religion; with all who labor, with the muscle, or the mind, or both. As an Exponent of American Industry, it will prove acceptable, not only to those who have a hand in it, but to all who have a heart for its encouragement, and would learn the true source of national prosperity. The work is issued monthly, each number containing sixty-four pages of reading matter, on fine paper and new type, done up in a style unsurpassed by any periodical in the United States, and containing frequent engravings of fine buildings, cottages, improved implements, fruits, plants, &c.

THE CANADIAN NATURALIST AND GEOLOGIST. No. 5. Edited by E. Billings, Esq. B. Dawson, Montreal. $3 a year.

Happy are we once again to see this Magazine on Our Table, for since Mr. Billings accepted office under Sir W. Logan, the little work has been discontinued. The editor now tells us, and we hear it with pleasure, that after the next No. is issued, (hitherto at his own cost and [illegible]) the Magazine will be issued by the [illegible] publisher, but will be conducted by [illegible] Natural History Society [illegible] Billings. The [illegible] Science, and [illegible]

[illegible]

The gales on the lakes during the [illegible] season have been almost unprecedented [illegible] severity. Forty-nine vessels are [illegible] including seventeen steamers [illegible] sailing vessels, and there [illegible] at two hundred, [illegible] Detroit Advertiser.

[illegible]

[illegible] Book Store. The expression is admirable, and the coloring in Mr Sawyer's best style. The point of interest seized, on by the Artist is that, when surprised by the Yelping Child, the Servant answers: "Speak, Lord! thy Servant heareth." Mr. Sawyer has got out of his hands many excellent pieces, but none more worthy of him than that which has called forth this passing notice.

New York, Dec. [illegible]th.

The steamship Baltic arrived yesterday morning after a 15 days passage, caused by very heavy weather. The Hermann, now days out, has not yet been heard of.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Toronto, 27th December, 1856.

His Excellency, the Governor General has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

George Duggan, Esquire, the younger, Recorder of the City of Toronto, to be Judge of the Division Court of the said City of Toronto and the liberties thereof, under the provisions of the Act 14 & 15 Vict, ch. 109, Sect. 27.

John O'Brien Scully, of Paris, Gentleman, to be a Surveyor in her Majesty's Customs. Robert K. Bullock, Esquire, to be Revenue Inspector, for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

James Beckett, of Montreal, Gentleman, Andrew Holden, of St. Thomas Nevon, Gentleman, Richard Welch, of Bowmanville, Gentleman, and Richard Irvin, of London, Gentleman, to be Landing Writers and Searchers in Her Majesty's Customs.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint Port Colph, in the County of Wellington, to be a Warehousing Port from and after the 1st January next.

DISASTERS TO STEAMERS.—The year about to close will present a fearful record of lives lost on passenger steamers, mostly navigating inland waters. Ocean steamers have thus far been more favoured than for several years. The list now stands as follows:—

	Lives Lost.
In March, ferry boat New Jersey	[illegible]
June, steamer at Longueuil	[illegible]
July, steamer Northern Indiana, Lake Erie	[illegible]
July, propeller Tiste	[illegible]
July, steamer John Jay, Lake Ontario	[illegible]
July, steamer Empire State	[illegible]
August, steamer Nautilus, Gulf of Mexico	[illegible]
Sept. steamer Niagara, Lake Michigan	[illegible]
October, steamer Superior, Lake Michigan	[illegible]
Oct. propeller J. W. Brooks, Lake Ontario	[illegible]
November, steamship Le Lyonnais	[illegible]
November, propeller Toledo	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

New Year's Address of Black Jack o' th' Whig,

TO HIS PATRONS.

Once more Black Jack must mount his [illegible]
And fling his magic mantle on,
That he may quaff his yearly mead
From the grim deeps of Helicon
Custom makes cowards of us all;
Else he would be content with [illegible]
Nor lead his readers by the nose
With his old fashioned Madrigal.
Year after year his hackneyed theme
Rolls on, from bad to worse—
Ah! readers, may you never be
As poor as Black Jack's verse.
What [illegible] more provoking sa tight
His pocket is equally poor as his th[illegible]

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!—Ay, the s[illegible]
[illegible] the best of centuries, [illegible]
They've stood [illegible] fresh and daintily fr[illegible]
They glide a[illegible]
[illegible] been coined but yes[illegible]
As if they [illegible] back to the old, festive [illegible]
They bring [illegible] like sunlight, thrill[illegible]
When yo[illegible] limbs;
When gre[illegible] hairs peeped from other [illegible]
[illegible] ours;
When spo[illegible] which now were labo[illegible]
[illegible]
Ushered [illegible] day and chased it to its [illegible]
When y[illegible] love reigned upon his [illegible]
[illegible] throne,
Hugging [illegible] rainbow visions to his b[illegible]
When fr[illegible] that now are gathered [illegible]
[illegible] years
That we [illegible] their boon companions, lo[illegible]
[illegible]
And help[illegible] to stimulate the weary h[illegible]
With me[illegible] wit and goodly festal song[illegible]
That th[illegible] old wine were mellower for [illegible]
A HAPPY NEW YEAR! Words more c[illegible]
[illegible] gold.

[illegible]
[illegible] we met, the thunder to[illegible]
[illegible]
Thrilled [illegible] the great heart of Europe t[illegible]
[illegible]
The Fa[illegible] cries smote at the ga[illegible]
[illegible]
For brav[illegible] Sons offered to the vengeful [illegible]
The Mo[illegible] and the Maid together we[illegible]
At the [illegible] hearth, the son and lover [illegible]
In the [illegible] tumult of some savage fe[illegible]
Where [illegible] ranks were stricken down [illegible]
[illegible]
Before [illegible] sturdy reapers. Now, th[illegible]
[illegible]
The m[illegible] ger of Peace has wand[illegible]
[illegible]
And br[illegible] the nations with its A[illegible]
[illegible]
PEACE—[illegible] great final triumph, worthier [illegible]
The so[illegible] of Bards than War's exul[illegible]
[illegible]
That t[illegible] world, and desolate m[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Plague of War is stayed. [illegible]
[illegible] Angel has stretched forth [illegible]
[illegible] blessed light, from land to l[illegible]
[illegible] Peace, the mild-eyed maid [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] th' sunny realm of France,
[illegible] and, chosen Mistress of the S[illegible]
[illegible] Northern Steppes, she mov[illegible]
[illegible] satyrs from their dance. [to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] voices jubilant, [pray[illegible]
[illegible] lips, that burn with ferv[illegible]
[illegible] whispers, rising through the ai[illegible]
[illegible] heaven with a chant [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] joy and thankfulness.
[illegible] life is spared, now, once more [illegible]
[illegible] of Inkerman, of Alma's shore.
[illegible] Bakhlava's wild excess,
[illegible]
[illegible] oth us at last. [sim[illegible]
[illegible] its brazen tongue! Peace with [illegible]
[illegible] halos over Briton's Isle,
[illegible] slumbering with the past."
[illegible]
[illegible] long!—a single breath [ro[illegible]
[illegible] the monster from his lair to-mo[illegible]
And allied with us in joy and sorrow,
[illegible] England's shores with death.

[illegible]
"In peace prepare for war."—
[illegible] honored maxim of an honored chief
[illegible] eagle's slumbers may be brief
[illegible] England's bearths beware.

[illegible]
[illegible] winds go moaning through the [illegible]
[illegible] skies,
[illegible] the snow flakes through the air
Mong the beggar's painful cries,
[illegible] well of of his deserted soul's despair.
[illegible] the time when the rich may give
[illegible] alms from their golden store,
To ease the hungry, and relieve
[illegible] woes and wants of the starving poor.
[illegible] is the time when the rich man's purse
[illegible] have many attacks made on it,—
[illegible] should'nt they pay for their New Year's verse,
[illegible] it be but a paltry sonnet?
[illegible] ever's to spare,—divide it fair,
[illegible] PARSON'S DEVIL must have his share!

[illegible]
[illegible] Reader! why intrude upon your time?— [rhym[illegible]
[illegible] your fault—we are compelled to
[illegible] more A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
[illegible] may it be,
[illegible]tiful and happy year to thee;
[illegible] us hope each patron, joint or sinore,
[illegible] a good substantial New Year's Dinner. [lark
[illegible] well, dear PARSONS! may you never
[illegible] warm, heart-greeting of your Friend
BLACK JACK.

[illegible]ston, January 1st, 1857.

[illegible] RECIPROCITY TREATY.—We are [illegible] that the rumor about the Reciprocity, in which it is attempted to be shown [illegible] the sum of £20,000 was expended [illegible] members of Congress, is greatly [illegible]. We believe it is well known [illegible] large sums of money were expended [illegible] during the passage of the treaty through [illegible] Congress, but that money was not, as [illegible] performed, spent in bribes, but rather [illegible] the treaty into such a state of [illegible] as would ensure its passage before [illegible] closed its sittings. The money [illegible] at the desire of the Government. [illegible] fortunately, the onus has fallen on [illegible] of the gentleman who acted [illegible] the Government. For the money [illegible] expended, he has become responsible [illegible] now, when he is looking to [illegible] for reimbursement, an attempt [illegible] made to injure his negotiations [illegible]. As the whole affair will be [illegible] before the House, it is expedient [illegible] on the part of certain journals [illegible] between the agent and the [illegible] until the matter is brought fairly [illegible] public.—*Colonist.*

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[illegible]ral Advertiser and the H[illegible] seem to have quite stirred [illegible] some deep intrigue [illegible] going on between [illegible] through the Hon. John [illegible] speculative firm of G[illegible] The position of Mr [illegible] two members of [illegible] is such as to [illegible] liable to charges [illegible] there is not [illegible] just being moved [illegible]

FACTS FROM LATE ENGLISH PAPERS.

[illegible] satisfaction has been occasioned by the defeat of the Earl of Derby in a [illegible] against the Daily News for a libel in [illegible] on the 17 inst. [illegible] was at the head of the cavalry [illegible] it was owing to his incompetency [illegible] disgraceful personal squabbles between him and his relative, Lord Cardigan, that the chief disasters of that force, especially the mad charge at Balaklava, were mainly owing. His arrogance and [illegible] have always been regarded as unpardonable, and these infirmities of his [illegible] into the folly of endeavoring to [illegible] the press for the commons made [illegible] him. Nothing, however, could have [illegible] more fair or moderate, or more within the limits of just criticism on a public [illegible] than the paragraphs in the Daily [illegible] which he took as his grounds of action. The result was a verdict for the defendants, and his lordship, beside the public [illegible] administered to him, will [illegible] in heavy costs.

THE BRITISH FLEET IN THE BLACK SEA.

[illegible] Admiral Lord Lyons, in the Royal Albert, 121, with the Majestic, 80, and [illegible] 85, screw steamships of the line, [illegible] 27, sailing frigate, Stromboli [illegible] sloop, Wrangler, Cossack, Boxer, [illegible] Weser, steam gunboats, continued on [illegible] 13th November, at anchor at Buyukdere in the Bosphorus, expecting to be reinforced by the Gladiator steam frigate [illegible] left Malta on the 15th. Her Majesty's steam-frigates Vulture, Curacoa, Magicienne, Sphynx steam-sloop, [illegible] steam sloop, and Medina surveying [illegible], were cruising in the Black Sea. [illegible] Grinde gunboat, to be shortly relieved by the Boxer, was stationed at the [illegible] of the Danube. The Gordon steam [illegible] was at Smyrna, and the Miranda [illegible] corvette on the coast of Albani. The [illegible] steam gunboat had been suddenly [illegible] away to the Piraus of Athens, [illegible] assistant-surgeon of the Sphynx was [illegible], and is supposed to have met with [illegible] grave. The paymaster of the [illegible] ship, Mr. Wright, is under arrest on [illegible] of drunkenness.

[illegible] expedition from Bombay against [illegible] was, according to the last accounts, [illegible] progress. Meanwhile the fate of [illegible], which she is unlawfully seizing, is [illegible] altogether unknown. Stealthily [illegible] and counselled by Russia, who is [illegible] up troops to her frontier, she is [illegible] to disbelieve that England evil [illegible] any intention of attacking her. She [illegible] the lamb assaulted by the wolf, just [illegible] Russia was when the Czar was agitated [illegible] benevolent invasion of Turkey. This [illegible] is doubtless prompted by Russia, who [illegible] full well it serves not only to con[illegible] and blind other nations, but also to [illegible] the pedants of the English press and [illegible] against the government. Already there is an attempt here to raise [illegible] against a paltry war with Persia, [illegible] no one knows anything about, just [illegible] was an outcry to spoil the demonstration against Greece five or six years [illegible]; which had Lord Palmerston been [illegible] supported, would probably have [illegible] as a complete check to Russian [illegible] in that quarter, and have averted [illegible] necessity of the late war.

Dublin, Dec. 1.

[illegible] arrest has yet been made for the [illegible] of Mr. Little, but it is understood [illegible] in the course of the inquiry into the [illegible] suspicions against one or two parties have been considerably strengthened, [illegible] that a little additional evidence only [illegible] required to justify the police in taking [illegible] persons into custody. The police [illegible] still on the alert during yesterday [illegible] searching for evidence in various [illegible] of the city, and several persons [illegible] had been examined at an early stage [illegible] proceedings, have been again subjected to enquiries. Some things which [illegible] trifling and of very little importance at the commencement of the investigation are now found to be of considerable value in forwarding the police on the [illegible] of the assassin, who seems to have [illegible] the best use of the time which was [illegible] to elapse between the period when the murder was committed and its discovery, in concealing or otherwise making [illegible] with his clothes, money, &c., which he produced as evidence of his [illegible]. The murder was committed on a [illegible]day evening—the body was discovered [illegible] on the following Friday, and the [illegible] did not terminate till late on Saturday evening. This loss of time has put [illegible] obstacles in the way of the police, [illegible], however, most sanguine of being [illegible] bring the guilty party or parties [illegible]. The servant of the housekeeper [illegible]beth Campbell) is still in custody in [illegible] Penitentiary for the purpose of preventing any person obtaining [illegible] from her, or tampering with [illegible] important evidence which it is said [illegible] give.

[illegible] transpired that the instructions [illegible] were to have been sent by the last [illegible] India mail to the admiral on the Jamaica station to blockade the ports of New [illegible] have been delayed. It is therefore [illegible] that some intimation has been [illegible] from the New Granadian Government [illegible] of an intention to fulfil the agreement [illegible] disregard of which had led to the [illegible] of coercion.

ENGLAND AND PERSIA.

[illegible] following article, alluding to the [illegible] from India to the Persian Gulf, [illegible] published in a Supplement of the [illegible] Gazette. It will be read with [illegible] under present circumstances:—

[illegible] reports are current here that an English [illegible] of war had arrived on the 13th of [illegible] in the Persian Gulf, after a [illegible] of nine days from Bombay. It is [illegible] that as many as twenty other [illegible] and steam vessels would shortly [illegible] the latter place for the same destination, and that each would have on board 300 [illegible] soldiers. We cannot give a decided [illegible] as to the truth or falsity of this [illegible]. We are completely ignorant whether [illegible] vessel of such vessels have or have [illegible], but we are confident that, [illegible] the perfect friendship which unites [illegible] Powers, such a state of things could [illegible] place. We are sure that the [illegible] of His Majesty the Sohah [illegible] appreciates the sincere friendship of [illegible] with England, and the good disposition of the British Government to maintain [illegible] conventions in vigour, to admit that [illegible] would be disposed to break [illegible] motive, existing treaties with [illegible]. The Persian Government places [illegible] confidence in the kindness, the generosity, and the perfect equity of the English Cabinet. If even the vessels were to [illegible] the Persian Gulf, as the rumor states, the Cabinet of Teheran would not consider [illegible] act as an act of hostility, but would demand from the British Government its intention, in order to be well assured of the [illegible] of the event. So long as it may [illegible], the Persian Government will [illegible] the initiative, and will abstain [illegible] any attitude contrary to the old and [illegible] intimacy which for many years [illegible] between the two Powers. We [illegible] however, hoped from the people of the [illegible] that, as soon as it shall be really [illegible] that Great Britain, on the suggestion of agitators and impelled by malevolent [illegible], has broken the treaties of [illegible]

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