

pleasure to see such a spirit rising in this Province. We wish it increase and success. A want of emulation and enterprise has been heretofore thought to be characteristic of the inhabitants of the Province generally. If they have merited such a character, it is to be hoped they will let their neighbours and the world see that they deserve it no longer. A generous ambition should come in aid of their sense of duty to themselves and their country. We hope to be able to give a good account of the progress of agricultural improvement in all parts of the Province.

Mad Dogs.—We are credibly informed that several mad dogs are now running at large about the Bay of Quinte, and that two or three children and a large number of cattle have already suffered from their bite. This is a subject which deserves the most serious attention; and we hope the magistrates will not allow it to pass unnoticed. The corporation of the city of New York have ordered, that no dogs shall run at large in that city, under a penalty to the owner of ten dollars. A similar regulation would be of service in this town; or at least, nine tenths of the dogs might be destroyed, and there would then remain as many as are useful.

MARRIED.
On Sunday afternoon, by the Rev. Official Stuart, Mr. Sylvester Holden, of Kingston, to Miss Sarah Barrett, of Wolfe Island, by licence.

DIED.
At Adolphus Town on Saturday the 5th inst. after an illness of about six hours, Mrs. Cole, wife of Mr. Isaac Cole of that place.
At Ernest Town on the 7th inst. Mr. John Madder, aged 96 years.
In this town yesterday morning, William Robins, Esquire.

Marine List.
Port of Kingston.

ARRIVED.
June 8—Sch. Atlas, Smith, Oswego, staves; open boat Humbird, Estis, Cape Vincent.

9—Sch. Independence, Emery, Sudus, flour.
10—Steam Boat Sophia, Vaughan, Sackett's Harbor, passengers.
12—Sch. Catharine, from Presque Isle, cargo staves; sch. Owen, Sinclair, from Newcastle, cargo flour; S. Boat Charlotte, from Prescott.

14—S. Boat Sophia, from Sackett's Harbor.
SAILED.
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11—S. Boat Frontenac, M'Kenzie, York.
13—S. Boat Charlotte, for Bellville.

Bank Notice.

BANK OF UPPER CANADA.
DIRECTOR for the week,
Neil McLeod, Esquire,
DISCOUNT DAYS—WEDNESDAY in each week.
All Notes offered for DISCOUNT must be handed to the Cashier on the day preceding the DISCOUNT Day.
S. BARTLE, Cashier.
Drafts on Quebec at a short sight will be given for specie.

TO LET.
THE house lately occupied by Lieut. Brisbane, near Mr. Hugh Earle's. For particulars, inquire of the subscriber.
ROBERT RICHARDSON.
Kingston, 14th June, 1819. 15tf

SURGEON BOYD,
Of His Majesty's Navy,
BEGS leave to announce to the inhabitants of Kingston and its vicinity, that he has taken the store lately occupied by Dr. Scott in Store street, where he intends practising in the different branches of his profession.
Surgeon B. having made Midwifery, and the diseases of women and children a particular part of his study, in which he has practised with success, hopes the patronage of families in the above line.
Ladies and gentlemen honoring him with their commands, shall meet with due attention.
N. B. Advice gratis to the poor, between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock in the morning.
Kingston, June 14, 1819. 15eowtf

To be sold at Public Auction.
AT the court house in the town of Kingston, at 10 o'clock on Monday the 28th day of June, upon leases for fifteen years, several

LOTS OF GROUND,
on the Market Square in the said town; with the condition of erecting houses of a certain description thereon, and the annual rent to be paid in advance. The particulars of the leases and a plan of the lots, to be seen at the time of sale.
By order of the Sessions. 1W
June 14.

Additional Police Regulations.
THE Magistrates in session do order, that all cellars opening into the street shall be sufficiently secured with stone walls, and trap doors with hinges, to prevent accidents that might otherwise arise. And that any person neglecting to repair any doors or openings after three weeks notice, shall forfeit and pay the sum of 20s. for each offence, and 5s. per week for every week the same shall remain unrepaired.
15W5
June 14.

NOTICE
ALL persons who are indebted to the estate of the late James Robinson, deceased, either by bond, note or book account, are hereby required to make immediate payment. And those to whom the said estate is indebted, will present their accounts duly authenticated, for adjustment, without delay.
ALLAN MACLEAN,
Administrator.
June 14. 15tf

TO BE LET,
And possession immediately given,
A LARGE STORE situate on the west side, with an excellent cellar; formerly occupied by the late James Robinson, deceased. Apply to Allan MacLean, Esq.
Kingston, June 14, 1819. 15

M. WILLIAMS & CO'S

BOOT & SHOE FACTORY.
(At the sign of the Golden Laste.)
M. WILLIAMS & Co. respectfully inform their customers and the public, that they have removed from their former stand to a house in Store street, nearly opposite Moore's Coffee House, where they keep constantly on hand an elegant assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes, of a superior quality and newest fashion. Also, a large supply of SOLE & UPPER LEATHER.
Kingston, June 14, 1819 15

AT the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Upper Canada, held the 8th day of June, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year:
BENJ. WHITNEY ESQ. Pres't.
PATRICK SMITH, ESQ. V. P.
NEIL McLEOD,
DANIEL WASHBURN,
C. A. HAGERMAN,
JOHN McLEAN,
JOHN M. BALFOUR,
JOHN FERGUSON,
HENRY MURNEY,
SMITH BARTLET,
ARC HIBALD RICHMOND,
THOMAS DALTON,
THOMAS S. WHITAKER.

FOR SALE
ON reasonable terms, the following property, real and personal:
1st. That valuable farm formerly owned by Philip Smith, situate in the township of Fredericksburgh and fourth concession, being the west half of lots No. 23 and 24, containing by admeasurement 300 acres, 70 under good improvement—whereon is erected an excellent grist mill with two run of stones, in good repair; a saw mill with two saws, that cut about an hundred thousand feet of boards every season; an excellent filling mill and two carding machines, as good as any in the province, two convenient dwelling houses, and other buildings necessary for such an establishment—With farming utensils of every description, if wanted. An excellent stock, consisting of horses and cattle, and about thirty thousand feet of boards and plank.
2d. That valuable stand for a Public House, formerly owned by Daniel Bowen, third concession of Fredericksburgh, containing one hundred and twenty acres of land, thirty under good improvement.
3d. Part of a certain tract of land lying between the second and third concession, otherwise called the third concession of Fredericksburgh.—Together with other wild lands, lying in different parts of the province. For particulars, apply to the proprietor on the premises.
DAVID EDGAR.
Fredericksburgh, June 8, 1819. 15W3

LAND FOR SALE
On reasonable terms.
FIFTY acres of improved land with two dwelling houses, and other buildings suitable for mercantile business, adjoining Cobourg village, Newcastle district.
Two hundred acres of land in the township of Murray, Newcastle district, being lot No. one in the eighth concession.
Two hundred acres in the township of Hungerford, Midland district, being lot No. four in the fourth concession.
One hundred and eighty acres, lying on the shore of the sixth town, having one hundred and thirty acres under improvement, with buildings, &c.
For further particulars, inquire of
MONJEAU & ST. GERMAIN,
Kingston, 12th June, 1819. 15tf

DRY GOODS,
well adapted for the season—which they offer for sale cheap for cash or short approved credit.
MONJEAU & ST. GERMAIN.
Kingston, 12th June, 1819. 15

NOTICE
IS hereby given to all those indebted to the estate of the late Allan Taylor, Esquire, to make immediate payment; and all those having claims, to present them as soon as possible for adjustment.
WM. TAYLOR, Adm'r.
Bellville, 8th June, 1819. 12 m

FOUND,
NEAR Kingston mills on Wednesday last, an AXE, which the owner can have by proving property and paying for this advertisement.
WM. McLAUGHLIN.
Kingston, June 12, 1819. 1W

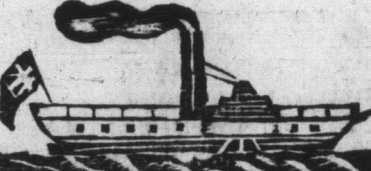
FOR SALE.
THE following BOOKS are for sale, and may be seen at this Office.
Hume's History of England, continued by Smollet and Bisset, to 1801; in 8 volumes, boards;
Spectator, handsomely bound, 10 vols.
Rambler, do. 3 do.
Chamberfield's Letters, do. 3 do.
Adolphus' George 3d 3 do.
With a few other volumes of Poetical Works, &c.
Kingston, June 12, 1819. 15

NOTICE
IS hereby given, that all persons indebted to the late firm of Taylor and Parker, (either by book account or note) are requested to come forward and settle the same with the subscriber immediately—as after the first day of October next, the whole remaining unsettled will indiscriminately be put into the hands of an attorney for collection.
And all those having any demands against the said firm, are also requested to present the same duly authenticated for adjustment.
THOMAS PARKER,
Surviving partner.
Bellville, 11th June, 1819. 15m6

NOTICE
IS hereby given, that all persons indebted to the subscriber are requested to settle their notes and accounts by the first day of October next, as all those remaining unsettled after that date, will indiscriminately be put into the hands of an attorney for collection.
And all those having any demands against him, are requested to present them for adjustment.
THOMAS PARKER.
Bellville, 9th June, 1819. 15

A. MARSHALL,
MEMBER of the College of Surgeons in London, begs leave to inform the public that he has moved to the house, formerly occupied by Mr. A. McPherson, and near door to T. Markland, Esq. where he continues to practice the different branches of his profession as usual.
He is now opening the most extensive and general assortment of
Drugs & Patent Medicines,
that ever were introduced into Upper Canada, and imported by himself this spring from Great Britain. Store Keepers and Medical Practitioners in the country will be supplied on as low terms as they possibly can be in Montreal.
He has also imported a choice assortment of Walnut and Mushroom Ketchup, Best English Pickles, Indian Soy, Balm of Gilead, Maccassar and Russian Oil, Soda Powders, Tamarinds, House Thermometers, Spices, a few articles of Perfumery.
Colours for Painters, Dyers, &c.
Kingston, 8th June 1819. 14tf

GOOD PASTURAGE,
AT Point Henry, on the farm formerly owned by Capt O'Connor.
The magistrates having thought proper to discontinue the appropriating any part of the funds of the Midland District for the maintenance of paupers, it becomes the duty of each county and township to make provision for their support. A meeting therefore of the inhabitants of the county of Frontenac is requested on Tuesday the fifteenth day of June next, for the purpose of providing the necessary means for their subsistence.
THOMAS MARKLAND, J. P.
PETER SMITH, Esq.
LAWRENCE HERCHMER, Esq.
WILLIAM MITCHELL, Esq.
GEORGE H. MARKLAND, Esq.

THE STEAM BOAT

FRONTENAC.
JAMES MACKENZIE, Master
WILL in future leave the different Ports on the following days, viz:
Kingston, for York, on the 1st, 11th and 21st days of each month.
York, for Kingston, 3d, 13th and 23d days of each month.
Niagara, for Kingston, 5th, 15th and 25th days of each month.
Rates of Passages.
From Kingston to York and Niagara L3 0 0
From York to Niagara, - - - 1 0 0
Children under three years of age, half price; above three and under ten, two thirds.
A Book will be kept for entering the names of passengers, and the births which they may choose, at which time the passage money must be paid.
Passengers are allowed 60 lbs. weight of baggage; surplus baggage to be paid for at the usual rate.—Gentlemen's servants cannot sleep or eat in the Cabin.
Deck Passengers will pay 15s. and may either bring their own provisions, or be furnished by the Steward.
For each dog brought on board, 5s
All applications for passages to be made to Captain Mackenzie, on board

FREIGHT
Will be transported to and from the above places at the rate of 4s per barrel bulk, and Flour at the customary rate, delivered to the different consignees. A list of their names will be put in a conspicuous place on board, which must be deemed a sufficient notice—and the Goods when taken from the Steam-Boat, will be considered at the risk of the owners.
For each small parcel, 2s 6d, which must be paid on delivery
Kingston, May 4, 1819. 9tf

TO THE PUBLIC.
AT the close of the first year of its operation, the Directors of the Quebec Fire Assurance Company feel themselves bound to express their acknowledgements and thanks for the great and unprecedented encouragement this new establishment has experienced from an enlightened public. And at the same time they congratulate their fellow citizens and the inhabitants of these provinces generally, on the complete attainment of the object this company was associated for; in the short space of six months from the day the office was opened, premiums of insurance against fire were lowered to less than half the former rates; and at this moment in many instances, property is insured at or under one third the rates of premium charged twelve months ago! That the establishment of the Quebec Fire Office has effected this, is indisputable—it cannot therefore be too strongly inculcated or too often repeated, that to support this company to the utmost of your power, by giving them a preference of all insurances intended to be effected against fire, is the only effectual means of enabling them to continue their exertions, and consequently of preventing monopoly, and a recurrence to the former extravagant rates of premium.
For the prompt and honorable settlement of all losses, the Quebec Fire Office offers you the security of nearly three hundred of the most respectable of your fellow citizens, exclusive of a large sum of money in the possession of the directors for sudden emergencies. No delay or indulgence will be required, nor any unworthy evasions made use of in the fulfilment of their engagement the moment that a loss is ascertained.
This company will continue to insure property in all parts of these provinces, on the most moderate terms.
And the directors have the utmost confidence that a discerning public will universally and heartily come forward in support of an institution whose future exertions can alone maintain and render permanent the great advantages that it has in so short a period been productive of to the country at large.
Quebec Fire Office, May 14, 1819.
N. B. Applications for insurance to be made to the subscriber, agent in Montreal.
ADAM L. MACNIDER.

NOTICE
BY virtue of a writ of Execution, issued out of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, and to me directed, at the suit of William Henderson, Robert Armour and James Henderson, against the lands and tenements of John Stuart, Esquire, I have taken on an execution, as belonging to the said John Stuart, thirteen hundred acres, in the township of Ameliasburgh, in the county of Prince Edward, in said District, being lots No 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 103, 104 and 105, in the fifth Concession—Also, five hundred acres in the front of Amherst Island, being Lots No 23, 24, 25, 26 and the rear of lot No 27—the whole of which will be sold at Public Auction at the Court House in the town of Kingston, on Saturday the fifth day of June next, at twelve o'clock in the forenoon. All persons holding mortgages or claims on the above lands, or any part of them, are required to make the same known at my office, previous to the day of sale.
JOHN McLEAN,
Sheriff M. D.
Kingston, 22d March, 1819. 310
THE above sale is postponed until Monday the 20th day September next, at the same hour and place.
JOHN McLEAN,
Sheriff M. D.
June 5, 1819.

NOTICE
ALL persons indebted to Messrs. JERRY WHITEHEAD & Co late of Kingston, are requested to pay their respective Notes and Accounts to the Subscriber, who is duly authorised to discharge the same.
H. C. THOMSON.
Kingston, March 10th, 1819.

Statutes of Upper Canada.
AN ACT for vesting in commissioners the estates of certain traitors, and also the estates of certain persons declared aliens by an act passed in the fifty-fourth year of his majesty's reign, entitled "An act to declare certain persons therein described aliens, and to vest their estates in his majesty, and for applying the proceeds thereof towards compensating the losses which his majesty's subjects have sustained in consequence of the late war, and for ascertaining and satisfying the lawful debts and claims thereupon."
Passed 27th Nov. 1818.
(Concluded.)
X. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That where the claim so to be determined as aforesaid to be just and lawful, shall contain a demand of any sum or sums of money, any wise affecting any of the said estates, real or personal, then and in such case the said commissioners or the majority of them shall, and they are hereby expressly empowered and required to issue out debentures or certificates to claimants, for the respective sum or sums which shall be determined to be due and payable to them severally by the decrees of the said commissioners, which debentures or certificates with legal interest shall be paid without any deduction, fee or reward, by the aforesaid special receiver, out of such rents, profits and proceeds as shall be paid into his hands from the respective estates upon which the said claims are allowed, so that such claims shall in no case exceed the rents, profits and proceeds received by said special receiver from and on account of the estate, in respect of which the said claim is made.
XI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That when the said claim shall contain a demand of any lands, tenements or other real estate whatsoever, or any interest therein, and shall be adjudged and decreed by the said commissioners to be just and legal, then and in that case the said commissioners or the majority of them are hereby authorised to order the sheriff of the district where the same shall lie, to cause possession to be delivered to such claimant or claimants, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators or successors, or to whom they or any of them shall appoint, and all and every such claimant or claimants, his, her or their heirs, executors, administrators or successors, shall hold and enjoy the same or such estate and interest therein respectively, as shall be adjudged, determined or decreed as aforesaid.
XII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every the estate and interests which shall be entered in the register to be kept by the said commissioners according to the directions of this act, to or upon which no claim shall be entered within the time and in the manner hereinafter prescribed, shall be deemed and taken against all persons and to all intents and purposes, to be vested in the said commissioners in virtue of this act, and such estates and interests as shall be so entered in the said register, and to or upon which claims shall be entered, shall in like manner be deemed and taken to be vested in the said commissioners.

XIII. And to the intent that the said real and personal estates may be disposed of, and the value thereof applied as herein directed, be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners shall, as soon as convenient, use their utmost endeavors to secure all such goods and personal chattels as appear by the said extracts or otherwise to be vested in his majesty, in such places and in the custody of such persons as shall be thought most proper by the said commissioners, for preventing the perishing or any loss or embezzlement thereof; And the said commissioners or the majority of them are hereby authorised and required to sell all and singular the real estate, and also the goods and chattels vested or to be vested in them by this act, according to the best of their skill and judgment, and for that purpose having caused public notice to be given for the space of ninety days at least, of the time and where they intend to begin to expose to sale any part or parcel thereof, and of the several particulars then and there to be sold, they shall sell the same by public auction to such person or persons as shall bid most for the same, and immediately upon every such sale or contract, shall cause an entry to be made in their book of all and every the real and personal estate so sold, and of the buyers' names and places of abode, and the prices paid for the same respectively, and upon payment of the purchase money to the said commissioners, or as soon after as conveniently may be, the said commissioners shall deliver to the respective purchasers the goods and chattels, and execute deeds of bargain and sale for such real estates as shall be sold in manner aforesaid, to the respective purchasers thereof, which said deeds of bargain and sale are hereby required to be registered, as other conveyances by deed of bargain and sale of lands in this province, and in case any person or persons being the highest bidder at any auction, shall make default in payment of the monies according to the terms mentioned at the said auction, he, she or they shall forfeit one third of the sums for which the said real estates or goods and chattels respectively were sold, to be levied under a warrant, under the hands and seals of the majority of the said commissioners, and the said commissioners or the majority of them may and shall proceed to a new sale of all and every such real estate or goods and chattels for which such default shall be made, unto any other person or persons, as if no sale thereof had been before made.
XIV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all and every person or persons who, since the committing of any act by reason of which any estate has become or may hereafter become vested in his majesty, either by attainder or any high treason committed during the late war between his majesty and the United States of America, or under the provisions of the herein before recited act of the parliament of this province, passed in the fifty-fourth year of his majesty's reign, have entered into or upon the said estate or any part thereof, and held and enjoyed the same without any lawful title thereunto, shall be responsible for all and every the profits of the same premises during the time of his, her or their occupation thereof, and shall answer and pay the value thereof, to be decreed upon evidence by the commissioners or the majority of them, to the said special receiver, at such days or times as shall be appointed by the said commissioners or the majority of them, or in default thereof shall forfeit double the value of the same profits by him or them received, to be levied by the said commissioners or the majority of them, by warrant under their hands and seals, and paid into the hands of the special receiver, to be applied as the other monies to be paid to him in pursuance of this act.
XV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners or the majority of them shall and may meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, and may meet, act and proceed at such other days and times as they may think proper, with or without adjournment, and shall and may send their precept or precepts for any person whatsoever to appear before them, and for all such books, papers and writings as they shall think necessary for their information in any matter or thing relating to this act, under the same penalties and conditions as witnesses subpoenaed in civil causes, in the court of king's bench, and shall and may detain in their custody such books, papers and writings so long as they shall have occasion for the same, and then return such books, papers and writings to the persons to whom they respectively belong, and shall and may administer oaths for the better discovery of the truth of the inquiries by them to be made to any person or persons therein concerned, or to any other person or persons whatsoever, and all sheriffs, bailiffs, constables and other officers whatsoever, are hereby required to obey and execute such orders and precepts as shall be sent to them or any of them by the said commissioners or the majority of them, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost peril; and if any officer or officers shall neglect or refuse to give obedience to the precepts and orders of the said commissioners or the majority of them for the due execution of this act, then and in every such case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said commissioners or the majority of them, to impose upon any such officer or officers a fine not exceeding fifty pounds sterling for any one offence, and to commit such officer or officers till such fine shall be paid unto the receiver general of this province, to and for the use of his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the public use of this province and for the support of his majesty's treasury for the time being, in such manner as it shall please his majesty to direct.
XVI. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said commissioners or the majority of them shall and they are hereby authorised from time to time to appoint and employ clerks or other necessary officers for the execution of this act, which said clerks or other officers respectively are hereby required faithfully to execute and perform the trust in them respectively reposed, without taking any thing for such service other than such fees, salaries or rewards as the said commissioners or the majority of them, shall think fit and di-

ers, subject only to such burthen, diminution or eviction as shall arise from the determination of the claims that shall be entered, and no otherwise.

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