

## NEGRO EMANCIPATION.

*Resolutions of the great West India Meeting.*

At a general meeting of Proprietors, Merchants, Bankers, Ship Owners, Manufacturers, Traders, and others, interested in the preservation of the West India Colonies, convened by public advertisement, and held at the City of London Tavern, on Monday, May 27, 1833.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Harwood in the chair.

It was, on the motion of Viscount Cobham, seconded by Admiral Sir Byam Martin, K. C. B., and supported by G. F. Young, Esq. M. P., *Unanimously Resolved*, That the cultivation of the Sugar Colonies, and their maintenance as dependencies of Great Britain, have been justly considered as objects of the greatest importance to the prosperity of the British Empire; the shipping employed in that trade amounts to 950 ships, with a tonnage of 210,000 tons, exclusive of the very considerable British tonnage engaged in the large and increasing Trade between the Islands and the British North American Colonies; the Annual Exports amount to four and a half millions, and the revenue on produce imported to seven millions—while the great bulk of the net proceeds of such produce is spent by Proprietors resident in Great Britain, thereby giving employment to a large number of British industry.

It was, on the motion of Lord Colville, seconded by Admiral Sir Robert Stopford, K. C. B., and supported by Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq. M. P., *Unanimously Resolved*, That any measures which shall have the effect of suddenly extinguishing, or materially diminishing, the cultivation of these Colonies, will be attended with the most calamitous results to every branch of British interests. As respects our revenue, the enormous risk of price consequent on the destruction of Colonies which supply a moiety of the whole quantity of Sugar imported into Europe, would render it impossible to raise the same duties, and thereby impose on Government the necessity of substituting other taxes on an impoverished people. The Naval Power of Great Britain would be most essentially impaired; and a very large proportion of the shipping engaged in the Colonial Mar-kets would immediately be thrown out of employment.

It was, on the motion of Jeremiah Hart, Esq., seconded by Sir Charles Price Bart., *Unanimously Resolved*, That a tax which has existed for centuries, and of such magnitude, must necessarily involve, in no inconsiderable degree, the prosperity of all the other mercantile, and of the banking and monied interests of the empire; and this meeting assembled in the centre of British Commerce, looking to the effects which must be produced on these interests alone, cannot contemplate without dismay the probable result of the extinction of the West India Colonies as trading communities.

It was, on the motion of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Bart. M. P. seconded by N. Blis, Esq., *Unanimously Resolved*, That this Meeting are most desirous of pressing upon the attention of His Majesty's Government, of Parliament, and the Public at large that independently of Planters, Mer- viously and directly connected with the Colonies, there is a numerous class of persons scattered throughout Great Britain, consisting of Orphans, Miners, Amputants, and other claimants under Will's Settlements, who have no support for themselves and their families, except a charge upon Colonial property created on the faith of existing laws, and who must therefore be reduced to beggary by any ill-advised or precipitate measure of Emancipation.

It was, on the motion of the Viscount St. Vincent, seconded by Neil Malcolm, Esq. Jun., *Unanimously Resolved*, That this meeting are willing to promote the success of any well-directed efforts which may lead to the abolition of slavery in the Colonies, with the spirit and language of the Resolutions of the House of Commons in 1823.—Any measure, however, to be consistent with the future as well as the present condition of the Negroes—must provide for the continued cultivation of the Colonies—for the preservation of the lives of the inhabitants—and must be accompanied by adequate compensation to the West India Proprietary.

It was, on the motion of John Irving, Esq., seconded by Andrew Colville, Esq. Jun., *Unanimously Resolved*, That this meeting of the Royal Artillery, quartered at Charlestown, rode his bay horse, 'The Admiral' from Charlestown Port to Newry and back, in two hours and twenty-five minutes—a distance of fifty-three English miles. This time allowed for the personalities of the journey was three hours, and the Captain having got considerable odds so he could not do it in two hours and a half, won all his bets by having five minutes to spare. Thus did he accomplish the astonishing distance of twenty-one miles on horseback with one horse, which exceeds by far, all feats of horsemanship ever performed in the sporting world!

**DEVON.**—*Disorder.*—Mrs Barrow, relict of the late Richard Barrow, of Barnstaple, died in the Baptist church-yard, and was buried in the Baptist church-yard of that Town: Some two or three days after the interment, a will was discovered, in which the deceased had signified a wish to be placed in the same grave with her husband, in Barnstaple church yard. In conformity with this request the body had resided, an opportunity of arresting the corpse for a debt amounting to between £40 and £50 for board and lodgings. It appears that the deceased man had no money to take this step in consequence of his having made a will by which she bequeathed her property to a person unconnected with the family, who discharged the claim and the body was last week removed from Torrington to this town, where the funeral obsequies have been performed as she directed.

**ESSEX.**—*Fatal Rencontre.*—Both Combats Drowned.—On Tuesday night an inquest was held at the Black Horse, High-street, Poplar, on the body of Edward Chapman, a fisherman, aged 29. The deceased had been engaged in the Essex fishing trawlers, and on Wednesday evening, a young man, named White, returned to the vessel from the shore intoxicated. They had a trial of strength in the boat on their way to the vessel, and on getting on board, they quarrelled and began fighting, but in consequence of their intoxication they did not do each other much harm. At length they closed, and falling together against the side of the vessel, they were precipitated into the water, locked in each other's arms.

Keith Douglas, Esq. *Unanimously Resolved*, That the best thanks of this meeting are due to the Earl of Harwood, for his kindness in taking the Chair, and for the dignity and ability with which his Lordship has directed the proceedings of the day.

It was further, on the motion of the Viscount St. Vincent, seconded by the Earl of Harwood, *Unanimously Resolved*, That the warmest thanks of this meeting are due to George Colvin, Esq., for his able, temperate and unanswerable advocacy of the rights of the West India Body, no less honourable to his esteemed character as a man, than to be admiral from his venerable and well-grounded experience, and equitable views at all times promulgated by him for the benefit of every class of society.

**Petitions to His Majesty, and the both Houses of Parliament, founded on the above Resolutions, for his signature at Lloyd's Coffee-House; at the Commercial Sales Room, Mincing-Lane; and at the Jamaica Coffee-House, Cornhill.**

**IMPROVEMENTS IN INDIA.**—The following is extracted from a letter dated the 6th of January, 1833, addressed by a Hindoo of high rank and fortune, to a gentleman in London. I have great satisfaction in saying that the Hindoo College, for the foundation of which we owe so much to the late Venerable Chief Justice, the Right Hon. Sir Edward Hyde East, in a very flourishing state. It has at present about four hundred boys, under the care of a head master, Mr. Speed, and ten assistants. The drawing-master, founder, and one monitor, Dr. J. T. The teacher of mathematics, and Mr. D. Ross gives lectures on nature and philosophy and chemistry at the expense of the Government. The students give their annual examinations before, and receive prizes from, the Governor-General, and those leaving college receive certificates from the managing committee, and many of them have obtained respectable situations in public offices. 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