

same time. From the following official letter, with which we last night favored, our readers may learn the reception he there met with...

TO THE CLERK OF THE PEACE—DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. Head Quarters, Montreal, 17th Dec. 1837. Sir—I am directed by the Lieut. General Commanding to acquaint you for the information of the Magistrates of Montreal, that the Force under his command from St. Eustache, and that from the Carillon, marched on the 15th instant, to the Grand Brule, and halted that day at St. Benoit...

Colonel Maitland, as you will perceive by the following extract of a Report from him, marched to St. Scholastique yesterday, and will return to Montreal by St. Therese.

The Royal Artillery, Royal and 53d Regiments, and the Montreal Cavalry and Rifle Corps have returned to Montreal.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble servant, (Signed) J. JOSEPH, Deputy Adj. Gen.

Extract of a letter from Colonel the Honble. John Maitland, dated St. Scholastique, 16th Dec. 1837.

On my approach to St. Scholastique, I was met at the entrance of the village by about 300 men with white flags, who came to surround themselves, and deposited in my custody about 50 stand of arms. On my getting into the village I saw several groups of militia assembled from different parts of the parish, amounting to about 5 or 600 persons. They all appeared to be very humble and received the Troops with frequent cheers for the Queen.

Having passed some remarks upon the severe effects of the overflowing zeal of several persons who attended the late expedition, in no particular military capacity, we have great pleasure in recording two instances of most honorable conduct, in the cases of Messrs. Shaw and Jones. Troop of Cavalry, saved from the flames in the Church of St. Benoit a beautiful silver censer. This beautiful article, which had been consecrated to the service of the Catholic Church, Mr. Shaw presented to the Superior of the Seminary of Montreal; positively refusing to receive the value of the same, which the Superior urged upon him. The latter was enabled to snatch from the flames in the Presbytery, a Chalice, a Patten, and a Vase, all of silver, which, actuated by the like honorable feelings, he also presented to the Superior of the Montreal Seminary. The delicacy of sentiment, which in both these cases, appears to have actuated the Gentlemen concerned, is calculated to draw still closer the ties of mutual respect, with which Catholic and Protestant regard each other in Lower Canada.—Transcript.

PROGRESS OF THE REVOLUTION.—We have just been informed that Mr. Chaffers, of the same station from St. Cesar, is returning to Montreal, and that he will be in the city on Friday next. Our informant Mr. Thomas Wood, a resident of St. Cesar, tells us that since the flight of the rebels at Pt. O'Brien, a small party of the loyalists of the place, beside if among the number, have gone round disarming all the adherents of the rebels. They have a stand of arms, a barrel and a half of gunpowder, and a cistern of ball cartridge, were the fruit of their labours. Forty of these guns are now in the hands of Major Trydell, of the 53d. On Wednesday last, a loyal meeting was held, at which 300 persons were present. The Rev. Mr. Curie addressed the meeting in a speech of an hour and a half, and was followed by Messrs. Jean Bte. Chasant and Wood. An address to Sir John Colborne was read on, and is now in course of signature.—[Mont. Courier Dec. 15]

DESPATCH FROM MAJOR TOWNSHEND.

Caillon, 18th, Dec. 1837. I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. General Commanding, that overtures have been made to me from the District on the South side of the River Ottawa, stating that the people en masse were ready to lay down their arms on receiving a protecting certificate, similar to the one left with me at the Grand Brule.

I have appointed to-morrow to commence with the 24th Regiment. You will be in the same manner to come in. I have been the entire of this day, together with two Officers, receiving arms, taking evidences and giving Certificates to individuals who are hotly coming in from the surrounding Country, as far as St. Scholastique, and I have reason to suppose that the same feeling exists through every part of this Country.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.—The 34 company of the 24th Regiment left Montreal yesterday, under Capt. LUTHER, for Kingston, and another company of the same Regiment, under command of Captain MARCH, is understood, to leave Carillon immediately for Toronto.—Will our friends south of the 45, ever bring them selves to believe that we are by no means in such urgent need of military assistance in Montreal, as they have been fascinated as to be?—[Courier, Dec. 22.]

The remainder of the 85th Regt. left yesterday morning for the 85th Regt. for Sackville, on their route to New Brunswick, via Windsor—from whence they will proceed to St. John, by Steam Boat, or march on to Annapolis, and cross from thence. The 85th will follow the 43d into Canada, as far as possible. It is said that the Comd'g of the route has been rendered efficient, and that both Regiments will carry ammunition with them from Fredericton, and consider themselves as in an enemy's country. The 34th Regt. is also under orders for Canada.

The Officers of the First Battalion York County Militia, and the Volunteer Rifle Company, in New Brunswick, have, in consequence of the removal of the Troops, made a tender of their services to perform Garrison duty. Something of the same kind, we presume, be done here.—[Nova Scotia Dec. 7.]

UNITED STATES.

Free Press Office, Burlington, Dec. 11. TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF VERMONT.

The subscribers have learned with great concern, that a portion of the public press and many of the citizens in the northern part of this State are advocating and adopting measures in relation to the existing difficulties in the Province of Lower Canada, which the undersigned conceive to be not only of most evil example and mischievous tendency, but in direct contradiction to every sound principle of public morals.

The newspapers have been filled with exciting rumours and inflammatory articles in favour of the so called patriots; they have solicited contributions in aid of their cause; public meetings have been held, and encouragement and countenance assistance held out to the insurgents, and it is even credibly reported that they have been gratuitously furnished by citizens of Vermont with arms and munitions of war.

The rule of noninterference in the internal dissensions of other nations, has been always professed, and generally observed by the American Government, and the justice, wisdom and propriety of this course of policy rest upon grounds so strongly and so generally established, that it is not necessary to repeat them. It is not necessary to repeat them. It is not necessary to repeat them.

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