

through their foliage we caught the first glimpse of that wonder of the world, within musket-shot of which it was now our singular task to pitch our tents.

I never betook myself to regimental duties with a worse grace than I displayed on the banks of the Falls, that I was so much engaged in my first entrance interview with Niagara; and my well-remembered feelings, as I turned away from the Falls, that it was impossible I should find in the same form on a future visit.

Following the not unusual circumstance of tourists, I sought nothing more than to declare Niagara to be utterly indescribable, to set to work vigorously and verbosely in its description; but, in good sooth, it is a subject that might well daunt the most adventurous pen or the most daring penman.

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Having completed my disquisitions, I took up the Atlantic guide; and, pursuing his footsteps down the cork-screw and courage-screwing stair, that leads down the face of the cliff, fancied myself Aladdin led by his gigantic Genie.

The prospect from the little path leading over the craggy edge of the rock, not far from the summit, is a view of the whole of the falls; and I felt the same desire to linger there as one has to admire the paintings in the anteroom of a dentist; or, in the case of a woman, to gaze at the dripping from the rocks above, and in a moment I found myself blinded, buffeted, and breathless, in the midst of a burly-burly of wind and water.

Looking down the valley, and for one instant I distinctly saw the grand vault of over-arching water shooting from the impending rock, and passing me in its descent at the full distance of thirty paces. Presto! came an avalanche of water, followed by a hurricane of wind and spray from the cliff that blew it off, and left me gasping like a dying tent.

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know, mayor and corporation elected, and fertile bespoken from the West Indies; but the projectors falling out, the bubble burst,—and Niagara is not yet quite a Cheltenham. Living is very reasonable here—no one may board and lodge at the Pavilion Hotel for a dollar, or four English shillings, per diem, of course paying extra for wines; and a pair of horses may be very well kept for one shilling and sixpence a day.

Soon after the arrival of the regiment at the Falls we were put on the notice by the arrival of Lord Durham, with his family and suite; and I suppose old Niagara never witnessed such a concourse of cocked hats as was presented when his Excellency was encountered here by Sir John Colborne, and Sir Geo. Arthur, with their respective staffs.

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Foreign

From the New York Courier & Enquirer of Jan'y 7.

LATER FROM ENGLAND. The packet ship UNITED STATES, Capt. Holdridge, from Liverpool, having sailed from that port on the 5th ult. and the packet ship WILLIAMSON, Capt. Chadwick, which sailed from Portsmouth on the 7th ult., arrived on Saturday.

Foreign holders of Wheat or Flour, must therefore, before their calculations on information received, be prepared to meet the consequence of the present opening of the ports.

The opinions are widely different among the corn factors, at Mark Lane—for some persons represent the quantity expected, to be 300,000 quarters, while others are of the opinion, that 600,000 quarters may be expected before the close of the ensuing month; but, under any circumstances, it is probable that the importations will not be sufficiently extensive to bring down the duty materially.

The Hollandu Belgic question is still in a state of uncertainty. There appears, however, little doubt that the decision of the London Convention will be favourable to the views of Holland.

The money market continues inactive, but American securities are in general very firm in value, and some of the stocks have manifested some tendency to a further advance.

Another important advance of 4 per lb. has taken place in Cotton, and the speculators are confident of a much more extensive rise. In addition to the limited stock of Cotton which is now on hand in the West India Islands, the price of the article is generally in a corresponding degree.

The article of potatoes has risen 20 per cent. in price within the last ten days. In addition to the pressure upon this crop, which is the only substantial article in the West India Islands, the orders which have been received, or which are very confidently expected, for exportation to New-York, are having a strong influence upon the value of this branch of our home supply of food.

By the Royal Warrant of the 1st Dec. 1858, which departs from Liverpool to-morrow, I send you the important political and mercantile intelligence which has transpired in this country within the last ten days.

It is hard to determine whether the presence of a regular regiment on this frontier has prevented a recurrence of Yankee piracy; but if not active useful here, we flatter ourselves that we are at any rate somewhat instrumental in doing so.

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the first burst of the revenge of the British authorities and population of the Canadas.

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There was a tremendous gale off the British and Irish coasts in the latter part of November, by which many vessels were wrecked, and numbers of lives lost.

The state of the country is now become most alarming. The recommendations of the men of violence are producing their natural effects. At Ashton-under-Lyne, a factory, in which nearly 400 people were employed, has been totally destroyed by fire, and the circumstances leave no room for doubting that the conflagration is the work of incendiaries.

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and were often fired during the day, the conquest over or from Lord Durham. A detachment of troops arrived at Harbour, but the mob had intelligence, and removed the guns so that they had heard off on the 9th. The Oswego Hoax, which we have derived these particulars from, is a very singular case, and one of the last session of Congress.

By a private account from Brockville that a most diabolical attempt was made to poison the militia force on duty at Brockville, on the 2nd inst.

The Provincial Parliament is prorogued to the 23rd of February, and is not then to be resumed.

The total sum subscribed in England, in celebration of the Methodist centenary on the 12th Decr. to £27,000.

Yesterday evening, the Kingston Council held a meeting, at which the Town for the ensuing three months of Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq. whose residence was rendered him ineligible by his removal to the States.

Our readers will observe in our previous articles, the names of the "Camden Dragons," &c. It is a small party, who, in their private and confidential conversations, have been boasting of their exploits, and of the number of officers who had slain.

The Town of Vera Cruz has been taken by the French, after a bombardment. The Mexican General Arista was taken prisoner by the French, and the Mexican Government would not ratify the treaty with the French, Santa Anna, after the capture of Vera Cruz with 5000 men, fell on the French.

A rogue who has so many aliases that he has lost track of himself, and who has been known by the name of James Burns, was arrested at Newcastle District, and committed to the Kingston Jail last Thursday, after a career of several hours.

Two brass guns and carriages, taken from the States' arsenal, were discovered at Oswego on the night of the 30th ult., having been concealed there in all probability, since the Prescott packet captured by the Government, and the council of the Government and the council of the States troops, when the troops were ordered to remove the guns to the arsenal, and the officers insulted with threats of violence, hissing, groans, the quiting of waters, and the waving of patriot flags.

ROONS TO LET. A pleasant and retired part of a large estate in the City of Kingston, Kingston, January.