

clade te maken aan het sloffig en schadelijk dryven van wagens en dan harden weg, en verder de verdorvenen verzoeken de boeren in huane respectieve wiken de weg te waarschuwen, en huane namen met leesbare letters op de wagens bekend te stellen.

Het collegie besloot den heer Ficht te verzoeken den aard der voorgeselde verbetering in Grootte Vliedsch mede te deelen. En dat met betrekking tot het voorstel dat maatregelen genomen worden, om het sloffig ryden langs de wegen te beletten, gelaste het collegie, dat de bedoelde ordonnantie waarop de weg-magistraten handelen, in de volgende vergadering ter tafel worde gebracht.

SWALLENDAM.—ZONDAG PORT GELDEN.—Gelesen een brief van den fungerenden Civilen Commissaris van Swellendam, insluitende een van den Eerw. Dr. Robertson, omtrent de Zondag Port gelden, verzoekende, daar tenders wederom uitgenoodigd worden, dat maatregelen worden genomen, om voor de inspectie van oud regt te verzoeken van ontlasting van post geld, wanneer sy bona ten naar de kerk ryden en van daar terug keeren.

CLANWILLIAM.—INSPECTIE.—Het memorandum van den Voorzitter, vermeldende de verrichtingen op de inspectie tour naar Clanwilliam, en van daar naar Wellington en de Paarl, aangenomen in de vergadering van den 18. li tot verdere overweging ter tafel gebracht zynde, besloot het collegie, als volgt:—

1. Dat de inspectie en opmeting voorgesteld in de 14 Secte worde uitgevoerd. De heer Bain zal, van een landmeter vergeseld, tot dees werk vertrekken, en het door maatregelen te verrichten werk aanwijzen, die na rym opmeting een plan moet voorleggen, benevens een verslag de byzonderheden bevattende.

2. Kapt. Pilkington, bygestaan door den heer Bain en een gekoopen landmeter, moet de liggingen over Bergrivier aan Kalkoentjes Drift, en achter het eigendom van den heer Enslin aan de Paarl inspecteren, verwaarsykt by vertrekken van den heer Bain op Woensdag morgen te 9 uren ontmoeten zal, zynde het doel van het collegie om in het bezit te geraken van een plan staatsomede de rivier met beide liggingen, in verband met de dorpen van de Paarl en Wellington, die rym omtrent ten westen van de rivier en de Paarlische markt. Almede plan van een brug, van hout of steen, aan die liggingen, met eene begroeting van de waarsynlyke kosten, vergeseld van sulke aanmerkingen of ophelderingen als noodig mogten zyn.

De Civile Commissaris van de Paarl van dese inspectie te worden ververst, dat Kapt. Pilkington narigt zal ontvangen van hen, die verlangde mogten zyn sulke te geven.

VRYPDAG, 9 DECEMBER 1854.

VERKOOPING VAN DE BAIN'S KLOOF KASERN.—Gelesen een brief van het Gouvernement meldende met betrekking tot het verzoek van het collegie, om de suggestie van den heer Bain, om de kasernen der bandieten aan Bain's Kloof en Breederivier Statien van de hand te zetten, ten uitvoer te mogen brengen.—dat de ordonnantie No. 8 van 1843 die magt in handen stelt van het collegie.

Besloten het Gouvernement te berichten, dat in die week vervat is het verkoopen van kranonland met de gebouwen, waaromrent de sanctie van Zyne Edelheid gevraagd moet worden. De grootte wordt voorgeseld als volgt:—Aan Bergrivier een halve morgen, aan den Nek 3 morgen, en aan Breederivier een halve morgen.

DE HAARDE WEG.—Gelesen een brief van den heer Ficht, rapporterende dat twee pilaren van de twaalfde myl brug door een enen anderen wagen waren gebroken, en ook een der pilaren aan Montagu Brug.

Op verzoek van het Collegie, nam Kapt. Pilkington op zich om de noodige bevelen te geven tot het repareren der schade, en om groote blokken langs de pilaren te plaatsen, ter voorkoming van beschadiging derzelfde door wagens.

WORCESTER.—Gelesen een brief van den Civilen Commissaris van Worcester, de noodzakelykheid voorzeggende, dat maatregelen worden genomen om de dam of waterbak aan de uitspanplaat, Hottentot Kloof, op de Karroo weginde te doen repareren.

Het Collegie gelaste, dat dese mededeeling aan het Gouvernement worde toegezonden, met deszelfs aanbeveling dat de werk van den Civilen Commissaris worde opgevolgd, daar de uitspanning van groot aanbelang is voor den uitgebeiden handel op die weginde, en voor te dragen, dat indien Zyne Edelheid welte gelasten, dat de som van £10 ter beschikking van het Collegie worde gesteld, het noodige soude worden gedaan, daar hetzelfde geene autoriteit had om een gedeelte der fondsen aan werken van dien aard te besteden.

DANKBRIEF VAN ZYNE EDELHEID.—Gelesen een brief van den heer John Addy, verzoekende, dat laste wagen, dat het gebouw van hem gehuurd, en onlangs afgebrand, aan de Bergivier Statie, in deszelfs vorigen staat worde hersteld.

Het Collegie was van gevoelen, dat hetzelfde niet verantwoordelyk was voor schade door brand veroorzaakt, en gelaste dat den heer Addy dit worde medegedeeld, en hem tevens te melden, dat de gebouwen door het bandieten etablissement zullen worden ontboud, en op den 19 Januarij aanst. ter zyne beschikking zullen sijn.

GEORGE'S BEAUFORT INSPECTIE.—De brieven van het Afdelings Collegie van George en Beaufort, omtrent de wegen van de Karroo Poort en over den Grooten Zwartberg, welke in eene vorige vergadering gelast waren, weder ter tafel te worden gebracht, nadat de benoeming van Inspecteur van wegen soude zyn besloten—weder voorgeseld zynde, besloot het collegie, dat de heer A. G. Bain verzoekt worde de bedoelde inspectie te doen na zyne terugkomst van de grens.

(VRYPDAG, 16 DECEMBER 1853.)

BEAUFORT.—Gelesen den volgenden brief van het Beaufort Afdelings Weg-Collegie:—

Bureau van het Collegie van Publieke Wegen, Afdeling Beaufort 8 Dec. 1853.

Wel-Edele Heer!—Het Collegie van Wegen van dese Afdeling, vermitteld geworden zynde door de gerapporteerde verrichtingen van het Centraal Collegie, dat men het plan had, om het Swellendam Collegie te gedogen zich te bedienen van de diensten van den heer Bain, om de Zeven Weeke Poort te inspecteren, met het doel om een weg door de paasat te maken, heeft my gelast by uw Collegie aanzoek te doen, om te bewilligen dat de heer Bain zyne inspectie tour zoodanig inrigte, dat hy Spitakop en de Grootte Riviers Poort (langs deszelfde reeks van bergen) insluit, en rapporteere omtrent de mogelykheid om een regstreekse communicatie te hebben met de zeshaven van Mosselbaai.

Het collegie heeft my opgedragen te melden, dat byaldien uw Collegie deszelfde verzoek moge inwilligen, het zelve bereid is, om gezamenlyk met het Afdelings Collegie van George de kosten te dragen van den heer Bain van Zeven Weeke Poort naar dese punten en terug.

Ik heb tevens gelast te verzoeken, dat UEd. tot narigt van dit Collegie, gelieve te melden, of het Centraal Collegie heeft goedgeacht, om gehoor te geven aan het verzoek van dit Collegie, dat de grootte weg worde voorgeseld door de Karroo over "Vogelstruyt Fontein" volgens een der routen voorgeseld in myne brieven aan UEd. van den 1 July en 28 Oct.

Ik heb enz.

"J. G. DEVENISH, Secr."

Het Collegie besloot dat het Beaufort Afdelings Collegie worde vermitteld van het reeds genomen besluit, namelyk, dat de heer A. G. Bain verzoekt worde de inspectie te doen na zyne terugkomst van de Grens.

KULLENBURG.—TRINDER.—Gelesen een brief van den heer P. J. Schabrod, verzoekende zyn tender voor het leveren van rantoenen aan de bandieten op den weg tuschen Kullenburg en den 12de mylsteun op de Paarl te mogen intreken.

Het Collegie gelaste den heer Schabrod te doen vermittigen, dat het niet in deszelfs magt is om aan zyn verzoek te voldoen, en dat by verzoekt worde aan het contract te voldoen, ter behoorlyke uitkeering van de dienst volgens de voorwaarden in het aanbod vermeld.

NIJWE BANDITEN RESOLUTIE.—De brieven van het Gouvernement, overzende eene sleuwe reeks van bandieten reglementen en regulatien, weder ter tafel gebracht zynde, besloot het Collegie, dat de regulatien aan het Gouvernement worden toegezonden met deszelfde gevoelen, als volgt:—Dat hetzelfde overeenstemt met het Comité, en aanbeveelt dat deszelve aangenomen. Dat was aangeat de toelag aan beamten behoorende tot de statien, die geregeld sijn tot beamten bedienend, het Collegie volkomen instemt, dat dese gewoonte ophoude, en dat het beschouwt, dat de som van 1 lb. 6d. per dag eene genoegzame vergoeding is en aanbeveelt dat deszelve worde afgeacht.

ARRIVAL OF THE "QUEEN OF THE SOUTH." The Queen of the South, mail steamer, from Calcutta 15th December, and Mauritius 5th January, arrived in Table Bay yesterday morning.

By the above opportunity we have received some Melbourne papers to the 11th November, but they contain nothing of importance.

The Melbourne Argus of 24th October, contains the following weekly commercial review:— During the present week business generally in Melbourne has been pretty brisk, especially in connection with the diggings, though some of the retailers still complain of dullness, as compared with last year. Many stockholders have visited town, but have given orders only for temporary supplies. This causes they adopt in consequence of their confident expectation that the charge for carriage will shortly fall. Provisions, bottled liquors, preserves, and oilmen's stores, of which latter the supply is not great, are all now in demand, and higher prices are given.

There has been a considerable trade in beer during the week, but the stocks are very large, and the security and high price of stout room causes it to be forced on the market. It is likely, however, to keep firm. A number of merchants are holding brandy firmly till the duty is decided; but it is offered very freely by others, and it is more likely to fall than to rise. Rum is firm, and case gin is in demand. Whiskey is not inquired for. There is no change in the price of flour, but it is held firmly, and a rise is expected in sugar there is also an upward tendency.

The Herald of the 29th, under the head of Commercial, says:—

Notwithstanding an increasing demand for the diggings, and the consequent sale of large quantities of provisions and goods, prices remain unaltered, under the counteracting tendency of the large arrivals of British and other produce. We have, therefore, little alteration to note, or little comment to offer, this week, upon the price current; although if we were to be considered as our guide, we should have to make some considerable reduction in many items. The timber trade continues to show a downward tendency for all cut prescriptions, although bulk timber still commands good prices. Cargoes of American lumber are much lower in value, in common with colonial.

The flour market continues steady, although one of the towns mills is giving a trifling advance for wheat, which is now quoted up to 12s. per bushel. Bran, at the town mills, is 6s. per bushel lower than last week. In the grocery and provision trade, there is little or no alteration (notwithstanding the gradually increasing demand), owing to the circumstances above referred to. Inferior sugars are difficult to quit; and the coffee market is much depressed. Oilmen's stores are in poor demand, and the supply does not exceed the wants of the market.

From the same paper we take the following:— Our import list presents a formidable aspect this week, although it is incomplete, owing to the delay that has occurred in obtaining the "manifests" of several of the vessels. Enough appears, however, to show that all anticipations of a fall in the arrivals from English and Foreign ports, have been dispelled by the events of the week. In the seven days, ended yesterday, we find that a barthen of upwards of 18 000 tons has entered this port—nearly two-thirds of which has reached us from British and Foreign markets, the remainder being later colonial. One alteration is indeed visible—viz., the cessation (with a trifling exception) of imports of barrel flour, but this is fully compensated by the very large arrivals of colonial despatches. The withdrawals of barrel flour have been considerable—3747 barrels—but we must not jump to the conclusion that all this has been really withdrawn until we see how the imports drop in (deducted) from those ports to which it has been sent. Groceries, building materials, wine and spirits, and cattle produce, all form very large items in the receipts of the past week.

The Herald also says:— We learn from a private letter received this morning, that the whole of the digging population have left the Ovens for a newly discovered and very promising gold field in the Buffalo range, about 30 to 40 miles from the Ovens diggings. The writer states that sufficient time has not yet elapsed to pronounce with confidence on the ultimate richness of these new diggings; but several parties had met with such decided success as to cause the "rush" above mentioned.

The same paper quotes the following prices:—Flour was firm. Wheat, £38 per ton. Barley, 10s. to 11s. per bushel; Cape, ditto, 7s. to 8s.; Oats, 9s. to 11s.; Broken Maize, 11s. to 12s. 6d. BRANDY in bond.—Martell's, 11s. 6d. to 12s. per gallon ditto in 2 gallon cases, 24s. to 28s.; o/h brandy, 10s. to 12s. per gallon; Gin, 4 gallon cases, 15s. 6d. to 18s. WINES.—Champagne, 30s. to 45s. per dozen; Claret, 13s. to 22s.; Marsala, £25 to £28 per pipe; Port, ditto, £33 to £48; Sherry ditto, £22 to £40.

LATEST NEWS FROM SYDNEY.

The taking possession of New Caledonia by the French. We have been favoured with intelligence from Sydney to 31st October received via Melbourne, from which we learn that New Caledonia had been occupied by the French. The Sydney Herald of the 31st October contains the following announcement which had been received that day by the Am. Barque J. H. Milley chartered by the Admiral at New Caledonia to go to Sydney for supplies. Two French officers, one civil and the other military, had arrived on board to pass the supplies.—The French Rear Admiral, commanding in the South Pacific, sailed from Tahiti in the steam corvette, the Phoque, accompanied by several naval officers and civilians, "on a cruise among the islands." On the 23rd September, the Phoque arrived at New Caledonia, and on the 24th the Admiral landed at Balade, and, hoisting the French flag, formally took possession of the island of New Caledonia and its dependencies. In the name of His Imperial Majesty, Napoleon III, Emperor of the French, a proclamation of the occurrence was immediately drawn up, in which the Admiral states that he takes possession of the islands by order of his Government; and declares them to be a French colony from and after the 24th of September.

The Great Britain had arrived at Melbourne, having completed the voyage in the very short space of 65 days.

SUPREME COURT.

The Criminal Sessions commenced before the Hon. Mr. Justice Bell, on the 16th instant.

Philly and Jonas Jacobus, laborers, were put to the bar, and pleaded guilty to the charge of breaking and entering the house of Mr. W. C. du Preez, of the Paarl Division, and stealing therefrom a quantity of stables and other articles, his property.—Sentence, 18 months' hard labor. William Herwick's laborer, was found guilty of stealing a horse, the property of Mr. J. F. Drayton, of Wynberg.—Sentence, 2 years' hard labor. The case against George Geyden, a confessor, for shooting his wife, was postponed, one of the principal witnesses, the apprentice, not being to be found. The charge of murder against Claarje, a servant girl, about 13 years of age, for maliciously drowning an infant, was also postponed, owing to an error in the indictment, the name of the deceased child being printed "Jonas" instead of "Joes."

James Michael Cornelius O'Donnell, a shopkeeper, was found guilty of forging the name of Mr. S. G. Ritter, upon a bill of exchange.—Sentence, 2 years' imprisonment with hard labour. Lieberghid Frederich, a shepherd, was found guilty of maliciously assaulting his wife, or reputed wife, at Rode-bloem, in the Cape Division, on the 28th November, and striking and giving her divers mortal injuries, of which she died.—He was sentenced to 10 years' hard labor, with 25 lashes on the morning of the 17th, and 25 more on the expiration of a month.

In reference to the case against Cornelius Vainburg de Villiers, a trader of Coleberg, for counterfeiting the Gunpowder Ordinance, Mr. Advocate Watermeyer, who appeared for the prisoner, produced an affidavit to the effect, that the principal witnesses for the defence, were residing in the Coleberg district, and from the nature of their employments could not be examined before next session. He therefore prayed that the trial be postponed till that time.

The Attorney General assented, and the case was postponed accordingly.

James, for concealing the birth of her new-born child. Pleas, guilty Sentence, 12 months imprisonment in the House of Correction.

Samuel, for stabbing and wounding H. J. Beaman. Sentence, 3 months imprisonment. David, stealing a sheep, the property of J. Rousso.—Sentence, 2 years' hard labor. Joseph, laborer, for stealing a pig, was sentenced to ten years' hard labor, and the latter for receiving the same, to 6 months' hard labor. The case of G. T. Hestray, for culpable involvement, was postponed till next session.

Original Correspondence.

Sir,—Can you or any one of your correspondents name the person and his residence who, after having in the past week given a plumper for one of the candidates, reported to have called on the officer in the Magistrate's Court where his ticket was; and when asked what ticket, replied; a ticket to get something to drink, or a tiffin, for account of whom it might concern. A VOTER.

Sir,—Is it true that a certain person has offered a premium of £25 to any one who shall discover who has or has been bribed by any sum of money, liquor or otherwise, to vote for or for a plumper in any candidate for the Legislative Council? If this be true and some one may be discovered, the informer would have a fine day's wages!

INQUIRER.

THE GOVERNMENT.—The following letter addressed by Sir George Clerk, to Mr. H. Halse, Chairman of the Committee of Delegates, is copied from the last number of the Friends.—The letter of Mr. Halse, which gave rise to that reply is not published:—

Bloom Forest, 30th December, 1853.

Sir,—My last address to the Committee of Delegates was dated the 15th October in reply to an application to receive, while employed in service, the allowance of Members of a Legislative Council.

On the 11th November I received a letter from the chairman, Dr. Fraser, accompanying three resolutions to the effect: first, that the committee declined any allowance less than that for members of a Legislative Council; secondly, that it was necessary that immediate measures should be taken to remedy the dangerous state of the country arising from Native disputes; and thirdly, that it was absolutely necessary, in consequence of the insecurity of property, that I should assemble a Legislative Council.

In reference to these Resolutions I observed to Dr. Fraser, that as to the proposition to assemble a Legislative Council consisting in herds, its insecurity is a matter of course wherever a land speculator, or an occupant of a distant homestead, leaves tracts of many thousands of acres unoccupied except by a herd or two of cattle, or a flock of sheep, with an attendant on the spot to protect it, and in the latter case, no proper establishment to look after and secure the stock; that, as to Kaffir, it was much to be regretted that the injudiciousness of Her Majesty's Government to the High Commissioner in 1849, regarding grazing farms on the Frontier, had been so entirely disregarded in the vicinity of the populous Tribes in this quarter; and that I had no intention of assembling a Legislative Council. I think I offered to reply in writing, but that Dr. Fraser said he did not think it necessary.

On the 17th Novemb. r, your chairman transmitted to me some particulars regarding the position of the European residents in the Griqua Territory; and the details of a proposed constitution, stated to be the only one in an imperfect form, but sent to me in order that I might be made aware that the committee had the subject under discussion.

This I think is the last communication which I have received from your Committee. And to this I made no reply; for the details consisted of "a Constitutional Government under the British Government," and the Committee must have been misled by the name of the proposal. I had no objection to the proposal in the previous September, but the proposal was not the purpose of my mission, and must also have been sensible that the result of its deliberations afforded further proof that other objects than those to which I had endeavored to recall its attention by my letter of the 15th October, continued to occupy the time of the Committee to the exclusion of the important matter requiring to be considered.

My last letter to Mr. Home, in reply to his question relative to a proposed meeting near this city, in which I stated in this country, recommended that if any such meeting were held, he also should attend it. In the same manner, with reference to your letter under acknowledgment dated the 16th instant, and received the day before yesterday, I would avail myself of the opportunity of giving you that advice which I have uniformly offered since first I came here; which is, that all sections of the community ought to unite for the consideration of the Griqua Territory; and the details of a proposed constitution, your union difficult hereafter; and the certain consequence of delay in undertaking to examine and discuss questions relating to the future position of this Territory, in the inevitable circumstances announced to you in September last, would be the withdrawal of the British troops and establishments before any progress had been made in place of much importance to the Inhabitants. I feel satisfied you will agree with me in this, and be desirous to be conducive to a better determination of a form of independent Government, with various measures which the Inhabitants may deem to be indispensable to the introduction of a system of civil order.

For some time past memorials have been sent and presented to me, in some of which appears the names of Delegates whom you represented, but who protest against your proceedings. Also some of your Committee men have likewise recorded their dissatisfaction, on the score of complaining that "a D-putation sent to England is not sent by the Committee, and that it is sent contrary to the wishes of the Inhabitants of the country." However this may be, perhaps the diversity of opinion which seems to prevail in the body represented by you, may facilitate the co-operation, also of others amongst yourselves with that portion of the Inhabitants who are now occupied in devising such measures as shall form a fair prospect of security and prosperity in the future condition of this country.

Translations of some of the memorials alluded to above are enclosed for your information. I have, &c.

GEORGE CLERK, Special Commissioner. To H. HALSE, Esq, Chairman of Committee, Smithfield.

The country is quiet. We have no particulars from Griqualand, Mr. Stander's movements, but it is said he is succeeding in that quarter beyond his most sanguine expectations. Adam Kok has not yet returned from Moshoesh's, where he has large meetings of Natives are in course of being held for the purpose of entering into treaties offensive and defensive.—Friend of the Sovereignty, Jan. 7.

The Memorial under the auspices of Mr. Stander is beyond all doubt in course of being very generally signed. There is no denying the fact. If the Memorialists are in error Sir George will be just in so great a difficulty with them as with the Committee of Delegates. Every body who knows the A. B. C. knows that Sir George Clerk cannot so much as lift his little finger in settling this business until he receives instructions from the meeting of Parliament. We believe it best for the country that it should be under the dominion of Great Britain. If that cannot be retained then, of course, all parties will unite and do the best that can be done.—Ibid.

Extract of a letter from Magaliesberg:— "I have further very little news to send you.—There was some excitement among us about the abandonment of the sovereignty; but it is now dying away. Have you heard of the discovery of a 'Gold Diggings' on our side of the river? You may recollect Joe [Fro] was in our company over a few months ago. It seems he has been to Australia, (or in company with some diggers) and went to work here at some spots which resembled the soil in the Australian diggings; and really succeeded in finding what he sought. I believe his first attempt was at Yoko Shery River, not far from the Paarl River; but the quantity there found was trifling. The spot now opened at Witte Water's Hand, appears to be promising. A sample of the precious dust from the latter diggings, was publicly exhibited in the Court House at Potchefstroom, but the place was so crowded, that I could not get a near sight of the precious stuff.

"I understand that Marais is to get £800 for his discovery, and a further yearly stipend for working the mine; but the betrayal of the golden secret is to be death, without benefit of clergy. As I say, South Africa will be enabled to add another article to the list of her exports, and if I suspect, before long, will prove by far the most considerable of any.—Ibid.

GRAHAM'S TOWN.—THE ELECTION.—The election of members for the Legislative Council, commenced in Graham's Town yesterday morning at 8 o'clock precisely, the polling being carried on, without interruption, till 5 o'clock in the afternoon. None of the formalities customary in an English election were observed, no addresses being made by the candidates to the electors, the polling officers simply taking their seats with piles of election papers before them, which were filled in at the discretion of the electors;—but to open up as to neutralize activity all the advantages supposed to be derived by the ballot. The same abstractness of election proceedings, however, is not more generally observed, as in the present country, the excitement has been, and still is, considerably, and impassioned placards, chalk writings, and caricatures, are as plentiful as electricity. At the very commencement of the poll a great many voters were brought up by Mr. Wood's agents, most of whom gave him their plumpers,—that is, each voter gave him 7 votes. Mr. Blaine's friends had also been extremely active, their canvass being only second to Mr. Wood's; the result being that Mr. Hestray and Mr. Cook, both of them in great part, were very far in the rear of the committee on which they rested, and that had voluntarily taken up their case,—in common with that of Mr. Wood,—suddenly dissolved itself at the very moment their services were most required and would have been most useful. This dissolution originated in a dispute with Mr. Wood, who, it was said, had, after placing himself in the hands of the committee, not in active operation as agent of his own, for his own exclusive benefit, thus violating the spirit of the committee's instructions, which directed that public defiance of the interests of the other candidates with whom he was associated. Of course when the committee broke up, Messrs. Cook and Goulton, who had been placed their interests in its hands, were cast aside, while Mr. Wood's own agency was altogether annihilated by it;—and the result of the day's poll—having some 650 votes, against 250 for Mr. Blaine, 110 for Mr. Goulton, and 50 for Mr. Cook.

It was generally understood, however, that the mode of election for members of the Council would amount to little more than a ballot. This object, if intended, is entirely frustrated by the course pursued here—namely that of allowing the agents of the candidates to scrutinize the election papers, and take down in writing the name of the voter and the candidate or candidates for whom he voted. It is affirmed that many who voted yesterday gave their votes under a feeling of restraint,—influenced, it is said, by personal considerations, and by that love of country which ought to actuate him who is called upon to discharge a sacred public duty. There are many who object to the ballot, and of course these would have had the right of giving their suffrages openly—but on the other hand there are others who are so circumcised that the open discharge of their duty as an elector might subject them to loss and even persecution. Such individuals should, if possible, be screened from such consequences—and this might have been easily done had the option been given to permit them to think it ought to have been, in the present case.—G. T. Extra, Jan. 10.

BRITISH KAFFRARIA.

We have intelligence from this quarter to the effect that a desire is spreading there for the introduction of convicts into that country. A correspondent addressing us on the subject, makes the following very pertinent remarks:—

Jan. 7.—The people here are strongly in favor of the introduction of convicts, and have gone so far as to bring the matter to the notice of His Excellency the Chief Commissioner. Immigrants from home, that convicts of the country, under proper military restraint and discipline would be the best safeguard the country could have. It would be far preferable to keeping the country unoccupied; but on the other hand I do not agree with those who are asking for them; this is not only premature, but it is very bad policy if convicts are sent, we have no voice as yet they shall not come, but if we ask for them the good people of Kaster Hall will point to us as a body of reckless, imprudent, and immoral governing agents. The great object of the English Government is to raise the Kafirs from their barbarous condition, and to bring them to a knowledge of what is right. But this must be done by example and intercourse with them. The white man must be spread amongst them, & by his industry, honesty and friendly feeling towards them, must set them an example, instructing convicts among them would not produce these results, it is a great mistake. Although the Kafirs are a barbarous nation, a white man, in times of peace may ride hundreds of miles in their country and not be molested. We never hear of murder and robbery being committed on the highway by them; but if convicts were allowed to roam among them, I fear there would be little security for the traveler, white or black. A few acts of violence or robbery by the white on the black, and the latter by the white on the former, would do more to injure the country than could be done by a marked that the Home Government will not let this country unoccupied, and especially if what we hear be true, that it is, with East London, to be held as a Separate Province. If it is to be filled up let us first try to get good characters before we call for those whom the law denounces as unworthy of trust.

Another kind writes:— Jan. 5.—The Rebel Hottentots over the Kri expect to be pardoned—a document from their having gone to the Governor,—the ring-leaders and the Cape Corps deserters excepted. Several of the Kafir Chiefs were in Town to-day, and I find that John Taisoo is very sore at not getting his country back. One of his petty Chiefs was speaking of it to-day—saying how it had not been given up, and on being told it was because so many of his people had joined the war party he observed, then why did not the Governor take the land of Pato; Umhala, and others, who had taken as large a share in the war as he had?—Ibid.

ELECTIONEERING IN PORT ELIZABETH.—The "scent" which took place in Port Elizabeth on Monday and Tuesday last were unprecedentedly amusing. Large placards inviting electors to vote for So and So the "Man of the People," or to beware of Such a one, "a Stranger," stared people in the face at every corner, while volutes covered with other placards, paraded the streets gaily decked out with ribbons, picking up electors, and when full driving up with much flash and clatter to deposit their 1 ads at the public offices. Each "rush" to the polls brought a tide of joy or a reflux of sorrow into the hearts of one party or the other. In the public offices were collected "gates" and reversed Signifiers" ranged alongside of the polling officer, and most enthusiastically "taking notes" and keeping a check on proceedings. A better conducted, more animated, and perhaps complete poll we have never seen, the greatest good humor pervading the whole proceeding. Bands marched through the streets with colored flags, music playing, and a few of the active population, clad by the joyous notes, dancing in front, while the names of the favored candidates were borne triumphantly aloft. The state of the Poll on Tuesday last when it closed is as follows:—

Godolston 46 Fleming 1230 Wood 189 Metlerkamp 928 Cook 0 Joubert 0 Hart 45 Blaine 24 Meinjies 2 Stockenström 48

UTRINQUE. (Final)

Godolston 77 Hart 50 Joubert 6 Stockenström 428 Meinjies 4 Wedd 36 Cook 6 Fleming 364 Blaine 13 Metlerkamp 115

GRAHAM'S TOWN. (Tuesday Afternoon, Three o'clock)

Wood 839 Cook 77 Blaine 457 Stockenström 128 Godolston 280 Meinjies 16

UTRINQUE. (Final)

Stockenström 1 Fleming 1 Metlerkamp 1 Hart 6 Fleming 3

GRAAFF REINET.—THE ELECTION.—The election is proceeding in Graaff Reinet with such quietude, that with the exception of broadside posting bills for Fleming, in imitation of electorship, is discernible that at the public place, and even there there is no excitement; we have no flags, no ribbons, no bands. This is the third day of polling and the numbers, up to 9 o'clock, are:—

Stockenström 1193 Meinjies 319 Fleming 271 Godolston 33 Joubert 19 Cook 5 Metlerkamp 4 Wood 4 Hart 0

The election is over at Richmond; it occupied but one day. It is reported on the authority of private letters, that Mr. Meinjies has obtained about 200 votes, Mr. Fleming 25, and Sir A. Stockenström not one.—Graaff Reinet Herald, Jan. 11.

THE LOWER HOUSE. Since our last publication two other gentlemen have been put in nomination, or rather have been invited—and have accepted the invitation—to stand as members for the Lower House, viz., Messrs. E. H. Salmond and J. Paterson. There are thus now three candidates in Port Elizabeth for seats in the House of Assembly, viz., Messrs. Debono, Paterson, and Salmond. We shall not undertake the task of canvassing in a public journal for any of these gentlemen, as we do not consider such a course fair, and every man must be permitted to form his own judgment on the merits of the respective

candidates. All the three candidates, we may state, seem, however, to be well adapted for the Assembly, and we leave it to the public to elect the best of their choices. The result of the polling for members of the Upper House will not be known probably till the end of the present month, and not until after that result is published will any steps be taken regarding the election of members for the House of Assembly. A clause in the Constitution provides that the proclamation fixing the time and place of polling shall be published thirty-one clear days before the polling shall be actually taken place. This ample time will be afforded for canvassing. The Parliament for South Africa must meet some time in or before the month of June, 1854.—P. E. Telegraph, Jan. 12.

THE MAITLAND MINES.—Since we last wrote, the conflicting assertions made respecting the discovery of minerals have been much qualified, so much so as to induce extreme caution in treating such matters. The process of investigation will finally reveal how much we may expect as truth, and how much we must feel as merely imaginary. It would be unjust at the present juncture to affirm either much or little of the Maitland Mines, as the present unfinished state of the inquiry does not justify either great confidence or great incredulity. It is simply uncertain.—Ibid.

DISASTROUS FIRE.—FURTHER PARTICULARS.

Towards two o'clock on Tuesday morning the inhabitants of Part Elizabeth were awake from their sleep by the simultaneous ringing of all the bells in the town, and the alarming cry of "Fire." A dull glare in the sky directed the inhabitants towards the beach, when it was found that the body of the large and valuable Store, the property of A. J. van Eeg, there in the occupation of Messrs. Chase, Lloyd & Co. were wrapped in flames. The fire was first discovered about 12 o'clock by a brother of Mr. F. Lloyd, who was riding along the Bay from an adjoining farm, and who at once gave the alarm. By this time great numbers had gathered round the burning building, and the flames had gained such an alarming hold on the building that it fell in and roof soon fell in, and the flames shot aloft in a very body which defied the puny efforts of man. The only assistance which could be rendered, was in protecting, as far as possible, the surrounding buildings, and, most providentially, in this case, as on the occasion when the stores of Messrs. Kay, Hen, & Co., were destroyed, there was hardly any wind, and that little of the kind. The wooden buildings adjoining the store on fire, were knocked down as far as possible, and every effort made to keep the flames within their original limits. Still the heat three or four times as high as of fire was so great as to cause some alarm for the safety of the adjoining Custom House building, and for the house of Mr. E. H. Salmond. Fortunately the stillness of the air continued, and the flames had burnt themselves out to a very great extent by 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The amount of property destroyed, comprising a large quantity of m. s. also some valuable books of Messrs. Chase, Lloyd, & Co. together with some books &c., belonging to parties who had been temporarily residing in the establishment. The building itself is insured to its full value in a Graham's Town Insurance Office, and sundry other insurances on the goods &c. it is thought sufficient to cover all losses, and few, had been effected in the Bay and elsewhere. The fire is supposed to have been caused by some parties incautiously smoking in the vicinity of a quantity of foreign paper which the lower part of the building was filled, and which was received to undergo pressure by the hydraulic machine. A detachment of men of the 12th Regt. stationed here, were on the spot, during and after the fire

Van der Byl & Co.

ALL new landing from the "Coldstream" and "The ..." a general assortment of SHAWLS, SATINS, and ...

A general assortment of Hosiery and ... MEN'S WHITE and REGATTA SHIRTS, NEW BROWN and STRIPED SHIRTS, ...

A splendid assortment of Shawls, MUSLIN COLLARS, TRIMMINGS, SATIN and CASHMERE TABLE COVERS, ...

A large supply of Moleskins, VELVETEENS, CORDUROY, WHITE and BROWN BATAVS, ...

ON HAND, Macartney Sugars, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Soap, Spices, ...

L. H. TWENTYMAN & CO.

ARE now landing at Robby and Peter Sann, and have for sale CRUSHED and LOAF SUGAR, SUGAR CANDY, ...

NEW GOODS.

Henry Rudd & Co.

HAVE LANDED from the "Coldstream," 3 BUSHEL CORN BAGS, CANDLEWICK, WAFFON CANVAS, ...

Henry Rudd & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED per the Coldstream, &c., 2 Cases superior PAPER HANGINGS, with Borders, ...

Henry Rudd & Co.

HAVE ON SALE at THEIR STORES, Bright Yellow Sugars, Crushed Sugars, ...

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HAVE RECEIVED PER "INDIANA," a large assortment of Fancy Goods, which are now on Sale at their Store in St. George's Street, ...

New Goods

Ex "ROBBY"

B. DANIEL

HAS received per the above vessel, a splendid selection of Shawls, SATINS, and ...

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THE Underigned are now landing at "Robby," an investment of Staple and other Goods, ...

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At the Stores of the Underigned, MAURITIUS SUGARS, RAU JAYA, and MOCHA COFFEE, ...

Hanging and Printing Paper.

FOR SALE, at the Stores of THOMSON, WATSON & Co., No. 1-1 Case 450 Rolls HANGING PAPER, ...

For Sale.

THE Underigned have for sale at their Stores, SAZERAC'S PALE BRANDY, in Hubs, and Quarter Cases, ...

The Underigned have for Sale,

THE "DURHAM" and Stewart's Walked, Moss Hill, ...

Deals! Deals! Deals!

FOR SALE, at reduced prices, at the Store of the Underigned, Best Swedish Deals, ...

CIRCUIT COURT.

TENDERS will be received for the supply of ...

SALE OF WATER MILL.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, THE 10th INSTANT, AT 11 O'CLOCK PRECISELY, WILL be sold promptry to the Highest Bidder, ...

BUILDING LAND FOR SALE.

At Green Point, WITH LIBERAL BOUNTIES. A MOST DESIRABLE PIECE OF LAND, adapted for BUILDING ALLOTMENTS, in the Best Situation at Green Point, ...

THIS LAND WILL BE SOLD

THIS DAY, 10th Jan., AT 11 O'CLOCK, by order of Mr. King, prior to his leaving the Colony, ...

PUBLIC SALE OF

Moveable & Immoveable Property. In the Estate of the late Mrs. T. CATHARINA CONRADT, ...

ON FRIDAY,

THE 7th OF THIS MONTH, by order of the Hon. and Impoverished Property, ...

THE PAARL BANK.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE first Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the office of the Bank, on Wednesday, the 16th of January, 1854, ...

AND FURTHER,

General Meeting of Shareholders, will be submitted for consideration the expediency, in consequence of the increase of capital by the issue of the additional Shares, ...

THE PAARL MILL.

Rare Speculation for Wine Merchants, Speculators and Others, &c. &c. THE Underigned having become the Proprietor of the Landed Property, and Spirit Distillery, ...

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Tenders, addressed to the "Directors of the Cape of Good Hope Mining Company," will be received at the Office of the Honorary Treasurer, ...

Stanford's Cove, Walker's Bay.

AS several Applications have been made for permission to erect Stores, &c. at the above Bay, for the purpose of Trade and Fishing, for both of which purposes it is well situated, ...

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To Debtors. All persons indebted to this Office, are hereby required to settle their accounts up to December 1854, at their earliest convenience.

THE ZUID-APRIKAAN.

Cape Town, January 10, 1854.

After the excitement, din and turmoil of last week, our readers may perhaps find leisure to bestow a little attention on the highly interesting communications from the Trans-Vaal, or (as it is now called) South African Republic, contained in our two last impressions. We call these communications highly interesting, because few things can be more so, than a young, independent state in the first stages of its development.

As Europe was once peopled from Asia, the cradle of the human race, in like manner it was predetermined, in the inscrutable ways of Providence, that America and Africa should be peopled from Europe. Independence is essential to expansion and complete development—the shoot, to become a tree, must be severed from the parent stem.

We rejoice to see our brethren of the South African Republic act with the prudence, but also with the decision characteristic of their ancestors. If they wish to preserve unity, which alone can give strength, they must not be an appendage of this or any other colony.

Let them studiously exclude all foreign elements as destructive, or at any rate dangerous to that unity, on which their healthful development as a state depends. Their Code of Laws, on which we took occasion to comment a few months back, is a sufficient proof that they need not court foreign interference, and this has been further confirmed by those recent occurrences, which we had the pleasure of bringing to the knowledge of our readers in our issues of the 12th and 16th instant.

All men are ambitious of power; if any one doubts it, how does he explain the efforts that are now being made in our own community by the Candidates for our Legislative Council? It is also true that we mostly court what is forbidden; hence the universal tendency of worldly and spiritual powers to encroach upon one another.

THE POLL.—The following is a statement of the number of votes obtained by the several Candidates, both in Cape Town and at the several places in the Country Districts where the polling has already taken place. From some, however, no returns have as yet been received. We have so arranged the names, that those who have the largest number of votes may be seen at a glance:—

Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Number of Votes. Includes names like Ehdas, V. g., Rutherford, etc.

Ganna Ashes.

WANTED, 300 muids of Ganna Ashes, for which the highest Market Price will be given. P. W. KEYTEL.

TO LET.—A HOUSE, well adapted for a small respectable family, situated in Buitengracht. FOR SALE, Eight well-located 6 1/2 Acre STUK-VATS.—Apply to O. M. BERGMAN, 85, Buitengracht, Cape Town, 17th January, 1854.

Legislative Council

Election of J. H. Zeeberg, Esq., M.P. The following Gentlemen form the Committee to secure the return of J. H. Zeeberg, Esq., as a Member of the Legislative Council:— R. F. ALING, Esq., Parl.; PIETER JACOB VILLIERS, J. H. Esq., Parl.; JOHAN CARL ROUIT, Esq., Parl.; DAVID A. DE VILLIERS, Esq., Parl.; GEORGE L. STYTLER, Esq., Parl.; ANTHON J. BECKER, Esq., Parl.; MELT VAN DER SPUI, Esq., Parl.; JAC. JOH. DE VILLIERS, A. B. Esq., Acad. de Parl.; JOH. W. LOUW, J. W. Esq., Parl.; ROBERT N. ALING, Esq., Parl. Secretary.

ELECTION OF J. H. ZEEBERG, Esq., M.P. The following Gentlemen constitute the Committee in Cape Town for the return of J. H. Zeeberg, Esq., as a Member of the Legislative Council:— C. F. LUCK, Esq., M.D.; M. A. DE BRUGH, Esq., M.D.; J. T. POGGEL, Esq., M.D.; P. L. C. WIGGINS, Esq., M.D.; J. C. SILBERBAUER, Esq., M.D.

TULBAGH. J. P. Wiggins, Esq., J.P. A public meeting held at Tulbagh on the 31st August, the following Gentlemen were duly appointed a committee for the purpose of securing the election of J. P. Wiggins, Esq., as a member of the Legislative Assembly. S. A. DU TOIT, Esq., Chairman; W. SIMPSON, Esq., M.D.; T. J. WINTERBACH, Esq., J.P.; L. O. REYNOLDS, Esq.; C. DE CLERCK, Esq.; J. W. ZULICH, Esq.; M. VAN DER WESHUYZEN, Esq.

To the Independent Electors of the Western Province. GENTLEMEN.—As the Elections of Members of Council have now commenced, we beg leave to solicit a share of your support and votes for Mr. J. H. WIGHT.

ELECTION OF H. F. RUTHERFORD, Esq. MR RUTHERFORD'S COMMITTEE beg to express to his many Supporters their warm thanks for the manner in which his claims upon them have been acknowledged.

THE 1854th FRANKFORT STATE LOTTERY. Guaranteed by the Government of the free City of Frankfurt-on-the-Main. ON the 29th March the drawing of the 6th Class commenced, and will be continued daily until the 22nd of April, 1854.

Table with 3 columns: Prize Description, Amount, and Odds. Includes items like 1000 Shares, 500 Shares, etc.

As the elections for the Legislative Council, will all soon be over, a requisition is being signed, in Colberg Division, addressed to David Arnot, Jun., and Charles S. Orpen, Esqs., stating the wishes of the subscribers, that these gentlemen should be elected to represent that District, in the Lower House of Parliament, viz., the House of Assembly.—(Communicated.)

Cape of Good Hope Mining Company. NOTICE is hereby given, that a Ballot will be open for Auction at the Commercial Exchange, until 5 o'clock, and that the highest Bidder will take place at 5 o'clock THIS DAY.

PROFESSOR HOLLOWAY'S PILLS. An extraordinary cure of the Gravel and a most dangerous Liver complaint. Copy of a letter addressed to J. K. HARVEY, Esq., Sydney, New South Wales, dated Feb. 25, 1854.

WONDERFUL EFFICACY OF HOLLOWAY'S PILLS IN CASES OF DROPSY. Persons suffering from Dropsy, either about the turn of life, or at other times, should immediately have recourse to these Pills, as hundreds of persons are annually cured, by their use, of this direful complaint in its different stages, when all other means had failed.

Household Furniture. Among which a set of superior Mahogany Dining Tables, do. Sideboard, do. and Sofa Tables, do. Chairs, beautiful Brussels Carpet, Magnificent Pendulum, Telescope, &c. &c.

PUBLIC SALE OF FINE PLACE OF BUSINESS, DWELLING HOUSE, &c. ON WEDNESDAY, 25th January, 1854, the Underigned will cause to be sold by public auction, with liberal bonus.

12 MONTHS CREDIT. Public Sale. THE Underigned having privately disposed of his Farm "Bon Esperance," at Klein Berg River, will cause to be publicly sold on WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant, all the Moveable Effects appertaining to said Farm, viz:—

GRAIN. 140 Muids of Wheat; 100 Do. of Oats; 50 Do. of Rye; 30 Do. of Barley. Further, Furniture, such as Bedsteads, Stoves, Chairs, Tables, Kitchen Utensils, a lot of Geese, large and small Pigs.

PUBLIC SALE OF 80 extra fat slaughter Oxen, and 60 " draught Oxen, at D'Urban. ON FRIDAY, the 27th instant, the Underigned will cause to be sold at the place of Mr. D. J. DE VILLIERS, D'Urban, the above number of extra fat slaughter and draught Oxen, well worth the attention of Butchers.

High Sheriff's Office. In Execution of the Judgment of the Supreme Court in the undermentioned Cases the following Sale will take place, viz:— DIVISION OF FORT BEAUFORT. JOVHANN STANDE, vs. BENJAMIN KING.

Extensive Sale OF VERY VALUABLE Landed Property, FURNITURE, &c., &c. THE Underigned, intending to leave the Colony, has authorized Mr. J. G. STYTLER, G. A., to sell by public Auction, in convenient allotments, ON

Monday & Tuesday, The 23rd and 24th January, 1854, WITH LIBERAL BONUS, THAT BEAUTIFUL AND ELIGIBLE ESTATE CALLED "Zonnebloem."

Numerous Out-buildings, among which a comfortable Cottage, Servants' Apartments, extensive Stable, Cow House, and Lard, and spacious Poultry Yards, &c., &c. The fertile Gardens, contain many fine and choice Fruit Trees, in luxuriant growth, and a great number of Vines, yielding plentifully, and produce Vegetables of all kinds in perfection.

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RECEIVED per Queen of the South, and to be had in each, small size, 1s. 6d. each, middle size, 2s. each, large size, 3s. each.

INSTRUCTION. THE Underigned begs to inform the Public, that on FRIDAY, the 2d of February, a Public Examination of his Pupils will take place in the Chapel near the Parsonage, to commence at half past 8 o'clock a.m., at which the attendance of Parents and Friends is requested.

£1 Reward. STOLEN from the underigned's Stable, is the night HORSE, with slight star in the forehead and curly tail; is about 6 or 7 years old. Whoever can give any information leading to the recovery of said HORSE, on the discovery of the thief, will receive the above Reward from the underigned, residing at the Post.

PUBLIC SALE OF THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, OF A RETAIL SHOPKEEPER. In the Insolvent Estate of BENJAMIN HORTON FISHER. On Monday next, THE 23d INSTANT, WILL be sold temporarily to the highest Bidder at the Insolvent's Shop (near the British Queen,) IN BREE STREET, at 10 o'clock precisely.

SALE OF THOROUGH-BRED COLTS. ON TUESDAY, THE 7th MARCH 1854, THE Underigned will sell at the Place of Mr. A. J. LOUW, Parl., 20 THOROUGH-BRED COLTS, IN THEIR 2nd AND 3rd YEARS, BRED AT BERG RIVER, And got by the Thorough-bred Blood Horses: 'Gugnet' and 'Young Hercules.'

PARL. PUBLIC SALE Of one of the most splendid Even situated in this Village. THE Underigned, owing to advanced age, to take up his residence with one of his children, will consequently direct himself of his encumbrances, and cause to be publicly sold on

Monday, the 23d instant, his well known Erf, being part of the Erf called "De Klein Plantag," situated in the most agreeable and central part of this Village, containing every convenience, requisite for a respectable family, and provided with Stabling, Wagon House, and several Out-houses.

Wanted. BY the Underigned, two respectable men as Messengers to the Stocksmith's Trade.—Apply to P. M. LUYK, 27 Bree-street.

