





THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN.

Cape Town, March 27, 1854.

TEN or twelve years ago there was but one book-seller in Cape Town, now there are at least seven. The fact that they all covet to live seems to warrant the presumption that readers have increased in the same proportion.

The South East wind and its concomitant clouds of dust and gravel are no longer available as subjects for tea-table talk; they have made room for the last news from the "diggings" and the latest additions to the public library.

The following is Lord Reilly's message to the Russians at Sebastopol:— TO THE GOVERNOR OF SEBASTOPOL, Conformably with the order of my Government, the British (French) Squadron, in concert with that of France (England), is on the point of appearing in the Black Sea.

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The following Government Notice, dated 20th instant, appears in the last number of the Government Gazette:— It is provided by the 69th Section of the Ordinance for so situating a Parliament in this Colony, that the Legislative Council of the House of Assembly shall be summoned by the Governor to meet at some period not later than twelve months next after the promulgation of the said Ordinance in this Colony on the 1st July 1853.

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PORT NATAL.—The question of abandonment.—According to accounts received by the Anne, it would appear that Petitioners were in circulation among the farmers, praying for the abandonment of the colony by the British government.

GRAAPP-REINET.—The Court constituted under the Ordinance No. 9 of 1851, held its annual sitting on Thursday last. It consisted of the Magistrate, and Messrs. Hendrick, Griabrook, S. Smit, Zierogel, Melijes, Rubidge, Fialin, Dixon, Heng, and Moschell.

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