





THE ZUID-AFRIKAAN.

Cape Town, May 15, 1854.

THERE has always been and will ever be a vast difference between the people and the rabble, a difference obvious enough to unprejudiced minds, but systematically denied by democrats.

Speaking of the electing mania, it ought to be remembered, that this colony has been visited with that disorder in its midst form.

With respect to the pernicious effects of electioneering, in which we must expect to have our share, it is clear that, by working upon the rabble, individuals get into parliament, whom the people can never constitute as their representatives.

CLOSE OF THE POLL.

CAPE TOWN.—The election closed on Saturday afternoon, the following being the result—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes JARVIS, ABERCROMBIE, SELWYN, BICCARD, NORDEN.

The announcement was received by the crowd as if it were a signal of applause and long continued and reiterated cheering.

A vote of thanks to the polling officers for the impartial manner in which they had performed their arduous duties, having been read by proclamation, Mr. Lyner, for himself and his fellow polling officers, returned thanks, and in return thanked the Queen, who had attended the booth, hoping and trusting that it would not be abused.

ELECTORAL DIVISION OF GEORGE.—We have been favoured with a communication from George Town, containing the following state of the poll up to the 10th instant.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Laws, Dutton, Swimmer, Waller, Berch.

THE AUSTRALIAN.—This noble vessel, which left for England on Saturday, having undergone the necessary repairs, made a very successful trial on the previous Thursday.

The engines were in order to be in excellent working order, and to take the vessel through any sea and distance.

CIRCUIT COURT, COLESBERG, 28TH APRIL, 1854.

The Circuit commenced its sittings this day. The Criminal as well as the Civil Roll were apparently very large.

The Civil business only occupied part of the next day—the parties having amicably settled the differences between them.

The Rev. Reid, now or lately Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church of Colesberg, versus Hendrik Johs. van der Walt.

The Judge considered that the Plaintiff had failed to prove the allegations set forth in the summons, considering the authority of the Plaintiff to the Defendant to sell the cattle.

BRITISH KAFFRARIA.—A report has just reached of the neighbourhood of King William's Town, by a native who has been away on the 15th of April.

The Amazaleke mustered to great force, and were probably assisted by many young men from the Gaike Tribes on this side of the Kei.

The Rev J S Thomas, of the Wesleyan Mission at Clarkebury, has family mustered to have been a member of the same circumstances.

BURGER'S DORP.—A serious affair took place here on Monday last. A party of Kaffirs from the Wittebergen station were here to sell bananas.

Smithfield Dugings, 4th May, 1854. Mr. Bryan had about the 3th ult. resorted to a depth of 18 feet, in consequence of having got the great increase of water.

Smithfield, Mar 9, 1854. We have at length arrived at the anti-riftous condition in our shafts in the last two days have found five nuggets.

KAT RIVER DISTRICT. Address to His Excellency Lieut General the Honble Sir GEORGE CATHCART, K.C.B., Governor and High Commissioner of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

Sir,—We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the Kat River district of Stockenstrom, having just heard that your Excellency is on the eve of your departure to Cape Town and from thence to England, cannot allow your Excellency to leave the shores of Africa, without expressing to you the deep regret we feel at your departure.

voice to the general expression of gratitude which we know exists, and which your Excellency will no doubt receive from every portion of the frontier.

And whilst we cannot view your Excellency's departure but as a great public calamity to this Colony, we nevertheless rejoice that you should go to fill so honorable and exalted a position.

My dear Sir,—May I request you to take the first opportunity of communicating to the numerous members of the community in the district of which you are Resident Magistrate.

ELANDS POST.—A REBEL CAUGHT. The following particulars have been furnished to us from a communication just received from the neighbourhood:

A rebel, an ill looking Bushman Hotentot, has just been caught near Elands Post, under the following circumstances. On Friday last a Dutch farmer (one of the new comers) living in the Police Valley, missed his ox, which had been taken out of the kraal that evening.

His three couriers returned off at the Amatol, and he came to Kat River by the footpath by the Hogsback. Uithaai's R is living he states about 1 1/2 days from Kreed's own Kraal and Gerr Erasmus living with him; there are still about 200 Hotentots and other tribes in the immediate neighbourhood.

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This poor fellow found he had been a year and a month last, in the service of one Mr. Moorcroft, of the Winterberg, who he had slain with Mr. James, and the wife his last master; his time being up with Mr. James, and Uithaai being at the think water with a large party, he voluntarily joined him but had no particular reason, but his wife had gone there before him.

The Maistrat, being an old colonial hand, and up to most 'dodges,' was not to be done, Mr. Greenberg was comfortably lodged in one of the Military cells, and next morning confronted with Mr. A. de Lange, the owner of the slaughtered ox.

THE RUSSIAN WAR. We have now before us in a complete form, not only the answer of the Emperor of Russia to the letter of the Emperor Napoleon, but also the manifesto or declaration which the Czar has thought fit to address to his own subjects at this crisis.

THE WAR.—FURTHER OPERATIONS. The government have wisely abstained from giving, and the public from requiring, any information as to the future movements and intended operations in which the forces now departing from our shores may be long engaged.

as if they, and not the unjust demands of Russia, followed by the seizure of the Principality, were the cause of the quarrel. It insists on former treaties, but it does not attempt to allege any specific violation of them.

Such words were not intended to reflect on the conduct of the Emperor, but to show that the Emperor of the French enters still more minutely into these details; it evades every real point in the case, and endeavours to press into the service of Russian diplomacy several of the arguments which had previously been demolished by official proof.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT thinks fit to repeat the assertion that the occupation of the Principality, had been "pre-empted," and in great part brought about, by an important occurrence—the arrival of the combined fleets in the neighbourhood of the Dardanelles.

The Emperor of Russia carefully abstains in both these productions from any language amounting to a declaration of war, but he says that in the position in which he is placed he cannot discuss or even examine for a moment the conditions offered to him.

It still remains for us to notice the last and most offensive portion of this manifesto, which is designed to give to the war the character of a religious contest, to throw on England and France the odium of supporting the enemies of Christianity, and to claim for Russia the protection of the Almighty against the enemies of his faith.

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them to retire from that position. But, supposing the allied force to be the first occupiers of the mountainous districts in the Turkish territory, the advantage would be on the other side.

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