

The Washington Globe contains an official note from Lord Palmerston to Mr. Vail, United States' Chargé d'Affaires to Great Britain, from which it appears that shingles are included in the description of lumber which may be imported in the Islands of Barbados, St. Vincent, and St. Lucia, free of duty until the month of March next.

Appointments by the President.—William Tudor Tucker, to be Consular Commercial Agent of the United States at the Island of Bermuda, vice William R. Higinbotham, deceased.

Doctor Felix Roberts, of Nashville, Tenn. to be a Commissioner to hold Treaties with the Indian tribes west of the Mississippi, in place of Governor Carroll, who declined the appointment.

Capture of a Mexican schooner of war by the United States' schr. Grampus.—The New Orleans Courier of the 27th ult. states that the U. S. schr. Grampus, Josiah Tutnall, Esq., commander, was at anchor outside the Bar, from a cruise of six months on the Mexican coast, with \$300,000 in specie on board. The Grampus captured on the 16th August the Mexican schr. of war Montezuma, Capt. Pedro Villeneal, for committing an act of piracy on the schr. William A. Turner, 47 days of and from New York, for Matamoras. The officers and crew of the Montezuma (eighty in number, including a company of soldiers) are in irons on board the Grampus; and the prize is ordered into a port in the United States.

The commencement at Bowdoin College took place on Wednesday last. The number of graduates was 27. The oration delivered by Mr. Johnson, and the poem by Mr. Longfellow, before the Phi Beta Kappa Society on Thursday, are spoken of in terms of commendation.

Williams College.—The annual commencement of this Institution was held on the 5th instant. The degree of A. B. was conferred on 18 young gentlemen; that of A. M. in course on 4, and honorary on 2; that of M. D. in course on 7, and honorary on 4. "At the close of the regular exercises of the morning, an address before the Alumni was delivered by Prof. C. Dewey, of Pittsfield, Mass. Of this address, says the Albany Argus, we cannot speak in too enthusiastic terms." Hereafter the annual commencement is to be held on the 3d Wednesday in August, instead of the 1st Wednesday in September. From the Triennial Catalogue which has been sent us by a friend, it appears that the whole number of graduates from the origin of the Institution to the present time, is 1137, of whom 958 are still living. Clergymen 299, of whom 248 are still living. Physicians 214, of whom 210 are still living.

The Rev. John Croes has been elected Rector of Christ Church, New Brunswick, N. J., which had been rendered vacant by the death of his father, Bishop Croes, who had held the Rectorship more than thirty years. Mr. Croes has accepted the invitation.

The National Gazette states, that on Friday, "Samuel Jaudon, Esq., Cashier of the Branch Bank at New-Orleans, was unanimously elected Cashier of the Bank of the United States. This gentleman is eminently qualified for the station. A better choice could not have been made."

Sporting Intelligence.—By a letter recently received in this city, says the Charleston Post, from a friend in Columbia, information is given that Col. W. R. Johnson has accepted the challenge offered by Col. Richardson of this State, to run Bertrand, jr. and Little Venus, against Bonnets of Blue and Andrew, four mile heats, for \$5,000 a side, each match. The contest takes place over the Washington Course on the Monday and Tuesday preceding the next regular Charleston Races.

The celebrated trotting horse Bull Calf was sold this morning, at the auction store of W. L. Freeman for \$375.—[Philadelphia Gazette.]

The Cincinnati Advertiser of the 3d inst. says:—"When the play was about half over on Saturday night, Mr. Caldwell came forth, and announced that our distinguished countryman, Washington Irving, had just arrived in our city, and was then in the Theatre. This pleasing information was greeted with the most enthusiastic applause by the audience, a happy earnest of the welcome which Mr. Irving will receive from the citizens of the West. He is thrice welcome."

The Robbers Taken.—Thomas Sperry, who in May last absconded from London, taking with him 3000l. of the funds of a Banking house in which he had been a confidential clerk, together with his accomplices, Lankester and Cull, who had shared

equally with him the avails of the robbery, have been overtaken and forced to disgorge their spoils. They arrived at Staten Island in July, and had made good their retreat into the interior as far as Jordon, Onondago county, to which place they were traced with difficulty by the agents sent in pursuit, and there arrested on civil process. Sperry was first taken and immediately gave up his share of the money, but was suffered to retain \$500 on condition of pointing out his associates, who by this means were also arrested. About \$11,000 were recovered, and the rogues discharged, under the impression that the laws of this State do not authorize criminal process in such cases.—[Courier & Enquirer.]

Shocking Accident.—A New-Orleans paper of the 22d ult. has the following:—"On Monday night, about 9 o'clock, two children were accidentally burnt to death. It appears that the mother of the poor children left them in bed, and stepped out of the room, leaving a candle near the musquito-bar: on returning, the accident was discovered, and the children immediately taken from their perilous situation. At first, it appeared that the youngest child was not much burnt, and hopes were entertained of its recovery—but yesterday morning found both of them dead."

Shocking Accident.—On Thursday afternoon last, as one of the workmen employed in the West Point Foundry in Beach street, was passing through one of the shops, where a belt happened to be thrown off the pulley, he incautiously set his foot on it, which tightened it on the drum, and the double caught him and drew him up between the drum and the floor several times before the steam engine could be stopped, which tore his body in so shocking a manner that he breathed only a few minutes. His name was Thomas Marcus, aged about 50 years, a native of England. He had been only three months in this country.

Melancholy Accident.—As Mr. Samuel P. Baldwin was adjusting the apparatus connected with a windlass, in the third story of a store in Merchants Row, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, he accidentally fell, and was so much bruised that he died in about an hour afterwards. He was about 22 years of age. What renders this bereavement peculiarly distressing to his afflicted relatives is, that it is but about a fortnight since they paid the last tribute of respect to his father, Mr. Luke Baldwin.—[Boston Courier.]

Brown University.—The annual commencement was held on Wednesday last. The degree of A. B. was conferred on 22 young gentlemen.

The honorary degree of Doctor in Divinity, was conferred, on the Rev. Charles P. McIlvaine, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and on the Rev. Thomas Steffe Crisp, A. M. of Glasgow University, and the President of the Theological Academy, Bristol, Eng.

The commencement was attended by fewer strangers than usual, but the exercises are spoken of as respectable.

The legislature of Tennessee met on Monday last. The principal business before them is the election of a member of the United States Senate, and the apportionment of the state into Congressional districts.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Commodore Charles B. Thompson, at the Hot Springs, in Virginia. He had been in ill health for a long time, having brought his disease with him, several months ago, from the Pacific, where he was in command of the U. S. squadron for two or three years.—[National Intelligencer.]

We learn that a malignant disease exists among cattle in the neighborhood of Kipp's Bay. Nine cows have died from one farm. One of these had been examined, and a large quantity of blood found upon the heart, the stagnation of which appeared to have caused death.—[Jour. of Com.]

St. Johns, N. B. Aug. 25.—The brig Heber, Agre, 63 days from Belfast, arrived at quarantine on Monday. The report of the health officer states, that she had 169 passengers when she sailed, 17 of whom, according to the captain's account, died of want during the passage, and one of small pox. "Nothing can exceed the misery of these people—not only their own stock of provisions, but that of the vessel is completely exhausted, and the major part of them, when they arrived, had not tasted a mouthful for two days—they are wallowing in filth, and present a sad spectacle."

Melancholy Accident.—The Newburyport Herald states, that on Wednesday morning, a company of persons started in two wherries from that town, to visit Plum Island, on an excursion of pleasure. On

board one of the boats were Mr. Isaac G. Noyes, and Mr. John Hardy, with nine females. When about a half mile distant from Plum Island Bridge, in the "Gut," the sail jibbing suddenly, the wherry was capsized. Five of the passengers clung to the boat, the rest were left floating on the surface. The other boat, directed by Mr. John Thurlo, was immediately put on shore near by; and he having landed his companions, returned to the rescue of the persons exposed. He was however too late to save them all; a child of Mr. Noyes, named Elizabeth, aged 3 years, and Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Joseph L. Colby, aged 16, being drowned.

Drowned, in the Canal Basin, in Buffalo, Mr. Charles Catlin. The deceased left his boarding-house on Thursday evening before last, undiscovered by any person, and on Sunday his body was found in the water. No evidence has been elicited of the immediate cause of his death.

Mammoth Lemon.—We were yesterday shown a lemon, which grew in Medford, Mass. and surpassed in size any that we have ever seen. Its least circumference was eleven inches and a half; its length upwards of five inches; and it weighed fifteen and a half ounces avoirdupois!—[Exeter News Letter.]

[From the Commercial Advertiser.]

Destructive Fire.—Between 7 and 8 o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in the bakery of J. H. Fredericks, in the rear of No. 86 Vandam street, which burned with great fury, that in about one hour, twenty buildings were reduced to a heap of ruins.—The particulars, so far as we have been enabled to collect them, are as follows:

On Vandam Street.—No. 86, occupied by J. H. Fredericks, baker. Bakehouse destroyed, the dwelling of Mr. F. fronting the street, was but slightly injured.

No. 84. Two story frame house, occupied by Isaac Reed and Mrs. Mary Scott, slightly injured.

No. 82. Twostory frame house, occupied by Mrs. Blackney, rear, damaged.

No. 80. Two story frame house, occupied by O. Wade and James Swift, and owned by B. P. Melick, Esq., destroyed.

On Hudson Street.—No. 239, two story brick building, occupied as a grocery and dwelling by B. Melick, and owned by B. P. Melick, Esq., slightly injured.

No. 237. Two story frame house, occupied below by Mr. Scott, as a chair factory, and the upper part by some families; this building destroyed. This was owned by Mr. Melick.

No. 235. Two story frame house; chair factory of T. J. Blanc, below; families above; burnt down; owned by Mr. Melick.

No. 233. Two story frame house; chair factory of Mr. Halsey, below; families above—burnt down—owned by Mr. Melick.

No. 231. Two story frame house; umbrella store of Burger & Shaw; families above—owned by Mr. Gilbert—burnt down.

No. 229. Two story frame house, occupied by Mr. T. P. Laws as a shoe store, and Mr. Perkins, confectioner; dwellings above—burnt down.

No. 227. Two story frame house, occupied by T. H. Chalmers, grocery and dwelling—burnt down.

On Spring-street.—No. 265. Two story frame house, occupied by Mary Concklin, and owned by Mr. James Gilbert—burnt down.

No. 267. Two story frame house, occupied by Mr. Stets, baker, and owned by Mr. J. G. Martin—burnt down. This property was insured.

No. 269. Two story frame house, occupied by Amos Gore, and owned by J. G. Martin—destroyed: insured.

No. 271. Two story frame house, occupied by Peter Demarest, chairmaker, and owned by Mr. Lewis—destroyed.

No. 273. Two story frame house, occupied by Mrs. Paterson, grocer, and owned by Mr. Lawton; destroyed.

No. 275. Two story house, occupied by Spear & Robertson, as a shoe store, and owned by A. J. Spear; rear much damaged.

No. 277. Two story house, occupied by Mr. Sholder as a basket store; rear much damaged.

Fire.—On Saturday evening about 10 o'clock, the house 64 James street, occupied as a dwelling house and bake-shop by Mr. Reeve, was discovered to be on fire. By the prompt arrival of the firemen it was got under with but little damage. About 12 o'clock, same night, another alarm was given, which proved to proceed from the same building, and before it was extinguished, destroyed the interior with all its contents. It is supposed to have been the act of an incendiary.