

An abstract of the receipts and expenditure of the colonial government of South Australia, for the quarter ending the 31st March, 1844.

The total receipts, including the transfer of £600 from the land account, and £31. 18s. for rents of land temporarily leased, are £7,928. 15s. 8d., and the total expenditure, including £202. 10s. 8d. for the immigration department, is £6,887. 8s. 7d. Showing a balance in favour of the revenue over the expenditure of £1,041. 7s. 1d.

The colonists are, however, labouring under considerable depression, on account of the high rates of wages.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—From the Cape of Good Hope, under date of July 28th, we learn that the Caffres continued their thefts and outrages; and that the inhabitants were kept in constant alarm, although no general irruption was anticipated. The value of the property, owing to the increase of the population, was gradually rising.

ST. HELENA.—By the latest news from this island, it appears to be the intention of government to make St. Helena a depôt for captured slaves, with a view, we imagine, to their being ultimately shipped to the West Indies as emigrants. The information as to the treatment of those unfortunate Africans who have already been taken there, imperatively demands that a complete alteration of the system, as inhuman as it has been found expensive, should take place, before another of these unhappy people should be sent thither. The schooner which brought the last batch of captured Africans, some six or seven months ago, to the island, was there when the last mail was despatched, with all those who survive, about one half, on board. It appears that they have not been allowed to land, but whether this has arisen from instructions received from the Colonial Office, or whether it results from the mere will of the Governor of the island, was not ascertained. It is said some of those who had previously arrived, and were allowed to land, are half-starved.

It is really sickening to read the accounts which have been submitted to us of the hardships endured by the liberated Africans at St. Helena, previously to their being despatched to the West Indies. It is estimated that about seven thousand Africans have been introduced into St. Helena, a part of whom have been removed to British Guiana, Trinidad, Jamaica, and the Cape of Good Hope; the remainder, a few in number, still continue on the island.

WEST INDIES.—The Jamaica House of Assembly was dissolved on the 26th of August, and the new elections were pro-

ceeding. Strange to say, one of the election battle-cries was "Church and State." The weather in Jamaica, and most of the other islands, had been rather favourable for the agriculturists, but great alarm appears to have been excited in most of our West India possessions by shocks of an earthquake. Jamaica, on this occasion, appearing to have escaped. No lives had been lost, nor, although the shocks were of unusually lengthened duration, had there been any destruction of property. At St. Christopher's, on the 17th July, a smart shock was felt about eleven o'clock at night. At about eight o'clock on the same evening, a meteor was seen to the northward and westward, which illumined the whole island for a short period. It is a remarkable circumstance, that a large meteor preceded the great earthquake of the 5th of February last year. On the 30th of August, a smart shock was experienced in George-town, Demerara, about half-past three o'clock in the morning; but it does not appear to have been attended with damage to buildings or loss of life. Coolie immigration, it is thought, will not be favourably regarded by the new House of Assembly, nor encouraged to the extent which parties in the mother-country seem to desire.

It appears that the rumoured intention of Government to lend to the principal West India colonies a million and a half for immigration purposes, has been changed into the settled purpose of presenting to them nearly 13,000 Coolies within the next year—5,000 to Jamaica, 5,000 to British Guiana, and 2,500 to Trinidad.

TRINIDAD.—It is made the subject of an exceedingly exultant leading article in a Trinidad paper (of September last), that an ice-house has been established for the supply of the natives with delicacies preserved in ice, including meat, fish, vegetables, and fruits.

THE CENSUS.—The following are extracts from the census, showing the population of the various West India islands, as taken on the 3rd day of June, 1844.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Port of Spain district	6,656	8,953	15,609
Western dist.	3,682	3,595	7,277
Toco dist.	290	254	553
Southern dist.	2,353	1,634	3,984
Carapichaima dist.	4,634	5,003	7,042
St. Joseph dist. ..	6,324	6,002	12,326
Eastern dist.	772	590	1,362
Naparima dist. ...	6,593	5,069	11,662
Total.....	30,713	29,102	59,815

BARBADOES.—Of the total number of the inhabitants there are 56,004 males; and 66,124 females; showing an excess of 10,190 females. There are 30,005 over 18 years of age employed in agriculture, of which 14,576 are men, and 15,429

women; an excess of 853 in favour of the women. There are 28,125 over 18 years engaged in trade or other business, of whom are 12,348 men, and 15,777 women—an excess of 3,429 women. There are 8,956 persons of both sexes without employment, and 55,112 boys and girls, the latter exceeding the former in number by 430; 19,362 persons living in Bridgetown, and 14,982 in the rural part of the parish. Most persons are of opinion (and his excellency the governor, in his late speech on opening the Legislature, stated it) that this census falls short of the amount of the population by upwards of 10,000.—*Liberal*.

ST. KITTS.—Shows a total population of 23,177; namely, 10,523 males, and 12,654 females;—of these, 8,797 (of both sexes) are agricultural labourers. The population of Bas'terre, the chief town, is 1,908 males, and 2,785 females, or a total of 4,693.

GRENADA.—Shows a total population (including the island of Carriacou, 3,835) of 29,082—namely, 13,804 males, and 15,278 females; of these, the population of the town of St. George is stated at 1,921 males, and 2,476 females—total, 4,397.—*St. George's Chronicle*.

TOBAGO.—Shows a total population of 13,208—namely, 6,152 males, and 7,056 females. Of these, 2,335 males and 2,517 females above the age of 18 years are engaged in agriculture. The population of Scarborough (the chief town) is 605 males, and 869 females,—total, 1,474. A census was taken in January, 1839, when the population was found to be 11,748; thus showing a total increase since that period of about 12 per cent., or an annual increase of 2·2 per cent.—*Tobago Chronicle*.

The entire population of this island and its dependencies, as stated above, amounts to only 27,248, a number far less than was anticipated. On the 31st July, 1834, there were of slaves alone 22,245, being 718 more than the whole of the present black inhabitants. If to this number of 22,245 we add 4,467 for the coloured inhabitants, and as many more for free blacks, together with 1,252 for the white inhabitants, and something for the Charaibs (who are included in the present census), we find that the population in 1834 was about 33,000. Now supposing the deaths from that period to the present to equal the births, the astounding fact is arrived at, that 6,000 labourers have left the island since August, 1838.—*St. Vincent's Chronicle*.

On the 29th of August an earthquake was felt in several of the West Indian islands, including St. Vincent's, Grenada, Trinidad, and British Guiana.

CANADA.—Sir Charles Metcalfe had fixed upon his new cabinet, and arrived in Montreal on the 3d of October, to swear the members in. The following are the names:—Hon. William Henry Draper, attorney-general for that part of the province formerly Upper Canada; the Hon. William Morris, receiver-general; Denis Benjamin Papineau, Esq., commissioner of crown lands; James Smith, Esq., Queen's counsel, in and for that part of the province formerly Lower Canada, and attorney-general for the same.

Sir Charles Metcalf, had issued a proclamation calling a meeting of parliament for the despatch of business for the 22nd. This is the first session since the removal of the seat of government to Montreal. Beyond this the Canadian journals contain no news of interest.

The weather in Lower Canada has, it appears, been most unfavourable for the crops, and a niggardly harvest has been the consequence.

Number of emigrants arrived at Quebec from the 24th August to the 7th of September:—

	Cabin.	Steerage.
From England . . .	9	132
.. Ireland	4	337
.. Scotland	14	246
.. Lower Ports . . .	0	0
Total	27	715
Previously reported	402	17,110
!Total	429	17,825
To same period last year	691	19,151
Decrease in 1844	262	1,326

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE.—On Monday, October 28, her most gracious majesty Queen Victoria and his royal highness prince Albert, attended by the lord mayor and corporation, the Gresham committee, and a vast concourse of merchants, bankers, and other influential gentlemen connected with the trade and commerce of the city of London, opened the new Royal Exchange, just completed. Future historians will be enabled to record the erection and inauguration of as many as three Royal Exchanges within the short period of three centuries, and that on two of those occasions the ceremony was graced by the august presence of two youthful queens of Great Britain in person, reigning in their own right on the throne of these realms. Well may we congratulate the citizens of London on the present occasion, that a prince-consort laid the first stone, and that the inauguration was honoured by the presence of a queen-regnant, endeared to her subjects by every sentiment that can stimulate loyalty or excite devotion and attachment.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The following RETURNS, compiled from documents furnished by the Collector of Customs, have been published for general information:—

No. 1.—Return of the Value of Imports into the Province of South Australia, during the Quarters ending 31st December, 1843, and 31st March, 1844.

Quarter ending.	From Great Britain.			From British Colonies.			From other Places.			TOTAL.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1843....	27,161	1	1	7,910	11	7	366	3	6	35,437	16	2
March 31, 1844..	16,466	18	4	12,183	18	10				28,650	17	2

No. 2.—Return of the Value of Exports from the Province of South Australia, during the Quarters ending 31st December, 1843, and 31st March, 1844.

Quarter ending.	To Great Britain.			To British Colonies.			To other Places.			TOTAL.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Dec. 31, 1843....	26,792	19	6	5,888	0	6				32,681	0	0
March 31, 1844..	19,201	8	6	8,176	9	0				27,397	17	6

No. 3.—Abstract of Imports and Exports, showing the Amount of Imports for Home-Consumption, and the Amount of Colonial and Foreign Produce exported at the Port of Adelaide, for the Quarters ending 31st December, 1843, and 31st March, 1844.

IMPORTS.				EXPORTS.			
Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1843.				Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1843.			
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Imports	35,437	16	2	Exports, produce of the Colony	28,874	17	6
Imports re-exported	3,806	2	6	Imports re-exported	3,806	2	6
Total Imports consumed in the Colony	31,631	13	8	Total Exports	32,681	0	0
Quarter ending March 31, 1844.				Quarter ending March 31, 1844.			
Imports	28,650	17	2	Exports, produce of the Colony	24,136	0	6
Imports re-exported	3,261	17	0	Imports re-exported	3,261	17	0
Total Imports consumed in the Colony	25,389	0	2	Total Exports	27,397	17	6

No. 4.—Return of Shipping Inwards at the Port of Adelaide, South Australia, for the Quarters ending 31st December, 1843, and 31st March, 1844.

Quarter ending.	To Great Britain.		To British Colonies.		To other Places.		Total Tons.	Men.
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.		
	Dec. 31, 1843....	2	687	10	1532	1		
March 31, 1844..	2	780	14	1388			2168	160

No. 5.—Return of Shipping Outwards at the Port of Adelaide, South Australia, for the Quarters ending 31st December, 1843, and 31st March, 1844.

Quarter ending.	To Great Britain.		To British Colonies.		To other Places.		Total Tons.	Men.
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.		
	Dec. 31, 1843....	3	737	7	1106			
March 31, 1844..	3	1006	15	1653			2659	181

OBITUARY.

- Baird, Captain, of the 15th Hussars, on 12th of August, at Bangalore, East Indies.
- Bent, Thomas Hamlyn, Esq., Deputy-Commissary-General, formerly stationed at Barbadoes, on 26th of June, at his residence the Lodge, Hillingdon, near Uxbridge, aged 69.
- Beresford, Admiral Sir John, Bart., K. C. B., G. C. H., &c., on 2d October, at Bedale, Yorkshire. The deceased admiral entered the navy in the year 1782, and had seen considerable service. He succeeded in his title by his son, Captain George Beresford.
- Caulfield, Lieut. James G., eldest son of Major-General Caulfield, on 21st of September, at Madeira.
- Cotton, Major-General, E. R. I., on 3d of Oct., at Etwell Hall, in his 67th year. General Cotton served in the expedition to the Helder in 1799, and in the Mediterranean, Egypt, and the Peninsula, where he was present at the siege of Saragossa and in various other actions. He continued actively employed until 1817, when he retired on the half-pay of the 10th Foot. He commenced his military career in the 5th Foot. His Commissions are dated as follow: viz., Ensign, 22d May, 1797; Lieutenant, 11th Oct., 1797; Captain, 9th July, 1803; Major, 4th March, 1807; Lieutenant-Colonel, 4th June, 1813; Colonel by Brevet, 22d July, 1830; and Major-General, 23d November, 1841.
- Crawford, Mr. Adam, son of the late John Crawford, Esq., merchant, Leith, Scotland, on 11th April, at Sydney.
- Deshon, Lieutenant-Colonel C. J., of her Majesty's 17th regiment, on 31st July, at Aden, East Indies. He was a brave and distinguished soldier, and beloved by the officers and men under his command.
- Donegal, his grace the Marquis of, on 5th Oct., at Ormean, Ireland. His lordship, George Augustus Chichester, Marquis of Donegal, Viscount Chichester, and Baron Belfast (Viscount Fisherwick in England) Lieutenant of the county of Donegal, Knight of St. Patrick, &c., was born in 1760, and was consequently in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He succeeded in his title and estates by his eldest son, the Earl of Belfast, Lieut. of the county of Antrim.
- Eustace, Lieutenant-General Henry, late of the Royal Engineers, on 5th Oct., at Geneva. His Commissions were dated as follow:—Lieutenant, 8th May, 1790; Captain, 2d September, 1795; Major, 3d October, 1798; Lieutenant-Colonel, 25th September, 1803; Colonel by Brevet, 1st January, 1812; Major-General, 4th June, 1814; and Lieut.-General, 22d July, 1830.
- Grafton, George Henry Fitzroy, fourth Duke of Grafton, on 28th Sept., at Euston Hall, Suffolk, in his 85th year.
- Hale, William Amherst, Esq., late Captain in the 52d Light Infantry, in September, at his residence, St. Anne's, Canada.
- Hayter, Lady, wife of Sir George Hayter, principal Painter in Ordinary to her Majesty, on 6th October, at Brighton.
- Heytesbury, her Excellency the Baroness, wife of the Right Honourable Lord Heytesbury, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on 6th October, at Dublin.
- Higgins, Colonel Sir Samuel Gordon, K. C. H., Equerry to her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester, on 14th Oct., at London, in his 74th year.
- Hodgson, the Very Rev. R., D. D., Dean of Carlisle, and Rector of St. George's, Hanover Square, London, on 9th October, at Hanover Square, London.
- Hoque, Thomas John, Esq., W. S., late of Woodcockdale Cottage, Linlithgowshire, on 27th July, at Chittagong, Bengal.
- Jephson, James, M. D., Assistant-Surgeon of the Lunatic Asylum at Colabah, Bombay, on 12th of August, of cholera, at Colabah. "He arrived in India in 1835. Wherever he went—at home or abroad—James Jephson was a general favourite."—*Bombay Times*.
- Kepple, William Henry, Esq., late Lieutenant in the 36th regiment, at Fredericton, New Brunswick.
- Lewis, Captain Richard, of her Majesty's 45th regiment, on 30th Sept., at Gibraltar.
- Moore, Richard, Esq., formerly Major in the 45th regiment, on 2d Oct., at Cheltenham, aged 67 years. He was thirty-five years in active service.
- Marlborough, her grace the Duchess of, on 12th October, at Blenheim Park. Her grace was born March 29, 1798, was the eldest daughter of George, eighth Earl of Galloway, and was married to the present Duke on 11th Jan., 1819.
- Nicolay, Edmond G., Esq., late Captain in the 29th regiment, and last surviving son of the late Lieutenant-General Sir William Nicolay, on 25th June, at Mhow, East Indies.
- O'Reilly, Captain Dowell Knox, of her Majesty's 95th regiment, only son of the late Capt. O'Reilly, Royal Navy, of the Queen's County, Ireland, on 12th August, at Barbadoes.
- Thomson, Captain James Eyre, Royal Marines, on the 21st October, at Woolwich, aged 59.

THE STANLEY MAUSOLEUM.—Died last month, universally condemned, the political career of LORD STANLEY. The remains have been interred in the House of Lords.—PUNCH.