

Foreign News.

From the N. Y. Daily Advertiser.

By the ship Alfred, captain Welsh, which arrived yesterday from Cadiz, having sailed on the 5th February, advices to the latest dates were received. The editors of the New York Daily Advertiser have been favored by some distinguished exiles, now in this city, with the perusal of letters and papers from Madrid to the 28th January, and Cadiz to the 4th February—these dates are ten days later from Madrid than have been received by the latest arrivals from France or England; and being from distinguished individuals to their friends here may be relied on.

These letters state that there will be no convocation of the Cortez, as known in 1821 and 1822, which was composed of one body; but that a Representative Government will be formed, consisting of two chambers. The upper, or higher branch, will be composed of two thirds from the higher nobility, and one third from the higher clergy. The lower house will consist of two hundred and fifty members, elected from the municipalities viz: cities, towns, villages.

The Queen had met the council of new ministers repeatedly, and had been treated with the utmost cordiality.

The press in Spain, was still under censorship, and all editorial intelligence must be considered such as had passed inspection. From these articles, it appears that those Journals so long devoted to M. Zou's administration, begin to trim their articles, to accord with the change, and speak firmly of a representative government.

The new ministry had been in power fourteen days. The only great measures that they had adopted during that time were, placing the nation on war footing by increasing the army from 60,000 to 120,000 men; and of directing an inquiry into the laws created by Ferdinand since 1822. In the organization of the army it is supposed that the new government are determined to put down Don Carlos and Miguel in Portugal, and the other is of examining into the cause and connections relating to the large sum named.

The new order of things it is supposed will almost immediately affect the diplomatic department by a change of ministry at Paris and St. Petersburg.

The change of ministry had occasioned so great rejoicings in different parts of Spain, that the authorities to prevent excess, had issued proclamations to prevent the people from assembling, fearful of the consequences.

The Carlists appeared in different provinces, but not formidable.

It is believed that almost the first great question that will be discussed by the new government, will be the settlement of the South American States.

All accounts agree that nothing can resist the force of the people in the establishment of a representative government; the only fear appears to be that in the great fervor for liberal principles, excess may be committed.

LATEST FROM ENGLAND.

By the packet ship Caledonia, capt. Graham, the New York Commercial has London papers of the 1st February inclusive.

The short intervening period from our previous advices leaves but little to glean from their contents. Much speculation was indulged in, relative to the approaching session of Parliament, which was to commence on the Tuesday following.—It was supposed that the following subjects would come under consideration:—

1. Church Reform; 2. Claims of the Dissenters; 3. The Corn Laws; 4. the Repeal of the Assessed Taxes; 5. Poor Laws for Ireland, and an alteration in the English System; and 6. Corporation Reform.

It was anticipated that the House tax would be wholly taken off, but that the duty upon windows, and other assessed taxes upon horses, carriages, &c. would be continued until a more favorable state of the revenue should allow of their reduction or repeal.

The Duke of Wellington has been chosen chancellor of the University of Oxford, in place of Lord Greenville deceased.

The Morning Chronicle contains the following obituary notice of the late nobleman:

Death of Lord Greenville.—Died, in his 75th year, at his seat, Dropmore, William Wyndham Greenville, Baron Greenville. From his connections, his career as a public man was greatly facilitated.—He was the third son of the Right Hon. George Greenville, whose name is so familiar to all who are acquainted with the history of the American war.

It has been often said that the secret of the authorship of Janus would be discovered in the death of his Lordship, and that a noble lord [Nugent] his relative not now in this country, has been repeatedly heard to declare that the secret was in his kinsman's keeping, and would be disclosed.

Such has been the distress amongst the steerage passengers who have been detained at Spithead for the last two months by the late westerly gales, most of whom are emigrants for Canada, New South Wales and the United States, that the inhabitants of Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, and Portsmouth, have entered into a subscription which by a committee of benevolent gentlemen, has been divided among them, or the most dreadful scenes

of distress and misery must have ensued. The successive westerly gales were such that upwards of a thousand sail of vessels are said to have been wind bound in the English Channel for nearly three months.

Is it confidently asserted that the King has expressed his assent to the measures proposed by Earl Grey, in relation to the Church, and that they will be recommended in the speech from the throne.

A Liverpool paper states that the first bag of cotton imported into that place was brought in January, 1785, from the United States of America, by the Diana, which brought only one bag.

Two steamers, with 800 troops, chiefly Belgians, were detained by the weather at Falmouth. They were destined to the constitutional service in Portugal, were in readiness to depart for the Tagus.

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LATEST FROM CHINA.

By the arrival of the ship Thomas Dickason, Capt. Wainwright, we are in possession of a file of the Canton Register, to the 24th of October, inclusive.

Great complaints are made of the conduct of the Hoppo of Canton, who has attempted to extort money from the new Hong merchants under the plea that they were not able to give sufficient security for the privilege of securing ships. This was likely to create serious embarrassments to foreign trade. The exaction was therefore resisted, and on an appeal to the governor, a decision was obtained against the Hoppo.

Several of the provinces have been severely scourged by immense swarms of locusts. The Vice Roy, immediately on their approach, issued a proclamation against them, expressed in very strong terms!

But these are not the only misfortunes the Chinese have been recently doomed to encounter. In a former paper we had stated the general fact that the city of Canton and its environs have suffered from inundation. We perceive that the desolation was general, not only through that but the adjoining provinces of *Quangsi* and *Keangsi*. The maritime city of *Chien-Chow* situated on the north eastern verge of the province of Canton, at the foot of a range of hills, was all but swept away by the sudden burst of water thro' a ravine; at least 18,000 houses, were, it is stated, in the official paper destroyed, and many people drowned; more damage was, it is believed, suffered there, than even in Canton city.

A terrible gale, accompanied with rain, took place in the latter part of August—It forced back the tide—overflowed the town, and carried away not only the wooden fabrics of the poorer classes, but the brick and stone edifices of the rich. The city wall was likewise burst, and it is estimated that more than one thousand persons perished. Many vessels were injured, but the *Cabot* was the only American vessel named, which lost her main yards, and top gallant masts. The brig *Bee* was totally lost in a gale on the south coast of China, but all the crew except one, were saved.

As soon as the waters had receded, precautions were directed to all parts of the province of Canton by the Governor and Loo-yuen, advising the rich to come forward to the relief of the poor, and the repair of damages to roads and embankments. The various trades were called upon for specified sums, according to their supposed wealth. About \$80,000 were levied upon the Hong Merchants, of which amount How-qua, who figures so often upon our tea chests, has assessed \$30,000, and Mow-qua and King-qua about 5,000 each. Altogether, the sum of \$1,600,000 was raised for the purposes described. It is said that ever since the accession of the present Emperor to the throne, the empire has been afflicted with a series of misfortunes, such as famines, inundations, droughts and rebellions. As the Chinese insist on making the Supreme Head answerable for all the unfortunate events (as well as entitled to the credit of all felicitous ones) it is deemed not unlikely that a political revolution will ere long take place in that country.

The Chinese, in general, say of him that he is a good man, but complain that his government is bad. This precarious tenure of the throne is deemed to be a leading cause in producing the active efforts of the magistracy to relieve the poor, lest they might be driven by hunger to revolt.

Consequent on the misery and distress produced by the inundations, disease has made its appearance in the province, and to this, in the various shapes of dysentery, agues, fevers, &c. many thousands have, it is understood, fallen victims.

The crop of Canton silk was expected, owing to the late inundations, to be short of the usual quantity.

Macao is said to be improving under the auspices of the new Governor Don D. M. D. Andrade. The speculation formerly complained of at that port is said to be now restrained and prevented. The Governor is said to have ordered all members of foreign missions, resident at Macao, to leave the settlement. The reason assigned is, that a great number of foreign missionaries are sent from Macao into the heart of China in disguise, few of whom ever return.

The Chinese have succeeded in regaining possession of the island of Formosa, but it is said to have been achieved by concessions and bribery—for in the military encounters they were defeated in almost every battle.

An insurrection broke out in the southern part of Cochin China, in August last, of the suppression of which no intelligence had been received at the latest dates.

The French ship Grand Duquesnes on a voyage from China and Manila to France, was destroyed in June last by fire, occasioned by negligence in entering the spirit room with a lighted candle by one of the officers. She was utterly destroyed—but the persons on board, 22 in number, took to the boats, and with the loss of their baggage, were saved by falling in with a Javanese cruiser.

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