MORRIS INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Alleged Fraud in Appointing a Receiver.

Deputy Attorney General Hammond Brought Up for Contempt of Court.

Affidavits in the Case and Argument of Counsel.

&c. &c. &c.

Supreme Court—Chambers.
Before Judge G. G. Barnard.

The litigation in regard to the Morris Fire and Inland Insurance Company was again up before Judge G. G. Barnard yesterday. It will be recollected that on the last day the case came before the court, Mr. A. E. Stansbury, late President of the Company, was fined one thousand dollars for contempt of court in not handing over the books and accounts of the company to Mr. John K. Hackett, who had been appointed receiver by Judge Barnard. Mr. S. H. Hammond, Deputy Attorney General, was also charged with fraud in attempting to have Mr. Stansbury appointed receiver instead of Mr. Hackett. The full particulars, as they transpired in court, were published in the HERALD at the time.

The following order, issued by Judge Barnard, explains the nature of yesterday's proceedings:—

Supreme Court, in the matter of the Morris Fire and Inland Insurance Co.—Upon the annexed affidavit, and all the pleadings, proceedings and papers herein, let S. H. Hammond show cause before me, on Friday, March 9, 1866, at ten A. M., why he should not return the papers taken by him from Mr. Beamish to be filed in the proper office, and why he should not be punished for contempt for his conduct in the premises, and why such other and further order should not be made herein as may be just. GEORGE G. BARNARD, Justice.
NEW YORK, March 8, 1866.

Mr. David Dudley Field moved for a hearing in the case, remarking that Attorney General Martindale, who was present and who appeared for Mr. Hammond, was anxious to return to Albany as soon as possible.

Judge Barnard having signified his assent to a hearing of the case, Mr. Field remarked that an order had been issued on Mr. Hammond to show cause why he should not return to the files of the court certain papers which he took from Mr. Beamish, the clerk, and why he should not be punished for contempt.

Mr. Martindale said that there had been no notice served upon the Attorney General to appear before that court. It was not in the notice of the motion to appear before the court, but simply before the judge.

Judge Barnard—I never heard such an objection raised before. The case must proceed.

AFFIDAVIT OF MR. BEAMISH.

Mr. Field then read the affidavit of Mr. Richard C. Beamish, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Chambers, as follows:—

Richard C. Beamish, being sworn, saith:—That he is a clerk of the Special Term at Chambers of this court; that on the 27th of February last an affidavit, a petition and other papers, signed in the name of the Attorney General, in the first above entitled matter, were presented to the Special Term at Chambers, then held by Mr. Justice Barnard, with an order to show cause, returnable that day, why the company should not be dissolved and a receiver appointed with an admission of service; that such papers named E. A. Stansbury, of the late president of the company, as receiver; that shortly afterwards Judge Barnard granted and signed a judgment dissolving the company and appointing John K. Hackett receiver of said company. That deponent took the papers from Judge Barnard, and entered the order in the books of the court; and marked the papers filed. That the county Clerk requires such papers to be entered in his own office. That Mr. S. H. Hammond, for the moving party, took them from deponent, deponent saying that he must file them in the County Clerk's office, and gave them to him for that purpose. Mr. Hammond saying that he wanted to make a copy of the order to serve it upon the receiver, the Judge mentioned to him that he had appointed Mr. Hackett receiver, and he said that was quite satisfactory to him; he could get along with Mr. Hackett very well, and had only presented Mr. Stansbury's name because parties had asked him to do so. Deponent further saith that John K. Hackett filed his bonds as such receiver in this court on February 28, before 12 M., in the prescribed amount, approved by a Justice of this court. Deponent further saith that Mr. S. H. Hammond is an officer of this court, being an attorney and counsellor at law. Deponent further saith that the said Hammond did not file the papers in the County Clerk's office here, and, as he is informed and believes, he did not file them in any other county clerk's office, but proceeded to Albany, and there, in the absence of deponent, got a judgment entered appointing Mr. Stansbury receiver.
RICHARD C. BEAMISH.

AFFIDAVIT OF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL HAMMOND.

Attorney General Martindale then read the affidavit of Mr. Hammond, as follows:—

City and County of Albany, ss.—S. H. Hammond being duly sworn, says:—That he is an attorney and counsellor at law, and the Deputy Attorney General of the State of New York, and resides in the city and county aforesaid; that on February 28, 1866, William Barnes, Esq., Superintendent of the Insurance Department, communicated in writing to the Attorney General, pursuant to section 24 of chapter 405 of the laws of 1853, the fact that the assets of the Morris Fire and Inland Insurance Company were insufficient to justify its continuance in business as a joint stock fire insurance company in the city of New York, and required the Attorney General's action thereto pursuant to law. That thereupon, in pursuance of the act aforesaid, deponent prepared a petition to the court for an order to show cause why said company by its business should not be closed. That on the same day said petition was presented to a special term of this court, sitting at the City Hall in Albany, and an order was granted requiring the said company to show cause before one of the justices of this court at the City Hall in the city of New York why the business of the said company should not be closed, and in the meantime all its officers, &c., were restrained, &c. That deponent then proceeded to the city of New York and to the office of the said company, and served said petition and order to show cause, and it was then proposed on the part of said company that it would consent to the order asked for if Mr. Stansbury would resign as president, which deponent, feeling desirous of avoiding any litigation in reference to the closing of said company, and considering the facts as to Mr. Stansbury's action as an officer of said company, as stated in said Superintendent's report, the opinion expressed by the said Superintendent that he was a proper person to be appointed such receiver, and the high reputation of the man, consented to the terms proposed; that deponent, to carry out such arrangement, proceeded to the Supreme Court Chambers, where Judge Barnard was presiding, and presented the aforesaid petition, and asked for the order which was presented with it; the order presented was in the usual form, directing said company with the usual restraining clause upon their officers, &c., and appointing Edward A. Stansbury receiver, upon his filing a sufficient bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars; that Judge Barnard took the papers saying he would look them over in the course of half an hour, and at about the time mentioned an officer in attendance upon the Judge, not the Clerk, handed to the deponent the papers; that upon looking at the order deponent discovered that the Judge had stricken out the name of Mr. Stansbury as receiver and inserted that of Mr. John K. Hackett. Deponent thereupon called the attention of the Judge to the fact that the order had been agreed upon between himself and the company, stating to him substantially the arrangement aforesaid, and adding to him that while personally deponent had no objection to Mr. Hackett, he could not, in honor and good faith, consent to the entry of an order dissolving the corporation and appointing a receiver, contrary to the agreement he had made with the company, as in that event the company had an unquestionable right to be heard. Judge Barnard declined to consider the order in question under the circumstances, and he said that he had been imposed upon by the company, and thereupon deponent left the court, taking said petition and order with him, and thereafter stipulated with the said company, withdrawing and vacating said proceeding. Deponent thereupon, and on the 28th ultimo, commenced a new proceeding in this court and presented the petition to a special term sitting at Albany, and the order to show cause which was duly granted and signed, dissolving said company and appointing Mr. Edward A. Stansbury receiver thereof, and vacating the order to show cause and appointing a receiver, hereinbefore mentioned. Deponent further says that no other judgment dissolving said company was granted or signed by said Judge than the order previously referred to, to the knowledge or belief of deponent, nor was the said John K. Hackett, otherwise than by said order, appointed receiver of said company to the knowledge of deponent. Deponent further says that he did not receive said petition and order from Richard C. Beamish, clerk, &c., for filed; and deponent says he remembers, as to substance, that he must file them in the County Clerk's office, or that he gave them to him for that purpose; nor did deponent say to Mr. Beamish, or to any one else, either in words or otherwise, that he wanted to make a copy of the order to serve on the receiver, nor did he say to the Judge in words or substance, that he was quite satisfied with the appointment of Mr. Hackett; that he was satisfied to let him go along with Mr. Hackett very well; nor that he had only presented Mr. Stansbury's name because parties had asked him to do so. Deponent further says that he consented to the appointment of Mr. Stansbury as receiver because he believed that this was the best appointment that could be made for all parties interested; that he declined to consent to the appointment of Mr. Hackett because he believed it would be a dishonorable breach of his agreement with the company; that he received the order signed by Judge Barnard, with the order granted by Judge Barnard because he believed and still believes that according to the rules and practice of this court he was the proper person to have the custody of such order, and to file it or not in his discretion, unless otherwise ordered by the court, and that if he was to file and enter it at all that Albany, the place where the proceeding was instituted, and the county mentioned in the title of the proceedings, was the proper county; that he believed that his duty and good faith to the company and all interested alike required that deponent should take such measures as would secure the proper dissolution of the company, and the appointment of Mr. Stansbury as receiver, and to that end the proceedings preceding the order of Judge Barnard and his order were vacated by stipulation, and the subsequent proceeding before the special term at Albany instituted. Deponent further says that he neither said nor did anything, or omitted to say or do anything in the premises, with any intention to be disrespectful to this court or any of its judges or officers, or to violate any of its rules of practice, or to injure or affect the rights of any one improperly, but with the sole view and purpose of discharging with fidelity the trust reposed in him, and to the best of his ability contemplating the business in the premises so as to secure and protect and preserve the rights of all parties impartially concerned. S. H. HAMMOND.

Sworn before me this 8th day of March, 1866. THOMAS HAYES, Commissioner of Deeds.

A lengthy affidavit was also read from Mr. Barnes, Superintendent of the Insurance Bureau at Albany, setting forth the original facts relative to the suspension of the company, which have already appeared.

THE ARGUMENT.

Mr. Field remarked that he would content himself by reading the papers in the motion, Mr. Hackett presenting the petition to the Court.

Judge Barnard said that one part of Mr. Hammond's statement was exactly correct. He did state that he had made an amicable arrangement with Mr. Stansbury. The latter part of his remarks he (Judge Barnard) might have misapprehended.

Mr. Martindale thought the latter fact might be easily accounted for, seeing the continual crowded condition of the court room and the large amount of business his Honor was called upon to transact. He should simply read through a few points bearing upon the case, which he had hastily prepared coming down in the cars. He contended that the clerk's office in the county of Albany was the proper place for the paper to be filed. Mr. Hammond had entered into a stipulation to appoint Mr. Stansbury receiver, and he was not at liberty to violate that only bargain. As the motion had been presented *ex parte*, by virtue of such stipulation the special term of the court had no jurisdiction before it except the ratification or denial of the stipulation. He (Mr. Martindale) had known Mr. Hammond for ten years, and he was respected for his integrity, gentlemanly conduct and honest discharge of duty.

Mr. John K. Hackett followed, and vigorously argued the other side of the question. He would have preferred almost any other professional duty than what he was then called upon to perform. He regretted that he was in court for any other purpose than to assert his rights. The order made by his Honor Judge Barnard was the only order made in the case, and he regretted that the Attorney General had not produced the papers. It would seem almost nonsense that a receiver could be appointed by the consent of counsel on one side and the President of the insolvent corporation on the other. He had heard of Mr. Stansbury as a just and honorable man, but it would have been exceedingly indecorous to appoint him as receiver of the assets of that company. There was no right nor power to alter the order made by that court. His (Mr. Hackett's) authority as receiver dated back to the very moment the order was entered upon the book by the clerk. His bonds were then filed and he stood responsible to the Court. He was then, undoubtedly, entitled to notice of any future action in the matter. Mr. Hackett concluded by offering the following points in support of his argument:—The action of the Court in this district, in refusing to appoint Mr. Stansbury receiver, was in accordance with the doctrines and precedents of chancery; an officer of an insolvent corporation should not be appointed its receiver. (Attorney General vs. Bank of Columbia, 1 Paige, 517.) A receiver is not discharged by the abatement or discontinuance of the action in which he was appointed. (See McCorker vs. Brady, 1 Barb. ch. 346. Woods vs. Creaghe, 1 Hogan 174. Whiteside vs. Prendergast, 2 Barb. ch. 472.) An action cannot be discontinued without an order of the court. (Averill vs. Patterson, 10 N. Y. 500.) In a creditors action on behalf of all creditors, &c., receiver cannot be removed against consent of incumbrancer. (Largan vs. Bowen, 1 Sch. & Lef. 296.) An action affecting the interests of creditors will not be allowed to be discontinued without notice to them. (See Rutter vs. Tallis, 5 Sandf. 612.)

Judge Barnard took the papers and reserved his decision.

Court of General Sessions.
Before Judge Russel.

A HIGHWAY ROBBER SENT TO THE STATE PRISON FOR TWENTY YEARS.

At the opening of the court the trial of John Connor, indicted for highway robbery, was resumed. The complainant, Patrick Kearns, a stranger in the city, it will be remembered, while passing through Seventh avenue, on the night of the 18th of February, was garroted by Connor and four other young men, and robbed of his coat and thirty dollars in money.

The only witness called for the defence was James Conlon, who was a bartender for Edward Carpenter, No. 143 West Nineteenth street. He said that Kearns was in his store on the night of the alleged robbery, and asked him for the loan of three dollars, which he had not to give; but he loaned him fifty cents. Kearns was so intoxicated that the witness was afraid he would not be able to get home.

The summing up and the Judge's charge followed, and after deliberating for a short time the jury rendered a verdict of guilty.

The counsel moved an arrest of judgment, which was refused by the Judge, who proceeded to sentence the prisoner. He said:—Connor, you have been convicted of one of the highest grades of crime known to the law—robbery in the first degree, in putting human life in jeopardy. Your character is bad; and at the time officer Walker was shot you were in the commission of a crime, and you ran away, so that the authorities were not able to get you. Your character since you have been back is the same. You are one of those street prowlers, and it is necessary to make an example of you in order to deter the balance of the gang from the commission of any further crime. The sentence of the Court is that you be confined in the State Prison for twenty years.

GRAND LARCENIES.

George Gates, charged with stealing a box containing a quantity of photographic albums, valued at seventy-seven dollars—the property of Charles Becker, No. 160 William street—pleaded guilty to an attempt at larceny, and was sent to the State Prison for two years.

Andrew Miller and Wm. G. Clark, indicted for stealing a gold watch from the residence of Alfred E. Jockel, 930 Third avenue, on the 12th of February, pleaded guilty to the charge. These youths were sent to the House of Refuge.

John B. Phelps, charged with stealing a horse, wagon and harness, worth one thousand dollars, pleaded guilty to an attempt. On the 17th of February he went to the stable of Nathaniel P. Woodman, 57 Irving place, and hired the wagon under the name of Mr. Williams, stating that he wanted to drive to Harlem. Two days afterwards officer Andrews saw the accused at pier No. 1 North river, with the horse, and on being asked how he became possessed of it replied that he had been employed by some person to bring the horse there for the purpose of shipping him to Philadelphia. He was remanded for sentence.

A NOVEL CHARGE OF FORGERY.

Thomas Costello, indicted for forgery in the third degree, was acquitted. This was a novel case, in that the check, which was the subject of the indictment, was a genuine one, drawn upon the National Bank of Commerce for the sum of seventy-five dollars, and signed by Napier & Welsford. It appears that Costello went into the drinking saloon of Nicholas Von Glahn and agreed to sell the check at ten dollars discount, and in his presence signed not only the name of Carpenter (to whom the check was made payable), but his own name also. Von Glahn presented the check at the bank for payment and was informed that it had been lost and payment was stopped. When Costello was asked about it he denied having signed it, and claimed to have given the information to the bank that the check was lost. The jury doubted the accuracy of the complainant's statement, and, at the suggestion of the Judge, acquitted the accused.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Married.

CRANDALL—TERRETT.—On Thursday, March 8, by the Rev. Dr. Armitage, at the Fifth avenue Baptist church, MR. WARREN P. CRANDALL, of New York, to MINNA TERRETT, of Brooklyn, N. Y. No cards.

MARTIN—ALEXANDER.—On Thursday, March 8, at the Seventh Presbyterian church, by the Rev. T. Ralston Smith, MR. JOHN MARTIN, Jr., of Gum Point, L. I., to Miss JANE S. ALEXANDER, of New York.

MARKS—REDDIN.—On Tuesday, March 6, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Nathaniel Smith, No. 220 West Twenty-second street, by the Rabbi Isaacs (afterwards by the Rev. E. Prescott, of Boston), MR. OSCAR FAYETTE MARKS, of Silverstone, Conn., to JOSEPHINE E. REDDIN, of Astoria, Queens county, L. I. No cards.

Connecticut and Long Island papers please copy.

MACFARLANE—TODD.—On Thursday, March 8, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. R. J. W. Buckland, JOHN M. MACFARLANE to SARAH A., eldest daughter of Mr. George W. Todd, all of this city.

THOMAS—BARKER.—On Wednesday, December 13, 1865, by the Rev. J. L. G. McKown, T. A. THOMAS, of Chatham, to FANNIE C., daughter of William Barker, of New York city.

Birth.

HACHER.—At Dresden, Germany, on Wednesday, February 21, the wife of Mr. Francis Hacher, of a son.

Died.

ANDERSON.—Suddenly, on Thursday, March 8, at her late residence, 421 West Forty-seventh street, JOANAH, wife of Samuel Anderson, aged 51 years.

Her remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

BULL.—Suddenly, on Thursday evening, March 8, ALICE, daughter of the late Frederick G. Bull.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, on Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, at her late residence, No. 5 West Forty-sixth street.

BUTMAN.—On Thursday, March 8, MARY AGNES BUTMAN, the only daughter of Benjamin and Maria Butman, aged 11 years, 9 months and 3 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, 106 Third avenue, this (Saturday) afternoon, at one o'clock.

BASS.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, March 8, BENJAMIN F. BASS, in the 31st year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family and members of Magnolia Lodge, I. O. of O. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock, from the residence of his brother, C. H. Bass, 285 Union street, without further notice.

COLYER.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, March 9, ISRAEL COLYER, aged 59 years, 9 months and 19 days.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, corner of Myrtle and Franklin avenues, this (Saturday) afternoon, at four o'clock.

COWAN.—On Friday, March 9, of consumption, LAVINA, youngest daughter of Anna Maria and the late Amos Cowan.

The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 262 Henry street, on Sunday evening, at seven o'clock.

EDMONDSON.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, March 8, ARABELLA EDMONDSON, in the 81st year of her age.

The friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 70 Washington street, Brooklyn, on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock.

FARRINGTON.—On Friday, March 9, SARAH FARRINGTON, widow of Jonas Farrington, in the 70th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at the residence of her son-in-law, Wm. H. Mills, 26 Suffolk street, on Sunday afternoon, at one o'clock, without further notice. The remains will be taken to St. Paul's church, East Chester, on Monday morning, at ten o'clock, for interment.

FONNER.—On Friday, March 9, HARRIET MARIA, daughter of John R. and Mary E. Fonner, aged 3 years, 9 months and 22 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, 129 Charles street, on Sunday afternoon, at one o'clock.

GLOVER.—On Thursday, March 8, of paralysis, HARRIET, wife of Thomas Glover, in the 60th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 157 East Sixty-fifth street, on Sunday morning at nine o'clock precisely. Her remains will be taken to Yonkers for interment.

HOUSE.—On Thursday, March 8, after a short illness, MAURICE HOUSE, in the 54th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Monday morning, at ten o'clock, from the Presbyterian church corner University place and Tenth street.

HUGHEY.—On Friday, March 9, LILY A. HUGHEY, wife of William Hughey, after a long and severe illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, in the 41st year of her age.

Her strife in this world is ended; her work is done.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend the funeral, which is to take place Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, at the church corner of Madison and Gouverneur streets.

LINN.—On Thursday, March 8, CORNELIUS LINN, born in New York, aged 31 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, the members of Keystone Lodge No. 235 F. and A. M., and the members of the Mount Hall Democratic Committee, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 97 Charlton street, on Sunday afternoon, at one o'clock.

MARTINEZ.—On Wednesday, March 7, at the residence of her son-in-law, Colonel Spencer W. Cone, New Brunswick, N. J., MRS. MARGARET MARTINEZ, widow of Thomas Martinez.

She will be buried from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, No. 149 West Fifteenth street, this (Saturday) afternoon, at two o'clock. The relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend without further invitation.

MINER.—On Thursday, March 8, JOHN J. MINER, in the 78th year of his age.

His friends and those of the family are requested to attend the funeral, this (Saturday) afternoon, at four o'clock, from his late residence, Second avenue and 116th street. Members of the Mechanics' and Tradesmen's Society are respectfully invited to be present.

MORRHOUSE.—On Thursday, March 8, CORNELIA MCCOUN MORRHOUSE, second daughter of Stephen M. and Hester Ann Morrhouse, aged 22 years, 5 months and 18 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, No. 115 Johnson street, Brooklyn, this (Saturday) afternoon, at two o'clock.

MOLLOY.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, March 9, ANNIE MOLLOY, only daughter of Edward and Mary Ann Molloy, aged 5 years, 3 months and 11 days.

The friends and acquaintances are requested to attend the funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock, from Fifth avenue and Eighth street, Brooklyn. The remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

MCLAIN.—In Harlem, on Friday, March 9, ISABELLA MCLAIN, relict of Robert McLain, aged 69 years, 11 months and 9 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at half-past four o'clock, from the Reformed Dutch church, corner of 121st street and Third avenue, without further notice.

MCCULLOUGH.—EZRA MCCULLOUGH, aged 81 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at half-past one o'clock, from the residence of her son, George McCullough, No. 121 South Second street, Brooklyn, E. D.

O'CONNOR.—On Thursday, March 8, ANN J. T. O'CONNOR, youngest daughter of Owen and Ann O'Connor, in the 17th year of her age.

The relatives and friends, and her uncles, Patrick and Peter Levins, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 254 West Twenty-sixth street, on Sunday afternoon, at one o'clock, without further notice.

O'DONNELL.—On Thursday evening, March 8, ARTHUR, infant son of the late Arthur O'Donnell.

O'SULLIVAN.—On Thursday, March 8, RICHARD O'SULLIVAN, of Castletown, Bearhaven, county Cork, Ireland, aged 28 years, 1 month and 7 days.

His relatives, friends, and those of his brother-in-law, Patrick Walsh; also the members of Ionic Lodge, No. 486 F. and A. M., and the fraternity in general, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from No. 2 Monroe street, on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock. The remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

Cork, Dublin and China papers please copy.

PUMAREJO.—In this city, on Friday, March 9, MANUEL J. DE PUMAREJO, aged 34 years.

His friends are invited to attend the funeral, from 29 West Thirty-second street, on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock.

PARSONS.—On Thursday, March 8, MARIE CHRISTINE ST. CLAIR, wife of Clement S. Parsons, Jr.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 50 Monroe place, Brooklyn, this (Saturday) afternoon, at two o'clock.

REGAN.—On Friday morning, March 9, JAMES P., eldest son of Patrick and Margaret Regan, aged 16 years and 7 days.

The relatives and friends of the family and those of his uncles are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, 163 First avenue, on Sunday afternoon, at one o'clock.

SIEMAN.—On Friday, March 9, GEO. W. SIEMAN, in the 43d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his brother-in-law, C. H. Coe, 41 Dean street, Brooklyn, on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock.

ST. CLAIR.—On Thursday, March 8, MARIE CHRISTINE ST. CLAIR, wife of Clement S. Parsons, Jr., and daughter of Mrs. George E. Fairchild, aged 24 years and 8 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 50 Monroe place, Brooklyn, this (Saturday) afternoon, at two o'clock.

TOPPING.—On Thursday, March 8, DAISIE, infant daughter of Henry J. and Mary C. Topping.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the Sandy Hook pilots, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, Hamilton street, third door south of Green avenue, Brooklyn, this (Saturday) morning, at ten o'clock.

TUCKER.—Suddenly, on Friday morning, March 9, ALFRED NEWTON, infant son of John C. and Ann Augusta Tucker, aged 5 months and 8 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, 30 West Fourteenth street, on Monday afternoon, at two o'clock.

WOOD.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, March 9, MRS. CHARLOTTE WOOD, in the 80th year of her age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, from the residence of her son-in-law, Edward B. Mead, 42 Orange street, without further notice.

SHIPPING NEWS.

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Port of New York, March 9, 1866.

CLEARED.

Steamship Hermann (Brem), Wenke, Southampton and Bremen—Oelrichs & Co.
Steamship Noveau Monde (Fr), Lemarie, Havre—G Mackenzie.
Steamship C W Lord, Ward, Wilmington—C Goodspeed.
Steamship Warrior, Mott, Providence—Neptune Steamship Connany.
Ship Old Colony, Berry, Callao via Philadelphia—V H Brown & Co.
Ship Protector (Nor), Maronie, Liverpool via Savannah—Funch, Meincke & Wendt.
Bark Gyda (Nor), Lovalde, Cork—Funch, Meincke & Wendt.
Bark George Bell (Br), Scovill, Cork for orders via Baltimore—Boyd & Hincken.
Bark Delphine (Fr), Gavelin, St Pierre, Mart—S R Reynal & Son.
Bark Casco, Gardner, Trinidad (Cuba)—G S Stephenson.
Brig Madonna (Br), Jordan, Bathurst, WCA—Miller & Houghton.
Brig Alice (Br), Loud, Rio Grande do Sul—Brett, Son & Co.
Brig Victoria Amelia (Br), Ferrier, Trinidad and Cienfuegos—B F Small & Co.
Brig Echo (Br), Rent, Cardenas—Edmiston Bros.
Brig Omaha, Robinson, Br West Indies—D Trowbridge.
Brig A V Goodhue (Br), Crosby, Ragged Island, NS—Edmiston Bros.
Schr Enchantress (Br), Conley, Para—Bishop Bros.
Schr La Creole (Dutch), Campbell, Curacoa—Dovale & Co.
Schr John, Wood, Cardenas—E S Powell.
Schr Gem, Powell, Powell, Galveston—Murray, Ferris & Co.
Schr R E Pecker, Brien, New Orleans—N H Brigham.
Schr E S Potter, Potter, Key West—Benner & Brown.
Schr Adeline Townsend, Townsend, Charleston—Brown & Vanderbilt.
Schr Mary Louisa, Gaskell, Washington, NC—Zephar Mills
Schr Susan Brown, Place, Baltimore.
Schr Ned Sumpter, Lord, Portland—J V Havilland.
Schr Laura Frances, Higgs, Rockland—W S Brown & Co.
Schr Robt Knapp, Sackett, Stamford.
Schr Orlando Smith, —, Stamford.

ARRIVED.

Steamship St David (Br), Aird, Glasgow Feb 3, Moville 16th, via Portland 7th inst, with mdse and 111 passengers, to Williams & Guion.
Steamship Niagara, Couch, Norfolk, with mdse and passengers, to G Heineken & Palmore.
Steamship Alexandria, Hedrick, Philadelphia, 36 hours, with mdse, to Jas Hand.
Steamship Warrior, Mott, Providence.
Schr Delmar, Lank, Newbern, NC.
Schr Ann Maria, Parker, Philadelphia for Boston.
Schr A S Cannon, Cobb, Philadelphia for Providence.
Schr Ann S Salter, Baker, Elizabethport for Providence.
Schr Challenge, Hawes, Elizabethport for Providence.
Schr Rocket, Marshall, Elizabethport for Providence.
Schr Idaho, Baker, Providence.
Schr Maria Predmore, —, Southport.

BELOW.

Brig Julia E Arey, from Cleafuegos.
Wind at sunset NW.

Marine Disasters.

BRIG CATHERINE ROGERS, Seaton, from Elizabethport for Providence, with 290 tons of coal, on Tuesday afternoon last, went ashore in a gale on the Cornfield Point Shoals, off Westbrook, and sunk. The captain and crew were saved by heroic efforts on the part of Captain Manwarring and his men, of the government lightboat stationed on the shoals above named. The vessel will probably prove a total loss. The C R was built at Pittston, Me (whence she hailed), in 1846, and registered 163 tons.

SCHR HENRIETTA, of Rockland, took fire off Chatham on the evening of the 8th inst, and was totally destroyed. Crew, sails and rigging saved.

BARK MARY, before reported seen abandoned by brig C B Allen, arrived at Charleston 8d inst. The following report is furnished by the officer in charge:—Feb 27, lat 31, lon 79 14, the brig C B Allen, Capt Barber, from Sagua la Grande for Boston, fell in with a bark, which, when boarded, was discovered to be entirely abandoned; no person on board; boats all gone but one, which was lying on deck, and would fill with water if placed overboard; the vessel's papers had all been removed, and there is nothing to indicate where she is from or where bound. She is in a leaky condition, and it is supposed would have sunk from this cause in 24 hours if she had not been discovered. So far as can be seen, her cargo appears to be molasses, and she is probably from some port in Cuba, bound north. A medicine chest is on board, having on it "Mary, of Waldoboro, Me," which would indicate the probability that the bark was originally the Mary, of Waldoboro, Me, and altered her flag rigging. The crew proposed that her crew deserted her in heavy weather, fearing that she would founder. Her spars and sails are all intact. Capt Barber, of the C B Allen, placed his first officer, Mr Macomber, on board of her, with the second mate and one man, and they have succeeded in getting her into Charleston harbor.

BRIG MATILDA and SCHR GEO BANKS remained ashore near Dutch Island on Tuesday morning, the steamtug having been unsuccessful in hauling them off, owing to the low state of the water and heavy NW winds.

SCHR SUSAN TAYLOR, Lord, from Elizabethport for Boston, put into Newport 7th inst in distress, having spilt foresail and lost part of deck load of coal. Reports on the 6th the bulkhead washed down and shifted deck load to leeward; was obliged to stave off a portion of the waist boards to free the decks from water, and about 3 tons of the cargo went overboard.

SCHR GOLDEN GATE, Havener, from Elizabethport for Dighton, put into Newport 7th inst, leaking; will have to go into dock and caulk before proceeding.

SCHR C C COMSTOCK, West, of NB, previously reported wrecked at Pernambuco, went ashore there morning of Jan 20. She had been lying near the middle of the usual anchorage, in 5½ fathoms water, with 45 fathoms of chain out, when a heavy ground swell caused her chain to part. The sails were loosed and the other anchor let go, with 65 fathoms chain, which also parted, and she became unmanageable and soon drifted on the reef. Her bilge and stern were broken in, and in a quarter of an hour she was full of water. Capt West, the officers and crew got safely on shore, saving but little of their personal effects. As soon as the tide went down the vessel was stripped of spars, rigging, sails, sheathing, and everything that could be taken from her. These articles were sold at auction for about $2,200, and the hull for $500, but the expenses of saving, taking care and selling the property, with custom duties, amounted to over $3,000. She was insured in New York offices for $10,000. Capt West has arrived home.

Miscellaneous.

LAUNCH—The brig Susan Voorhees, a beautiful little craft, will be launched about three o'clock this afternoon from the shipyard of Messrs Pine & Davis, at Greenpoint. She is intended for the coastwise trade, and is of the following dimensions:—Length of keel, 119 feet; breadth of beam, 29 feet; depth of hold from upper deck, 15 feet; from lower deck, 10 feet.

QUICK PASSAGE—The brig Sarnian Gem (Br), Capt Mahey, sailed on the evening of Jan 27 from New York, and arrived at Cadiz morning of Feb 16—a little over 18 days.

LAUNCHED—At Cutler, Me, 3d inst, from the yard of the Cutler Mill Dam Company, a fine bark of about 450 tons, called the Waldo.

Notice to Mariners.

ATLANTIC OCEAN—CURRENTS NEAR THE EQUATOR.
HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE, ADMIRALTY,
LONDON, Feb. 3, 1866.

Doubts having recently arisen as to the correctness of published statements relative to the Currents that prevail in the immediate neighborhood of the Roccas, a dangerous shoal in lat 3 51 30 S, lon 33 47 W, 130 miles to the NE of Cape St Roque (and which lies in the track of vessels taking an extreme westwardly route in passing from the North to the South Atlantic Oceans), it is deemed desirable to publish for the information of mariners the following facts bearing on this question, lest the authority on which the well grounded statements, hitherto received by seamen, may be unjustly weakened:—

The latest Admiralty Hydrographic work embracing the Roccas was published in 1854 un'er the title of "The South American Pilot, Part I." In it, in addition to the the position and nature of these rocks, the following statement is given:—"The current in the vicinity of Fernando Noronha and the Roccas sets strong to the westward; at 2 miles westward of the latter, it has been found to run 2½ miles an hour. The many wrecks that have taken place on the Roccas in sufficient to prove to the mariner the necessity of caution when in the vicinity of this dangerous reef;" and "when in the vicinity of St Pauls rocks, chronometrical observations should be frequently taken, allowances made for the current, and a good lookout kept. In proceeding to the southward, if to the westward of Fernando Noronha, the same precautions are necessary to avoid that dangerous reef the Roccas."

The stream which sets to the westward past this reef, as just described, is well known to seamen as the Equatorial current. This great current is thus broadly described by the late Major Rennell, whose well known investigations of the currents of the Atlantic Ocean—as derived from the logs of all the ships-of-war and Indiamen which had traversed those seas for 30 or 40 years previously to his death in 1830—form the basis of the several works on this branch of Hydrography which have been published for the use of navigators:—"This stream continues its course along both sides of the equator (from the western coast of South Africa). It receives constant supplies from the drift current of the South Atlantic, so that by the time it has reached the middle point between the two continents, it has acquired during the season of the northern summer a vast breadth and in some places a rate of 3 miles per hour. At the middle point between the two continents and precisely at the equator, the stream (now considerably widened) sends off a very large branch to the NW, while the main stream turns to the WSW, pointing to the promontory of Cape St Roque, and when it approaches that cape it subdivides, the largest part passing by the north of the cape towards the West Indies, the other southward along the eastern coast of Brazil."

As many recent navigators have in practice adopted a more westwardly route for crossing the equator than prevailed in former years, it appears desirable that the facts accumulated as to the general correctness of the foregoing description, and especially as to the direction and strength of the currents in the vicinity of the Roccas and Cape St Roque, should be brought to the notice of seamen briefly and clearly.

In the immediate neighborhood of the Roccas there is the following testimony to the generally admitted strong westerly current:—

"The East India ship 'Britannia' and the 'King George,' transport, were wrecked on the Roccas at 4 AM, Nov 2, 1838, when the current set at the rate of 2½ knots to the westward."—(Brazil Pilot, 1818, p. 31.

Lieutenant Commander Lee, in the United States brig "Dolphin," was employed 14 days in March, 1851, sounding near and surveying the Roccas and their vicinity. He states, "the current in the vicinity of this reef sets from between SE by E and E by N at the rate of from 3-10ths to 1½ knots per hour. The surface current found by trials on four different days sets from between SE and E by N from 9 10ths to 1 4-10ths knots per hour. At our anchorage under the lee of Sand Island the tide ran from 2-10ths to 8 10ths knots per hour, setting from between SSE and E by N towards the northward and westward;" also, "the current between the Roccas and the Main sets generally from the southward and eastward from 1 to 1½ knots."

In March, 1856, her Majesty's ship "Sharpshooter," Lieutenant Commander Parish, anchored near the Roccas, and, at the suggestion of the British Consul at Pernambuco, planted several cocoa nut trees. In this officer's remarks he states, "we found the current to set WNW, true, between 1 and 2 miles per hour."

On the 12th of November, 1853, in the afternoon, the ship "True Briton," in passing the Roccas and observing signals of distress on the shore, endeavored to communicate and render assistance by boat; but from the strength of the current was unable to do so from the ship being swept to leeward at a fast. On the 13th of November, it is stated, "found that the ship during the last 24 hours had been set to the westward 60 miles. On the 14th of November, find that the ship has been set to the westward 36 miles during the last 24 hours."

In 1858, Commander J. H. Selwyn, in her Majesty's ship "Siren," visited the Roccas and erected a temporary beacon. He states that the "anchorage is fair and protected from the prevalent swell from NE to SE," and "from its situation in the heart of a westerly current, which varies in force from 1 to 2 miles, and its comparative vicinity to the mainland, a lighthouse would be most valuable to the mariner, as a means of ascertaining his position with tolerable certainty."

Numerous other isolated examples of the westerly