

Kingston, Jamaica, Visited by an Earthquake.
Return to Port of the Unsuccessful Cable Fleet,
New Steam-Ship, Railway and Cable Lines for the Island.

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JAMAICA.

New Railways and Additional Steam-ships and Telegraph Cables.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 10.--The Government here are willing to guarantee the interest on £600,000, the cost of constructing a railway through the most fertile districts of the island from Kingston to the foot of the mountains, thence across the island to Falmouth on the north side, and then on to Montego Bay in the north-west.

A serious fire destroyed the ironmongery and ship-chandlery establishment of Messrs. A. Malabre & Co., in Kingston, on the night of the 3rd inst.

The Government propose voting in the estimates for next year a public grant for the importation of a daily telegraphic bulletin of political and commercial news from New-York, for exhibition in the newsrooms of the City of Kingston, and for publication in the Jamaica newspapers.

Sir Charles Bright, the electrician, arrived here in the British mail packet from Southampton, to look after the wire-covered cable between this city and Aspinwall.

The cable fleet arrived in Kingston, reporting the loss of the greater part of their grappling gear, and without any favorable tidings of the lost cable. After coaling and undergoing some repairs, the vessels will return to the search, this time under the direction of Sir Charles Bright himself. Mr. Edward Bright returns to England on important business. It is reported that the Great Eastern Telegraph Company, to complete their West India and South America arrangements, have decided upon running a line of cable from St. Thomas direct to Aspinwall. St. Thomas being connected with another line of cable to the Island of Bermuda, which connects with New York on the one hand, and England on the other. Messages are to be sent at the rate of twenty words for twenty

The Royal Mail Steam-packet Company will commence running a monthly steamer between Kingston and Port-au-Prince on the 22nd of each month, immediately after the arrival of the British mail packet from Southampton.

The West India and Pacific Steam-ship Company, of Liverpool, will commence running their monthly steamer, subsidized by the Jamaica Government. (£4,500 per annum) between Kingston and New-York on the 22nd inst. The steamer will leave Kingston on that day, and New-York on the 5th or 6th of the following month.

A smart shock of earthquake was felt in Kingston on the evening of the 1st instant, at about 7½ o'clock. No damage was done.

It is rumored that Sir John Peter Grant, the Governor of Jamaica, proposes very shortly to visit the United States and Canada.

The pioneer steamer St. Thomas, of the Atlas Steam-ship Company, is announced to leave Kingston, for New-York, at 3 o'clock on the 2nd instant. According to the terms of contract she is bound to perform the journey in six and a half days, so that she will be due in New-York at daylight on the 29th. The great object of this arrangement is the most rapid conveyance of our Jamaica fruits, to arrive early in the morning in New-York. She will leave this port on the 22nd of every month.

The new Medical bill now before the Legislature opens Jamaica to persons holding American diplomas in medicine and surgery.

Two sailors were captured in an open boat near Baracoa on the 6th ult., by a Spanish gun-boat, and brought down to Santiago, where they were imprisoned, on suspicion of their belonging to the filibustering steamer Fanny. Their names were Highfield and Johnstone, a seaman and cook belonging to the brig Louisa, which sailed from Kingston, Jamaica, on the 29th of June. Two hundred dollars in English silver were found on them, but they said that they robbed this from the vessel when at Magua, and made off.