A Steamer for Our Coast.—The steam vessel contracted for by the firm of Johnson, Turpin & Dunbar, has been completed and launched at New York, about 13th September.

The great benefit such a vessel, rightly conducted, will prove to our entire country, must be apparent to all. The present uncertainties and inconveniences of travelling on our coast; the distracting and confused state into which the withdrawal of the English Mail depot from this port has thrown our former harmonious mercantile and mail arrangements, render a small steamer, suitable for carrying freight, mail and passengers a most desirable thing. The interest which it is the desire of government, with the mutual consent and solicitation of the owners, to take in this vessel, particularly the making, of some arrangements for her regularly carrying the mails, and performing other revenue service, as expressed in His Excellency's Message, will commend itself, we are sure, not only to the Legislature, but our entire citizenship.

The several town meetings recently held for the purpose of making arrangements for having our City re-incorporated, have resulted in the presentation to the present Legislature of a memorial and draught of such a Charter, as is thought desirable by the signers or drawers. The main features of this new Charter are as follows:—

The government of the city to be vested in a Mayor and five Councilmen, to be elected proportionally from the two districts, or wards, into which the charter proposes to divide the city.

Qualification for Mayor, unincumbered real estate, in the city, to the amount of $500, and the possession of a good English education. Qualification of Councilmen, real estate to the amount of $200, and ability to read and write the English language fairly.

No pay to be given to either Mayor or Councilmen.

Three-fourths of all the city's revenue to be invariably applied to the immediate keeping of the city in a decent and clean condition.

Lumber.—We learn that the wealthiest commercial house in Sierra Leone is about arranging for a large quantity of lumber to be furnished in Liberia, for the supply of that market. Hundreds of thousands of feet will be required annually. The government at Fernando Po, is anxious to have from us 100,000 bricks, thousands of bushels of lime, and 100,000 feet of lumber, all to be ready in six months. It is understood, that an arrangement has been entered into with the Fernando Po authorities. These are valuable and interesting indications, and we are becoming somewhat sanguine in the predictions of a friend of ours, who prophecies, that ere many years elapse, Liberia will be the radiating point, from which, not only intelligence and good morals will be exported, but that articles of indispensible utility will be produced in Liberia, for the supply of the entire western coast of Africa.

New Liberian Vessels.—During the last week, two new vessels, averaging 200 tons, have been added to the list of our domestic shipping. The Hamburg Schooner, "Liberia" well known as "Goedelt's schooner" has been purchased by the firm of Payne and Yates.

On the evening of the 12th inst., the new and fine schooner "James Hall," arrived. The "James Hall" is a splendid fore and aft topsail schooner of 80 tons, and was built in Baltimore, for the firm of McGill, Bros. here. Capt. Heaps the former captain of the Caroline Stevens, brought out the "Hall," who will also carry the "Moses Shepard," another vessel of the McGill, to Plymouth, England, for repairs; there being no conveniences, docks, &c., here for repairing a vessel of her size. The Moses leaves about first of April.

Dorcas Society.—This well known society of ladies, celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary on Thursday, the 12th inst. The annual oration was delivered by Rev John Seys.

Burglary.—The office of Bishop Burns, Seminary building, up stairs, was forced open on the night of the 11th inst. and property to the amount of $12 stolen, comprising considerable crockery which the Bishop had lately purchased and temporarily stored there. No apprehension yet of the rogue.

Lightning in Cape Mount Harbor.—During the past month, three vessels were struck by lightning, while lying in Cape Mount Harbor; the "Antelope" from Boston. "Mary Atwell," Baltimore, and Moses Shepard. The damage to the Antelope and Atwell was slight; the Shepard had her main-mast much injured.

Breadstuffs.—It is a notable fact, that at no period in the history of Liberia have domestic and even foreign Breadstuffs been so cheap and abundant as at present. Rice has been produced, even in the Bassa and Kroo countries, an unusual thing, this season, to an almost incredible quantity.

On our windward coast, Rice can be purchased in any quantity and for *any thing*.

The farmers, too, have raised Rice in large quantities, while cassava, potatoes and eddoes glut our market; as to to the last, however, we speak more especially of our own city.

The Baptist Association held its session this year at Bexley, Grand Bassa. The business was completed last Monday two weeks: delegates from the churches in this district have returned; every thing is spoken of as having proceeded in a most pleasing and edifying manner.

New Laws.—A bill will be introduced during the present session of the Legislature for consolidating and funding the Government debt. Also a bill revising the tariff—increasing the duties on luxuries, haberdasheries, &c., as well as on such articles as are produced at home.

New and Useful.—The Collector for this port is preparing a statistic table of the entire imports of the Republic for the last year, which will be duly published. We are to have, hereafter, such an account semi-annually.

Liberia College.—The President transmitted, a few days ago, a special message to the Legislature, accompanying a memorial and resolutions from the "Trustees of Donations," and Trustees of Liberia College referring to the amendatory act to the "act incorporating Liberia College," passed by the Legislature at its last session.

The entire communications have been printed in pamphlet form, for the Legislature, and may also be expected in some of our earliest issues.

Native Difficulties.—We have not been able to learn the particulars of a war, or rather, skirmish, that is now going on between the Grand and Little Corah people, some miles to the southward of Grand Bassa.

Pic-nic and Parties.—The "United Sabbath Schools," are getting up a pic-nic for the scholars, to come off about 28th inst., in some sequestered grove (?) Surplus collections will be appropriated toward defraying the expenses of the school lately established, by this Association, among the Dey tribe.

A Grand Dinner, *per subscriptione*, will come off about the last of this

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