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IN THE MATTER of Wilson vs. Church the High Court of Justice granted an extension of time to September 2 in order to enable the appellants to prepare their case for the House of Lords.

THE CHART showing the course of exchange on this market since 1851, will give our commercial department, will give our readers a fuller and more comprehensive idea of its fluctuations than can be obtained in any other way.

AFTER A MINUTE examination of the port of Maranhão, which occupied a large part of two or three days, the Barão de Teffand his fellow commissioners have decided that Maranhão has a suitable port for the American steamers, better even than that of Pernambuco.

THE FOLLOWING figures taken from a recent report of the inspector-general of public works shows the gradual diminution in the water supply of this city since the month of March last.

sanitary condition of a large city. It is true that there are some other sources of water supply of a private character not included in the inspector-general's returns, but this supply would alter the result only in a slight degree.

DEPUTY Ignacio Martins, of the comarca in which the Morro Velho mines are located, in his address on the question of the illegal retention in slavery of the Catta Blanca blacks, said, "these slaves, I assure the noble deputies, are in a municipality in which they can have full confidence that full and complete justice will be done."

ACCORDING to the official report of the treasury officials upon the new 4 1/2 per cent loan of 50,000,000\$, published on the 3rd instant, the total amount subscribed was 123,604,000\$.

contos, a sum barely sufficient to pay expenses and keep open the branch establishments for the transaction of business connected with the receipts of instalments on the subscriptions and the payment of interest.

THE RECENT attack of several prominent journals upon the English banks of this city, because of their withdrawal from the exchange market, and the general course of the Banco do Brazil in its attempt to bolster up exchange, is occasion for deep regret.

ADVICE from Mato Grosso state that Eduardo Dimet, chief of the party which has been exploring the Cabecal river and tributaries, has returned to Corumbá. He reports the exploration as resulting very satisfactorily and that gold was found in a place called Corrego do Mamede Leme in abundance.

THE Italian bark Altiva, which sailed from New York May 17th for Java with 33,000 cases of kerosene, struck an unknown rock at sea—the locality does not appear clearly in the newspaper report—and put into Ceará, arriving there July 12th.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

—The Senate has been very steadily at work since our last issue, being much the more industrious of the two houses. There has been the usual amount of private legislation, consequently the usual amount of time wasted.

—There has been some slight improvement in the attendance of deputies during the past ten days, though there is still manifested no slight disinclination for regular work.

—The case of the illegal retention in slavery of about 200 blacks, formerly slaves of The Brazilian Company, of Catta Blanca, now extinct, by the S. João d'El-Rei Mining Company, was brought before the Chamber on the 26th inst.

—The bill appropriating 200,000\$ for the study of the disease affecting sugar cane in Pernambuco, and for the purchase of fresh seed, passed its first reading on the 29th and entered into discussion on its second reading.

This project, once so innocent and modest as to inveigle the energetic Pernambuco deputy, Joaquim Nabuco, into a hearty support of it, is now assuming proportions and features of an astonishing character.

—On the 26th ult. the minister of foreign affairs applied to the Chamber for an extraordinary credit of 120,000\$, at the par of exchange, to meet the expenses of the special mission to China.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

—The president of the province of Amazonas, in a telegram of the 25th ult., denies the reign of anarchy in the interior of that province, as charged by the Cruzeiro, and states that the most complete tranquility exists throughout the province and on its frontiers.

—The receipts of the Manaus custom house during the month of July were 30,224\$160.

—The provincial assembly of Pará closed its sessions on the 16th ult.

—Later reports from Rio Grande do Sul state that great damage was done all along the coast by the storm of the 9th ult.

—Severe cold weather is reported from Paraná during the early part of last month.

—The Dutch schooner Maria Berna was wrecked on the Santa Catharina coast on the 11th ult.

—The Royal Mail packet Yagus, on her recent voyage to this port, was delayed one day at Pernambuco by bad weather, which prevented her discharging cargo.

—On the 11th ult., the minister of agriculture advised the minister of justice that the action of the president of the commercial board in admitting to register an effigy of Santa Rita as a trade mark, was right inasmuch as no scandal results from such use of the images of saints.

—The necessary orders from the bureau of agriculture have been received by the inspector general of colonization for the employment of the destitute Russians in this city on the public water works.

—The miserable and inartistic character of the engraving of the bank notes of the old issues of the Brazilian treasury and the Bank of Brazil, many of which are still in circulation, is positively an invitation to the adventurous and not too scrupulous to enter into the business of counterfeiting.

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