

Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath:—

By Her Majesty's Commands, I take upon me with a sincere feeling of personal satisfaction, the Honourable Office of Investing Your Excellency, with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross, of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

This high distinction conferred by our Sovereign, will, I am sure, be appreciated by Your Excellency, as a proud testimony of the sense entertained by Her Majesty, of your eminently valuable services; the result of a life devoted to Public Duty, and of talents energetically, and successfully exerted, in the Service of your Country.

It would be superfluous to dilate on the public advantages, derived by the firmness and wisdom, with which the various important Missions confided to Your Excellency have been conducted; they are recorded in the Archives of India, and will, I am persuaded, be felt for ages to come in the extended commerce and intercourse, which will be opened by the Honourable Peace, recently concluded with the neighbouring Great Empire.

Your Excellency may rely, that I shall ever retain a lively remembrance of the benefits afforded by your enlightened and friendly counsel, as a Colleague, during the progress of the late Expedition.

In presenting these dignifying decorations, allow me in the purest feeling of warm friendship, to express an ardent hope, that they may be long worn by Your Excellency, with re-established health, to enable you to render further service to your Country, and in the uninterrupted enjoyment of all earthly happiness.

SIR HENRY POTTINGER thus Invested, addressed the Representative of the Crown in reply:—

Sir William Parker,

There are some situations in which it is not possible to give utterance to the feelings of the heart.—In such a situation, I now stand before you. I feel all the heartfelt pride, and deep and loyal gratitude, that should fill my bosom in return for the Queen's Royal and Most Gracious approbation, and appreciation of my humble services; but I am not capable of expressing those feelings, as I could wish to do at this moment.

My life from my earliest boyhood up to the present time, has been literally, uninterrupted passed abroad in the Service of my Country; and when I declare that this moment is, in my estimation, an ample reward for that long exile from my native Land, it will be understood how truly I value the honours which you have just bestowed on me in Her Majesty's Name.

During the remainder of my days, whilst I have, under God's blessing, strength and health, my devoted exertions shall ever be at the disposal of my Sovereign and my Country, in any part of the world where they may be thought useful.

I will only add, that it forms an additional source of gratification to me, to have received from your hands, in the kind and flattering terms in which you have conveyed them, these high tokens of Her Majesty's most distinguished, and gracious goodness, and favour; and I beg to assure you, from the bottom of my heart, of my lasting esteem and regard, both for your health and public character.

After which, Sir Henry Pottinger made his reverence to the Throne, when the Royal Standard at the Government House, as well as the Decorative Flags on board the Ships, were hauled down, and the Ceremony concluded.

All the Ships present, and the Batteries on shore, then fired a salute of fifteen guns each, as a personal compliment to Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, the St. George's Flag being displayed at the Mast-top-gallant-Mast-head of the *Cornwallis* during the continuance of the Salute.

The Vice-Admiral afterwards entertained Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, the Right Honourable Major-General Lord Saltoun, commanding the Land Forces, and the principal Naval and Military Officers at dinner, in honour of the distinguished ceremonies of the day.

(Signed) W. PARKER,
Vice-Admiral

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THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

HONG-KONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 1st, 1843.

Since our last the *Ariel* has arrived at Macao, and a correspondence has been published in the Papers there, with respect to the cause of deten-

tion, which is at present wholly inexplicable, seeing that the American Consul, at Macao, has publicly declared "he is not aware of any informality in the papers," which sounds very odd after the following letter of Commodore Kearney, which we copy from the *Canton Press*, of the 27th ult.

The observations which succeed the letter, (except the first paragraph) were intended for our last number, but could not be inserted for want of space. Our subsequent knowledge in no way affects the view we then took.

U. S. Frigate, CONSTELLATION,
Harbour of Amoy, May 18th, 1843.

Sir,—After a strict examination into your papers, in connection with the rights and privileges of an American vessel, under the Navigation Laws of the Congress of the United States, in relation to the report and registry of vessels—I have made up my mind clearly on the subject, that the Schooner *ARIZ*, has not the privilege of carrying the American Flag, or to take goods on board belonging to other citizens or subjects of any nation.

The *ARIZ* cannot leave this port, where I found her, unless to return to Macao; and every item of Merchandise or Freight must first be discharged here; and on having done which, to my perfect satisfaction, I will place in your hands a sealed package, which you might on board this ship; and they are not to be opened except by James P. Sturgis, Esq., the U. S. Vice-Consul, at Macao, to whom the package is addressed, unless on your passage thither you should fall in with a National ship of war and be boarded, or be cast on shore, and evidence such as you have, may be required for immediate relief from capture or oppression.

The Officer and men now on board the *ARIZ* will be withdrawn, and her own crew returned, precisely at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning, when you can, if you please, assume the command of your vessel; but the American Flag is not to be hoisted aboard of her.

It is to be understood, that in the event of her coming out of Macao, it will be necessary, to avoid capture, to obtain a clear and an unquestionable right to display the American Flag.

I remain,
Your's respectfully,
L. KEARNEY,

Commanding the U. S. Squadron in the East Indies.

In our last, we had only time to mention the reported seizure of the schooner *Ariel*, by the U. S. Commodore, at Amoy; we also, then published a Notification issued by him subsequent to that occurrence.

We are still ignorant of the grounds for detention or capture in the case in question, hence we cannot discuss it. The Notification is a Public Document, and its promulgation an overt act, the prudence and policy of which, it well becomes us to consider. By it, American Merchants and others are officially warned against putting their property on board any vessel engaged in the "Opium Trade," sailing under the United States Flag.

We learn it is the opinion of many, that this Notification is tantamount to a declaration, that any property shipped on board such Opium Vessels, would be liable to seizure by the Naval Officers of the United States. We demur to this conclusion, and accept the Notification merely as a caution which the American Commodore deemed his duty to give, seeing that he had formally announced, on the 31st of March, last year, (vide our No. 3) "that the Government of the United States does not sanction the Smuggling of Opium on this Coast under the American Flag, in violation of the laws of China."

He, moreover, then added, "Difficulties arising therefrom, in respect of the seizure of any vessel by the Chinese, the claimants certainly will not, under my instructions, find support, or any interposition, after the publication of this notice."

Seeing that the employment of American Shipping in the Opium trade (since this notice was issued) has greatly increased, it is not surprising that the Commodore published his late notice of the 18th inst., which, after all, is but a corollary of his antecedent announcement.

We affect not a profound knowledge of the American Constitution, but an knowledge its distinguishing characteristic to be a whole and jealous guardianship of the rights and privileges of American Citizens. On this ground alone, we should be bold enough to assert that the American Commodore has no more right, title, or ability to interfere with American citizens engaged in the Opium Trade, than has Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary with British subjects similarly employed.

It is true all claims of compensation for losses or injuries by the Chinese, are barred by this Notification, and in this, to our minds, consists its whole purpose and value.

The same course the British have pursued, but more authoritatively; for what is the Proclamation of H. E., of the 14th of November last (Vide No. 86) but an equivalent announcement—nothing more; *c. a. d. selon la façon de parler admise parmi les diplomâtes.**

Whilst on this subject, we may remark the late Notice of Commodore Kearney, may be published with the view to conciliate the feelings or prejudices of the Chinese, and favourably impress them prior to the advent of the American Plenipotentiary, now *en route*.

If so, we have no ground of complaint, nor have we even, should the American Government (which is not likely) take measures to suppress the Opium trade, somewhat similar to those we have adopted to put down the traffic in Slaves. Great Britain has erected herself into the *Custos morum* of one hemisphere, why should not America (if she pleases) play the same rôle in the other?

Notwithstanding the statement in our last, we are disposed to think that the "*ARIEL*" will not be condemned, but if she should be, it will, we think, be in consequence of informal papers, and wholly irrespective of her employment in the Opium trade. The Cargo and Treasure on freight, whether British or Foreign property, cannot, we believe, be affected whatever may be the ultimate fate of the Ship, and will of course be given up.

We expect to have occasion to resume this subject in our next—until which time we defer any additional remarks.

In our last we give some extracts from the Seventh Report of the Committee of the East India and China Association, presented on the first of February last. It is satisfactory to perceive the labours of the Committee, have not been in vain.

We are sorry to note the East India Company decline abolishing the system of advances in India, on the hypothecation of goods. Would that the matter were within the scope of the Governor-General's duties, then, an acknowledged mercantile grievance would (on proper representation) be at once removed.

The amount of Bills drawn on, or from, India and China, by the Company, has, it appears, during the last seven years, averaged £3,154,188 per annum. The amount drawn on the several Presidencies of India, from the 4th of February, 1842, to the 5th of Jan., 1843, amounted to £1,121,956 19s 8d, at a rate of Exchange varying from 1s. 1d. to 2s. 1d. the Rupee.

The Exports of Bullion from London last year, as far as can be collected from the Custom House returns, are as follows:—

	GOLD.	SILVER.
China	—	957,833 oz.
Calcutta	3,308	1,408,745 do.
Bombay	2,703	195,270 do.
Madras	—	109,868 do.
Singapore	—	2,000 do.

Although recent events have given a prominent importance to the claims of Anglo-Chinese Commerce, yet, we have not seen that the Committee have done ought to press on the attention of the Legislature or the Government—the monstrous impolicy of the continuance of the present enormous impost on our Staple—TEA. We could perhaps explain this supineness, and may do so on another occasion; one thing, however, is abundantly obvious; that we ought to have in London a CHINA ASSOCIATION, distinct and different from any other. On more than one occasion has the interests of the China Trade been swamped, and the just claims barred by their supposed antagonism to Indian interests.

For the cause of Free Trade and our Local Commerce, we hope the Chinese Government will announce before entering on the consideration of the Tariff, that it can only treat with us on the principles of perfect reciprocity. Such a declaration, would, we know, be a bar to all further

* The prompt and peremptory order of H. E. to detain the Opium Vessels which had been seized, at Canton Hope (the Senior Naval Officer at the Chinese station) for a supposed infraction of the Proclamation, by proceeding to Shanghai, is so recent an occurrence and so wholly contrary to the view of the question, that it need only be cited.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having rented those Spacious and Safe Godowns, situated next to the Premises of Messrs. Holliday Wise, & Co., is prepared to Store Goods on moderate Terms, also to receive Merchandize for Sale on Commission.

G. F. DAVIDSON.

Hong-Kong, 24th April, 1843.

FOR SALE.

- American Beef and Pork, Negro-head Tobacco, Mackerel in Kits, Tar in barrels, Flour in Barrels, Shag Tobacco in barrels, Mess Beef in half and whole Barrels, Sausages in Boxes, Prime Pork, Champagne Cider, in one dozen Cases, Butter in Firkins, Pilot and Navy Bread.

PER NAVIGATOR.

PER VENICE.

London Bottled Sherry, in 3 dozen Cases. No. 4 superior Manila Cigars.

G. F. DAVIDSON.

Hong-Kong, 25th April, 1843.

FOR SALE—by the Undersigned, at their Godowns, on very moderate terms:—Sherry, Port, Cherry Brandy; Brandy in Wood and Bottle; Arrack; Seltzer Water; Stockholm Tar, Pitch, Anchors, Chain Cables, Rigging, and Boat Chais; Europe and Manila Rope; Twines, Lead-Lines, Sail-Needles, Blocks, of sizes; Log-Glasses, Paints, White Lead, Painter's Brushes; Blankets; Paper, Ink; Patent Copying Machines, Jams, Jellies, and a variety of other Articles.

WILLIAM ALLANSON & Co.,

20, Queen's Road, Hong-Kong, 29th April, 1843.

FOR SALE—Singapore Beams, on moderate terms. Apply to W. ALLANSON. Hong-Kong, 31st May, 1843.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

On Saturday next, June 3rd, at 11 A. M. will be Sold without reserve, all the Stock in Trade of the Eagle Livery Stables, consisting of 9 Ponies, 1 Arabian Horse, 1 Buggy and Harness, 1 Hearse, also a quantity of Saddles and Bridles, and immediately after, a fine Manila Pony. Terms—Cash.

P. TOWNSEND.

JUST RECEIVED, AND FOR SALE At the Godowns of the Undersigned;—Forge Bellows, Blacksmith's Tools, Carpenter's ditto; Singapore Plank and Beams, Ship Chandlery of all description, and Ship Provisions, Wines and Spirits, Bengal Rice, Manila Patent Cordage, ditto Chocolate, ditto Cigars, ditto Coffee, ditto Cocconut Oil, Corks, Sardines, Seidlitz Powders, Gunpowder (coarse), Sperm Candles, Copper Boat Nails, Foolscap and Writing Paper, Cutlery and Hardware, And a variety of other Articles.

Apply to C. W. BOWRA, at No. 13, Queen's Road.

FOR SALE—Superior Port and Sherry, ex City of Derry.

Apply to C. W. BOWRA, No. 13, Queen's Road.

FOR SALE—Patent Cordage, from the Steam-Manufacture at Manila—a superior article.

Apply to C. W. BOWRA, No. 13, Queen's Road.

NOTICE.—Just received, and For Sale, SILVER CHAMPAGNE, CLARET, ST. JULIEN, SAUTERNE, and superior FRENCH BRANDY.

A. HUMPHREYS, Magistrate's Street.

TO LET—A BUNGALOW, near the West Point Barracks.—Apply to R. WEBSTER.

NOTICE

FOR SALE.—Belly Rice, Manila Coffee, Cocconut Oil, Java Arrack in cases and casks, Port and Sherry, Copenhagen Cherry Cordial, in Bins, Europe and Manila Rope, Oakum, Corks, Singapore Planks, Anchors and Chains, Manila Rum, Chocolate, Cigars, Sardines, Turpentine, Seidlitz Powders, and a great variety of other articles.

JOHN BURN & Co. Queen's Road.

Hong-Kong, 1st March, 1843.

FOR SALE.—A quantity of Lonsbeck Rum landed ex JAGATRA.

Apply to JOHN LEATHLEY, Hongkong. ALEXR. GRIFFIN, MACAO.

FOR SALE Anchors, Cables, Copper Sheathing and Nails, Patent Felt, Carpeting and Rugs and Woolen Tartan—by

W. T. Kinsley.

Hongkong, July 11th, 1843.

D. WILSON & Co.,

Have just landed, ex "ALGERINE," the following Goods which can be seen at their Stores, viz.:—Superfine Cloth, and Korseymers; Hooks and Eyes; Glazed Hats; Europe Boots; Dressing-Cases; Ladies' Work-Boxes; Writing-Desks; Brushes; and Penfusing of all kinds; Stationery, Drawing Pencils, Visiting Cards, Foolscap, and Over-Land Paper; Steel Pens, Patent Leads; Decanters, Telescopes, Thermometers; Toly Philpott Jugs; Lozenges of all kinds; Saddles and Bridles; Cooling Pots; Velvet Corks; Iron Cash-Boxes; Bottled Herbs; Cayenne Pepper, Cherry Brandy, Horizontally-Sealed Hams; Beer and Porter, &c.

D. W. & Co. beg to announce to the Members of their Subscription Billiard-Room, that the Rooms are opened this day, for their amusement.

Hong-Kong, 1st June, 1843.

FOR SALE—The following important and valuable Property; several extensive Marine Lots, having deep Water Frontage; convenient Bungalows, delightfully situated, and commanding a fine view of the Bay and Town; Large Plots of Ground eligible for Building purposes.

The whole of the Property is situated in a first-rate locality, contiguous to Government Hill, and offers a highly desirable and safe investment for Capital.

For particulars, apply to, E. FARNCOMB, Solicitor and Notary-Public. Hong-Kong, 29th May, 1843.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore existing between PENN TOWNSEND, and ANDREAS MOLBYE, under the Firm of "P. TOWNSEND & Co.," was this day dissolved by mutual consent. All Debts due to, and by, the Partnership, to be paid, and received by, PENN TOWNSEND.

P. TOWNSEND, ROBT. EDWARDS, Attorney for A. MOLBYE, Hong-Kong, May 30th, 1843.

NOTICE.—A fine large new LORCHA, well manned and armed, and Commanded by an European, will run between this, Macao and Whampoa after the 20th Instant. Her Charter, Freight or Passage apply on board to Captain Prush or to N. DUUS—Hongkong Fearon & Son—Macao.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1843.

NOTICE.—Goods and Merchandize of all descriptions, received and carefully stored in spacious dry, and secure Brick Godowns, at Hongkong upon moderate terms; apply upon the Premises to N. DUUS, or

FEARON & SON, —Macao Goods are received and sold on Commission. HONGKONG, 1st JANUARY, 1842.

NOTICE.—The undersigned is authorized by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Land Forces in China, to receive all packages addressed to the Officers of Messes of any of the Regiments employed during the late war.

N. DUUS, Hong-Kong, 14th April, 1843.

FOR SALE.—Singapore Beams, from 22 to 28 feet long, and 6 to 12 inches deep.

Ditto 16 feet by 12 inches thick. Ditto 20 ditto ditto. Ditto 24 ditto ditto. A. & S. O.—A small quantity of Singapore Furniture, Wood in Planks and Boards.

N. DUUS, 15, Queen's Road, Hong-Kong, 20th May, 1843.

FOR SALE.—A small quantity of fine American Flour, Mess, and Prime Beef; Bengal Brand, and Rice in 2 Mound Bags.

Apply to N. DUUS, 15, Queen's Road. Hong-Kong, 20th May, 1843.

FOR SALE.—A small quantity of prime Yearling Horses.

Apply to N. DUUS, 15, Queen's Road. Hong-Kong, 20th May, 1843.

FOR SALE.—A small quantity of very superior Burgundy; Hermitage; Champagne; Rhennal Wines; Claret; Sherry; Port and Madeira, in Bottles—Also a few casks of prime Claret, Sherry, and Madeira.

Apply to N. DUUS, S, Queen's Road, Hong-Kong, 1st June, 1843.

BRITISH HOTEL, No. 2, POUHSHUN HONG.

J. S. CASE, begs leave to inform the Nobility and Gentry of Hong-Kong, and Macao, that he has opened the above-named House, as an Hotel, and it is in every way adapted for the convenience of Visitors to CAN-TON, and that his constant care and attention will be, the comfort of those who may favour him with their patronage.

Private and Commodious Apartments for Families and Parties.

European Servants always in attendance. Orders for Wines, Stores, &c., thankfully received, and punctually attended to.

Goods received and sold on Commission, and Sales by Auction effected on the lowest possible terms. Canton, 24th May, 1843.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore existing under the firm of L. E. Christopher & H. J. Carr, is this day dissolved, by mutual consent, and all demands now due are to be settled by L. E. Christopher.

[Signed] L. E. CHRISTOPHER. [Witness] H. J. CARR.

June 1st, 1843.

All Persons indebted to the above named firm, are called upon for immediate payment, and all persons holding claims against the said firm, to send in their claims to L. E. Christopher.

L. E. CHRISTOPHER. H. J. CARR.

June 1st, 1843.

NOTICE.—The Gentry of Hong-Kong, and the Public generally, can be furnished with fine ENGLISH MUTTON, [at one-half dollar per Pound], by sending their orders to THE BRITON'S BOAST, on Saturday Mornings. Hong-kong, 17th May, 1843.

PATENT CORDAGE.

A superior Article, of the recent Steam Manufacture recently established at Manila; equal to the best made in the United States, and worked by mechanics from that country. Orders can be forwarded to Manila, and executed in a short time. Apply to

WILLIAM SCOTT, Hong-Kong, 17th May, 1843.

A BAY PONY for Sale. Apply No. 46, Queen's Road. Hong-Kong, 22nd May, 1843.

FOR SALE.—Ship Chandlery, Cables, and Stores of all descriptions, Port Wines, Pale and Gold Sherry, Champagne, Moselle, Marcella, English and French Brandy; Gin; Bottled Ale and Porter, English Butter in Kegs, an assortment of Warm Clothing, and Beaver Hats. Apply to

A. HUMPHREYS, Magistrate's St.

NOTICE.—Goods and Merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious dry and secure Brick Godowns, situated on the Queen's Road, No. 20, at Hongkong, upon moderate term. Apply upon the premises to

W. ALLANSON & Co. Goods are received and sold on Commission. Hongkong, 16th Feby, 1843.

DEATH.—At Chek Chu, on the 28th Instant, the wife of Mr. George Prayson, H. M.'s 98th Regiment, of a son.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Table with columns: MAY, 25th Bombay Castle, 27th Lark, 27th Pine, 27th Star, 27th Lion, 27th Lion (Iron Ship) St. Croix, 27th Will of the Wisp, 27th Macao. Includes ship names like Baxter, Tibbits, Poonsonby, Lakeland, Forgan, Walker, Fraser, and destinations like Bombay, Macao, Liverpool, Manila, Amoy.

SAILED.

Table with columns: MAY, 23rd Eliza, 23rd Lark, 23rd Pine, 23rd Star, 23rd Lion, 23rd Lion (Iron Ship) St. Croix, 23rd Will of the Wisp, 23rd Macao. Includes ship names like Mc. Carthey, Forgan, Vincent, Tibbits, Mossman, Wharton, Richardson, Metcalf, and destinations like Whampoa, Amoy, England, Amoy.

WILLIAM PEDDER, Harbour Master.

The Vixen Steamer sailed without any previous notice being given, either to the Post or Harbour Master. We should be sorry to be compelled to believe with a Correspondent that "this is only another instance of the contemptuous disregard, with which the mercantile interests have always been treated by the Authorities."—EPRON.