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NOTIFICATION.

The publication of the Hongkong Gazette under the authority of Government, will be discontinued from this date: but all public orders and notifications appearing in "The Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette," with the signatures of duly authorized Functionaries of the Government are still to be considered as official.

By order,

J. ROBT: MORRISON,

Acting Secretary and Treasurer.

Hongkong, March, 23rd. 1842.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

The annexed limits of the Port of Amoy, as determined on by the Local Authorities in conjunction with Her Britannic Majesty's Officiating Consul, (with a view to prevent all discussion on the subject of Tonnage Dues) is published for general information and guidance.

By Order of His Excellency, Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of Trade &c. in China.

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, 4th December 1843.

The Inner Waters, including "Koolong-soo" Island, to Pagoda Island on the S. W. Side, to the Six Islands on the Eastern Side.

HENRY GRIBBLE.

Officiating, H. B. M. Consul,
Amoy.

(A true Copy.)

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

The annexed Extract of a letter addressed to Her Britannic Majesty's Officiating Consul at Amoy, and the Pilot Regulations for that Port to which it refers, are published for the information and guidance of all Her Majesty's Subjects.— By Order of His Excellency Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of Trade &c. &c. in China.

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, 4th December, 1843.

"EXTRACT."

"I may take this occasion to add, that the Pilot Regulations you have established and which I mean to publish, appear to me to be very good, and the rates moderate. I have heard, that some of the Owners of the Regular Coast Traders have seen objections to them, on the ground that such a charge is unnecessary, but I am of opinion, that, since the promulgation of the General Regulations, and the Government Notification on the subject of Pilots, any Vessel which might not have one on board, and which might happen to be lost on entering any of the Five Ports opened by Treaty, would not be entitled to recover from the Insurers. To all Vessels coming from a distance, the Regulations on this head, it is self evident, cannot fail to be specially acceptable."

(True Extract.)

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

PILOT REGULATIONS AT AMOY.

1st. Every Pilot is to have a licence signed by the Hai Hong, countersigned by the Consul, and stamped with the respective Seals of the Offices of those Functionaries.

2nd. To entitle a Pilot to his licence, he must produce a certificate of his fitness, signed by at least one Captain of one of

Her Majesty's Ships, which certificate will be lodged at the British Consulate.

3rd. Every Pilot Boat is to hoist a red and white Flag horizontal with an English number on the Flag.

4th. The following are the rates of Pilotage:

For every Foot of Water the Ship draws, fifty Cents per Foot both inwards and outwards from the "Chaw Chat" Rock.

And one Dollar per foot, from a Line drawn from "Lamtia" Island

"Chapel" Island

"Paktia" Island or in the proximities of them.

5th.— All British Merchant Ships are liable to the Pilotage from and to the "Chaw Chat" Rock, beyond (or outside of) which it is optional.

HENRY GRIBBLE.

Officiating British Consul
Amoy.

(True Copy.)

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

The annexed Copy of a letter addressed to Her Britannic Majesty's Officiating Consul at Amoy, regarding the rate at which various foreign Coins are to be received at that Port, in payment of the Imperial Duties, is published for general information and guidance. By Order of His Excellency Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of Trade &c., &c., in China.

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Hong-Kong, 4th December, 1843.

Government House, Victoria,
Hong-Kong, December 3rd, 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3 of the 13th of last month, submitting the result of an investigation into the Currency at Amoy, and stating that the outturn of the different Coins which had been assayed there, averaged One Tael and Seven Mace ($\frac{7}{10}$) less than at Canton; but, that being anxious to assimilate the Amoy Standard with that already laid down at Canton, you had arranged with the local Mandarins for the adoption of the latter at Amoy, on condition that One Tael, five Mace ($\frac{5}{10}$) should be allowed on every 100 Taels of Sycee Silver for refining expenses under the following Heads, vizt.

Charcoal	6 Mace.
Wages of 2 Men	5 Mace.
Saltpetre &c.	3 Mace.
House Expences.	1 Mace.

1. 5.

By this arrangement,

	T. M. C. C.
Rupees weighing.	109, 7, 9, 0
Peruvian Dollars. do.	111, 4, 5, 5
Mexican do.	111, 9, 0, 0
Bolivian do.	112, 1, 5, 0
Chilian do.	112, 5, 2, 0
Chopped do.	113, 2, 0, 7

are to be considered respectively equal to 100 Taels weight of Sycee Silver, in all cases where the Imperial Duties may be paid in any of the above named Coins.

The charge for refining at Canton is One Tael two Mace ($\frac{2}{10}$) on every 100 Taels of Sycee; and the difference is so trifling that I readily sanction your arrangement.

A Copy of this letter will be published for general information.

I have &c.,

(Signed.) HENRY POTTINGER.

(A true Copy.)

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

HENRY GRIBBLE Esquire.
Officiating British Consul at Amoy.

TENDERS will be received at this Office, until Monday the 18th instant at noon, for Bills drawn by H. M. Plenipotentiary in China, on the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, in Council, for two lacs of Company's Rupees, (Cos. Rs. 2,000,000) in sets of 10,000 Cos. Rs., payable at Fort William thirty days after sight, in exchange for Mexican or other Republican dollars of equal standard, payable into this Treasury on or before Saturday, the 30th instant.

The Bills will be delivered on the 20th or on receipt of the dollars.

By order,

CHAS. E. STEWART.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Treasurer's Office,
Government House, Victoria, Hong-Kong,
2nd December, 1843.

CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING.

NOTICE is hereby given, that sealed Tenders will be received at this Office until Friday the 15th inst., at noon, from such persons as may be willing to contract for building Officer's Barracks and a Guard Room at Sywan, according to Plans and Specifications to be seen at the Office of the Engineer.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat,
Victoria, 5th December, 1843.

HOUSES REQUIRED TO RENT.

NOTICE is hereby given, that sealed Tenders will be received at this Office until Monday the 25th inst., at noon, from such persons as may be willing to let, for periods of either six or twelve months certain, commencing from 1st December 1844, Houses in this place suitable for Officers' Quarters and Mess Houses.

The Tenders must specify the Building offered, with all its exterior appurtenances, the term proposed, and the rent per month, payable three months in advance, (but no more) at the time of taking possession, all repairs being at the charge of the owner, but any needful alterations being at the expense of the public. In case any unfinished Building should be offered, the plan of completion must be described, to the satisfaction of the Commanding Royal and Superintending Engineer, at whose Office further particulars may be known.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat,
Victoria, 5th December, 1843.

SALE OF PUBLIC STORES.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a considerable quantity of Public Stores will shortly be offered for sale, consisting chiefly of the following articles vizt—

Arrack.	Pepper.
Tamarinds.	Suet.
Portable Soup.	Khat.
Brandy.	Tallow Candles.
Vinegar.	Soap.
Pease.	Biscuit.

Further particulars will appear in another advertisement. Most of the articles are good both in quality and condition, and to be sold only because not now needed for the public service.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat,
Victoria, 5th December, 1843.

NOTIFICATION.

CITY OF SHANGHAI, 14th November, 1843.

I HEREBY NOTIFY to all Her Majesty's Subjects, that I have temporarily established the British Consulate within the City of Shanghai, in a street situated close to the walls between East and West gates. I solicit the co-operation of all parties in aiding me to conduct the duties entrusted to my charge. In communication with the Intendant of Circuit and Superintendent of Customs, the Port of Shanghai is declared open for the trade on the 17th instant, from which date all Regulations relating thereto will be in force.

For the present, the limits of the Port of Shanghai are declared to be within the lines formed by Pooshan Point bearing West, and the Battery on the right Bank at the mouth of the river below Woosung, bearing South West.

The place of anchorage for loading and unloading within the Port, is as close over as possible to the left Bank at the bend of the river adjacent to a creek named the Woosung Kow, which at the distance of about three quarters of a mile below the walls of Shanghai, discharges its waters into the Shanghai river; and when the number of Vessels may render it requisite, Ships must anchor head and stern, leaving the navigation of the river clear, and the mouth of the Woosung Kow well open.

The Tariff, General Regulations, and various Proclamations promulgated by H. E. Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart. G. C. B., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary for conducting the commercial intercourse with China, must be strictly adhered to by myself, as well as by those resorting to this Port.

The Intendant of Circuit and Superintendent of Customs, has established a Government Banking Establishment, or Shroff Shop, for the receipt of Tonnage Fees and Export and Import duties, and has fixed the Office in the street leading from the little East gate of the City to the bank of the river, the firm being held by six Partners, vizt.

- Yaou Hungyuen
- Chow Hoosung
- Maou Hangho
- Kwo Wanfung
- Chuen Yaenjee
- King Yaenkee

any one of whom is empowered to grant receipts for monies paid on account of the above purposes.

Standard weights and measures are lodged in the Office of the Consulate, and as all duties will be fixed and levied according to these standards, British Merchants are recommended to provide themselves with sets, which can easily be obtained at Shanghai, and the propriety of endeavouring to bring the same into general use, is submitted for consideration.

As the different Trades and Professions at this place have different weights and measures, and as none agree with the Government Standard fixed for the five Ports, particular caution is essential in all commercial transactions, to have the Catty and Covid by which the transaction is to be settled clearly defined, and it will prevent difficulties and loss, to be cautious in reposing confidence until the characters and conduct of parties are better known.

Arrangements are in progress for selecting a suitable site for Dwelling and Store Houses; for settling by assay the per centage to be paid on silver coins, to raise the Silver thereof to the standard of fineness fixed for the payment of the duties; for establishing a place for the Custom House, examination of goods landed and shipped off, and for appointing Pilots and adopting other arrangements to facilitate the navigation into and out of the Port. Due intimation will be given, on the completion of the measures connected with any of the above named points, which must for the present be considered as still unsettled.

Although it is desirable to adhere to the usual hours for the transaction of business, yet it will be clearly understood that when necessary the Consulate will be open to all Persons, at all Hours; and any aid or information which can be afforded by the Consular Establishment, will, as a matter of duty, be willingly given on application either by writing, or personal communication.

(Signed,) G. BALFOUR.

H. M. Consul at Shanghai.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

Ship "HELEN STEWART"
Chusan Harbour, 22nd November, 1843.

Dear Sir,
As many ships bound for Chusan now come up outside of Formosa, and I see by your Gazette of the 23rd of February last, that you are willing to give to those interested in them, as much useful information as possible, I take the liberty of begging you to notice the following danger in your next. Having left Hong-kong in the Ship "Helen Stewart" on the 2nd of this month, I made Kume Island in Lat. 24°. 25' N. and Longitude 123°. 5' E. on the 16th, and at 4. 30 P. M. the island then bearing E. ½ S. distant 3 leagues, steering N. N. E. with a light wind at East; and a heavy northerly swell, saw breakers ahead, bearing from N. N. E. to N. N. W. about ¾ miles distant, apparently a dangerous shoal extending about E. b. S. and W. b. N. 3 miles, and bearing N. W. b. W. ¼ W. 3 or 3½ leagues from Kume island. There were continued breakers on the middle of the apparent shoal, but it only broke occasionally at the extremes although there was a very heavy swell running. It perhaps may not show breakers when the water is moderately smooth. Having dark cloudy weather, with rain and a heavy sea, I regret to say that I could not send a boat to sound, as it became quite dark when abreast of the breakers. I saw them until 6 P. M. and had then no bottom at 80 fathoms.— Hoping that I shall not be giving you too much trouble,

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
JAS. F. WHITTINGHAM
Commanding Ship "Helen Stewart."

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NAVIGATORS. We regret that want of space compels us to omit the account of the regatta in Blenheim Reach; the omission however will be less felt, as a contemporary has published it.

W. M. L. We are compelled to defer this letter until our next.

ERRATUM.

In our issue of 16th November, commercial article, for Grey Long Cloths \$2, 60 to \$4 read \$2, 60 to \$3.

The publication of the FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE, commenced on Thursday last at 6 o'clock A. M.

LATEST DATES.

ENGLAND	Aug. 5	SINGAPORE	Oct. 19
UNITED STATES	June 14	JAVA	Sept. 27
CALCUTTA	Sept. 28	MANILA	Nov. 12
BOMBAY	Sept. 14	CHINA	Nov. 20
SYDNEY	Sept. 2	AMOY	Nov. 7

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1843.

We are indebted to the kindness of a friend in the island for a copy of the Notification issued by H. B. Majesty's Consul at Shanghai, on assuming charge of his office; we are sure it will be perused by our readers with feelings of pleasure, and we are satisfied that under the auspices of so sensible an officer, the trade at the port cannot fail to be carried on to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of copies of the *Pekin Gazette*, up to the end of September and return our best thanks to the friend who forwarded them. Through the kindness of another friend we are enabled to present our readers with a Summary of their contents, which will be found in another column.

We offer no apology for extracting from the *Friend of India* the very able review of the state of the country on the departure of the August overland mail. It is well written, and gives a clearer idea of the state of things than a dozen extracts from the London papers.

Above all things we dislike newspaper squabbles; one word in reply to our brother of the *Canton Press*, and we have done. With regard to the prices of Opium at Amoy quoted in our issue of 9th. November, they were perfectly correct; both written and verbal information have since confirmed the fact. By a typographical error (16th) price of Long-Cloths was quoted \$2,50 to \$4, instead of \$3. Let our brother look a little nearer home, before he accuses us of being very inaccurate, upon the strength of his being able to point out one mistake; we could point out a few in his last issue did we feel inclined.

It is deemed probable that H. E. the Imperial Commissioner will yield to the entreaties of the Hong Merchants, and issue an order imposing further duties on certain articles. These duties however are to be imposed on the Chinese nominally, but as usual John Bull will eventually bear the burden.

EXTRACTS FROM PEKIN GAZETTES FOR SEPTEMBER. — The cases in the Board of Offices having accumulated to an enormous amount, H. I. Majesty directs that measures be forthwith taken to settle complaints, to punish the negligent, promote the diligent, and give new vigor to all the establishments.

The measures taken for disposing of offices of rank and emolument at a good price have proved eminently successful, procuring large sums of money in every quarter of the Empire. Every one now having a claim upon the Government must wait for a vacancy; this circumstance will throw the successful graduates and literati very much into the shade, unless they have money when there will be no difficulty in the way of their advancement.

After the most strict investigation into the loss of nine millions of taels from the Treasury it now appears that notwithstanding the occasional repairs of the stung boxes they gradually decayed, and hence the money fell out. This article is hence considered valid, and all those who now are, or were formerly connected with the Board of Revenue are held responsible to make good the enormous deficit. Several members of the Imperial household have consequently contributed their share, amounting altogether to 220,000 taels.

The country of Kokonor situated between the province of Tze-chuen and Tibet, has lately been the scene of very sanguinary feuds between the mountaineers and the Chinese authorities. Matters grew serious and a large body of Chinese troops accompanied by several Mongul chiefs were despatched from the frontiers to maintain the authority of the Chinese Mandarins. The Chinese were victorious and hotly pursued the enemy, who after losing man after man, capitulated. The Chinese forces will now therefore be withdrawn, with the exception of small garrisons left to take charge of the country. The Mongul chiefs will be richly rewarded for their loyalty and bravery. Thus one of the most harassing struggles is finished, and the Chinese troops are on their way home covered with laurels. The province of Tze-chuen though thus freed from invasion has been exposed to dreadful ravages by robbers, who ascending the rivers in large boats have laid waste the adjacent country and spread misery among the inhabitants. By last accounts the evil was increasing; another band of outlaws had united with the aboriginal Meaoutze of Hoowang and defied the government. Hopes were however entertained that by means of promises and threats peace would be established.

On the 22nd August an Envoy from Ava appeared on the frontiers of Yunnan requesting permission to offer tribute from his Birman Master of all the productions of his native land, which was granted.

The inundations in the latter end of August and during September both in Ganung as well as Honan have been awful, immersing whole districts, villages and cities. The reports of this fearful calamity are numerous and heartrending. The Emperor directs that the officers entrusted with the care of the Yellow River are all to be punished, and that subscriptions to the amount of 2,300,000 sterling (9 millions of taels) be raised to reconstruct the river.

An old woman of 85 years of age, applied for the release of an only son, (who had been an officer at Paooshan near Woosung when that city was taken) as a support in her old age. The suit however has been rejected, for the purpose of maintaining military discipline and making an example, and he is to be transported to the frontiers. The request of the Governor General of Fokein and Chekeang to have their punishment remitted, has met with no better success; for in the hour when the British forces advanced, they abandoned their respective charges, and did not die for their country, and therefore must abide the consequence.

It is impossible to peruse the papers, Whig or Tory, Conservative or Liberal; without perceiving that we are on the eve of great changes, which may probably affect the stability of our institutions. The general aspect of affairs is gloomy, and the gloom is unrelieved by a single ray of cheerfulness with any quarter. The Tories have now been two years in office, with a stronger Government, and an overwhelming Parliamentary Majority; they have had the benefit of an Income tax, and of the money returned by China; yet the revenue is in a more deplorable condition than under the Whigs; our foreign trade is still falling off; and our home consumption of taxable articles, is becoming more restricted. In addition to every other evil which has befallen the country, the iron trade; the Masters have been obliged to blow out their furnaces, and it was expected that a hundred thousand workmen would be thrown out of employment in a very short time, and thus augment the general distress and disaffection. The palmer worm is evidently at the root of our national prosperity, and its blossoms are withering. The extremes of wealth and poverty, plenty and want, are becoming daily more palpable and galling, and the time draws near when those extremes will meet, and fearful indeed will be the shock.

It is manifest to all parties, that some radical changes must be effected in the state of society, highly distasteful to the upper and wealthier classes, and which no Minister, Whig or Conservative, can venture to propose without the certainty of being driven from his post, but which no circumstances can apparently avert. The working classes of society perceive that every arrangement, every change, and almost every improvement serve only to increase their distress. The corn law enhances the price of the poor man's bread, for the benefit of landlords; the tithe commutation Act has in many instances made the tithe pressure more insupportable; the turnpike roads, which afford such admirable conveniences for the conveyance of goods, are charged with so many tolls that the labouring community cannot take advantage of them; and even the Poor Law, designed for the relief of the country, has in many instances inflicted an additional burden on the industrious, and, in all cases, exacerbated their feelings. The general depression of almost every interest is so great, that even the Income tax, drawn chiefly from the pockets of the rich, has afforded no compensation for the loss of revenue. The drain on the Treasury from foreign war has ceased. Except in Ireland, we have no army in the field; yet the prospects of England are not improved. The revenue continues to sink.

Even the peaceable, the forbearing, the phlegmatic Welsh have been roused into resistance, and three Regiments cannot prevent toll gates from being levelled with the ground. The Welsh began with a war upon the tolls, and have now extended their opposition to tithes, and the Poor Law. We may almost adopt the language of Burke, and say on this occasion, "since the invasion of King Edward, and the massacre of the bards, there never was such a tumult, and alarm, and uproar, through the region of Prestatyn... The fury of litigious war blew her horn on the mountains; the rocks poured down their hot germs, and the deep caverns vomited out their miners. Every thing above ground and every thing under ground was in arms." The determined and organized resistance of a large and hardy population, serves still more to embarrass the machinery of government. At the same time the condition of Ireland is enough to appal the most stout hearted Minister. That country is at present under the control of one man, and that man is not the Queen's representative. Some of our contemporaries appear to consider the agitation as dying out. We cannot see on what ground their opinion is formed. The rent has not decreased; the gatherings of the people are as large as ever; their feelings towards the Saxon become daily more bitter and exasperated. The accession of the gentry to the cause of the Peasants continues without abatement. O'Connell will not of course stand still. He proposes to organize a Government and to draw to it the functions of the administration. He has directed the appointment of arbitrators, to act in lieu of the Justices of the Peace who have been dismissed. He has allotted £3000 to the building of a grove in the Capital, without however committing himself by any violation of the law; and then, the first collision with the Queen's troops will bring on a general outbreak, and cover the land with blood. The Minister, Sir Robert Peel, evidently regards the demon of revolution which O'Connell has conjured up; and his "do nothing" policy has alienated many of his adherents and some of his colleagues. Beset on all sides with difficulties, perhaps greater than those which ever assailed a Premier, it

seems as though the Cabinet would soon be deprived of his assistance. Indeed nothing but mistrust and hatred of the Whigs on the part of the Tories, seems to keep Sir Robert Peel in his place. Should he throw up office he must be succeeded either by some more uncompromising Tory Premier, who will bring matters to a point, or by a Whig Ministry pledged to make great concessions. In either case, a radical change in the state of things will be hastened.

In the Church, there appear to be the same elements of danger at work, as in the State. If the Irish Church should survive the present crisis, it must be by the special interposition of God, who alone doeth great marvels. Six years ago the idea of touching the revenues of the Established Church in the sister island would have been scouted in the House of Commons. Now, the proposal of making a fresh distribution of ecclesiastical revenues in Ireland with the view of endowing the Catholic Church is made a matter of discussion; and though it has met with much opposition, yet the mere fact that such a proposal has been brought forward and supported, is a circumstance which bodes no good. It is thus that all mighty changes in our constitution, civil and ecclesiastical, have gradually crept upon us. At first they have been spurned with scorn; then they have gained admission, and have been discussed in the House under the pressure of circumstances; and have been eventually carried. We must not be too sanguine that even a Conservative Ministry would not, under the terror of a Civil war in Ireland, give up part of the Protestant endowments as a sop to the Catholics; and nothing could be more fatal to the stability of the Established Church than this sacrifice of the principle on which it is based. Meanwhile, the Bishop of Down has been preaching doctrines which have served to alienate the 800,000 Presbyterians in the north of Ireland, who form the strength of the Protestant interest, and the Judges in the House of Lords have declared the mixed marriages hitherto celebrated between Presbyterians and Episcopalians, illegal, and thus bastardized thousands, and disturbed the security of property. Thus the two bodies of Protestants are thrown into a state of mutual alienation, at a time when there is no safety for either but in active co-operation.

In England, Tractarianism continues to tear the Church of England to pieces; and the Puseyites continue to approximate nearer and nearer to Popery. The salvation of the Church, to all appearance, depends upon the firm stand the Laity may make against these innovations; and it is gratifying to find that some of the most influential gentlemen and laymen in the Church have sent up a protest to the Chancellor of Oxford against the propagation of doctrines so subversive of the principles of the Reformation. At the head of these are Lord Ashley and Lord Sandon. The Methodists, disgusted with the insolvency of the Puseyites, are identifying themselves more closely with dissent; and the compact body of Dissenters have constrained her Majesty's Ministers to withdraw the Factory Bill, though supported, without exception, by the adherents of the Established Church. Some of the Tory papers upbraid Sir James Graham for having yielded to the dictation of the Sectaries. He has yielded to the wishes of two millions of petitioners, whose voice no Minister could safely despise. All these events evidently portend the approach of great and radical changes, not merely in the measures, but in the principles of government; changes not only relative, but organic. So rapid indeed has been the succession of new influences, arising out of the repeal agitation in Ireland; the discontent of the starving manufacturers, the progress of opposition to the corn laws, and the triumph of the Dissenting Interest over the advocates of the Education clauses of the Factory bill in England, and the secession of half the Ministers and their adherents from the Church of Scotland, that it is impossible to foresee what may be the character of the next Parliament. That Assembly will be elected under the pressure of circumstances more momentous than any which have arisen since the convocation of the Long Parliament.

The Friend of India.

SEALED Tenders will be received at this Office until Friday the 1st December at Noon, from such persons as may be willing to contract for building Barracks at Sywan. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the Commanding and Superintending Royal Engineer.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN. C. G.
Commissariat.
Victoria, 21st November, 1843.

NOTICE.

WILL be Sold by Public Auction, on Saturday the 9th proximo, at Noon, the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. Kent and Bates deceased, together with their interest in the Land, now registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 61; subject to such terms and regulations as H. M. Government may grant to, and impose upon the holders of property similarly situated. For further information apply to,

CHAS. E. STEWART.
Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned having been appointed by the Creditors of J. W. BENNETT, in the presence of the Chief Magistrate, to act as Trustee to the Estate for the benefit of those concerned, **HERBY** requests all parties indebted to the said Estate, immediately to discharge the amount of their respective accounts, and all creditors to send in accounts of their respective claims with legal proof of their validity.

FRANCIS SPRING,
Trustee to the Estate.
Victoria, 27th November, 1843.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON **WEDNESDAY** NEXT THE 13TH INSTANT, AT THE GODOWNS NO. 20 QUEEN'S ROAD.

MR. MARK WICK will submit the undermentioned goods, belonging to the Trust Estate of Mark Moss, to Public Auction, by order of the Agent for the Trustees.

Chain Cables and Anchors, Swedish Steel, Iron Chests, Muskets and Pistols, Telescopes, Window Glass, Sherry in bottle, Port in do., Brandy in do., Coal Tar, Canvas, Paints, Brushes, and a variety of other articles.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.
Victoria, Hongkong, 5th December, 1843.

FOR SALE.

A CARGO of Manila Timber, daily expected.
HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.
Victoria, 6th December 1843.

CHEMIST & DRUGGIST.

JAMES WELCH begs to inform the nobility Gentry &c &c of Victoria, Hongkong; that he has commenced in the above line, in premises adjoining the Godowns of P. Townsend Esq. Queen's Road and trusts by strict attention to business to meet with the public success.

Prescriptions carefully prepared. Medicine Chests re-fitted.

Just Received.—A few Superior Mahogany Family Medicine Chests Complete.

Castor Oil
Pickles
Perfumery.

MR. LATTEY.

Chromometer and Watch Maker.

Begs to announce that he has just arrived in Hongkong, and commenced business at Lane's Hotel, trusting that many years practical experience in London, will enable him to give the utmost satisfaction in every branch of his business.

Having devoted much of his time, and attention, to the repairing and rating of Chronometers, he can confidently undertake to repair and rate them, as efficiently as they can be done in London.

LANE'S HOTEL HONGKONG.

—PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON Tuesday the 19th instant at 11 A. M. on account of whom it may concern, will be sold by Auction to the highest bidder, the London River built Ship "SARAH" 488 Tons, old measurement, now lying off the Harbour Master's jetty, with all her Masts, Yards, Sails, Rigging, Boats, Anchors, Cables, Stores, &c. The whole to be sold in separate and convenient lots.

The Hull, Windlass, Capstain, and one Chain Cable and anchor in one lot.

This vessel is built of the very best materials. Her Timbers are of Superior Oak, and her upper deck nearly new; she is Coppered and Copper fastened throughout.

An inventory of her Stores and Tackle may be seen by applying to the Auctioneer.

At the same time will be sold on board the "SARAH" 14 Hbds. Gin and 5 Hbds. W. I. Rum. Full particulars will be published in Catalogues previous to the day of Sale.

The Sale to take place on board.

TERMS.—Cash before delivery.

A. HOWELL,
Auctioneer.

The Point, Hong-Kong, 1st. December 1843.

FOR SALE.

SUPERIOR Port Wine; Superior pale Sherry; Genuine Rotterdam Geneva; Pate and dark Cogniac Brandy of various qualities, in wood and bottle; Holland Gin in square bottles; Cherry Brandy; Cider; Candles; Blacking; Table covers; Sauces of all kinds; Florence Oil in flasks; best Durham Mustard.

A L S O.

A direct consignment from France of Bovet's superior Champagne, Cortailed, Sauterne and Chablis, at prices well worthy the attention of Messrs.

J. C. POWER.

Victoria, 7th. December, 1843.

TO LET.

PLEASANTLY Situated in the Queen's Road, part of a House, consisting of two Bed Rooms, and Sitting Room, Cook House, and Bathing Room if required.

Enquire of D. HUME, Baker,
Oswald's Row, Queen's Road.
Victoria, December 6th, 1843.

FOR SALE—at the Godowns of the Undersigned Europe, Manila, and patent Manila cordage of sizes, Do. Amberline, Houseline, Oakum, double and single blocks, paints, canvas and Twine, Chain suitable for Sheets and Tyes, Anchors 21 to 24 cwt. Boats Anchors.

Apply to Mr. Gutierrez on the premises.

WILLIAM SCOTT.

Victoria, 9th August 1843.

TO BE SOLD.

A desirable detached two storied Residence, situate within a Ring Fence, and situate in the Healthiest part of the Island—Commanding a fine and extensive view of the whole Bay, and also of the Town—and in the immediate Vicinity of the Government Offices—the House is well finished; contains numerous Bed Rooms, five airy spacious sitting Rooms &c. fitted with English Fire Grates, a strong and secure Treasury with double doors, detached Godown, 60 feet-30 feet, extensive Servants Offices &c. the whole offering a desirable Investment for Capital, and in every way suited for the residence of a Mercantile Firm; at present occupied by the Undersigned, to whom apply for further particulars.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1843.

THE UNDERSIGNED beg to notify that they have commenced business in Hongkong as Contractors and House Builders, Cabinet Makers, and Upholsterers; and trust by their practical knowledge and steady attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.

MYENE, VESSEY and Co.

Apply at Messrs. MAC VIOEAR and Co.
Victoria, Hongkong, 9th Nov. 1843.

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS

PROVISION AND GENERAL STORE,

Opposite the Godowns of Alex. Moss Esq.
Queen's Road.

DICKENS, and **MCINTYRE**, most respectfully announce to the Officers in H. M. Vessels, and the Inhabitants of Hong-kong, that they have opened the above establishment, and having purchased their stock under the most favourable circumstances, hope by charging moderate prices, and keeping good articles, to merit a share of Public patronage.

They have constantly on hand, Oilman's Stores, Grocery, Cutlery, Wines, Beer, Ale, Porter, Brandies, &c. &c. &c.

Victoria, 28th November, 1843.

FOR SALE.

FIVE SUPERIOR London built Carriages with Harness &c. complete; also a complete set of Rosewood Drawing Room Furniture just arrived.

Apply to

HENRY HUMPHRYS & Co.

Victoria, 22nd November, 1843.

FOR SALE.

AT THE GODOWNS OF THE UNDERSIGNED

Port Wine, in 3 and 6 doz. cases.

Sherry do. do. do.

Claret do. do. do.

HENRY, HUMPHREYS & Co.

Victoria, 22nd November, 1843.

FOR SALE.

AT the Godowns of the undersigned, the following Goods ex Foam direct from London.

London Bottled Pale Ale and Porter

Prime old Port in 3 doz. Casks

Superior Sherry in „

Sparkling Champagne in cases of 3 doz,

Gentlemen's and Ladies' White Cotton Gloves

Ladies' Clan and fancy Tartan Plaids

Ladies' Mousselin de Laine Dresses

Ladies' Cotton Stockings

Gentlemen's Cotton Drawers, Shirts and Socks

ALSO

Some fashionable Black and White Beaver Hats; Felt and Glazed do.; Taglionis; Cloth Caps &c. &c.

C. W. BOWRA.

13 Queen's Road,

Victoria, 15th November 1843.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

VESSELS NOW IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

Rosa (Hulk); John Barry (Regg. ship); Sarah; Mercury Regg. do.; General Wood Regg. do.; Jardine do.; Isabella (Hulk); Mary (Schr); Louisa; Scotia; Folkstone; Bombay; Moffat; Hope; Slains Castle; Zenobia [Am.]; Sri Sincapore; Crishna; Algerine; Cecilia; Ina; Canton; Ariel; Ino Dalton; Zemindar; Posthumons; Possidone; Spec; Victoria; William Hughes.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

Minden, Captain Quin, Hospital Ship.
Troop Ship Sapphire, Master Commanding, J. R. Fittock
Troop Ship. Rattlesnake, Master Commanding James Sprent R. N.
H. C. Steamer Proserpine, Commander Hough R. N.

ARRIVALS.

NOVEMBER 1843.
30th H.M.Str. Vixen—Com. Giffard R.N. A cruise.

DECEMBER 1843.
1st H.C.Str. Proserpine Com. Hough R.N. Canton.
2nd Wm. Hughes Mc.Farlane Macao.
4th Ardaseer Mc.Intyre } Chusan bound to
Macao direct.
" H.C.Str. Proserpine Com. Hough R.N. Macao.
6th Sri Sincapore Forman Macao.

DEPARTURES.

NOVEMBER 1843.
30th H.C.Str. Proserpine Com. Hough R.N. Canton.

DECEMBER 1843.
1st H. M. Spiteful Com. Maitland R.N. Bombay.
" James Campbell Pitcairn Whampoa;
" Ruby Dangerfield
" H.C.Str. Proserpine Com. Hough R.N. Macao.
3rd Wanderer Smith Chusan.
4th I.M.S. Dido Capt. Keppel R.N. Manila.
" Lady Mc. Naughten Young Batavia.
" Wm. Hughes Mc.Farlane Whampoa.
" H. M. S. Cornwallis Vices. Ad. Sir W. Parker
G. C. B. Manila.
" H.M.S. Agincourt Rr. Ad. Sir T. Cochrane A cruise
" H.M.Str. Driver Com. Hayes R.N. Amoy & Chusan
6th John Christian Whittycombe Whampoa.

Per Ardaseer from Chusan, Helen Stewart had arrived in Chusan, and Anna Maria had sailed for Chinchew.

REPORTED TO SAIL.

Ina Whampoa.
Moffat Madras.
Hope Amoy.
H. M. S. Rattlesnake England.

WILLIAM PEDDER,
Harbour Master.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China, for the above Company, are prepared to accept Assurances at Hong-Kong, as under:—
1st.—On Buildings of Brick or Stone, covered with Tiles, Slates, Metal, or other incombustible material, together with their contents, when such Buildings are isolated from all others. Rate of Premium, 1 per cent. per annum.
2nd.—On such Buildings and their contents, when not so isolated, at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum. Assurances for 6 months $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual rate, will for 3 months $\frac{1}{4}$ be charged.
 Of the 1st Class, Assurances for the present, will be accepted to the extent of £10,000 only on one risk. And of the 2nd Class, to the extent of £8000.
 A Building and its contents taken together, form one risk. Thus the above sums may be underwritten either on a Building alone, or the contents alone; or, part on the Building, and part on the contents.
 No Assurance is to be considered in force until the Premium be paid.
 Amongst other advantages of the Company, the Assured will be entitled to participate in the profits after five successive payments.
 Parties applying for Assurances will please send in full particulars of the risk to be taken; any deviation from which, without the consent of the Company, will vitiate the Policy.

JARDINE, MATHESON, & Co.,
 Agents in China.
 Macao, 12th July, 1843.

NOTICE.

WILL shortly be submitted for Sale by Public Auction, unless previously disposed of by private Contract, a spacious and convenient Bungalow desirably situated and well found in Offices &c.
 For particulars apply to Mr. E. FARNCOMB, Notary Public, Queen's Road, Victoria.
 21st November, 1843.

THE Copartnership existing between DIROM, CARTER & Co. at Bombay, DIROM, RICHMOND & Co. at Liverpool, and ourselves in China, having expired by its own limitation on the 31st July last, we beg leave to announce, that in future, our business will be carried on here, under the firm of DIROM, GRAY & Co.; at Bombay under the firm of DIROM, HUNTER & Co.; and at Liverpool under the firm of DIROM, DAVIDSON & Co.

Macao, 1st August, 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have established a House of Agency in China, under the firm of "Boustead & Co." in connexion with Messrs Butler, Sykes and Co. Manila, and Messrs Sykes, Schwabe and Co. Liverpool. The partners in our several establishments continue as before: Mr. Edward Boustead managing in China, Mr. Benjamin Butler at Manila, Mr. Gustav Christian Schwabe at Liverpool, and Mr. Adam Sykes at Singapore.

BOUSTEAD, SCHWABE & Co.
 Singapore, 11th August, 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned begs to acquaint the Public, that he has taken the ALBION HOTEL, and will conduct it under his immediate superintendance, and hopes thereby to ensure the comfort of Families and others, and to meet the patronage which that Establishment has heretofore had.

Macao, 31st August, 1843.

NOTICE.—Goods and Merchandise, of all descriptions received and carefully Stored in spacious dry, and secure granite Godowns Situated on the Queen's Road, below the premises of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. at Victoria, Hong Kong, upon moderate terms. Apply upon the premises to

F. H. TIEDEMAN.
 Goods are received and sold on Commission
 Victoria, 10th August 1843.

NOTICE.

OUR establishment is removed from Macao to Hong Kong, No. 2 Wellington Terrace.

HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.

Victoria, Hongkong,
 16 October, 1843.

FOR SALE.—Superfine Blue Cloth, suitable for naval Officer's Uniform, & also Black Cashmere fine quality.—Brandy in wood. Claret in dozen Cases, Sherry in butts, Preserves and Pickles of every description.

Apply to F. H. TIEDEMAN,
 Queen's Road, Victoria,
 7th September, 1843.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, being about to leave China, has transferred his out-standing business to Messrs. BELL & Co. of Macao.

ROBERT WEBSTER.
 Hong Kong, 12th November, 1843.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE EN CHINE.

AVIS.—Par décision consulaire en date d'aujourd'hui Mr. CHALLAVÉ a été élu consul, n'appartient plus au Consulat de France en Chine:
 Comte DE RATTIMENTON.
 Macao, le 17 Août, 1843.

AVIS.—Les Français qui se trouvent, ou se trouveront en Chine, sont prévénus qu'ils veulent s'assurer la protection du Consulat de France et la jouissance des droits et privilèges déjà attribués, ou qui pourront l'être à l'avenir, par les traités, les lois ou ordonnances aux sujets de S. M. le Roi des Français, doivent se faire inscrire sur le registre matricule du dit Consulat, en se présentant eux-mêmes, ou, en cas d'impossibilité en adressant au Consul une requête, où ils déclareront, sous serment, qu'ils ont encouru la perte de leur qualité de Français; par aucun des circonstances spécifiées dans l'art. 17 du code civil, tels que la naturalisation, l'acceptation non autorisée par le Roi, de fonctions publiques conférées par un gouvernement étranger, et enfin, par tout établissement fait en pays étranger, sans esprit de retour.
 Le Consul de France.
 Comte DE RATTIMENTON.

NOTICE.

THE Partnerships subsisting between the undersigned, under the several Firms of SKINNER & Co. at Bombay; WALKINSHAW, SKINNER & Co. at Glasgow and of WALKINSHAW, VERNÉDE, & Co. Batavia, are hereby dissolved by mutual consent.

DANIEL WALKINSHAW, } By their Attorney,
 JOHN SKINNER, } C. B. SKINNER.
 C. B. SKINNER.
 HENRI VERNÉDE, } By C. B. SKINNER.
 Bombay, 31st July, 1843.

With reference to the above Notice of Dissolution we beg to intimate that the Business of the late Firm at Bombay, in which JOHN SKINNER has been a managing Partner for 18 years, and CHARLES BINNY SKINNER a Partner for the last 10 years, will be continued by them under the firm of JOHN SKINNER & Co.

JOHN SKINNER, } By his Attorney,
 C. B. SKINNER, } C. B. SKINNER.
 Bombay, 1st August, 1843

MR. ALEXANDER WALKINSHAW is authorized to sign for us, per procurator, from this date,
 J. SKINNER & Co.
 Bombay, 1st August, 1843.

NOTICE.

ANY PERSON having any demand against the estate of the late Lieut. Colonel Knowles C. B. of the Royal Artillery, are requested to send them to the Royal Artillery Barracks, on or before Saturday next at 12 o'clock.
 Victoria, 29th November, 1843.

SITUATION WANTED.

A YOUNG MAN is desirous of obtaining a situation as Ship's Steward or servant to a private Gentleman proceeding to England, he has been engaged in that capacity for several years and can give security for his good conduct.
 For particulars apply to A. T. at this Office.
 Victoria, 28th November, 1843.

NOTICE.—Goods and merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns situated 18, and 55 Queens Road upon moderate terms.

Goods placed [except combustibles] in Godown 18, Queen's Road can be insured from risk of Fire.
 apply to N. DUUS,
 Goods received and sold on Commission
 19 Queen's Road,
 Victoria, November, 1st 1843.

NOTICE.—Mark Moss of Singapore, Merchant, having by Indenture, dated the 15th of October instant, assigned all his Property whatsoever to the undersigned, in Trust to be realised and applied towards satisfaction of the Claims of such of his Creditors as should within six months from the date thereof consent to, or subscribe the said Indenture, by writing or letter addressed to the said Trustee or either of them, signify their intention of so doing. The Creditors of the said Mark Moss are hereby requested to do so by themselves, or their Agents, and at the same time to send in their claims. And it is hereby given, that the Creditors who do not consent to, or subscribe the said Indenture within the said period, shall not participate in the benefit of the said assignment.

The Trustee, who hereby requires all persons indebted to the said Mark Moss to make payment to them on behalf of the said Trust Estate, without delay, of their respective debts.

JOHN MYTLE,
 ROBERT MAC EWEN } Trustees
 Singapore 30th October 1843.

IN reference to the above Notice the Undersigned is authorized by James of Attorney to act for the above named Trustees and requests immediate attention of all concerned, to the foregoing notice.

ERSKINE DUNCAN,
 Victoria, Hong Kong,
 27th November, 1843.

FOR SALE.

SYCEE SILVER in large Ingots.
 HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.
 Victoria, 24th November 1843.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

THE A. I. Ship RUBY, Thomas Dangerfield Commander, will sail for Liverpool in all next month; has superior poop accommodation and sails fast, having made her passage out though very deep in 109 days. For passage only apply at Macao to BOUSTEAD & Co. at Hongkong to G. F. DAVIDSON.
 Hongkong, 28th November, 1843.

FOR SALE.

THE fast Sailing Hambro schooner "HEBE," with all her Stores &c. as she is now lying in the Harbour. She is built of Oak, is about six years old, carries a good Cargo, and is well adapted for the Coast trade.
 For Particulars, apply to F. H. TIEDEMAN.
 Victoria, 23d. November, 1843.

FOR SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.

THE Brig "Algerine" will leave Hong Kong (touching at Macao) for the above Ports about the 10th proximo. For Freight of specie and light packages Apply to D. WILSON & Co.
 Victoria, 23d. November, 1843.

FOR SALE.—Champaigne; French Claret in casks; Batavia Arrack; Vermicelli and Macaroni; Sardines and every description of Preserved Fish and Meats.
 Apply to F. H. TIEDEMAN.
 Hong-kong, 16th November, 1843.

FOR SALE.

SIX MARR'S Fire Proof Iron Safes and Chess ex Foam. Japan silk Morning Gowns; Silk Ressa; and Laquered Ware of every description, ex "Anne en Elise" direct from Japan.
 Apply to F. H. TIEDEMAN.
 Victoria 3rd November 1843.

FOR SALE.—Prime Port, E. I. Sherry, W. I. Sherry, Hock, Moselle, and Claret in dozen Cases, Brands warranted, apply to F. H. TIEDEMAN.
 Victoria, 10th August 1843. Queens Road.

FOR SALE.—Sparkling Champaigne, and Johannisberg Hock, from Messrs. T. Giesler, & Co., of Rheims and Cologne. Apply to JOHN LEATHLEY.
 Hongkong, 29th June, 1843.

FOR SALE. STOVES of various kinds, and stove piping. Apply at the Godowns of Holiday Wise & Co. to JOHN RITSON.
 Victoria, 9th November, 1843.

FOR SALE.

A Quantity of Teak Timber consisting of Logs—3 inch Plank—6 inch Stanchions—6+3 Rafters, 1 inch Plank,—7½ inch Plank, and a quantity of sheathing boards.
 Apply to J. P. PORTER.
 Victoria,
 October, 6th 1843.

FOR SALE FOR \$ 750.

THE property of an Officer about to leave China, a BAY ARAB HORSE, height 15 hands and upwards, age rising nine, warranted sound and quiet, up to any weight and a capital charger, having been constantly used as such for the last 3 years, at which time he was purchased for 2,000 Rupees. For further particulars apply to Mr. Lattey, Lane's Hotel, Hongkong.
 Victoria, 28th November, 1843.

MESSRS. J. B. PAIN & Co. have constantly on hand, at their store, a superior assortment of all descriptions of goods, suitable to Captains of Vessels and the residents of Hongkong.
 J. B. PAIN & Co.
 No. 3 Magistrate Street.
 October, 10th 1843.

FOR SALE.—by Messrs. J. B. PAIN & Co. Superior Bottled Beer.
 J. B. PAIN & Co.
 No. 2 Magistrate Street.
 October, 10th 1843.

FOR SALE.—Bally Rice, ditto Coffee, Copenhagen Cherry Cordials in Pint, Manila Cordage, Cakum, Corke, Singapore Plank, Anchoa and Chama, Arrack, Bengal Chintay, Butter in Kegs, Candies, Bengal Rice, Ditto Shell, Coal Tar, Swedish Ditto, and Pitch; a variety of other articles.
 At the Godowns of JOHN BURD & Co.

FOR SALE.—Ghee, Paints and Paint Oil. Bear in Hides.
 At the godowns of JOHN BURD & Co.
 Victoria, 20th September, 1843.