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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.

A Mail for England via Singapore and Bombay, per Clipper "Mor" will be closed at the Post Office Victoria at 5 p. m. on Sunday the 24th Instant.

By order,

RICHARD WOOSNAM.
Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1843.

RICHARD BURGASS Esq. has this day been sworn in by the Chief Magistrate as one of Her Britannic Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the Colony of Hongkong, and the dominions of the Emperor of China.

By order,

RICHARD WOOSNAM.
Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1843.

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING TIMBER.

NOTICE is hereby given, that sealed Tenders will be received at this Office until the 1st of January next at noon, from such persons as may be willing to contract for the supply of Teak, Deal, Manilla, or Singapore timber, (not being dye wood of any kind) fit for the various purposes of building, deliverable at the Royal Engineer yard at this place free of all risk and charges beyond the contract price.

The Tenders are to specify the kind or kinds of Wood to be furnished, the quantity of each, as well as the various scantlings, in English measurement, the proposed period or periods of delivery, which must not exceed four months from the present time, and the price of each kind of Wood (expressed in words) which will be payable here in Mexican or other Dollars immediately after each delivery, but not in advance.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat,
Victoria, 18th December, 1843.

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING.

NOTICE is hereby given, that sealed Tenders will be received at this Office until the 1st of January next at noon, from such persons as may be willing to contract for building a Guard Room at Chuck-Chew, plans and specifications of which may be seen at the Office of the Commanding Royal and Superintending Engineer on or after the 26th instant.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat,
Victoria, 18th December, 1843.

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received for a Vessel to convey comfortably to England, about 180 Invalids;—Government will put on board Provisions and Water, and she will be required as soon as she can be got ready. A Vessel with a Medical Gentleman on board will be preferred.

Tenders to be made at so much per head, or in one fixed sum.

By order of the Rear Admiral,

EDWARD WALLER,
Secretary.

H. M. Ship Agincourt,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1843.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

Sir,
You will much oblige me by giving insertion to the following in your next.

On Wednesday the 13th instant, as the men of H. M. S. Agincourt were exercising aloft, one of them unfortunately lost his hold, fell from the main-yard arm, and striking against the rigging, he bounded with frightful force from the spare top-sail yard and fell insensible into the sea. Lieutenants Calwell and Vansittart instantly dashed overboard after him; the former Officer was however from his position unable to make way against the tide and reach the sinking man. Mr. Vansittart though was nearer to him, and with almost superhuman exertions (being burdened with the whole of his uniform) he saved the poor fellow's life, supporting him for a considerable time until a boat could be lowered.

Intrepidity and generosity have ever been the characteristics of our gallant sailors, and both qualities are fully estimated by all ranks. This dashing action has endeared the young Officers to every man on board, and at a future day when it may be their fortune to fight Old England's battles, never will either of them lack true and staunch support where one of the Agincourt's crew is present.

With hearty wishes for their speedy and well earned promotion,

I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
AN OLD MAN.

REPORTS TO CHINA.—It has been all along the opinion of reflecting persons that the new commercial relations opened up between England and China, would eventually prove highly beneficial to this colony. The vicinity of the two countries is favourable to the intercourse of trade, whilst the large and increasing amount of our imports of tea and other commodities, affords an opportunity constantly recurring, of trying at least, whether the Celestial empire would not be disposed to accept other modes of payment besides those of dollars and opium. And we rejoice to find, that this opening has not failed to arrest the serious attention of some of our merchants. By the *Euphrates*, a number of Australian horses are being shipped for the new British colony of Hongkong, where it is expected on authority that may be relied upon, that they will meet with a ready sale at very remunerative prices. We have of late repeatedly pointed out the excellent market which India offered for this description of stock; and it affords us much pleasure now to add, that another market, not less profitable, and probably much more extensive, presents itself in China.

By the same opportunity it is intended to forward some specimens of our wood, in the hope that its fine quality and low price may induce the ingenious handicrafts of that industrious people to introduce it into their manufactures, encouraged, as may be naturally supposed they will be, both by the British and the native merchants, who cannot but be alive to the commercial advantages of exchanging the produce of one country for that of the other. * Would it not be well to send also samples of our salted beef, tongues, mutton hams, gelatine, and anything else that may be likely to find customers, whether amongst the Chinese or the European shipping frequenting their ports? Nor would it be amiss to forward a few packages of our colonial clothes, for which there might, perchance, be found, or created, a market in the northern parts of the country. In fact, nothing should be left untried on our part to make the most of the great change that has taken place in our trading relations with that immense population—immense, not only in point of number, but in point also of geographical diffusion, and diversity of climate and habits.—*Sydney Herald*.

An American Editor's Definition of a Newspaper.—"We are to day compelled, in consequence of the misapprehension of many of our readers, to define what a newspaper is. It is (and let those in arrear for the last quarter mark well) a luxury, which those who cannot afford to stump down for in advance, or pay promptly on the day that the quarter is up, should never for a moment think of indulging in."

* Our shrewd friends the Americans are already making arrangements for attacking the market with cotton goods. A large shipment of domestics had been made at one of the northern ports, and on the 15th June the ship *Dalhousie* sailed out at New Orleans for China, with 38,000 bales of cotton and 6,000 pigs of lead.

"Abstract from Log of ship 'Posthumous,' Milnor, from New Zealand, bound to Manila:—"Friday, April 7, nautical time, under south-east squally, with rain, at 0h. 30m. p. m., saw a reef from the deck, centre bearing north-east by east, extending in a south-east and north-west direction, about one mile in length. A wreck of a vessel on the south-east end, apparently between three and four hundred tons, lying on broadside, coppered, bust figure-head, stump of main-mast and bow-sprit standing, could not make out whether she had a poop from her being so much on broadside; had any persons been on it should have seen them from the ship, as we passed within one and a half mile from the wreck; the weather being very unsettled, did not consider it prudent to approach closer. Position of reef—latitude, 21° 46' south; longitude, 174° 43' east of Greenwich.—*The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Extract from the log book of Captain Loten, of the schooner COQUETTE, on her last voyage from Port Phillip to Sydney:—"At 11 A. M., The Crocodile Rock was seen breaking heavily, when the following magnetic bearings were taken, with head S. by W.:—Rokondo N. 34° W.; largest of Moncurr's Islands N. 13° E.; East, distant two miles, which places it S. 27° E. [true] two miles and three-quarters from the position assigned to it in the Admiralty Charts. At 11:30—the gale; if possible, increasing with terrific squalls, accompanied with hail, finding it impossible to carry sufficient sail to weather Curtis's Island, bore up and ran to leeward of it; while rounding the N. E. end for the purpose of obtaining a lee to heave-to under breakers were seen, the helm was immediately put a starboard, and the vessel passed within fifty yards of a sunken rock upon which the sea was breaking violently; after running about 150 yards to leeward, rounded to, when I observed it to bear E. by S. (magnetic), a short mile from the low bluff which forms the N. E. extremity of Curtis's Island; part of the rock was at times distinctly visible, but whether of a flat or pyramidal form was not determined, I am, however, inclined to think the latter. It appears to me that this danger has been rarely, if ever seen before, as I find no mention of it either in Horsburgh's or the Australian Directory. I am in a measure confirmed in this opinion by the fact, that I have repeatedly passed between Curtis's Island and the Devil's Tower without having seen it, nor would it, I think, have been visible now, but from the greatly agitated state of the sea."—(*The Port Phillip Patriot*.)

WOOL EXPORTED FROM NEW SOUTH WALES.

In 1826	552,960 lbs.
1827	407,116
1828	884,843
1829	1,006,333
1830	899,750
1831	1,401,284
1832	1,515,156
1833	1,734,203
1834	2,246,893
1835	3,893,927
1836	3,693,241
1837	4,448,796
1838	5,749,376
1839	7,213,584
1840	8,610,775
1841	8,390,540
1842	9,428,036

The quantity of wool imported into England from British possessions in 1842 was, 18,467,212 lbs., and New South Wales supplied out of this quantity no less than 8,725,641 lbs.; being equal to more than a fourth of the quantity imported from all other countries in the world, while the total export from New South Wales, being [as above] 9,428,036 lbs., was more than equal in quantity to the wool of all other British possessions imported into England.—*The Port Phillip Patriot*.

PORT ESSINGTON.

The distance from Singapore to Port Essington is 2400 miles. Now, as steam navigation is periodically effected from England to India in the period of a month, and a steam communication has also been occasionally established with Singapore, and will in all human probability, within a very brief period, be extended to Hongkong, this part of the Australian continent will be brought within a fortnight's communication of the line of mails extending from Singapore to Europe; and I must say I venture to regard as an event, the accomplishment of which is by no means problematical, the arrival of an English mail by way of India, Singapore, Port Essington, and from thence overland to Sydney. Were once steam communication fully established in these eastern seas, intercourse might be effected between this part of the Australian coast and some of the most important points of the old world, in exceedingly short spaces of time. From Bombay to Port Essington, by Point du Galle, the distance is 5,300 miles; this by steam navigation might be accomplished in twenty-seven days, and thus a direct communication between England and Australia might be effected within a period of two months. From Calcutta and Madras the distance is about 4,500 miles; from Canton and Hongkong not more than 3,000 miles—a journey that might be accomplished by steam in fifteen days. The lines thus radiating would lead through the immense cluster of islands forming the eastern Archipelago, the inhabitants of which, according to the testimony of Mr. Earle, evince a remarkable disposition for trading, and as an instance of which the same intelligent observer remarks, that in the little island of Dobbee, one of the Arru islands, the annual imports of British goods from Singapore are not worth less than 150,000 dollars.—*The Sydney Morning Herald*.

From a late list of English names we extract the following:—William Bland of Field Hill, Staines, gave notice of a new improved method of adding up accounts with figures and other animals.—*Daily News*.



BY AUTHORITY
OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR HENRY POTTINGER,
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In the Press, and will be ready for delivery on the
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The Notices &c., issued from the various Government Offices will be included in the above.

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PRICE, Four Dollars.

N. B. A continuation of the Notifications will appear from time to time in a similar form, so as to be adapted to form a second volume to the above, the subscription to which will be two Dollars per annum. Subscribers' names are received at the Friend of China and Hong-Kong Gazette Office.

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THE HONG-KONG ALMANAC FOR 1844; containing a variety of useful information: a Table of contents will appear immediately.

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Victoria, Hong-Kong, 13th December, 1843.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. M. L. We have waited until the last moment in hope of hearing further from our correspondent, but not having done so we are reluctantly compelled to omit his communication. We think it would probably be better to wait until a joint statement of facts can be procured, which might then be published with the names of the parties attached, and a protest against the proceeding.

With reference to the non-appearance of an advertisement sent from Macao some days since, we beg to assure our Correspondents that it never reached our Office.

ERRATUM.

In last week's issue, the "Mary Bulmer" was mentioned as lying in Victoria Harbour, this vessel is still over-due from Calcutta.

☞ The publication of the FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE, commenced on Thursday last at 5 o'clock A.M.

LATEST DATES.			
ENGLAND	Aug. 5	SINGAPORE	Oct. 28
UNITED STATES	July 18	JAVA	Sept. 27
CALCUTTA	Oct. 4	MANILA	Dec. 3
BOMBAY	Sept. 23	CHINAN	Nov. 27
SYDNEY	Oct. 26	AMOI	Nov. 16

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1843.

The *Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette* OVERLAND SUMMARY will be published on Saturday next the 23rd instant at 12 o'clock in order to be in time to forward by the "Mor" the mails to proceed by which close at the Post Office Victoria, on Sunday the 24th instant at 5 o'clock P.M.

We regret that we are not able to give a diagram of the path of the Moon's shadow during the Eclipse of this day as we had intended. The wood engraving made for us is not sufficiently good to induce us to issue it.

We have heard that the Emperor's ratification of the supplementary treaty was brought over from Canton by the Proserpine steamer.

We have to announce, that with the ensuing year a new series of the *Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette* will commence. The paper will in future be published twice a week, vizt. on the mornings of Tuesday and Saturday. We have come to the above determination owing to the frequency with which we have been compelled to issue Supplements, and even then have been obliged to leave out much matter of interest. By publishing twice a week we hope to be able to give our readers a greater supply of news, and at the same time, of more recent date than formerly. The subscription will not be increased for those who subscribe for twelvemonths, and the price of advertisements will be reduced for every insertion with the exception of the first, so that two insertions will in future be charged the same as one at present. We have in view an increase in the circulation sufficient to compensate us for the additional expense incurred, and we shall endeavour by every exertion in our power to render our intelligence as complete and correct as possible in every department.

Robberies, and attempts at robbery, have been very frequent since our last. A correspondent of the *Hongkong Register* talks of the establishment of the "Hongkong Rangers" as a body of police; we sadly need them. For a new Colony, and one established in the neighbourhood of a cluster of islands known to be thronged with ladrones, we do not believe that there is an instance of similar want of protection from robbery both on the land and water sides. We have more than once called the attention of our fellow townsmen to the subject of lighting the town; surely no one can be blind to the benefit which would be derived during the present dark nights from a proper system of lighting; why should not each inhabitant at once place a light before his door until arrangements can be made for a Public lighting system? We are aware of two instances in which gentlemen had their silk umbrellas snatched out of their hands, and the rogues disappeared in the gloom of night and eluded pursuit. Such a state of things is disgraceful to the community at large; how can the Government be blamed when individuals do not exert themselves?—Communicated.

Several Correspondents have requested us to notice the wretched state of the Queen's Road during the past few days. The rain, though by no means heavy was sufficient to cause a layer of mud from 3 to 4 inches thick, while numerous pools of standing water both large and small, combined to render the road impassable without the greatest inconvenience. In fact, the late attempts to "mend our ways" have been attended with any thing but success. We know no valid reason why the road should not be regularly macadamised, especially as there is such an abundance of small pieces of granite in the neighbourhood of the new buildings.

Files of the *Sydney Herald* up to the 26th October have reached us per *Euphrates*. The state of the Colony appears to be truly distressing, the number of Insolvents daily presenting themselves does not appear to diminish, while the amount of their assets compared with their liabilities continues as small as ever. Several parties hitherto considered as most substantial, and believed to be men of wealth, have been compelled to yield to the pressure of the times. The colonial journals appear however to hope that the worst is past, and that a gradual return of confidence and prosperity may be expected.

In the Legislative Council there has been much debating, and some considerable progress has been made in legislation. The Bill for creating a preferable lien upon the season's wool, and also allowing of a mortgage upon cattle without rendering it necessary for them to be transferred into the actual custody of the mortgagee, had been passed, and received the approval of the Governor, as also an Act to regulate the slaughtering of Cattle. The Usury Bill was thrown out by a majority of 21 to 12.—The Estimates had been brought forward by the Colonial Secretary, but had been greatly cut down by the Council, so much so that the Governor had deemed it necessary to send down an explanatory message to the house, which however did not seem to have produced any diminution of the intention to retrench.

The new plan of boiling down surplus sheep for the purpose of extracting the tallow, is rapidly gaining ground; establishments are being opened in various parts solely for carrying on this business, and a ready rise has taken place in the price of sheep.

Orders had been received from Lord Stanley, that the Income Tax should be levied upon all persons having an income exceeding \$150 a year, any part of which was derived from the British revenue.

Returns of the amount of shipping of all nations which had been entered inwards and outwards from the years 1826 to 1842 inclusive, had been laid on the table by the Colonial Secretary; from which it appears, that the amount inwards in 1826, was 62 ships, carrying 17,178 tons; and in 1842, 628 ships, carrying 143,921 tons. In the year 1841 the amount was still larger, being 714 ships, carrying 163,778 tons.

In 1826 the shipping outwards was 60 ships, burthen 17,020 tons; in 1842, 633 ships, burthen 134,970 tons.

From Port Philip our latest date is the 5th October. Public attention is chiefly occupied in the discussion of the proceedings of the Council at Sydney, and urgent calls are made for a separation of this Colony from the latter. There would appear to be some justice in the cry, since the expenses of Government in Port Philip are far smaller in proportion of the two; the expense of the Colonial Government establishment paid from the Treasury of N. S. Wales, was for the year 1842, £76,332, 7, 6. Commercial credit, though it has received a severe blow is reviving, indeed affairs were never so bad at Port Philip as in Sydney.

By accounts received at Port Philip from New Zealand, there appeared to be a probability of a general rising of the native population; great excitement existed owing to a fatal conflict which had occurred between a party of settlers claiming land under the New Zealand Company, and two of the most powerful and least civilised of the New Zealand chiefs. A conflict took place in which nineteen Europeans fell; the loss was mainly attributable to the cowardice of the settlers, who though the aggressors, literally fled on the first attack of the natives, and every attempt to rally them failed. By latest accounts, (August 5th) the natives were committing depredations in every direction, and great distress was felt, especially among the labouring population, all building &c., being at a stand still.

We call attention to an article extracted from the *Sydney Herald* under the title of Exports to China. It will be seen that the colonists are fully alive to the benefit which they may derive from the opening of the China trade. For one article we doubt not that they will find a ready market, and prove formidable rivals to the mother country, vizt. Woollen Cloths. These can be supplied at a far cheaper rate than those of English manufacture, and though the fabric may not at first be equal in quality, if a fair demand should be created they will soon improve in that respect, and share, if not monopolise the market. But we think that we might ourselves manufacture woollen cloths cheaper even than the Australian colonists, in Hongkong. We have consulted some of those who are well versed in these matters, and the result is, that we have formed an opinion that a manufactory of Woollen cloths would amply remunerate the originator, and be of vast benefit to the colony. The advantages of cheap labour, proximity to a large wool-producing country, certain knowledge of the description of and demand for goods (enabling us to regulate the supply), are too great to be overlooked—and if properly turned to account would enable us to defy competition. (We say nothing of the advantage to be derived from the existence of water-power for propelling machinery, because we are not certain whether it is available to a sufficient extent; at all events, as an adjunct, it would be valuable.) Moreover we are in the immediate vicinity of countries producing a variety of dye-woods, and in that respect we enjoy an advantage which is daily likely to increase. The country of Japan, under existing circumstances cannot long remain closed to us, and it is certain that the inhabitants are in possession of articles unknown to us with which they dye their goods.

We do not see among the list of the cargo brought by the *Euphrates*, any mention made of woollen goods, or raw wool. It is a pity that specimens should not have been sent, for the object is to ascertain whether they would in their present state suit the China market. Whether we succeed in manufacturing the goods in Hongkong or not, the benefit to be derived by the Australian Colonies will be great. On the one hand if we succeed, still a market for the raw material is found many thousands of miles nearer than England; if we fail, our Southern neighbours may be more successful; at all events it is worth the experiment and we hope that the next opportunity of forwarding a small parcel of the various descriptions of cloth produced in the colonies will not be lost sight of.

The advantage of an Overland communication with the metropolis of N. S. Wales, via Port Essington is so great, that we can only wonder that it should not have been proposed earlier. The

subject having been brought forward, and favourably reported upon by the Committee appointed by the Legislative Council, there can be little doubt that should the natural difficulties of the route be overcome, the communication will be established regardless of the expense. Then, with the aid of Steam, the prospects opening not only for Australia but the whole of the islands of the Eastern Archipelago and China Seas will be immense, and at no distant period the civilization of the barbarous tribes who now infest both land and water must be accomplished. In the present age, events are hastening on with such amazing rapidity, that it is impossible to calculate when, or within how short a period of time such a happy consummation may be effected. We have witnessed within the last quarter of a century, changes more numerous, startling and unexpected, than perhaps were ever crowded into double the space of time since the creation of the world; and we see no reason to doubt that the exertions making in Borneo and Australia, occurring as they do simultaneously with the occupation of Hongkong and opening of the trade in China, will lead at no distant period to the extinction of piracy, and consequently thereupon the extension of commerce throughout the whole of the countries from which we are nearly, if not entirely excluded.

We beg to call attention to the fact that the first sheet of the Complete copy of the Government Notifications will go to press on the 20th instant: the subscription list will therefore be closed on the 25th instant, and the few extra copies which may be printed will be charged to non-subscribers SIX DOLLARS each.

The following passengers have arrived per "Euphrates" Captain Christmas, from Sydney 28th October. Mr. Irvine, Mrs. Tyerman, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and child, Messrs. Burgess, Pownall and Tulloch. Steerage, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and child, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper and child, Mr. and Mrs. Ashfield, Messrs. Newsham, Hitchen, 2 Kinnaid's, Farquharson, Newnham, Gill, Newby, and two Chinese. Cargo. 182 logs Cedar, —Sandal Wood, 30 horses, 260 bags Oats, 2 Casks Iron Ware, and a Tandem Gig.

The *Belhaven* arrived at Macao on the 16th instant from Amoy. Passengers Major and Mrs. Wigston. The *Sigalilien* from Angier the 1st November, reports that the *Lady Amherst* and *Cornwall* were both there, and were to sail for China on the 2d. November.

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.

NOTICE.

With reference to the Notification dated 5th September 1843, regarding the Estate of the late Alexander Scott Esq., deceased intestate Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has closed the accounts, and handed over the Papers to the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to the Chief Superintendent of Trade, to whom all future reference is to be made.

G. F. DAVIDSON.

Victoria, Hongkong,
13th December, 1843.

THE following are the sole Agents for receiving Subscriptions to the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette.

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Victoria, 21st December, 1843.

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THE fast sailing Bark "POSSIDONE" Captain VALENTINE, 460 Tons, will be despatched on the 25th instant. For freight or passage apply to

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Victoria, 14th December, 1843.

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Apply at the Office of the *Eastern Globe*.

Victoria, 20th December, 1843.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

To morrow, Friday the 22nd instant.

AT THE GODOWNS OF H. PYBUS Esq.

TEAK Spars from 45 to 60 feet long. A large quantity of ready-made Cassia chests, together with various other articles.

P. TOWNSEND,

Auctioneer.

Victoria, 21. December, 1843.

TO LET.

A COMFORTABLE two storied Dwelling-house, in the vicinity of the Queen's Road.

For particulars, apply to

F. H. TIEDEMAN.

Victoria, 20th December, 1843.

TO LET.

THE Bungalow & out Offices belonging to Franjee Jemsejee Esq. situate on the Queen's Road near to Messrs. Macvicar & Co's premises. For particulars apply to Franjee Jemsejee, Macao, or

HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.

Victoria, December 15th, 1843.

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN APOTHECARY and DISPENSER. Certificates will be required. Address A. Z. care of J. C. POWER Auctioneer and Commission Agent, Victoria.

Victoria, 21. December 1843.

NOTICE.

JOSEPH EDWARDS, Pastry Cook and Confectioner, begs to announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Hongkong, that he will be happy to receive orders for

CHRISTMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS, MINCE PIES, Tartlets or Jellies, which he will guarantee of the first quality and moderate prices. All orders given will be most promptly attended to at the "Four Nations" Hongkong.

Victoria, 21st December, 1843

NOTICE.

ALL Persons, having Claims on the Estate of J. W. H. Bennett, are hereby required to send in a statement of the same, and produce any securities which they may hold that the same may be examined previous to their making oath thereof before a Magistrate, on or before the 31st instant, after which date no claim will be noticed or allowed.

FRANCIS SPRING.

Trustee.

Victoria, December, 13th 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.

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

Apply to

HENRY HUMPHREYS & Co.

Victoria, 22nd November, 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.

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 support.

Prescriptions Carefully prepared. Medicine Chests re-fitted.

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

Castor Oil

Pickles

Perfumery.

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.

MR. LATTEY.

Chronometer 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.

NOTICE.—Mr. John Mackenzie has been admitted a partner in our firm from 1st August last.

LECKIE & Co.

Bombay, 12th September, 1843.

TO LET.

TWO GODOWNS in that range of buildings called the Albany Godowns, capable of containing about 2000 Bales of Cotton. Rent \$ 50 per month each.

Apply to

A. Mc.CULLOCH.

46 Queen's Road.

Victoria, Hong-Kong, 12th December, 1843.

FOR SALE. STOVES of various kinds, and stove piping.—Apply at the Godowns of Holliday Wise & Co. to

JOHN RITSON.

Victoria, 9th November, 1843.

ALLSOPP'S BEER, BENGAL BOTTLED.

EX "Mary Bulmer" daily expected. A small consignment to order of Allsopp's prime ripe BEER, of first quality, Bengal bottled.

Extract from Consignors' letter, dated Calcutta 20th September, 1843. "We could not execute your order in full, owing to the supply of good Beer this season having been unprecedentedly small; but we have sent all we could procure. You may depend upon all the Beer which we may from time to time send you, being of first quality; and we never have dealt in other than Allsopp's and Bass's marks."

ALSO

A few pieces of superfine black Cachmere, and patent Cachmerette; a few Solih Hats and Caps of various patterns; Stearine Candles *warranted not to contain arsenic*; Quinine of English manufacture, far superior to the American; and a few gross of Metal buttons of various sizes.

A quantity of Solih having been imported, parties can have hats manufactured to any pattern.

N. B.—ORDERS for the BEER will be executed in the order in which they may arrive, to prevent disappointment, as the consignment is small.

J. C. POWER.

4 Oswald's Row, Victoria,

11th December, 1843.

For remainder of News, Shipping Intelligence, &c., see Summary.

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, $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 and 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 £8,000.

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.

THE undersigned have just received ex "Petrel" direct from Manila, a consignment of very Superior Cigars Nos. 3, 4 and 5, in half and whole Boxes, also a few Jars of Cocoa Nut Oil which they will be happy to part with on reasonable terms for Cash only as they are about leaving for Calcutta in a few days.

D. WILSON & Co.

Victoria, 12th December, 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.;

DIROM & 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.

A. H. FRYER

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.

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 Cachemere 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.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1843.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE EN CHINE.

AVIS.—Par décision consultative en date d'hierjour d'hui Mr. CHALLAYE pleve consul, n'appartient plus au Consulat de France en Chine.

COMTE DE RATTIMENTON.

Macao, le 17 Aout, 1842.

AVIS.—Les Français qui se trouvent, ou se trouveront en Chine, sont prévenus que s'ils veulent s'assurer la protection du Consulat de France et le paiement des droits et privilèges déjà établis, ou qui pourront l'être à l'avenir, par les traités, les lois ou ordonnances aux sujets de S. M. le Roi des Français, devront 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, quelle n'est encours la perte de leur qualité de Français, par aucune des circonstances spécifiées dans l'art. 17 de 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 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, HEREBY 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.

NOTICE.—Goods and merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns situated 18, and 56 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
18 Queen's Road,
Victoria, November, 1st 1843.

NOTICE.—Mark Moss of Singapore, Merchant, having by Indenture, dated the 18th 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 Trustees or either of them, signify their intent 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 notice 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 Trustees also hereby require 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 MYRTLE } Trustees
ROBERT MAC EWEN }

Singapore 20th October 1843.

IN reference to the above Notice the Undersigned is authorised by Power 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.

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 Servant 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.

HE 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.

MYLNE, VESEY and Co.

Apply at Messrs. Mac VICAR and Co.
Victoria, Hongkong, 9th Nov. 1843.

FOR SALE.

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

FOR SALE.

SYCEE SILVER in large Ingots.
HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.
Victoria, 22d. November 1843.

FOR LIVERPOOL.



THE well known and fast sailing Ship "JOHN O'GAUNT" J. ROBERTSON Comd'g, will be despatched from Whampoa for the above port on the 25th inst. and has very superior accommodation for Passengers.

For passage only apply to TURNER & Co. Macao.
or A. McCULLOCH.
46 Queen's Road Victoria.
Victoria, 11th December, 1843.

FOR CHUSAN AND THE YANG-TZE-KEANG.



THE A. 1. Schooner "THOMAS CRISP," J. M. MERCALFE, Comd'g, will have immediate despatch, touching at all the Ports on her passage down.

For freight or passage apply to N. DUUS.
or the Comd'g on board.
Victoria, 11th December, 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 in a few days. 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 is; 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.

A Quantity of Teak Timber consisting of Logs—3 inch Plank,—6 inch Stanchions—6-3 Rattlers, 1 inch Plank,—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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, Hong-kong.

Victoria, 23th 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. 2 Magistracy Street.
October, 10th 1843.

FOR SALE.—by Messrs. J. B. PAIN & Co. Superior Bottled Beer.

J. B. PAIN & Co.
No. 2 Magistracy Street.
October, 10th 1843.

FOR SALE.—Bally Rice, ditto Coffee, Copenhagen Cherry Cordials in Pints, Manila Cordage, Oakum, Corks, Singapore Planks, Anchors and Chains, Arrack, Bengal Chitney, Butter in Kegs, Candles, Bengal Rice, Ditto Dholl, 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. Beer in Hhds.

At the godowns of JOHN BURD & Co.
Victoria, 20th September, 1843.