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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 NOTIFICATION.

The Revd. Mr. Staunton, the Colonial Chaplain, having arrived, notice is hereby given that Divine Service will be performed by that Gentleman at the temporary Mat Church on Sunday the 24th Instant, at 11 o'clock A. M. and also on Christmas day at the same hour. The Service will in future be held every Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M.

By order,

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria,  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1843.

## NOTICE.

TENDERS for Bills, drawn by Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, on George Lenox Conyngham Esq., Downing St., London, for the sum of £2,500, in Sets of £250 each: payable at 30 days sight, will be received at this Office, on or before Friday, the 5th Instant, at Noon.

The Tenders to be sealed, and marked on the Cover, "Tenders for Bills, on G. L. Conyngham Esq."

CHAS. E. STEWART.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

Treasurer's Office,  
Government House, Victoria, Hongkong,  
23rd December, 1843.

## CONTRACT FOR PROVISIONS &c.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Sealed Tenders will be received at this Office until the 15th January 1844 at Noon, from such persons as may be willing to contract for the supply of the undermentioned articles for the use of the Troops and Military Hospitals in the Island of Hongkong, commencing from the 1st. February 1844. viz.

Fresh Beef,	} daily	for the Troops and Hospitals.
Bread,		
Salt Fish,	} Weekly	
Tea,		
Firewood,		
Nut Oil,		
Cotton Wick,		

Eggs,	} for Hospitals only, daily or otherwise, as may be required.
Fowls,	
Milk,	
Onions,	
Potatoes,	
Fruit,	
Leeches,	
Rice Straw,	

Further particulars, including the form and conditions of the Contract, may be known on application at this Office, at any time during the usual hours of business, and the Office is fixed for opening the Tenders, and for offering, if in other respects required, to be accepted.

The Tenders to be made generally for the articles above specified, or

1. Bread.
2. Fresh Beef, Salt Fish and Tea.
3. Firewood, Oil, and Cotton Wick.
4. Hospital Supplies.

Tenders will be received and opened at the same time, for the supply of the undermentioned articles viz.

- 1200 Chatties.
- 3000 Brooms.
- 100 Horn Lanterns.
- 100 Night Stools and Pans for Hospitals, deliverable at the Commissariat Store within one month from the time of agreement.

All the Tenders must express the prices in words and in every case sufficient personal security will be required for the fulfilment of the Agreement entered into.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat,  
Victoria, 26th. December. 1843.

## HOUSES REQUIRED TO RENT.

NOTICE is hereby given, that sealed Tenders will be received at this Office until Saturday the 30th inst., at noon, from such persons as may be willing to let, for periods of either six or twelve months certain, commencing from the earliest possible time of occupation, 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.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat,  
Victoria, 26th December, 1843.

## ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

Macao, 23d. December, 1843.

Dear Sir,

A Government Notification dated November 27th, appeared in your paper some time since, on which I beg leave to offer a few remarks; circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from doing so at an earlier date.

The first thing remarkable in the notification is, that it refers to persons over whom Sir Henry Pottinger has no control, and for whose conduct he is not responsible. His Excellency was aware of this, yet he assumes the power to express *officially* "both his disapprobation of, and great surprise at the conduct of" Americans. The notification is still more remarkable because so far as appears, no complaint was made to Sir Henry by the Chinese authorities. It is not commonly thought to be the duty of H. B. M. Plenipotentiaries in China, to report the conduct of even his own countrymen to the Chinese Government. How much less does it become him to act the part of informer against the citizens of other countries. In these two points however, as well as in regard to the hard words of the notification but little need be said. The opinion of "all right thinking persons" is already formed concerning them, and from that opinion I shall not appeal.

The letter of Sir Henry Pottinger to the Governor and Lieut. Governor of the Province of Canton, is calculated to convey the impression, that the persons of whose conduct he complains went by force and violence to Changchow. He says more than once, "they forced their way into the country," and also that they "branded the local authorities." It is sufficient to say that force was neither used nor threatened, nor was a sign of opposition shown until after we had hired lodgings in Changchow; and if quietly reasoning with Chinese officers be "unjustifiably branding them," we may possibly be guilty of the same offence again. As to our misinterpreting the treaty and "grossly evading solemn engagements," His Excellency claims more for the treaty of Nanking than its published extracts contain. What article of Nanking that treaty prohibits even Englishmen from visiting other places besides the five ports? And why was article sixth inserted in the Supplementary Treaty if the previous treaty spoke definitely on that point? His Excellency informs the Chinese authorities that "the party of foreigners who visited Changchowfoe, were Americans." Does he mean to inform them that none but Americans have gone there? If not, the definitive article is singularly out of place. If he does, it will not be hard to prove that several parties of Englishmen have visited the same city, that several parties of Englishmen have visited the same city. His Excellency also says "I can only infer that the Mandarins believed the persons who thus acted to be Englishmen." The natural inference from this sentence is that we passed our lives off for Englishmen—else why should the Chinese believe we were such? Does Sir Henry mean to assert this? If he does, I beg leave to assure him of the contrary. The Mandarins did not believe we were Englishmen, because we told them from the first that we were Americans, and this might have been inferred from the "narrative," just as readily as the reverse. They asked us "who we were," and the clarity that thinketh no evil, would have inferred that we told them the truth.

Your Obedient Servant

W. M. L.

OPIMUM COMPENSATION.—The following Notice appeared in the *London Gazette* of 25th August—

"Whereas by a certain treaty, signed at Nanking on the 29th day of August, 1842, by the Plenipotentiaries of Her Majesty and of the Emperor of China, it was, among other things agreed, that the Emperor of China should pay the sum of 6,000,000 dollars, as the value of the British owned opium delivered up at Canton in the month of March 1839,

"And Whereas, to enable Her Majesty to afford compensation to the parties who surrendered the said British owned opium, Parliament has granted the sum of 1,281,211*l.*, being the produce in sterling of the said 6,000,000 dollars, after deducting the sum of 33,977*l.*, on account of 500 chests of opium provided at the expense of Her Majesty's Government—

"And Whereas Her Majesty has authorised the Lords Commissioners of her Treasury to distribute the said sum of 1,281,211*l.*, amongst the said parties entitled to compensation, according to the ascertained relative value of the several descriptions of opium delivered up; which appears to be for each chest of

	£	s.	d.
Patna,	66	7	7 1/2
Benares,	61	11	3 1/4
Malwa,	64	11	2
Turkey,	43	3	5

"Notice is hereby given by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that the holders of the accountable receipts or certificates given by Capt. Charles Elliot, R. N., late Her Majesty's Chief Superintendent of Trade in China, for the said British owned opium, entitled to compensation, may, on or after Wednesday, the 30th day of August, 1843, apply at the office of the Paymaster of Civil Services, at the Treasury-chambers, Whitehall, London, for payment.

"But they are required two whole days at least before making such application, to leave at, or transmit to the said Treasury-chambers, addressed to Charles Edward Trevelyan, Esq., Assistant-Secretary, the said receipts or certificates, for which they will receive in exchange an acknowledgment.

"As the receipts or certificates were made in quadruplicate, the parties applying will be required to hand all the four parts over, or to give a satisfactory account of such parts as are not in their hands.

"H. GOULBURN.

"A. FRINOLE.

"Treasury-chambers, August 25." "J. YOUNG."

FRENCH EMBASSY TO CHINA.—The *Constitutionnel* says, "The approaching departure of M. de Lagrenée, ambassador to the Emperor of China, is spoken of; but with regard to the appointment there appear to be some difficulties raised on the part of the English Government. M. de Lagrenée, it is said, will sail in a fine vessel of 80 or 90 guns, accompanied by three frigates and two corvettes. All this is doubtless very fine. It is necessary that he should not make his appearance in Canton or Nankin unless accompanied by an imposing force, and with a certain display of pomp; for the Emperor and his Mandarins only judge of the importance of a country by their apparent strength, and of its riches by the style of their ambassadors and the value of the presents which they bring him. This fleet will take from five to six months to reach its destination; but when once there, how will the ambassador manage so as to accomplish the object of his mission? How will he transmit his despatches to his Government? It cannot be by the Cape, for that will be too long. Is it by the overland route from India? That route is alone traversed by the English, who alone have a line of packets established. The despatches of our Government, and those of our ambassador must, therefore, be confined to them. We would not wish to be considered to throw a doubt on the probity of our neighbours; but we have often been told that in political as in commercial matters all means are good which will enable you to find out the weak side of an adversary and a rival; and how, therefore, can we be assured that our despatches may not be violated, or their delivery retarded? We are not ignorant that the delivery of despatches is under the guarantee of the law of nations, but there are circumstances which may justify exceptions, and it is precisely against such exceptions that the French Government ought to take every precaution."

*La Presse* observes, that as a French Ambassador is about to be appointed to China, it may not be uninteresting to know the dates and duration of all the European embassies sent to the Celestial Empire. The following is an exact list of them:—1. The Dutch Embassy, which arrived at Peking in the 17th of July, 1656, and remained there 91 days. 2. A Dutch embassy, which arrived the 29th of June, 1667, and remained 46 days. 3. A Russian embassy, which arrived the 5th of November, 1682, and remained 100 days. 4. A Russian embassy, which arrived the 18th of November, 1720, and remained 114 days. 5. An embassy from the Pope, which arrived in 1720, and remained 91 days. 6. A Portuguese embassy, which arrived the 1st of May, 1753, and remained 39 days. 7. An English embassy, which arrived on the 4th of August, 1793, and remained 47 days. 8. A Dutch embassy, which arrived the 10th of January, 1795, and remained 85 days. 9. A Russian embassy in 1804,

10. An English embassy, which set out in February, 1816, and remained 15 days. 11. That about to be conducted by M. Lagrenée. "It must be remarked," adds *La Presse*, "that the English Ambassadors never approached the Emperor of China, because they always protested against the laws of etiquette observed at the Court of the Celestial Empire. In order to approach the Emperor, it is necessary to proceed from the door to the throne on the knees, to strike the head nine times against the ground, and to kiss the left heel of the sublime Emperor several times."

Mr. Gulliver, of the Blues, and Lieut. Cuddy, of the 55th Regt., were put upon their trial at the late sessions at the Central Criminal Court, charged with the murder of the late Lieut.-Col. Fawcett. Mr. Gulliver was discharged at once, the Attorney General considering that the evidence against that gentleman would not warrant a conviction. The trial proceeded against the other prisoner, who was distinctly shown to have been present when the deceased fell; but the jury did not appear to be satisfied beyond a doubt, that he was present "aiding and abetting," and he was accordingly acquitted. From what has now come to light, there is reason to believe that the judicious interference of friends might have easily reconciled all differences. There appears to have been no very hostile purpose in the mind of either party; for it seems Col. Fawcett did not intend firing at Lieut. Monro, and that Lieut. Monro would not have fired at his opponent, but that he thought Col. Fawcett was deliberately covering him.—*London Mail*.

[We have been requested to give insertion to the following. ED. FRIEND OF CHINA.]

Letters have been just received, which announce that in January, 1843, Bishop Castro at Peking received intelligence from Corea, that towards the close of the year 1839, Bishop Jinbert, the Rev. Messrs. Chastan and Mauban, together with seventy Christians were beheaded for the faith. In addition to this large number of glorious martyrs for Christ, one hundred and eighty other Christians were put to death by being strangled, perhaps, because these latter followers of the Saviour belonged to the humbler classes of their countrymen. We have to record, moreover, the death by fever or dysentery of four of the apostolic labourers of the Society of Jesus in the flourishing Mission of Madura.

Letters from China state that two French Priests have proceeded to the frontiers of Corea, in order to take the place of their brethren, whose martyrdom we recorded in our preceding number. One of these two holy candidates for martyrdom is to be consecrated Bishop by M. de Reoilles, Vicar Apostolic of Least and to succeed to the Martyred Bishop Imbert, whose death our late issue also made mention of. Three French Priests have lately embarked at Bordeaux in the *Gange*. Two of them are destined for Cochin China, and the third for China.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

PORT ELIZABETH, 16th October.—On the 12th instant, at 2.30 P.M. the barque *Abbotsford*, which arrived from London 1st inst. bound to this port, parted from her anchors in a E. S. E. breeze and came on the beach. All hands saved. The vessel has been condemned.

On Wednesday evening Aug. 16th, the *Marion* ship, from Calcutta, arrived in the West India Dock, and on her voyage home, when off the Cape of Good Hope, on the 9th June, she encountered a terrific storm which occasioned the loss of five lives. It commenced a few minutes after eleven o'clock in the forenoon. The electric fluid struck the vessel aft, tearing up several planks of the deck, knocking down the man at the wheel named John James, destroying the compass, and killing two men on the spot who were at the moment ascending the ladders. The electric fluid also shattered one of the large beams, and passing down between the hammocks, scorched two of the crew, so as to cause their deaths some short time afterwards. There was a tremendous sea running at the time, and one of the crew, named Robinson, was washed overboard, and in less than a minute was washed back again, but the poor fellow, after this miraculous escape from a watery grave, expired from the injuries he received three weeks after. The vessel was soon discovered to be on fire, and the utmost consternation and alarm ensued, and all on board gave themselves up for lost, as it was expected the magazine would explode. Capt. Pope, however, with great presence of mind, ordered all hands to the pumps and providentially the flames were extinguished before reaching it.—On board were Her Majesty's 49 Regt. of foot from Chinda, who rendered every assistance in their power to extinguish the fire.

It is the most extraordinary fact that the man at the wheel was not injured, and not a single mark appeared on the bodies of the deceased men to indicate that they had met a violent death.

Broken; Galates; Owen; Mary Ann, Loko; St. Mann; London; Gmiton; Fenella; Wichers; Citta; Ball; Concordia; Dorr; City of London; Maria; Georgiana; Richardson; Ann, Greene; Louisa, Donald; Lively; Marya; Solway; Spence; Nabob; Wilson; Olivia; Roome; Wellington; Keurck; Pearl Burrows; Planet; Ballie; Harmony; Decker; Jan van Hoon; Keeman; Conch; Bell; Saldanha Bay; Packer Davis; Maid of Mont; Blaker.

Sumat's Bay.—H. M. S. Winchester Capt. C. Eden C.B.H.M.S. Thunderbolt. C. M. G. Broke; H. M. S. Lily, Com. G; Baker; Denmark (Saver) Lt. Molesworth in charge.

Alcoa Bay.—Mary Ann, Mithras; Richmond; Furbur; Abbotsford; Pigon; Carl Wilhelm, Erichs; Phoenix, Harrington.

Cape Shipping List.

List of Breakers, Rocks, and Shoals, marked on an Engraved Spanish Chart, published at Madrid in 1840, under the authority of the Spanish Government, and which are, not marked, or which are differently placed, in Horsburgh's Chart of the China Seas, Edition of the Year 1840.

N.º	English Translation of Spanish names.	Lat. N.	Long. E. of Greenwich.	Dangers.
1	Fanny's Shoal (doubtful)	10° 58' 40"	110° 34' 10"	Rock above water.
2	Alexander's Shoal	10 00 00	111 02 00	Rock and breakers.
3	Essex Island	10 57 50	112 40 00	Small Island and rocks.
4		11 09 00	112 57 50	Cluster of Rocks.
5		10 44 50	112 51 31	Rocks.
6		10 37 40	112 52 00	Do.
7	Dolphin's Breakers (very doubtful)	10 41 00	112 40 30	Do.
8		10 20 00	112 33 30	Do.
9	Flat Island (seen repeatedly; situation uncertain)	11 03 00	115 40 00	Small Island and Rocks
10	Third Thomas Shoal, 1839	10 59 50	115 53 30	A Rock.
11	Shoal and Breakers of the Sea horse	10 40 20	115 15 00	
12	Brown's Bank 1828	10 32 30	116 37 30	Shoal 5 fathoms
13	Do. Do.	10 35 00	116 59 30	A Rock.
14	Do. Do.	10 39 00	117 14 30	Shoal.
15	Sandy's Shoal	11 02 00	117 37 00	Rock.
16	Sea horse in 1776	10 59 40	117 54 00	Shoal.
17	Holmes's Shoal in 1835	10 35 00	117 57 00	Breakers.
18	Brown's Bank 1838	11 11 00	118 52 20	Shoal.
19	Middleburgh's Shoal (very doubtful)	9 08 00	109 03 00	Rock.
20	Gossard's Reefs (doubtful)	8 59 40	110 39 10	Do.
21	Andrada Rock do.	9 47 30	111 10 00	Do.
22	Breakers, Fanny	9 22 10	113 52 50	Rocks above water
23	First Thomas's Shoal	9 46 00	115 59 30	Rock.
24	Second, Do. Do.	9 46 00	115 49 30	Do.
25	Carloter's (Charlotte's Shoal	7 16 00	107 36 00	Shoal.
26	Phaeton's Shoal	7 03 40	107 28 30	Do.
27	Galloway's Rock (very doubtful)	6 33 10	107 40 00	Rock.
28	Bombay Castle's Shoal 1836	7 49 30	111 47 00	Do.
29	Various banks within this space according to the Ardaseer	7 27 00	113 15 00	A large space with rocks and breakers in various parts.
30	No name	6 52 00	114 46 00	
31	Do. do.	7 45 00	114 22 00	Shoal.
32	Mackinnon's Reef 1839	6 45 00	111 48 30	Rocks.
		5 44 00	111 36 00	Do.

Those who are acquainted with the hydrography of the China Sea, will perceive that amongst these dangers, such as the Fanny's, Sea Horse's, Ardaseer's, Andrada, Middleburgh's, and Gossard's reef &c. are taken from our old Charts and directions of the late, or beginning of the present century, and it was at first intended to add to this list brief remarks upon each of them. But it was found that it was alike as impossible to say upon what good authority these had been expunged from our Charts, as upon what data they had been introduced on the Spanish Chart together with those which are from these days new discoveries, as the Thomas and Browns dangers of 1839. It is clear that in some cases at least, the authority for placing these new shoals might be also that for replacing some of the old dangers. It is objected that nothing is so vexatious as the covering a Chart with reefs and shoals which do not exist. No doubt this often occasions loss of time and anxiety, but the careful Seaman would believe prefer having these dangers even erroneously marked in his Chart, than be led to believe that there was an open sea where even one existed. It is at least the duty of the Hydrographer to remind him that this part of the China Seas is studied with them, and it may not perhaps be out of place here to add, (for it throws much light on this question) that recent Geological researches (we allude especially to Mr. Charles Darwin's beautiful work on Coral reefs) render it certain that coral reefs and low islands are not only the tops of mountains rising from the depths of the ocean upon which the polyp then build, but that they are subject to alternate sinkings and risings within longer or shorter periods of time, so that islands reefs or banks may appear or disappear in a night, and this even over large spaces. Mr. Darwin believes the China Sea to be an area of depression, vizt. a space in which at some former period a great sinking of the crust of the earth took place, while the Philippines, and perhaps Borneo were raised from the Ocean. As a sequel to these great convulsions smaller disturbances may continue for centuries in particular spots, and it is quite probable that many of the dangers of the China Seas may be elevated or sunk from time to time by this cause. The island of Cheduba in the Bay of Bengal has had a large piece added to it by an earthquake with an elevation of the bed of the sea, within the memory of the present inhabitants. See Captain Halsted's Report in the Journal of the Asiatic Society, Vol. X. page 454.

It is unnecessary to add more to warn the seaman of the extreme precaution required should he be entangled in this dangerous quarter of the China Sea, or to explain why we have preferred marking again many old dangers now expunged from our modern charts, since if they have once disappeared which we do not know, there is always some possibility of their re appearance, which we certainly do know.

(Signed) H. PRODRINGTON, Acting Secretary, Asiatic Society.

In addition to the above the Master attendant at Madras having communicated the following Shoals and remarks, they are annexed as follows.

N.º	Name of Shoal.	Lat. N.	Long. E.	Remarks.
1	Alexander's Shoal	10° 28' 00"	111° 27' 00"	Corrected in Nautical Magazine March 1842.
2	Warden's Shoal	8 30 00	112 00 00	Seen by several vessels, position not well defined.
3	Kestrel's Shoal, seen by Capt. Beauvais in 1842, probably the same as Warden's	8 42 00	111 35 00	By dead reckoning.
4	Mackinnon's Reef	8 44 00	111 35 00	
5	Pearl Bank	7 36 00	111 28 00	Least water ascertained 9 fathoms.
6	Reef in fair way between Pulo Condore and the Charlotte Bank	7 30 00	107 01 00	Supposed to be on good authority.
7	Shoal in Mindora Sea	11 35 00	121 21 00	Ship <i>Marquis Camden</i> wrecked on this Shoal in 1839, which lies E.S.E. of the Falmouth Bank.
8	Do. Do.	11 40 00	121 10 00	
9	Do. Do.	11 51 00	121 30 00	
10	Do. Do.	11 40 00	121 40 00	Barque <i>Chusan</i> grounded on this shoal in June, 1842.
11	Do. Do.	10 05 00	121 47 00	Lately discovered.
12	Western extreme of Apo Shoal or Merope Shoal in the Mindora Sea	12 49 00	120 20 00	

N. E. Coast of CHINA.—Crown and Blundell Islands distant 15 miles from Morrison Island. Blundell Island extends 30 miles in a N. N. E. and S. S. W. direction and is in Lat. 28° 4' N. and Long. 129° 38' E. Blundell Island is higher than the others and is very uneven and composed of high sharp peaks.—Crown Island is lower and more level.

Commanders of all Vessels navigating the China Seas are advised to be cautious in their approach to the South Natunas, as there is reason to suppose the Rocks and Islands to the southward of that group have not been well surveyed and may be incorrectly laid down. In a word, unremitting attention, and a good look out by night and by day, whether Vessels proceed by the direct rout, by the Palawan Coast, or by the Eastern passage is indispensably necessary. Madras, 15th May 1843.

The true position of No. 4 is supposed to be as noted in my addenda. I am of opinion that No. 4 is by mistake erroneously noted in the foregoing abstract, because it is distinctly stated in the Nautical Magazine that the Reef is 29 miles South Westward of the West London Reef, and the position of the West London Reef is well known to be in Lat. 8° 55' N. and Long. 112° 00' E. therefore supposing the bearing to be due S. W. it will place Mackinnon's Reef in Lat. 8° 34' N. and Long. 111° 39' E. but as S. Westward bearing is not sufficiently defined, I consider the true bearing to be S. W. by W. and if so the Latitude of Mackinnon's Shoal will be 8° 44' and not 5° 44' and its Longitude 111° 35'.

By order of the Marine Board C. B. C. B. GREENLAW, Secretary.

Calcutta, May 30th 1843.





BY AUTHORITY OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR HENRY POTTINGER, BART., G. C. B. &c., &c., &c.,

In the Press, and will be ready for delivery on the 10th January, 1844; in one volume quarto THE WHOLE OF THE GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS promulgated at various periods, from the time of the hoisting of the British Flag on the Island of Hong-Kong, until the 31st December, 1843. With two Indexes, the one alphabetical, and the other indicating the general nature of the Notifications.

The Notices &c., issued from the various Government Offices will be included in the above.

The Number of Copies printed will be limited to that of the Subscribers, and the Subscribers' list will be closed on the 25th December, 1843;—fifty copies will however be reserved in order to meet orders from the Northern Ports until the 1st March next, when should any remain, they will be available for purchasers.

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.

No. of SUBSCRIBERS, 106.

IN the Press, and will be published on the 1st. January next,

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

(Also at the same time will be published THE HONG-KONG SHEET ALMANAC FOR 1844;

which will contain an abstract of the information conveyed in the preceding work.

Applications for Copies to be made at the Office of the Friend of China and Hong-Kong Gazette.

FOR SALE.

AT the Office of the Friend of China, Blank forms of Ship's Articles, prepared according to the existing law relative to Merchant Seamen, and an Abstract of the Merchant Seaman's Act indorsed on the back.

ALSO

Charterparties and General Powers of Attorney after forms prepared by Mr. Chitty. Victoria, Hong-Kong, 13th December, 1843.

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

	LATEST	DATES.		
ENGLAND	Sept. 6	SINGAPORE	Dec.	1
UNITED STATES	Aug. 15	JAVA	Nov.	4
CALCUTTA	Nov. -10	MANILA	Dec.	3
BOMBAY	Oct. 1	CHUSAN	Dec.	18
SYDNEY	Oct. 26	AMOI	Dec.	20

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1843

The Overland Mail arrived per *Audax* from Calcutta on the 23rd inst. Dates reach to the 6th September. Parliament has been prorogued; the Queen's speech reiterates the determination to maintain the Union with Ireland and preserve tranquillity in the Empire.—Her Majesty and Prince Albert were paying a visit to the King of the French, who it is said has promised to return the compliment early in the spring.—The agitation in Ireland continues but the rent does not pour in so freely as before.—In Wales affairs continue much the same; Mr. Hall the Magistrate has been sent to investigate the cause of the outbreak.—Trade has improved considerably in every branch.—The Opium Compensation money has been voted by Parliament. An Act has been passed enabling the Governor and Council of Hongkong to make laws for the government of the Colony.

The article on the dangers of the China Seas has occupied the whole of our editorial space, and we have only room to wish our readers the compliments of the season. Our next issue will be on Tuesday morning next.

The undermentioned promotions have taken place, in consequence of the recent war in China; the commissions dated 23rd December, 1842:—Lieuts. to be Commanders—E. J. Leacon, J. C. Byron, V. A. Massingberd, J. O. M. Toussan, and T. Woodgate. Mates to be Lieutenants—S. S. Shore, J. Reid, W. F. W. Parkinson, and W. P. Johnson.—[London Mail.]

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

VESSELS NOW IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

John Barry Reg. ship; Sarah Mercury Reg. do.; General Wood Reg. do.; Jardine do.; Isabella [Hulk]; Mary [Schr]; Louisa; Folkstone; Slains Castle; [Am]; Crahana; Algerine; Cecilia; Canton; Ino Dalton; Thomas; Crisp; Velocipedo; La Belle Alliance; Sultan; Flom; Anita; Sylph; Mary; Potentate; Euphrates; Fredrick Warren; Belhaven; Elora; Anna Maria; Warlock; Theresa; Lady Amherst; Mermaid; Carib; Castor; Omega; Fortescue; Warlock (Barque.)

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS. Agincourt, Rear Admiral Sir Thos. Cochrane, C. B. Capt. Bruce, Minden, Captain Quin, Hospital Ship, Troop Ship Sapphire, Master Commanding, J.R. Fittock. Castor, Capt. Graham.

ARRIVALS DECEMBER, 1843.

24th Petrel, (Am.) Fortescue; 25th Omega, Privateer; 25th Warlock (Barq.); 27th Castor from the Cape of Good Hope with Major General D'Aguiar and Suite on board. Cornwall, H.M.S. Castor, Henry Pratt.

DEPARTURES DECEMBER 1843.

24th Comet, Ann Briton; 25th H.M.S. Vixen, Charles Jones, Possidonee, 26th Privateer, Zemindar, Saghalien, Petrel (Am.); 27th H.C.S. Prosperine. WILLIAM PEDDER, Harbour Master.

PASSENGERS Per Barque "Cornwall" from Portsmouth 27th June. Lieut. Mason, Agent for Transports. Col. A. C. Gregory, Capt. G. A. Gordon, Lieut. Suidale, Richmond Mc Coy; Ensigns Edwards, Batt, Stroud, Assistant, Surgeon Weld; Mr. Ballot R. N. 340 men, 31 women, and 35 children. Ladies. Mrs Gregory, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Foote and 4 children. The "Henry Pratt" spoke the "Regalia" west of the Louisa Shoals 10th November, 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.

FOR CALCUTTA CALLING AT SINGAPORE.

THE BARQUE "WARLOCK" to leave on Sunday next the 31st December. For freight or passage apply to

Messrs. MACVICAR & Co. or to Captain BELL on board. Victoria, 28th December, 1843.

WANTED.

A RESPECTABLE Chinaman who can speak a little English to act as Office Keeper. His duties will be light, and a handsome salary will be given. Any Gentleman having an old servant whom he wishes to serve, will find this a favourable opportunity. Apply to

J. C. POWER.

Auctioneer and Commission Agent.

Queen's Road,

Victoria, 28th December, 1843.

JUST RECEIVED for sale by the undersigned, Beer in Cask, Oil Cloth Table Covers, Paints, and Paint Oil, Blankets, Hats, Batts, Varnish, Pitch, Vinegar, Spars, Coir Rope &c. &c. Apply to

P. TOWNSEND.

Victoria, 28th 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.

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.

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.

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. M. CULLOCH, 46 Queen's Road.

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.

FOR SALE.

THE PRESS and TYPES lately used for printing the EASTERN GLOBE newspaper. A new font of type has lately been added; the whole being in every respect suitable for parties wishing to establish a Journal either at Hongkong, Canton, or any of the new ports of China. Terms extremely moderate. Apply at the Office of the Eastern Globe. Victoria, 20th December, 1843.

FOR SALE.

THE well known LORCHA DODGE.

Apply to

ERSKINE DUNCAN, Victoria, 26th December, 1843.

FOR SALE.

AT the GODOWNS of the UNDERSIGNED Port Wines, 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 wood Drawing Room Furniture just arrived.

Apply to

HENRY HUMPHREYS & Co.

Victoria, 22nd November, 1843.

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

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

BATAVIA: A. Von Schropenberg Esq. SINGAPORE: R. Little Esq. CALCUTTA: Messrs. T. Hyde Gardiner & Co. LONDON: Messrs. Woodward & Castle, New-gate St.

From the 1st January, 1844, The Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette, will be published every Tuesday and Saturday.

Price Twelve Dollars per annum payable in advance. Victoria, 21st December, 1843.

**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, Slate, 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 £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.**

**THE** undersigned have just received ex "Petrel" direct from Manila, a consignment of very Superior Gigs 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 Euler 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. 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,  
15 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

Hongkong, 13th November, 1843.

**CONSULAT DE FRANCE EN CHINE.**

**AVIS.**—Par décision consulaire en date d'aujourd'hui Mr. CHALLAYER éleve consul, n'appartient plus au Consulat de France en Chine.

COMTE DE RATTEMENTON.

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 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, devront ou faire inscrire sur le registre matriciel du dit Consulat, ou se présenter eux-mêmes, ou, en cas d'impossibilité en adressant au Consul une requête, où ils déclareront, sous serment, qu'ils n'ont encouru la perte de leur qualité de Français, par aucune 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 RATTEMENTON.

**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.

**NOTICE.**—Goods and merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns situated 13, and 56 Queens Road upon moderate terms.

Goods placed [except combustibles] in Godown 13, Queen's Road can be insured from risk of Fire.

apply to N. DUUS.

Goods received and sold on Commission  
13 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 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 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

ROBERT MAC EWEN } Trustees

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, first airy spacious sitting Rooms &c. fitted with English Fire Grates, a strong and secure Treasury with double doors, detached Godown, 60 feet x 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.

**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.

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.**

STOKE SILVER in large Ingots.  
HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.

Victoria, 22d November 1843.

**FOR CIPUSAN AND THE YANG-TZE-KEANG**

**THE** A. 1. Schooner "THOMAS CAISB," J. M. METCALFE Commander, will have immediate despatch, touching at all the Ports on her passage down.  
For freight or passage apply to

N. DUUS.

or the Commander 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 Lacquered Ware of every description, ex "Aline en Elis" 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.

**FOR SALE.**

A Quantity of Teak Timber consisting of Logs—3 inch Plank,—6 inch Stanchions—6x3 Rafter, 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. Latley, Lane's Hotel, Hong-Kong.

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. 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, Bengali 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.

**TO LET.**

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

HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.

Victoria, December 15th, 1843.

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

JOHN RYSON.

Victoria, 9th November, 1843.