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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.

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	for Hospitals only, daily or otherwise, as may be required.
Tea,		
Firewood,		
Nut Oil,		
Cotton Wick,		
Eggs,	} for Hospitals only, daily or otherwise, as may be required.	
Powls,		
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, until the day fixed for opening the Tenders, when the lowest offer, if in other respects eligible, will be accepted.

The Tenders may be made generally for the whole of the articles above specified, or separately at follows viz.

1. Bread.
2. Fresh Beef, Salt Fish and Tea.
3. Firewood, Nut Oil, and Cotton Wick.
4. Eggs, Powls, Milk, Onions, Potatoes, Fruit, and Leeches.

The Tenders to be sealed and opened at the Office of the Secretary and Treasurer.

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.

EXTRACTS FROM Peking Gazette, Oct. 25th. 1843.

On the recommendation of the Commander in Chief of the Mantchoo Standards, the matchlocks of that corps are to be carefully examined and for all the indifferent pieces the best fire arms substituted. The military barracks are henceforth to be painted with oil colors to preserve them against the weather.

The boatmen of the vessels engaged in the transport of copper and lead have been in the habit of complaining that a quantity of the metal had during the voyage fallen into the river, whilst they had clandestinely appropriated it to themselves, therefore masters of these boats will be held responsible for the whole weight of their cargo, and obliged to make good any casual loss.

Another proposal is made to urge the subscriptions in Honan and other Provinces in order to finish the works along the Yellow river.

On the suggestion of Governor Kelung and others H. I. M. has decided, that the tribute bearers from Siam and Loochoo, should only once within four years make their appearance at the court of Peking, to spare them the too frequent fatigues of a long journey.

AUGUST 14.—CHINA. PRIZE MONEY.—Sir C. Napier begged to repeat the question relative to prize money to the forces employed in China, which he had put two or three times already without getting a satisfactory answer. In Canton there had been captured at the two several periods of its ransom the sums of three million and six million dollars, and a year's batta had been promised, but never paid. So many as 700 vessels had also been seized, and these, although usually regarded as prizes, were delivered up, by order of her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Chinese. The officers engaged in the expedition had received orders of the Bath and other distinctions, but the sailors had been disappointed of that which was a natural stimulus to their entering the service, namely, prize money. He hoped the right hon gentleman would be able to give an explanation that would be satisfactory to the persons interested.—Sir R. Peel said, he was not prepared to make any announcement to the House in answer to the question put to him by the gallant officer. He was sure the House would feel that before her Majesty was advised to grant any sum to the army and navy, it was fit that all the facts should be known, to enable the Government on satisfactory grounds, to give such advice.

They had not yet tendered to her Majesty their advice, and he conceived that no announcement ought to be made before that step was taken. As to the expenses of the war, he was not yet aware what they would amount to. There was a sum of 250,000 dollars taken, with respect to which the Government, being uncertain whether it was to be regarded as prize money, had made application to Sir Henry Pottinger on the subject. Not knowing what would be the expenses of the war it would be premature at present to say anything as to the amount of prize money.—Sir C. Napier hoped the making prize money applicable to the payment of expenses of war would not be drawn into a precedent. The right hon gentleman would hold it very precarious and.—Sir R. Peel said that it was not the case at present. The gallant officer might not suppose that the Government were indebted to the persons who acted in the manner referred to. The Government were not bound to pay for the expenses of the persons being charged of the public, but he demanded care on that part to have all the facts within their knowledge before they tendered to her Majesty any advice for a grant of public money. With respect to the gratuity, he was this country of the Government may be an object of consideration.

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means of exorting money.—The Attorney-General said, the bill before them contained objectionable clauses; he was averse to going back to severities of punishment, which have fallen into disuse since public opinion had ameliorated the practical operation of the law; he was unwilling to take cognizance of mere oral slander, and he thought that truth should be alone pleaded in justification, without leaving the validity of the plea to the discretion of a jury. But he cordially approved of all the provisions of the bill which really amended the law.

cases of crime.—After a few observations from Mr. Attorney-General, who expressed his approval of the bill, the Attorney-General adopted the main principle of the bill, and went into committee. In its progress, Mr. Attorney-General took the opportunity of speaking generally on the measure, urging its adoption, not on the ground of its perfection, but because it was a decided improvement of the law, calculated to protect private character from the professional libeller, and drew a broad line between the honest public writer and the mere trading slanderer.—The question of leaving to a jury a discretionary power of judging of the validity of the plea of truth, by reference to considerations of public advantage and private motives, raised a discussion, the Attorney-General thinking it unnecessary to make any change in the law at present in this respect. The clause containing the disputed provision was lost on a division, by 38 to 30.—The bill, having been further discussed and amended, was carried through committee.—London Mail.

Much dissatisfaction has been evinced by the Merchants engaged in Opium traffic at the prohibition to store the drug at Hongkong and consequently many of the most influential of that body have determined to remain at Macao, but what is a little absurd, these gentlemen seem to be of opinion that the Colony of Hongkong will, through the absence of their patronage, remain nothing better than a military post, and all anticipations of its proving an important depot of merchandise will prove illusive. We think however that these are very incorrect views of the prospects of Hongkong; we hope to see the trade between England and China soon swell to such an extent as to render the absence or presence of the Opium merchants utterly insignificant in the advancement of the prosperity of the new Colony.

It is mentioned that a very large crop of Tea of excellent quality is anticipated and that Chinese produce of various descriptions was expected to arrive in Canton in larger quantities than had ever yet been known.

Last accounts mention that Opium maintains very high prices in China.—Caldcutta Overland Star.

THE QUEEN IN FRANCE.—"One-half the world," it is said, "don't know how the other half lives," and the impression in France appears to be, that our beloved Queen lives chiefly on Cheshire cheese and London porter. The only luxuries that the papers mention as having been sent for by Louis-Philippe for the entertainment of his fellow-sovereign, are "filthy beer" and "strong family Cheshire."

The papers say that a French agent has been to London for the purpose of getting these articles, and we happen to know what the individual alluded to experienced considerable difficulty, owing to his ignorance of the English language. His first inquiry was for *roulets de Londres* (London stout), but gaining no attention, he asked for some *parfait de pain blanc* (Whitebread's entire). Finding this way at length to a public-house, and his instructions having referred particularly to double X, he called lustily at the bar for some *deux fois dix*; and the publican not understanding him, pointed to a cask labelled Old Tom, which caused the agent to exclaim with considerable energy, "Voilà, voilà, non—pas de venerable Thomas."

The search for the Cheshire cheese was also a source of considerable embarrassment, and the inquiry for *fromage fort à la bonne famille* (good strong family cheese) was very unsuccessful in the New Cut, into which the agent had wandered in his search for the cooper but was some complaint. Being a stranger in London the ordinary mustering up all the English words addressed a stranger thus: "Will you say to him to let me buy—I shall find Cheshire." The answer to which was given rather by way of comment, to be stated at the next water course.—"I say, Bill, there's a rum story, he went to and the way into Cheshire, at Macao."

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And whereas, for giving full effect to the purposes of the said Act, it is necessary that provision be made for the establishment from time to time of regulations for the government of Her Majesty's subjects residing in China, and it is expedient that such regulations should originate with some local authority cognizant of the actual circumstances and exigencies of such Her Majesty's subjects, and of the Trade carried on by them in China;

And whereas Her Majesty hath been pleased, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to establish a Legislative Council to make laws for the peace, order and good government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within Her Majesty's Island of Hongkong, and to constitute and appoint as Governor of the said Island the officer invested under the said recited Act with the office of Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty to and from China;

And Be it Enacted, by The QUEEN'S most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Commission or Commissions under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or by any instructions under Her Majesty's Signet and Sign Manual accompanying and referred to in any such Commission or Commissions, to authorize the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China (so long as such Superintendent shall be also the Governor of the said Island of Hongkong) to enact, with the advice of the Legislative Council of the said Island of Hongkong, all such laws and ordinances as may from time to time be required for the peace, order and good government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than One hundred Miles from the Coast of China, and to enforce the execution of such laws and ordinances by such penalties and forfeitures as to him, by the advice aforesaid, shall seem fit; and that it shall also be lawful for Her Majesty, by any such Commission or Commissions or instructions as aforesaid, to impose upon the exercise of the before-mentioned legislative authority all such conditions and limitations as Her Majesty shall see fit to prescribe; and that it shall also be lawful for Her Majesty, to alter, in the whole or in part, any Laws or Ordinances so to be enacted as aforesaid, and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, to alter the same or any of them as to Her Majesty in Council shall seem meet.

2. And be it Enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Commission or Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, to make such provision as to Her Majesty may seem fit for the temporary exercise of the duties of the said Chief Superintendent in the event of a vacancy occurring in that office by death, resignation or otherwise, and that the provisions herein contained respecting the said Chief Superintendent shall be taken to apply to the persons for the time being exercising the duties of Chief Superintendent under such Commission or Warrant.

3. And be it Enacted, That in shall also be lawful for Her Majesty, by any order or orders made with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, to ordain, for the government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than One hundred Miles from the Coast of China, any Law or Ordinance which to Her Majesty in Council may seem meet, as fully and effectually as any such Law or Ordinance could be made by Her Majesty in Council for government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the said Island of Hongkong.

4. And be it Enacted, That all such Commissions and Instructions and Orders in Council as aforesaid, and all Laws and Ordinances so to be made as aforesaid, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as conveniently may be after the making and issuing thereof respectively.

5. And be it Enacted, That when and so soon as any such Commission or Commissions as aforesaid shall have been received at the said Island of Hongkong by the Superintendent and Governor aforesaid, or by the officer for the time being in the administration of the said superintendance and government, so much of the said recited Act as relates to the powers and authorities to be exercised by the Superintendent as therein mentioned over and in respect of the trade and commerce of Her Majesty's subjects within any part of the dominions of the Emperor of China, or as relates to the making and issuing directions and regulations touching the said trade and commerce, and for the government of Her Majesty's subjects within the said dominions, and as relates to the imposition of penalties, forfeitures or imprisonments for the breach of any such directions or regulations, or as relates to the creation of a Court of Justice for the trial of offences committed by Her Majesty's subjects, as therein mentioned, shall be repealed: Provided nevertheless, That all things theretofore done in pursuance of the said recited Act shall be of the same validity and effect as if this Act had not been passed.

6. And be it Enacted, That every suit or action which shall be brought against any person for any thing done in pursuance of this Act shall be commenced within six calendar months after the fact committed, and not afterwards, except where the cause of action shall have arisen in any place not within the jurisdiction of any of Her Majesty's Courts having civil jurisdiction, and then within six calendar months after the plaintiff and defendant shall have been both within the jurisdiction of any such court; and every such action or suit shall be brought in the place where the cause of action shall have arisen in any place not within the jurisdiction of any of Her Majesty's Courts having civil jurisdiction; and the defendant shall be entitled to the like notice, and shall have the like

privilege of appearing amicus to the plaintiff, or his agent or attorney, as is provided in actions brought against any Justice of the Peace for any act done by him in the execution of his office.

7. And be it Enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

We understand it is intended that a Steamer be despatched from Hongkong to the north every six weeks. The H. M. Steamer *Driver* is hourly expected to return from Huzon, where however we have not yet heard of her arrival, we being in possession of no later news from there than the 15th of this month, as mentioned in our last. H. M. St. *Vaen* will, we believe, leave for the north about the 10th of next month. Canton Press.

IN the Press, and will be published on the 15th January. THE HONG-KONG ALMANAC FOR 1844;

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THE HONG-KONG SHEET ALMANAC FOR 1844; The publication is unavoidably delayed until the 15th instant, owing to the desire to make the work as complete as possible.

The publication of the FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE, commenced on Thursday last at 5 1/2 o'clock A. M.

	LATEST	DATES.	
ENGLAND	Sept. 6	SINGAPORE	Dec. 1
UNITED STATES	Aug. 15	JAVA	Nov. 4
CALCUTTA	Nov. 19	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, JANUARY 2ND, 1844.

We offer our congratulations to our friends on the commencement of another year—may it be more prosperous in every respect than its predecessor.

With the commencement of a new Volume we feel ourselves bound to return our best thanks for the support which has hitherto been afforded us; we trust that our future journal will be found to merit the patronage which has hitherto been extended to it. In undertaking an issue twice a week we are not insensible to the fact that our labours will be much increased, and that some difficulty may be experienced in always providing matter of local interest. Still it will be our endeavour as far as possible to fill our pages with China news alone; and we rely with confidence upon our friends to the Northward and elsewhere for informing us of every thing of interest which may occur. We do not wish to devote our columns to extracts from English papers not relating to China—as a general rule we merely intend to give a Summary of the news on the arrival of each Overland Mail. In our monthly Summaries however we shall insert the latest news from Manila, Australia and New Zealand, as there is probability that news from the two latter places will thus reach England much earlier in general than by the direct route.

As heretofore, so in future, we shall carefully avoid giving insertion to any matter of a personal nature. Nevertheless our columns are open to all whose real or fancied grievances require redress, provided we are furnished (in confidence) with the name of the party addressing us. We wish it to be distinctly understood however, that by giving insertion to a correspondent's letter we by no means intend to identify ourselves with his views; and many instances may occur in which we may feel ourselves bound to insert articles advocating views diametrically opposite to those which we ourselves entertain.

Having thus explained the principles by which we shall be guided in conducting the paper, we solicit the co-operation of our friends in furnishing us with information on every subject at all bearing upon Chinese questions. We shall esteem it a great favor also if Masters of Vessels will give us information respecting shoals, extracts from their log-books with the state of the Barometer &c. during gales; a list of vessels spoken &c.

We have only to add, that we trust it may be our good fortune to have to record from time to time during the present year, the increasing prosperity of the Colony, and the growth of friendly feelings between our countrymen and the Chinese. Under liberal management, Hongkong must and will prosper, and take its place as a commercial mart, among the first, if not the first of our Eastern Colonies.

CANTON 29TH DECEMBER, 1843.

A meeting of British Merchants was held at the British Consul's Office, Howqua's Hong, on the 22nd December to make arrangements for the allotments of land. Several parties have taken lots; the exact tenure has not been defined, neither have the plans for building been laid down. It is expected however that the ground rent will be moderate.

No material change has taken place in the state of the market, with the exception that notwithstanding the news received by the September Mail, there is increased excitement in the Green Tea market. Full prices have been paid on the eve of expected advices from England per *Akbar* up to 6th November, when at least 2 1/2 to 3 millions pounds more of green tea will have arrived and prices will have inevitably fallen. This excitement appears singular in the face of (it is said) a full crop, and when coming events must effect a considerable reduction on present rates. The late period at which a large portion of the Green Teas of last year left, will prevent early shipments of the present season from commanding those prices which have usually ruled consequent upon a low stock.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

An Inquest was held at the Office of Mr. Farncomb, Coroner, on the 29th instant, on the body of Mr. John Reid, late in the service of the Proprietors of the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette. The Jury on being sworn proceeded to view the body which was lying in a room of the upper floor of the Eastern Globe Office, after which they returned to the Coroner's Office to hear the evidence.

Priest Caulincourt *Me Sweeney* sworn. I know the deceased, I have heard that he was in the employ of the Proprietors of the Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette. About a fortnight ago the deceased came to me and requested me to let him have a spare room in the Eastern Globe Office to sleep in, as he could find no place to live in but what was high rented. I said he might come there. During the time he was staying there he complained of illness, but nothing serious; I never saw him intoxicated as he confined himself to his room. I do not know where he got his meals. As I was at dinner yesterday my servant told me that the deceased died about 12 o'clock that day. I went into the room and found the deceased lying on a couch quite dead. His legs were drawn up. Mr. Christopher informed me that he went into the room and straightened them.

Richard Oswald, sworn. I have known the deceased ever since his arrival in China. He was engaged by Mr. White as publisher of the Friend of China, in which capacity he served for three months, during which time he was frequently intoxicated, and was often never sober for several days together. About five weeks ago, owing to drinking he was very sick and went to the Hospital, where he remained fourteen days. On coming out he appeared improved in health. I then engaged him on behalf of Mr. White to adjust some accounts, which he did for a day or two, but he got so intoxicated that he could not attend to his work. Since the time of his leaving me I have not seen him about any where; I only heard this morning concerning his death.

A report from Alexander Anderson Esq. Colonial Surgeon was then read by the Coroner, which states that the deceased had been labouring under Delirium tremens and disease of the brain caused by intemperance, and which in his opinion was the cause of death.

VERDICT. Died by the visitation of God.

RECORD

OF OCCURRENCES IN CHINA DURING THE YEAR 1843. JANUARY.

3rd. Overland mail arrived in Hongkong from Calcutta, per *Anomya*, from the Sandheads 30th November, and Singapore 14th December. Two Japanese sailors are brought into Macao by the American Ship *Hopewell* from Oahu. They were picked up after tossing about in the Pacific for 210 days by the American Whaler *Francois* who carried them to Oahu.

At 11 o'clock the same night an attack was made by Pirates upon the Victoria cutter anchored in front of the Praya Grande, Macao. They cleared the cabin of its moveables, wounded two Europeans who were on board, and spiked the guns.

5th. Price of Opium at Canton, Patna \$ 780 a 785; Bombees \$ 750 Malwa \$ 590. Exchange on England 4s. 9d. Mexican Dollars 54 per cent discount. Sycee 14 premium.

6th. The Macao Lorcha No. 62 was attacked by Pirates on her passage to Hongkong. Two Englishmen who resisted were severely wounded and plundered of \$ 512 besides clothes &c. On the same night the colonial lorcha Enterprise, Captain Sharp, was attacked, the Captain, his officer, and four of the crew were murdered. Mr. Wilson of the firm of Turner & Co. was the only European who escaped. Property to the amount of \$ 30,000 was taken from the vessel.

7th. Two saecunnes belonging to the Pantalooni embarked in a fast boat from the Praya Grande to so

governor of Fokien and Chekiang is to cross over immediately to Formosa, make inquiries and report upon the subject.

Also a communication from H. E. Sir Henry Pottinger objecting to the expression "that the Celestial dynasty has for its principle in governing all foreigners without its pale."

20th. First day of Macao Spring Races. Winners, Trial Stakes, Mr. River's g. a. h. Skylark; Ladies' Parso, Mr. C. O'Malley's r. p. Badger; the Macao Welter, Mr. Weller's g. a. h. The Doctor.

21st. A Memorandum is sent to Elepoo by H. E. the Plenipotentiary respecting the tariff, import, export, and transit duties.

22nd. Second day of Macao Races. Winners, Bedouin Cup, Mr. River's g. a. h. Little Wonder; Barrier Plate Mr. Oliver Twist's b. p. Charlie Bates; the Give and Take Stakes, Mr. River's g. a. h. Skylark. The Clipper *Mor* arrived from Bombay 20th December and Singapore 26th.

The publication [of the Canton Register is removed to Hongkong.

12th. The Clipper *Sylph* arrived from Calcutta 31st March, and Singapore 26th April.

13th. Charles Hillier Esq., is appointed assistant to the Chief Magistrate.

15th. The Spanish schooner *Flecha* arrived with 25 persons belonging to the British barque Christopher Rawson, which was lost on a shoal on the 2nd instant. A forged ~~and~~ *proving* to be issued by Mr. Morrison appears in Canton, with the view of exciting the Chinese to further acts of violence.

16th. The Land Officer (Hongkong) is instructed to report finally to Government all cases in which he has not received satisfactory information with regard to the tenure of land.

18th. H. E. Vice Admiral Sir William Parker is invested with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, on board *H. M. S. Cornwallis*.

The American Commodore sends the schooner *Ariel* to Macao, on the pretence of her not being authorized to carry the American flag.


19th. Hawing and Heyling return to Canton.

20th. H. E. Sir Henry Pottinger is invested with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, at Government House Hongkong.

25th. The American Consul at Macao returns the *Ariel's* papers, not being aware of the existence of any informality in them.

(To be continued.)

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

 THE Barque *HASHEMY*, Captain *William Buckle* having greater part of her cargo engaged, will have quick despatch. For freight or passage apply to Captain Buckle on board, or

BENJAMIN SEARE. Canton.

NOTICE.—We the undersigned beg to announce that we have this day established ourselves as Commission Agents at Hongkong, under the firm of Disandt and Tiedeman.

D. DISANDT. F. H. TIEDEMAN.

Victoria, Hongkong, 1st January, 1844.

Our Mr. Disandt having for the last eight years been connected with the Establishment of Messrs Colvin Ainslie, Cowie & Co. of Calcutta we have pleasure in offering our services as Agents to the Army in China.

JAMES WELCH
CHEMIST DRUGGIST &c. &c. &c.
Queen's Road Victoria.

RETURNS his most grateful thanks to the Officers of H. M. Navy, the Military, Masters of Merchant Vessels, and the public of Victoria for the very liberal support he has experienced since his commencement in business, and to inform them that he has lately made considerable additions to his Stock of Medicines, Perfumery, Oilmans' Stores &c. &c. He further assures them that any commands with which he may be entrusted, in the preparation of Prescriptions, Refitting Medicine Chests &c. will be most faithfully attended to.

1st January, 1844.

NOTICE.—The Partnership lately existing under the name or firm of J. B. Pain & Co. is this day been dissolved by mutual consent, all persons having claims against the firm are requested to prefer them on or before the 31st inst. and all parties indebted to the same are required to make payment of their accounts within the same period to Mr. J. B. Pain in whose name the business from this date will be conducted.

J. B. PAIN & Co.

Victoria, January, 1st 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

P. TOWNSEND has been instructed to bring forward and sell on Monday next the 8th Inst to the highest bidder the whole of the Furniture and fittings on the Premises of Messrs. D. Wilson & Co. Consisting of Dining, Breakfast and Tea Tables, Sideboard, Card Tables Tea Poys Wash Hand Stand complete, Beds Couches Hanging Lamps, Dripstone Table shades Dressing Tables and Toilet Glasses, Cooking utensils, Crockery and Glass Ware, Meat Safe Spare Chamber Service, Tea Pots Basins and Spare Crockery, the Shop fitting's consisting of Writing Desk with Pigeon holes, Showglass Cases of the best Toon, Shelves, Godown Horses, a Sign Board old Tin Boxes &c.

Hongkong, 2 January, 1844.

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ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above Company are prepared to accept Assurances of Hong-Kong and other Buildings on Buildings of Brick or Stone covered with Tiles, Slates, Metal, or other incombustible material, together with their contents, when such Buildings are insured from all others. Rate of Premiums 1 per cent. per annum, 2 1/2 on such Buildings and their contents, when not so insured, at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum. Assurances for 6 months 1/2 of the annual rate, for 3 months 1/3. No charge.

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 of its contents taken together, form one risk. Thus the fire and theft may be underwritten either on a Building alone, or the contents alone; or, part on the Building, and part on the contents. No Assurances is to be considered in force until the Premium is paid.

JARDINE, MATHIESON, & 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 bars of Cocoa Nut Oil which will be happy to part with on reasonable terms for Cash only as they are about leaving for Calcutta in a few days.

WILSON & Co. Victoria, 12th December, 1843.

The Copartnership existing between DOMM, CAHREN, & Co. at Bombay; BROAD, KENNEDY & 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 DROM, GRAY & Co.; at Bombay under the firm of DROM, HUNTER & Co.; and at Liverpool under the firm of DROM, DAVIDSON & Co.

DROM & Co. Macao, 1st 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, 9th August 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have established a House of Agency in China, under the firm of HUGHESON & Co. in connexion with Messrs. Buller, Sykes and Co. at Manila, and Messrs. Sykes, Schwabe and Co. at Liverpool. The partners in our several establishments are as follows: Mr Edward Bousfield, manager in China; Mr Benjamin Buller at Manila; Mr George Christian Schwabe at Liverpool; and Mr Adam Sykes at Singapore.

HUGHESON, SCHWABE & Co. Singapore, 1st August, 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned begs to acquaint the Public, that he has taken the ALMON HOTEL, and will conduct it with the same superintendence and regularity as heretofore, the comfort of Family and of others, and the patronage which the Establishment has hitherto enjoyed.

A. H. FRYER Macao, 31st August, 1843.

NOTICE.

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

HUGHESON, CALDER & Co. Victoria, 11th August, 1843.

FOR SALE.—Superior Blue Clay suitable for naval Officers' Pipings, & also Black Cachaemore fine quality—Branly in wood, Claret in dozen Cases, Sherry in butts, Preserves and Pickles of every description.

Apply to F. H. TIEDEMAN, Queen's Road, Victoria, 27th September, 1843.

NOTICE.

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

ROBERT WEBSTER, Hongkong, 13th November, 1843.

CONSULAT DE FRANÇAIS EN CHINE.

AVIS.—Le Consul, en date d'aujourd'hui Mr. CHALVAYE, a vu consul, et a permis plus au Consulat de France en Chine, de recevoir, par le paquebot de France, le 17 Octobre 1843.

AVIS.—Les Français qui se trouvent, ou se trouveront en Chine, ne peuvent pas se dispenser de la protection du Consulat de France, et de la jouissance des droits et privilèges des nationaux, ou qui ne sont point Français, par les traités, les lois, ou ordonnances, ou décrets de S. M. L. Roi des Français, devant se faire inscrire au registre matricule du dit Consulat, en se présentant aux bureaux, ou au cas d'impugnabilité en adressant au Consul un rapport de ses gendarmes, ou sous-officiers, qu'ils n'ont rencontré la perte de leur qualité de Français, par aucune des circonstances spécifiées dans l'article 7 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 merchandize of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns situated 18, and 55 Queens Road upon moderate terms.

Goods placed (except combustibles) in Godown 18, Queen's Road can be insured from risk of Fire. apply to N. DUUS, Goods received and sold on Commission 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, signifying 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, 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.

JUST RECEIVED for sale by the undersigned, Beer in Cask, Oil with Table Covers, Paints, and Paint Oil, Blaukets, Fats, Butter, Varnish, Pitch, Vinegar, Spars, Coir Rope &c. &c.

Apply to P. TOWNSEND, Victoria, 25th December, 1843.

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

FOR SALE. SYCEE SILVER in large Ingots. HUGHESON, CALDER & Co. Victoria, 23d, November, 1843.

FOR CHUSAN AND THE YANG-TZE-KEANG.

THE A. I. Schooner "THOMAS CRIS," 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 last 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.—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.

THE PRESS and TYPES lately used for printing the "EASTERN GLOBE" newspaper. A new fount 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.

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.

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.

TO LET.

THE Bangalore & out Offices belonging to Framjee Jamsungee Esq. situate on the Queen's Road near to Messrs. Macvicar & Co's premises. For particulars apply to Framjee Jamsungee, 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 RITSON, Victoria, 9th November, 1843.

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

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