

The appearance of the House after the Robbers decamped was most deplorable. The contents of the Wardrobes strowed in all directions—the doors battered in, and the Building itself nearly in flames from the fire balls thrown by the miscreants. In the hurry of escape, they left behind them several spears, one Sword and a heavy iron pike head, about 18 Inches long, and of great weight. The Ladies during the affray, behaved with the greatest coolness and courage. To-day we are happy to state, they are more composed than might have been anticipated, considering the danger from which they have escaped.

We understand Sir, E. Belcher K. C. B. Captain of H. M. S. "Samarang," has rented the House formerly, occupied by Mr. Edwards. He intends residing ashore for sometime, to facilitate the drawing Charts of the important surveys with which he has been recently employed in the China seas.

OPIMUM, WEEK ENDING 24TH FEBRUARY.
Patna, new, \$ 650 Malwa \$ 690 a 700 Do. old, " 610 Benares (no Market.)

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Friend of China."

Victoria, 23rd February, 1814.

Sir,

I should feel much obliged if you could inform me what possible reason can exist for keeping all the ships of war together at the Eastern part of the Bay, whilst the Western end, the principal entrance of the harbour, is without, even the shadow of Government protection, and the inhabitants are there left to defend themselves and their property as best they can, or to be exposed to the tender mercies of the Ladrões, who, in their nocturnal excursions, it is known generally land and re-embark in that direction.

There being Seven or eight Pennants flying Eastward of the Town, why cannot one vessel of war, at least, be sent to enforce the Regulation which forbids the Navigation of China boats at night, and to give that protection to property, which even her presence would confer?

It Surely ought not to be considered that there is any thing derogatory to the service in having H. M. Ships so stationed in harbour as to be capable of giving protection to the Public in general, but if so, there is a salvo for the dignity of the service in the old iron hoops which are piled near the Victualling store at West Point, exposed to the depredations of the Chinese, and which belonging to the Naval Department may be an object of peculiar interest to the Admiral.

As to the Guard boat which passes up and down the Bay three times every night, nothing can be a greater farce, and the Seamen might as well be spared the needless exposure to the weather. There are doubts whether the people in the boat are always armed, and if they be, the chances of their being useful are few, the Chinamen are cunning enough to watch the return of the boat from the place of their intended visit, which they know will for a certain time then be unprotected.

I am Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant.
A. MERCHANT.

Victoria, 23rd February, 1844.

We entirely agree with our correspondent. From any protection received by their presence the Army and Navy might almost as well be in England. We presume it is not the wish of Government that H. M. Troops should be drilled to death during the day while the lieges are left to the tender mercies of Robbers at night. Were one half of the Troops on the Island drafted into the police corp, it would be well for the Colony. Here we do not require a body of men, whose appearance will satisfy the Military Amateur of St. James or the Phoenix park. A vigilant constabulary on the Island would be better than 20,000 Guardsmen.

EDITOR.

PUBLIC SALE.

ON Wednesday 6th of March will be sold by public sale at P. Townsend's Godown the Schr. Mary with all her appurtenances at Noon. An inventory can be seen at any time by application to.

P. TOWNSEND,
Auctioneer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 22nd February, 1844.

FOR LONDON.

THE A. S. Ship "EMERALD ISLE" a new loading at Whampoa, and will have quick dispatch, has very excellent accommodations for passengers. Apply to the Commander on board or to

A. J. GILMAN.

Canton, 14th February, 1844

JUST received ex "Bangalore" and on sale by the undersigned a Choice selection of cut Glass consisting of Pint and Quart Decanters of the newest pattern Tumblers, Rock Jelly and Crystal Glasses, Sugar do Bell mouth and other wine glasses, French Chandeliers, Salt cellars, Table and Desert Knives British Plate, and also Raspberry Vinegar, Soups, Arrow Root, Currie Powder, Salsaparilla Pills and Bath Bricks.

JAMES WELCH.

Victoria, Hongkong, 24th February, 1844.

STORAGE may be obtained in dry, secure, and insured Godowns, on application to.

BUSH & MILLER.

Victoria, Hongkong, February, 24th 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

AT 11 O'Clock A. M., on Monday, next 26th February, 1844, C. Markwick & Co., will Sell by Public Auction, (on account of Whom it may concern) at Messrs. Fletcher, Larkins, & Co.'s Godowns about 400 Chests of Damaged tea, Saved from the Ship "Eliza Stewart," the tea will be put up in Lots of 5 Chests. Terms of Sale.—The purchaser to pay a deposit of 25 per cent on his purchase, and the full amount to be paid the next day, and the Lots cleared at the same time.

Payments to be made in Spanish Dollars—7m. 16. 7c. Mexican Dollars to be taken at \$105 for the 100 Spanish Dollars.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1844.

FOR SALE.—The Following Wines received ex Oriental from Messrs. Wardell & Co. London.

- Fine old Port.
- Do. Do. Sherry.
- Do. Do. Pale.
- India Ale and Porter.
- Also, Ships stores of all descriptions.

W. H. FRANKLYN.

Schooner Comet,

Whampoa, 23rd February, 1844.

FOR SALE.—By Auction on Tuesday next the 27 Inst, at 11-Eleven O'Clock precisely, by J. B. Pain A. Variety of Merchandise consisting of Port Sherry Champagne, Claret Hook. Crockery Ware Lacquered Ware. Table Covers Pistols Carpet Bags. Dhol &c. &c.

Victoria, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1844.

LOST on Thursday morning the 22nd instant, a set of Navy pay Bills, amounting to £22: 15. 6d endorsed by Mr. Watson, clerk of H. M. S. Samarang—The finder will receive a reward on taking them to Mr. Pain.

N. B.—These Bills will be stopped at Somerset house which renders them useless to any but the wner.

Victoria, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1844.

NOTICE.—Is hereby given that the business heretofore conducted in China by the late Henry Pybus will be now carried on by John Mackey & Co. of Calcutta, represented here by Messrs. John Leffer and Charles Wilson Murray, acting as their Agents and under their Procurator.

EDWARD FRANCIS.

Attorney for John Mackey & Co.

Macao, 13th February, 1844.

PHILLIPS MOORE & Co.

BEG to announce that they have taken part of the Godowns of Mr. Duus 18 Queen's Road and have just landed from the Bangalore a large Cargo consisting of all descriptions of Cutlery, Ironmongery, Locks of all Kinds, Nails, Carpenters tools Fire Grates and Best Sheffield Plated Goods, German Silver and British Plate, Guns, Pistols, Powder Flasks, Percussion Caps, Shot Belts, Telescopes and Spectacles Table Lamps, Saddlery, Umbrellas, Gold and Silver Watches, and Clocks in great variety, Gold and Silver Watch, Guards, Musical Boxes Accordians, of all descriptions, cut and plain Glass and a variety of fancy and other Goods to be disposed of by Wholesale only.

Hongkong, February, 19th 1844.

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

D. DISANT.

F. H. TIEDEMAN.

Victoria, Hongkong, 1st January, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Small consignments of the following Goods, viz Sheet Copper and Nails, a few Marr's Fire Proof Iron Safes and Chests, Batavia Arrack, Sherry and Brandy in Wood, Superior Champagne, Port, Madeira, Hock, Sherry, and Claret, in dozen Cases Brands warranted, a good assortment of Oilman's Stores, Coconut, Turpentine and Paint Oil, French and English Corks.

Apply to DISANT & TIEDEMAN.

FOR SALE.—A small parcel of good No. 3 SUPERIOR MANILLA CIGARS, in Boxes of 500 each; just received per *Duchess of Cumberland*. A well selected quantity of Manila Rope, and American Soap.

Apply to DISANT & TIEDEMAN.

Oswald's Hill, Opposite to the Premises of Messrs. GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co.

FOR SALE.—A few Quadrants, Sextants, Quadrants, Azimuth, and other Compasses, Sky Glasses, Spirit Levels, Thermometers, Surveying, and Mathematical Instruments, Barometers, &c. &c.

Apply to N. DUUS.

Victoria, February 16th, 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

FOR SALE.—Manila Rum and Java Arrack in Casks of all sizes, Brandy in Hogheads, Sherry in Butts, Hhds. Qr. Casks and Octaves, Cape Madeira, Lisbon and Tinto in wood, Sherry, Port, Madeira, Claret, Cherry Brandy Cognac, Gin in Boxes of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 doz Cases all of superior quality.

Apply to N. DUUS.
Victoria, February 16th 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

WANTED a Steward for the Gun Room of one of H. M. Ships none need apply who cannot furnish testimonials of good character. Address by letter to S. A. C. Office of this paper.

Victoria, February 16th, 1844.

FOR SALE.—At the Stores of the undersigned a Small Invoice of Slop Clothing consisting of Pea Coats, Monkey Jackets Flushing Trowsers, Flannel, Guernsey and Jersey Cocks Southwesters, Scotch Caps, Duck Frocks, Worsted hose Regatta Shirts, Cotton Shirts, Surge, Blankets, Duck &c., &c.

ALSO

Valentia Almonds, Mould Candlos, Sauces, Pickles, Tart Fruits, Salad Oil, Preserved Meats, Digby Sprats, Percussion Caps, Champagne, Cantinac, Sherry, Port, Whiskey, Gin, Brandy, Table Cloths, Friction Matches, Perfumery, Shovel, Blocks, Shackles, Tar Brushes, Paint Brushes, Coffee, Pitch, Stockholm Tar Oakum, Turpentine, Buntin, Drill, Mouslin-de-laine Dresses, Twine and various other articles.

J. B. PAIN.

Victoria, 1st February, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Superior Port and Sherry; Champagne; Claret; Sauterne and other light French wines; Cider; pale and dark Cognac in wood and bottle; Geneva; Sperm Candles; Blacking; Table covers; Sauces; Salad oil; Mustard; Nails and tacks of sizes; best French corks; Pocket Compasses; fine Pekoe Tea, Superior No. 3 Cheroots; Yorkhams &c. apply to

J. C. POWER.

Victoria, 12th February, 1844.

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

JOHN RITSON.

Victoria, 9th November, 1843.

FOR SALE.—Ghee, Paints and Paint Oil. Beer in Hhds.

At the godowns of

JOHN BURD & Co.

Victoria, 20th September, 1843.

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL.

FOR the greater convenience of Vessels at Whampoa and Blenheim reaches, the Hospital Vessel is moored off the Bombay Creek by which both are united.

M. O'SULLIVAN M. A. C. S. L.

Resident Surgeon.

Hospital Ship.

Whampoa, 3rd February, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

P. TOWNSEND having received instructions, will put up by public Sale on the 4th of March next.

The well known godown of the late Henry Pybus Esq., said godown is 150 feet by 60 feet with two cottages attached with a treasury built inside said godown.

ALSO

One half of a marine lot situated between said godown and the godowns of Messrs. Jameson How & Co. at present unoccupied.

The above is well worth the inspection of the mercantile community as the situation is convenient and salubrious.

Terms made known at the time of Sale.

P. TOWNSEND,

Auctioneer.

Victoria, February 16th 1844.

J. MACMURRAY.

BAKER.

QUEEN'S ROAD.

BEGS to inform the Officers of H. M. Naval Service, Commanders of Vessels and the Public; that he has on hand a supply of Cabin and Ship Biscuits, and trusts by unremitting attention and punctuality, to merit a share of their patronage. Orders will be thankfully received, promptly attended to, and executed with the least possible delay.

Victoria, 12th February, 1844.

BOOKS.

FOR Sale at P. Townsend's Godown: at a reduction of 25 per Cent a large collection of New Books and maps, Catalogues of which can be seen at the Godown.

ALSO

For Sale, Beef, Flour, Olives, Butter, Cheese, Oil table cloth, Hats, Ladies and Gents Shoes, Rum, Arrack, Bread, Wine in quarter casks, An Assortment of Plated Ware Consisting of Buckets, Dishes, Candlesticks, Powder Flasks, and one or two superior folding pocket Quills, Steel Pens, Pencils, Horse furniture, Carriage harness, Champagne Cider, Looking Glasses and Hand Mirrors, Shades for Lamps, and sundry other goods.

P. TOWNSEND.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China, for the above Company, and prepared to accept Assurances at Hong Kong, as under:—
 1st.—On Buildings of Brick or Stone, covered with Tiles, Slates, Metal, or other inflammable material, together with their contents, when such Buildings are isolated from all others.
 Rate of Premium, 3 per cent. per annum.
 2nd.—On such Buildings and their contents, when not so isolated, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.
 Assurances for 6 months 7/8 of the annual rate, and for 3 months, 1/2 of the annual rate.
 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.

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, Ointments, Stores &c. &c. He further assures them that any commands with which he may be entrusted, in the preparation of Prescriptions, refilling Medicine Chests &c. will be most faithfully attended to.
 1st January, 1844.

MR. LATTEY.

Chromiometer and Watch Maker.

Removed from Lanes Hotel to the upper part of Mr. Pain's new store Queens Road opposite to Chinams Hong.
 Hongkong, January, 1844.

B. KENNY M.D.

MEMBER OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON &c.

Has fitted up a Chinese Vessel as a residence at Whampoa, moored opposite the Orange Grove, a little above Junk river.

THE Copartnership existing between DIXON, CARTER & Co. at Bombay, DIXON, 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 DIXON, GRAY & Co.; at Bombay under the firm of DIXON, HUNTER & Co.; and at Liverpool under the firm of DIXON, DAVIDSON & Co.
 DIXON & 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 Buller, 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 Buller at Manila, Mr. Gustav Christian Schwabe at Liverpool, and Mr. Adam Sykes at Singapore.

BOUSTEAD, SCHWABE & Co.

Singapore, 11th August, 1843.

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

LECKLE & Co.

Bombay, 21th September, 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. E. FRYER

Macao, 31st August, 1843.

NOTICE.—Goods and merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns situated 18 and 58 Queen's 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.—The interest of Mr. R. van Eibergen Santingens (presently in Holland) in our Establishment ceasing on the 31st instant, our business will be carried on from the 1st of January 1844, under the firm of ROMSWINCKEL, LAMBER BURE & Co. SANTINGENS, ROMSWINCKEL & Co. Batavia, 9th December, 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have this day established a House of Agency and Commission at "Hongkong", under the firm of "BUSH and MILLER."
 (Signed) F. T. BUSH.
 ALEX. A. MILLER
 Victoria, Hongkong, 1st February, 1844.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. CARTER & Co. beg to advertise their having commenced business in Hongkong as Builders Contractors &c., and that from their long experience in England and their arrangements here they flatter themselves they will be able to complete any work with that punctuality, and in that workmanlike manner that will ensure satisfaction to those gentlemen who may honor them with their patronage.
 Any communication addressed to Messrs. C. & Co., of the care of Mr. Welch, Chemist and Druggist Victoria will meet with prompt attention.

NOTICE.

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

N. DUUS.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1843.

FOR SALE.

THE following Wines received ex Foam from Messrs. Sandeman Forster and Co. London.
 Fine old Pate and Brown Sherry
 Fine old Madeira
 Fine old Port
 Sauterie, Moselle, Burgundy and Champagne.
 Apply to LINDSAY & Co.
 Macao, 1st January, 1844.

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.—E. I. Cos Bills on Bengal.
 Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & Co.

FOR SALE.—Bally Rice, ditto Coffee, Copenhagen Cherry Cordials in Pints, Manila Coruage, Oakum, Corks, Singapore Planks, Anchors and Cautus, Arrack, Bengal Chintney, Butter in Kegs, Candles, Bengol Rice, Ditto Dholl, Coal Tar, Swedish Ditto, and Pitch; a variety of other articles.
 At the Godowns of JOHN BURD & Co.

TO LET.

THE Bungalow and Offices belonging to Franjee Jemsetjee Esq. situate on the Queen's Road near to Messrs. Macvicar & Co's premises. For particulars apply to Franjee Jemsetjee, Macao, or HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
 Victoria, December 15th, 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,
 45 Queen's Road.
 Victoria, Hong-Kong, 12th December, 1843.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE Clipper Brig "MAGNOLIA" Thomas Johnson, Commander, 232 tons N. M. and 240 tons O. M. A. 12 years Ship, and only 3 years old. This is a desirable vessel for the Coast, or any trade her size may suit. She is considered one of the fastest vessels of her size, out of the port of Liverpool.
 Apply to the Captain on board.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE British Bark FRANKLAND A. 1. 316 tons Capt. Christie.
 Apply to HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
 Victoria, 10th February, 1844.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE British Ship GONDOKER, A. 1. 843 tons, Capt. Oliver.
 Apply to HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
 Victoria, 10th February, 1844.

FOR SINGAPORE AND SYDNEY. THE "FAIR BARBARIAN" will have early despatch for the above ports. For freight, apply to JNO. SMITH, Macao, 4th February, 1844.

THE SCHOONER "UNION" HAS just undergone a thorough repair, raised, and newly decked:—well armed and her Cabins are most comfortably fitted for six Passengers;—she will now run regularly between Macao, Hongkong, and Canton with Passengers, at the usual rate charged in other passage boats. For passage, in Macao, apply to JNO. SMITH.

And at Hongkong, P. TOWNSEND. She is for Sale, and the owner will accept a fair offer.

FOR LIVERPOOL. THE QUEEN MAB, R. Ainley Commander, having the greater part of her cargo engaged and will have immediate despatch. Apply to GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong or Canton. Victoria, 15th January, 1844.

FOR SALE. The new and superior built Iron Barque "JOHN LAIRD" 270 Tons N.M.—Sails well carries a large Cargo and is an unexceptionable Sea Boat. Masts and Yards fitted in the best style for light working, Standing and running rigging of bolt rope yarn, best London make. Sails; One suit and a half quite new, one half worn of best Navy canvas, Anchors and Cables complete, Patent Windlass, Iron Tanks and Bulbs, Two new quarter boats with ironing and sails, Launch and Yawl 30 Tons new small sized Kenledge, Guns, arms and ammunition complete in Patent barrels, 2 Pitch pine spars 50 ft. by 14 ins and others. Is well adapted for a Coaster or for short voyages. Could be navigated with a very limited crew, and is ready to start at a days notice. Apply personally or by letter to the Commanding Officer on board at Whampoa.

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.

FOR SALE. SYCEE SILVER in large Ingots. HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.

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.

NOTICE. From this date the Charges for Printing at the Hongkong Gazette Office will be as follows:
 Bout Notes \$ 2 per hundred
 Opium Orders " 1 do. do.
 Bills of Exchange in sets " 3 do. do.
 Cheques " 1 do. do.
 Ship's Articles " 1 each or \$ 6 per doz.
 Powers of Attorney " 1 do. or " 6 do. do.
 Charter Parties " 1 do. or " 6 do. do.
 Auction Bills " 2 per first 100, and 1 cent for every succeeding 100.
 Auction Catalogues " 3 per do. do. and 1 per do. do.

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