

force to constitute an effective police for the protection of the settlement, might we not take advantage from the practice of the Chinese authorities, who in times of emergency call upon the populace to aid the Military in the defence of their towns and cities. All the inhabitants of Hongkong, including Chinese and foreigners, were required to furnish a man from each house to act as policeman for a month, there might be a police supported by the people sufficiently numerous to constitute a line of men within halting distance of each other, for the whole length of the town, both in front and rear.

We see no good reason why the Chinese, who constitute the great portion of the inhabitants of this settlement and enjoy the privilege of increasing their gains under British protection, should not contribute towards the expense of an efficient police. As it now is, they look quietly on and laugh in their sleeve at the facility with which these wily vagabonds of their own country accomplish their nefarious plans at our expense. While I disclaim all feelings of hostility to the Chinese, I subscribe myself

A FRIEND TO HONGKONG.

Victoria, 26th February, 1844.

To the Editor of the "Friend of China."

Sir,

In your Paper of this day containing an account of the Robbery in Mr. White's house, there are one or two passages, which though I am willing to give every praise where courage is developed in the Chinese; yet to say that these Robbers carried on their work of destruction, forced open the Cash Chest, and rifled it whilst under the fire of the Sepoys is inducing them with an unflinching bravery, which if true, would render them more to be feared than even they are, and would allow the mind to imagine a dozen or so of Sepoys firing as a Company or from Right to Left for half an hour, and penetrating the death of one man. Only five shots were fired by the officers and Sepoys, there being only three of the latter. The Robbers decamped the moment the fire was discovered. The Cash Chest was opened before assistance came and though much was taken therefrom, yet considerable property remained. As usual, was made immediately on the Sepoys firing, whereupon the Robbers made a precipitate retreat.

AN EYE WITNESS.

24th February, 1844.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.
 23rd Brahim, Mc. Arthur, Bombay 25 Novr. Colton.
 24th Will o' the Wisp, Walker, Macao.
 " Anita "
 " Speke, *Crana*, Liverpool 9th July. Govt. Coat.
 " H. M. S. Childers, Whampoa.
 " Celestial, Macao.
 25th Henry Pratt (Am.) Keene Manila 17th Feby General.
 S.A.I.L.E.D.
 24th Speke Canton.
 25th Bangalore, *Saich*, Macao.
 " Sylph, " and Calcutta.
 " Anonyma, " and Bombay.
 " Rob-Roy, " and Calcutta.
 " Will o' the Wisp, Walker, Chusan.
 " Apia, Lombock.
 From Whampoa on the 23rd.
 Queen, Mab. Anley, Liverpool.
 Marmion, Jellard, London.
 UNDER DESPATCH.
 Henry Pratt (Am.) for Whampoa,
 Felicity, for Macao, and Bally.
 REPORTS.
 Passengers per Neried 6 Chinese and 2 Bengallees
 Henry Pratt, J. B. Trout Esq, Mr Braham.
 Reported by Ship Brahim, saw the Brandywine (Am.)
 Frigate going into Colombo on 10th December 1843.
 Signalled the Edward Robinson and Guisachan on
 22nd and 24th Jan'y. Signalled in the Gillobo passage
 30th Jan'y the Anna Eliza from China to Batavia.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

NAMES.	TONS.	MASTER.	CONSIGNEES.
Fortescue	259	Hall	Jardine Matheson & Co.
Hope	408	Crawford	"
Condolier	343	Oliver	Holliday, Wise & Co.
Magnolia	232	Johnson	Turner & Co.
Fairlie	765	Roskell	"
Ratcliff	---	Garrett	Jardine Matheson & Co.
Oriental	892	Wardle	Maecivcar & Co.
Annie	---	Potter	Holliday, Wise & Co.
Omega	---	White	Jardine Matheson & Co.
Waterloo	---	Janancey	"
Wanlock	345	Reynell	Dent & Co.
Brahim	---	Mac Arthur	"
Anita	180	King	Russell & Co.
Spee	---	---	"
Neried	---	Grant	"
Celestial	---	---	"
H. Pratt (Am.)	---	Keene	J. D. Sword & Co.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.
 Agincourt, 72, Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane
 C. B. Cap. Bruce.
 "Castor," 36, Captain Graham.
 "Samarang," 28, Captain Sir E. Belcher.
 "Minden," 72, Captain Quin - Hospital Ship.
 H. M. B. Childers 46 Com'r G. G. Wellesley.
 H. M. Str. Driver, Commander Hayes - R. N.
 H. C. Str. "Frospence," Com'r Hough R. N.
 "Sapphire," Troop Ship, Master Comman J. R. Fallock.
 "Alligator," Troop Ship - Master Commanding, M. C. King R. N.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

SHIPS.	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	AGENTS.
Bombay	1270	Turley	Jardine Matheson & Co.
Larkins	701	Hibbert	"
Dutchess	---	---	"
of Northumberland	541	Scott	"
Commander	700	Canningham	Dent & Co.
Canton	507	Crouch	Maecivcar & Co.
Elora	333	Turkhill	"
Emperor	577	Keane	"
Canopus	365	Stroyan	Turner & Co.
Hesperus	408	Killey	"
Sughalen	377	Brown	"
Fortarshiro	614	Symons	Lindsay & Co.
Resolution	447	Wood	"
Marmion	388	Jellard	Gibb Livingston & Co.
Rookery	311	Brown	Bell & Co.
John Laird	207	St. Croix	"
Luoy Sharp	270	MacFee	A. Heard & Co.
Osprey	150	Sedgewick	"
Emerald Isle	501	Curling	"

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA.

Charlotte	---	Gew	Russell & Co.
Panama	---	Greswold	A. A. Ritcher
Trobus	---	Summer	Wemore & Co.
Robt Fulton	---	Dunker	C. H. Tiers.
Ocar	---	Byre	Wemore & Co.

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.

Mary Bulmer	814	Gaskin	Tu-ner & Co.
Fortitude	640	Buckham	Lindsay & Co.
Anita	180	Ring	Russell & Co.
John Witt	378	Dunovan	"
Lennit	100	---	John Smith.
F. Barbadian	157	Wolfe	J. Ley
Eliza	307	Orange	Boustead & Co.
Kestrel	325	Beauvais	"
Carthaginian	364	Jack	"
Gratitude	231	Hawey	"
Guisachan	---	Every	"

PORTUGUESE.

H.M.F. Tejo	---	Du Valle	"
Angelica	---	Sanchez	A. J. de Miranda.
Genoveva	---	Lança	P.J.S. Loureiro
Indiana	---	Carvalho	B. E. Carneiro
N.S. da Luz	---	Pereira	J. M. Jesus
Quize, Marco	---	Rivotti	"
Simplicia	---	Almeida	J. L. de Almeida

FRENCH.

H.M.L.S.	---	50 Guns	Capt. Ceceille
Cleopatra	---	---	"
Joseph	---	Bernaid	J. A. Durran

SPANISH.

Sil	---	Vales	P. de las Haras.
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DUTCH.

Handel	---	Pfeylfer	Dent & Co.
Martsch	---	---	"
Apply	---	Rasch	Reynyan & Co
Justina	---	Rykeg	Turner & Co.
Zorgyhet	---	---	"

LATEST DATES.

ENGLAND	Nov. 15	SINGAPORE	Jan. 15
CEYLON	Nov. 25	JAVA	Jan. 3
CALCUTTA	Dec. 20	MANILA	Feb. 17
BOMBAY	Dec. 26	CHINA	" 15
SYDNEY	Jan. 6	SHANGHAI	Jan. 23
		AMOI	Feb. 14

NOTICE.

Parties sending advertisements, are requested to write on the face of them, how often, or how long, they wish them inserted. In all instances, non-subscribers, will pay in advance. New advertisements, will be received, until 4 O'Clock, on the evening previous to publication, viz. Mondays and Fridays.

The publication of the FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE, commenced on Saturday last at 6 O'Clock A. M.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 27th 1844.

THE recent robbery, has so far been of use, in that it has called public attention to the state of insecurity in which we live on this Island. In the columns of our paper, within the past few weeks are recorded several daring attacks, made by Ladrones, in bodies of from thirty to forty men. In not one instance, have the desperadoes been interrupted in their work of destruction by the body of police, who are entrusted with the safety of this town. The robbery at Mrs. White's Bungalow, shows that with success, the thieves are also gaining courage, they ventured to make this attack, upon a house within one hundred and fifty paces of a Military Mess, knowing that the noise would inevitably be heard there. They escaped, with the exception of one, carrying their wounded to their Boat and found a refuge on the opposite shore, notwithstanding the boats which are supposed

to keep guard in the harbour during the night, to enforce the regulations, as to crossing to or from the Chinese side after 10 O'Clock. It is abundantly evident, that our lives and property are in the hands of these men, that they have it in their power, not alone to rob one house in a night, but by combining their powers to sack every European residence on the Island.

In what we now mention, we do not wish to exaggerate the dangerous state in which we live—the picture only requires the tints of truth to rivet attention. Neither, do we wish to censure, where it is uncalled for, but we state with all earnestness, our conviction, that this Colony has not received that protection from H. M. forces, which we have a right to demand, and to afford, which can be the sole reason now for keeping a fleet of from six to eight Vessels of war at all times in this harbour. Our correspondent "A Merchant" has asked, why are these Vessels all kept at the Eastern end of the bay, while the west where the Ladrones most frequently cross is left unprotected? This question is a difficult one to answer. We would not insult Sir Thomas Cochrane by saying, we presume he wishes to have a view of all his Ships from the windows of his house on shore, or that they are kept together to afford himself and officers greater facilities for visiting. Such a reply to our correspondents query appears too absurd to obtain credence anywhere, still we confess we can give no other.

We acknowledge our ignorance of military matters; war not being our vocation. To our limited comprehension however, it appears, that were one Ship stationed at Green Island, a second at West Point, a third at Jardine Matheson & Co's, the others filling up the intermediate space between these two points, the safety of the town would be much better cared for, than it is at present. We also venture to ask our nautical readers, whether for the purpose of rowing guard the heavy and noisy man-of-war Boat would not be well exchanged for the swift Chinese Boat known at Macao as pull-away Boats?

Half a dozen of such Boats, stationed as we have mentioned, would make it almost an impossibility for the Ladrones to cross unobserved. If they made the attempt they would be seen and captured. At present they are seldom seen, though they cross almost nightly, when they are observed they have no difficulty in making their escape. The Boats we mention, would not altogether require more than thirty or forty men. There are on board the fleet, now in harbour, not less than fifteen hundred men. Is it unreasonable to ask so slight a service from them?

A press of matter, forbids our expatiating at greater length on this subject. We cannot conclude, without calling attention to the letter of today from a "Friend to Hongkong," there are suggestions in it which deserve every consideration. We are much gratified at finding such writers as "A Merchant" and "A Friend of Hongkong" displaying an interest in the colony, and making our columns the medium of presenting their opinions to the public.

The Government Notification, which we published in our last of the, "Transit duties paid at the Custom Houses of Han, Taeping and Pishin on goods that are going down to Canton, or from thence transported to the Northern provinces," is an interesting document, and will doubtless receive some attention from our Readers.

The Transit duties appear very light. At Han Kewan from the list of Exports, we note Rhubarb per 100 Catties 2 Cand; 3 1/2 cash; Silk 1st quality per 100 catties 1 Tael - Tea per 100 catties 3 Cand; 9 1/2 cash. On Imports, Cotton piece Goods, per 10 pcs, 1 mace. Woollen manufacture per piece 2 mace and Woollen Yarn per 100 catties 3 Taels 1. 4. 2. The mere amount of these duties, on most articles less than 1 per cent, will not influence the Northern trade, and were there not other circumstances favorable, to direct imports and exports from the cities on the seaboard, the foreign trade of China might continue to flow through Canton for ages. The freight however upon the inland transit of goods must be considerable, and the damage the packages receive more probably than in a voyage to or from England. But the great advantage both to buyer and seller in the direct trade, is the saving in time, and consequently in money, by taking the goods to Shanghai, Ningpo or any market they suit, in preference to first seeking a mart for them in Canton.

Suppose a Merchant receives two shipments of Camlets; one shipment he sells in Canton to a Native, who purchases to forward by inland navigation to one of the Northern ports, the other shipment goes direct to the same place. It will be evident that when the two articles arrive, the English Merchant will be able to supply the buyer at a lower rate than the Chinaman, who in addition to his profit on the Canton price, requires also to be reimbursed for his inland freight, transit duties &c. &c. With exports it will also be in favor

of the parties who purchase and ship from the ports on the coast. Take two chops of Tea, or parcels of Silk, send one to Canton and sell the other on the spot, the one sent to Canton will require to be sold probably five per Cent higher, to cover charges, interest of money &c.

It is impossible to tell to what extent the trade of China may be carried, with the increased facilities we now have, both as buyers and sellers. That very important changes will take place there is little doubt. The Chinese, above all other people are opposed to innovations upon old customs, and Canton has for so long a period, exclusively possessed the trade with foreign countries, that any sudden alteration cannot be looked for. Gradually the advantages of the new ports will show themselves, and from thence much of the produce of the country will be exported, both to Europe and America.

It is true that so far, little has been done at any of these ports in the way of purchasing Silk or Teas. By the last accounts from Shanghai, Teas and Silks were held at prices so high that it was not safe to purchase. This does not appear favorable to the view we take of the subject, but it may readily be explained. In all likelihood the principal growers of Teas had received advances upon the crop from the native Merchants in Canton, previous to the trade being opened. If they had not sold it outright, and the same with Silks. In this way we account for the high prices at Shanghai.

The wealthy Natives of Canton, will undoubtedly have great influence with the Tea planters; and that influence will be exerted to keep this important branch of commerce in its old channel. We are also made aware by Mr. Thom's letter, published by order of the Governor, that there is an attempt to monopolize the Tea trade, on the part of these Natives. With the vigilance, which we have every reason to believe the Gentlemen who hold the appointments of Consul, will display, in detecting and opposing all such monopolies, we have no doubt that the exports of Teas and Silks from the North will be very considerable. We do not anticipate any large shipments from that quarter for sometime, perhaps not for years. The trade on the coast will increase, perhaps slowly, but steadily, which is always the case with a safe business when left to itself, and not puffed into sudden prosperity, by some fortuitous chance, which only raises the hopes of fortune for a short time, to plunge those who appeared its favorites to-day into ruin to-morrow.

We were much pleased last Saturday by seeing a party of convicts, under charge of a Superintendent, employed in rooting out the nest of thieves, who had located themselves on the beach immediately to the eastward of Messrs. Lindsay & Cos. Godown. The system of paupers and rogues, drawing up their Boats on the shore, and there taking up their abode, should not be permitted in any part of the Island. The fleet of boats, at all times to be seen moored in the small bay at that part of the harbour to which we have referred, can be of no possible use—they are not required as passage boats too and from the shipping and they doubtless offer a place of refuge for hundreds of the villains who commit such atrocities in this town. No Ching boat should ever be allowed to approach our shore, by day or night, unless for some ostensible purpose. The requisite number of passage boats could be licenced and numbered, the owners giving surety for good conduct—the same regulation with regard to fishermen, Lighters, and Lorchas, being regular traders to and from Macao, or any other place, with which a water communication is necessary. With the innumerable other boats that infest every creek, and are to be seen drawn up on every sandy beach, after due warning being given to quit, "sink burn and destroy" ought to be the order of the day.

Nothing but the most stringent measures, will clear the Island of the scum which now infest it. Probably one half of the Chinese inhabitants have no visible mode of earning a living, they exist by plunder, which with them is a hereditary calling. It is notorious, that this and the neighbouring Islands, have for ages been the abodes of pirates. The opportunities for plunder, the almost certainty of escaping undetected, or if caught the mildness of British Justice, compared with that of China, are the causes for such hordes finding their way to Hongkong. We trust, that this Island, will not long be an Asylum for the very dregs of the Chinese population; as their conduct makes them a disgrace to a British Colony.

CHUSAN.

Our dates from Chusan are to the 18th. Trade at that and the other Northern ports progresses satisfactorily. There is every prospect of an increasing demand for Domestic and other kinds of Cotton piece Goods. As in India, the Manufacturers of England and America will gradually supply China with all kinds of Cotton goods, the native Manufacturers cannot compete with them, either in price or quality.

At Ningpo and Shanghai Teas have been purchased to some extent and under the Canton price. The "Nautilus" is chartered at Ningpo to load for London. This will be the first importation into England of a cargo direct from the new ports, but only the precursor of many others. Opium is quoted at for Fatna \$800 Malwa \$800 to \$910.

VESSELS AT CHUSAN.

Snipe, Tarnate, Vixen, H. M. S. Cambrian, H. M. Str. Vixen. Steamer Medusa hourly expected from Shanghai.

VESSELS AT SHANGHAI.

Litherland, Wanderer, William the 4th, Mangay, Amelia, H. M. S. Wolf.

VESSELS AT NINGPO.

Helen Stewart and the Nautilus.

SYDNEY.

We were yesterday in possession of Sydney papers to the 6th of January. There is little that will be interesting to our readers: being filled with matters of purely local interest.

In mercantile affairs there appears little or no change. The principal articles of Import, Sugars and Teas continue extremely low. The rates of stock are by no means at such favorable prices as might have been expected from accounts by the Ratcliff—still there is an improvement upon the low prices quoted in October and November. Horses continue to be shipped to India to some extent.

The Barque "Orator" cleared for Valparaiso on the 5th January with seventy four passengers, and the Swedish Barque "Swartwik" for this port with seven.

The high Tariff, passed by the Legislative Council, has not met the approbation of Sir George Gipps, who is a strong advocate of free trade. On the 27th December, the Honorable Colonial Secretary, read a message from His Excellency proposing an amendment. The principal objection appears to have been to the duty on Wheat, 1s per bushel. The amendments were not passed, and it is therefore doubtful, whether the Bill will receive the Governor's sanction.

The Legislative Council was prorogued on the 28th December. The first Session has been an arduous one to the members, if they have not benefited the Colony materially, they have at least reduced the expenditure by doing away with many offices, which were little better than sinecures.

NAVAL.

The "Spitful" with the January overland Mail may shortly be expected. Although in a bad state of repair she made the passage from China to Bombay in 24 days.

H. M. B. "Childers", sails for England immediately. She carries about one million of dollars on freight.

H. M. Steam frigate "Driver" was only three days from Chusan to this port. Answers to letters she carried up were received in fourteen days.

H. M. Steam frigate "Vixen" is daily expected from Chusan with the head quarters of the 55th Regt. The "Vixen" got on the rocks on her passage to the Northward and it is probable she may have to go to Bombay for repairs.

DEED.—On the morning of the 26th Dr. JAMES SARGENT.

FOR SALE.—Prime London Bottled Ale ex Period also No. 3 Superior Manila Cigars. Apply to F. DICKENS. Opposite the Hongkong market. Victoria, 26th February, 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 at the Entrance of Bombay Creek in Blenheim Reach.

JUST received at Blanket and 44 sale by the undersigned, a Choice selection of cut Glass consisting of Pint and Quart Bottles of the newest pattern Tumblers, Rock Jelly and Custard Glasses, Liquier, Double, Hook, Jelly and Custard Glasses, French Chimney, Bell mouth and other wine glasses, French Chimney, Salt cellars, Table and Dessert Knives, British Plate, and also Raspberry Vinegar, Sarsaparilla, Arrow Root, Currie Powder, Saleratus, sponges and Bath Bricks.

JAMES WELCH.

Victoria, Hongkong, 24th February, 1844.

NOTICE.—It is hereby given that the business heretofore conducted in China by Messrs. Henry Pybus and Co. will be now carried on by John Mackay & Co. of Canton, and also here by Messrs. John Leffer and Charles James Murray, acting as their Agents and under their Provisions.

EDWARD FRANKIS.

Attorney for John Mackay & Co. Macao, 12th February, 1844.

FOR SALE STOVES of various kinds and sizes and pipes. Apply at the Godowns of JOHN BURD & Co. Victoria, 24th November, 1843.

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, Spy Glasses, Spirit Levels, Thermometers, Surveying, and Mathematical Instruments, Barometers, &c. &c. &c.

Apply to N. DUUS.

Victoria, February 6th, 1844. 18 Queen's Road

FOR SALE.—Manila Rum and Java Arrack in Casks of all sizes, Brandy in Hogsheads, Sherry in Butts, Hds. 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 Frocks, Southwesters, Scotch Caps, Duck Frocks, Worsted hose, Regatta Shirts, Cotton Shirts, Surge, Blankets, Duck &c., &c.

ALSO

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

J. B. PAIN.

Victoria, 1st February, 1844.

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

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. Jameison 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.

BOOKS.

FOR SALE at P. Townsend's Godown, at a reduction of 25 per Cent, a large collection of New Books and Maps, Catalogue of which can be seen at the Godown.

A List of Books for Sale. For Silk, Beef, Flour, Olives, Butter, Cheese, Oil and the cloth, Hats, Ladies and Gents Shoes, Rum, Arrack, Bread, Wine, &c. &c. An Assortment of Flax, Wax, Candles, Baskets, Dish-cloths, Candlesticks, Powder, Baskets and one or two other following pieces Quilt, Steel Pens, Pens, Horse furniture, Carriage, Champagne, Cider, Looking Glasses and other Goods, Shades for Lamps, and sundry other goods.

P. TOWNSEND.

Victoria, 1st February, 1844.

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, 1 per cent. per annum.
2nd.—On such Buildings and their contents, when not so isolated, at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum.
Assurances for 6 months $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual rate, will 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.

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, refitting Medicine Chests &c. will be most faithfully attended to.

1st January, 1844.

MR. LATTEY.

Chronometer and Watch Maker.

Removed from Leant's Hotel to the upper part of Mr. Pain's new store Queens Road opposite to Chinams Hong.

Hongkong, January, 1844.

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 Butler, Sykes and Co. Manila, and Messrs Sykes, Schwabe and Co. Liverpool. The partners in our several establishments continue as before; Mr. Edward Boustead managing in China, Mr. Benjamin Butler at Manila, Mr. Gustav Christian Schwabe at Liverpool, and Mr. Adam Sykes at Singapore.

BOUSTEAD, SCHWABE & Co.

Singapore, 14th August, 1843.

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

LECKIE & 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. H. 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 56 Queens Road upon moderate terms.

Goods placed (except combustibles) in Godown 18, Queen's Road can be insured from risk of Fire.

apply to N. DUUS,

Goods received and sold on Commission,

18, Queen's Road,

Victoria, November, 1st 1843.

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

BUSH & MILLER.

Victoria, Hongkong, February, 24th 1844.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have this day established a house of Agency and Commission at "Hong-kong," 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 Pale and Brown Sherry } In wood and bottle.
Fine old Madeira }
Fine old Port }
Sauterne, 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.

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At the Godowns of JOHN BURD & 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.

TO LET.

THE Bungalow & out 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.

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A. Mc. CULLOCH.

46 Queen's Road.

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

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P. TOWNSEND,

Auctioneer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 22nd February, 1844.

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THE A. 1. Ship "EMERALD ISLE" new loading at Whampoa, and will have quick dispatch; the very excellent accommodations for passengers. Apply to the Commandant on board or to

R. J. GILMAN.

Canton, 14th February, 1844.

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For freight, apply to

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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

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FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE British Ship GODOLFER, A. 1.

343 tons, Capt. Oliver.

Apply to

HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.

Victoria, 10th February, 1844.



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Victoria, 12th February, 1844.

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