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LATEST DATES.

ENGLAND	Nov. 15	SINGAPORE	Jan. 15
UNITED STATES	Oct. 28	LAHORE	Jan. 8
CALCUTTA	Dec. 20	MANILA	Feb. 17
BOMBAY	Dec. 26	CHINAN	" 18
SYDNEY	Jan. 6	SHANGHAI	Jan. 29
		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 Tuesday last at 6 O'Clock A.M.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1844.

WITHIN the last few years the recently discovered powers of steam have added more to the solidity of the mighty empire of which we form a part, than all the legislative enactments of the imperial parliament. Through the agency of this gigantic power, the most distant colonies are drawn into a close communion with the great from which they are all fed. The bonds of a common language, religion, and laws, which bind the offshoots of the British Empire to the parent stem, are more closely knit and consolidated by the facilities now afforded for quick and frequent intercourse, than could possibly be effected by any other means merely human. The hearty farmer of Canada can scarcely look upon himself as being removed from familiar intercourse with the busy world, in which his youth may have been passed, when he sees his former acquaintances landed upon the American shore after a voyage of twelve days, which appears, from its comfort and security, more like a pleasure party than what was once looked upon as a great undertaking. In his seclusion he may be in regular receipt of all the European news, in as short a period as twenty years ago they could have been transmitted to the remotest districts of the British Islands. So situated he does not lose an interest in what is passing in the great world, nor degenerate into a creature of mere local opinions, as men are apt to do when long estranged from the busy scenes of active life. His sympathies with his native country are kept alive, and his affection for her transmitted to his posterity. In the West Indies, the planter thinks not of the 6,000 miles, which lie between him and the country he still loves, when he views the staunch and powerful bark that will carry him to her shores in safety in less than three weeks. In India too, those who for business or pleasure may wish to visit home, no longer need dread "the stormy spirit of the cape." The lonesome and dangerous voyage of five or six months is reduced to from thirty to forty days. The incalculable benefits yet to be derived from steam in carrying to all lands the customs of Civilization and the truths of Christianity is a pleasing and a fruitful subject for contemplation. This is at present foreign to the object we have in view, which is merely to impress upon our Readers the feasibility of establishing a monthly chain of communication, between not only this colony and England, but also those parts of British India, which in a commercial view are only second in importance to our trade with England herself. Of the advantages to be derived from this our Readers are the best judges and on that head we will say nothing.

In laying our plans before the public we may remark, that the greater portion of the line, viz: that from London to Ceylon being already completed, we have no observations at present to offer on this part of the route, further than that the East India Steam Navigation Company, already transport Mails and passengers from London to Ceylon in from 35 to 37 days. Our intention is to point out the possibility of forming a junction with this line at the point we have named, and the probability of this not only being a safe, but also a lucrative investment.

It is obvious, that the amount which could be received from Mails and passengers to and from Ceylon would go but a small way to defray the expense of three Steam Vessels of 800 tons, which would be required to keep up a regular monthly communication. Government would doubtless allow a handsome sum in furtherance of such a desirable object, but it is from other sources that the greater proportion of the Company's revenue would have to be drawn. Extend this line as far as Calcutta, and the freights upon Opium and Treasure, would in all likelihood pay the entire expenses of the Company. The shipment of this drug from Bengal to China do not fall far short of 20,000 Chests annually, the freight upon which will amount to £ 40,000. Returns are made principally in Specie and Bullion, freight upon which taken at £ 20,000, giving in all £ 60,000 freight on this one item of the trade of China. Both for security and speed the Steamers required for this line would be preferred to sailing Vessels, and they might calculate upon receiving a very large proportion of the freight now mentioned. Upon an article so va-

luable as Opium, even a higher rate of freight than that now paid, is not to be taken into account, with the advantage derived by its coming expeditiously to a market.

The vessels required for a regular monthly communication between China Singapore, Malacca Pinang, Ceylon and Calcutta, will be three; each vessel will be absent from the port two months. To Singapore nine days, Malacca and Pinang two days, to Ceylon six days and from thence to Calcutta four, making the run to Calcutta in all twenty one days, not inclusive of stoppages. Could the voyage be always depended upon in two months, a couple of vessels would suffice; but as this is not the case a third would place it beyond a doubt, giving the vessels alternately an opportunity of lying up for repairs. The capital required for the undertaking may be stated at nearly £120,000 Sterling viz:

3 Ships of 800 tons @ £36,000 £108,000.  
Depots for coal &c. do. " 12,000

£120,000

There are few lines of Steam Vessels which offer a fairer prospect of paying well than this one. In addition to the usual sources of profit, passengers and Mails, they have the chance of being carriers of one of the most valuable articles of trade in the world, a large amount of which requires small stowage. The expense of sailing Steam vessels upon this line, will be less than any other out of Great Britain or America. From the well known regularity of the Monsoons, in their changes, and the steadiness and strength with which they blow, either from the N.E. or S.W. a fair wind may be calculated upon either in the China sea or the bay of Bengal, when a vessel would make sufficient speed to carry her within a degree or two of the equator without the use of steam at all. For instance at the present season the run from Hongkong to Singapore, a distance of 1700 miles would at the rate of 8 miles an hour take nine days. From thence to Pinang, Ceylon and Calcutta steam would have to be used. In returning from India in the N. E. monsoon, the wind would carry the Vessel to the Straits of Malacca, thence she would steam up the China Sea. At the changes of the monsoon, fair winds could not be relied upon any part of the way, when the consumption of Coals would be greater. The Vessels however at no time would require to carry more than 10 or 12 day fuel, which would give them ample stowage for Opium or Treasure.

The limits of our paper will not permit our entering so minutely into this question, as we could wish. The calculations we give as to expense &c., will be found not far from being correct, and will probably attract the attention of those competent to give a more lucid and comprehensive view of this important matter. The annual expenses, rated proportionally to those of other Steam Navigation companies are Wags, Coals, Insurance, Sinking fund, wear and tear and other charges, each vessel £16,000 £48,000. It is impossible to calculate with any degree of certainty upon the returns from Mails, passengers and freight. Upon this head their will be much difference of opinion. We are satisfied, the sum will be very considerable. This line in addition to the support afforded by the commerce of India and China, and the Mails and passengers to and from England, would also be aided by the commerce of Singapore, Malacca, Pinang and Ceylon. All of these places are more or less connected with the trade of Bengal or China, and would give their support to a regular and expedition line of communication.

We do not think, we are over sanguine in our expectation, in stating the probable Revenue of a Company, established on the principles and for the purposes we have now mentioned, as follows:

Passengers to Singapore, Ceylon, and Calcutta, also for the intermediate distances each voyage say	£ 500	£6,000
Freight on Treasure each voyage, also intermediate freight	£ 500	£6,000
Passengers on the return voyages		£6,000
Freight each return voyage say 1,000 chests a £ 3		£3000
Annual Receipts		£54,000

To this sum would be added the Government allowance for Mails. What that would be cannot even be conjectured. Considering the importance of the object, certainly not less than £10,000 Sterling per annum.

We conclude with the following statement of the time, in which a Mail could be regularly transmitted from Hongkong to London.

To Singapore 1700 miles	8 days.
" Malacca and Pinang 350 miles	2 "
" Ceylon 1200 miles	6 "
To Ceylon	17 "
Allow for detention at Singapore	2 "
Probable detention at Ceylon	2 "
From Ceylon to England	36 "
From China to England	57 days.

On the 6th the Criminal Court again sat. The only case brought before them was that of the Marine Artillery man, belonging to H. M. S. Driver, charged with manslaughter. The Witnesses examined for the prosecution, declared, that the person who committed the crime, had on a Red Jacket, it was proved, to the satisfaction of the

Jury, that on the day, and at the time the crime was committed, the prisoner wore a Blue Jacket. He was therefore acquitted.

His Excellency the Governor briefly addressed the Jury, and the first Session in China, of a Court for trial by Jury was closed.

During the past week the weather has been close and sultry, with occasional showers. The S. w. monsoon well set in immediately, with the usual accompaniments of rain and heat. We would warn Strangers, unaccustomed to a tropical climate, to avoid all exposure to the weather except in the morning and cool of the evenings. However much parties may differ in opinion as to all the causes of the mortality of last season, they agree that exposure to the Sun is one of them. It is noticed by our Correspondent Quindone that none of the European females upon the Island died of the prevailing distemper last season. This he ascribes to their not being exposed to the meridian Sun there is much truth in his observation, but allowance ought also to be made, for greater moderation, both in food and drink.

The Ship "Ratcliff", Captain Garnett, sailed on the 6th with part of H. M. 55th Regt. The head quarters embark immediately in the Fairlie and Canton. This Regt, has been upwards of twenty years on foreign service principally in India. They took an active part in most of the military operations during the war in China, and always sustained the high character of British Soldiers. The right wing of the Regt. were brought down from Chusan lately. Their healthy and muscular appearance says much for the climate of the North. We wish the 55th a safe voyage to their native land they may congratulate themselves upon leaving this country before another sickly season comes on.

Commodore Parker, of the United States Frigate Brandywine, landed in Victoria on Wednesday afternoon. He was received by Major General D'Aguliar and staff, the band of the 55th Regt. being in attendance.

An inquest was held on the 23rd Ult: on board of the Barque "Sylph" lying in the harbour, on the body of a Native of Bengal, who had committed suicide whilst on board.

From the evidence of the Officers and crew of the Sylph, it appeared, that the deceased was servant to Mr. Penfold, the Chief Officer, and had access to the Ships Medicine Chest. During Mr. Penfold's absence from the Ship, the deceased possessed himself of a Bottle of Laudanum from the Medicine Chest, also one of his masters razors. The greater part of the Laudanum he appeared to have swallowed previous to cutting his throat. When discovered he was still alive, but died almost immediately after. No cause could be assigned for his destroying himself. He was on good terms with his Ship-mates, and appeared to have been much respected by them. A few hours previous to his death, at his request, one of the Seamen wrote a letter to his friend in Calcutta. The man did not notice anything in the deceaseds manner which could induce him to think he was deranged. The deceased dictated the letter and appeared quite rational.

The Coroner read a Medical Certificate signed by Alexander Anderson Esq, Colonial Surgeon, and Francis Dill Esq, Surgeon, and having summed up the evidence the Jury returned the following verdict, Temporary Insanity.

In the last instant, an Inquest was held before Mr. Farcomb, on the body of a Chinese boy, who was shot the previous evening whilst on the deck of a Native Boat, anchored off Kellett's Island.

The evidence of the boy's mother and other Witnesses went to prove, that the deceased was struck on the forehead by a musket ball supposed to have been fired from Jardine's point. The Ball was extracted by the Surgeon of the 55 Regt. The Child suffered much and died about 2 hours after being wounded.

Several Witnesses, were examined Chinese, English and Indian, the Jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter against some person unknown and directed that a Demand of £100 be levied on the implement which caused this death which was supposed to be a Musket fired from Jardine-Matheson's point.

SHANGHAI.

We have letters from Shanghai to the 23rd ult: we make the following extracts. -The only vessels in our Port are the Brig Amelia and Barque Mangay, both from Singapore and under detention by the British Consul having false Manifests and Opium on board. The Urgent last from Manila, was waiting outside at Woosung with the intention of sending her Opium, prior to sailing the port, with her piece goods.

The market for imports was very dull, and the rates ruling very low. It was anticipated, when the Chinese Holidays were over, that business would be resumed with an improvement in prices. Opium was quoted @ 325 in Paragon, whilst at Woosung only @ 330 was obtainable. Malwa @ 320.

The opening of the Port of Shanghai has already given a great impetus to the development of the contraband trade in this article, and arrangements, with the connivance of the local fiscal authorities, have been made for its regular supply of the interior, or neighbouring provinces, via Soochow, without let or hindrance.

The whole legal trade of the Port in Imports has not exceeded \$400,000, whilst the Contraband trade at Woosung has more than *exceeded* that amount.

The exports since the opening of the Port have been but small, only 15 Chops of Black Tea (Congon at 13 to 23 Taels), 225 Bales of Raw Silk, a little Alam, Gypsum; a lot of two of Bluhair, and a few Nankon Cloths have as yet been shipped.—Returns being mostly made in Sycee.

Relatively to Canton rates the prices realized for imports have not been remunerating, although it must not be forgotten that, but for the outlet afforded at the Northern Ports, prices would have been ruinously low at Canton.

The last quotations were \$3-50 to \$2-60 for Grey, and \$3-50 for white Long Cloths. Camlets, English, unsaleable; Dutch much enquired for. Cotton Twist, all that has been landed at Shanghai has been reshipped to Amoy, whither also Bengal Cotton has been sent, no market being found for it at Shanghai. Lead in demand at \$6-50. Spanish Stripes \$23 to \$30. Paper \$6. Rattang \$4. Paddy \$1 P. Pecul. The prices for best Tsaltee Raw Silk are \$480 per Peon, \$430 to 450 for Cargo Sorts. Except one parcel, all the silk which has been shipped has been bought at lower rates than the above.

Our Consul is endeavouring to effect a highly important and beneficial arrangement by inducing the Tao-tai to give in his adhesion to the adoption of a Bonding system, the absence of which is an obvious defect in the New Tariff; the sagacity however of the Consul, and practical good sense of the Chinese Authorities, will co-operate to remedy this defect. The successful carrying out of this project (and there is no apparent obstacle or impediment) will tend greatly to develop Foreign commercial relations, and be of immense benefit to the Chinese themselves. It has been wisely suggested that the Bonded Warehouse shall be under the mutual surveillance of the British Consul and the Chinese Authorities.

Ere this you will have heard that we have commenced subscriptions towards establishing a Refuge for the destitute. It is not less strange than true that, during the late severe weather, many houseless wretches perished from cold and hunger, in the streets, as too many of us can testify, when walking out early.

I do not send you an account of the detention of the *Amelia* and *Mingay*, because I have no doubt you and the public will before this have been fully informed on the subject by Government Notifications. The circumstances relating to the seizure &c. &c. are most extraordinary and to us perfectly enigmatical, and it is not the least singular part of this singular affair that the Chinese Authorities notwithstanding they had received information did not communicate this breach of their laws to the Consul but the Consul communicated it to them.

NINGPO.

Our last advices from Ningpo report that a bite and grey Long Cloths are a shade better than at Shanghai. Teas not so low, ruling only some 2 Taels under Canton rates. Woollens are very dull. Some musters of Silk have been shown, but the rates asked preclude purchases, being even higher than at Canton for best Tsaltee. A parcel of Taysam although offered at moderate rates, did not find buyers and was forwarded into the interior destined, it is said, for the Canton market. Patna Opium \$850.

The *Nautique* is loading with Teas (principally Green) for England. The *Ellen Stewart* still in port.

CHUSAN.

From Chusan we are in possession of late dates. As elsewhere, owing to the Chinese Holidays, there was a general suspension of business. Malwa Opium the only article in request at \$210 for good quality. The Opium Vessels lying at Woong were reported to be the *Hollas*, *Mascara*, *Island Queen* and *Luna*. The *Swallow* having sold out has sailed southward.

**FOR SALE.**—At the Office of this paper.

Addenda to the sailing directions for the coast of China, brought up to February 1844 from the surveys of Captain Collinson, B. N. Blank forms of Ships articles, prepared according to the existing law relative to Merchant Seamen, and an Abstract of the Merchant Seamen's Act indorsed on the back. Charterparties and General Powers of Attorney after forms prepared by Mr. Carey.

Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

**NOTICE.**—Tenders will be received on board the *Agamemnon* for the conveyance of the undermentioned persons to Calcutta viz.

- 2 Western Officers (lately attached to the *Agamemnon*)
- 1 Indian Officer (lately attached to the *Agamemnon*)
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By Command of the Surgeon General, H. M. Ship *Agamemnon*, Hongkong, 7th March, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**

Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

FOR AMOY, CHUSAN, SHANGHAI, AND THE INTERMEDIATE PORTS.



THE Fine British Clipper Built Schooner Alligator A. I. for 12 Years at Lloyds R. W. COOK, Commander.

She will be ready to receive goods on the 10th Inst. and will meet with immediate despatch having the greater part of her cargo engaged.

This Vessel has splendid accommodations for Passengers for Particulars. Apply to the Commander on board or to J. B. PAIN, Queen's Road, Victoria, 6th March, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**—One Mahogany and horse hair Sofa, One mahogany Coloret with marble slab, A few Tons of Jerked Beef, Tongues, a carriage, Eau de Cologne in Portable water-cases, Butter, Cheese, Hams, 8 Tons Sassa Wood, Port, and Sherry Wines, Claret, Hock, Champagne, Pale and Dark Brandy, Gin, whiskey and Liqueurs Pickles Sauces, Mustard, Preserves, &c. &c. Apply to J. B. PAIN, Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

**BOOKS.**—For sale by the undersigned a large and valuable collection of new Books and Office Maps. P. TOWNSEND, Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

**JUST received and for sale at the godowns of the undersigned.**

Fowling pieces, Pistols, Fresh American Flour, Bread, Cheese, Butter, Ladies and Gents shoes a few pairs of French Boats, Champagne in Baskets, Sherry in wood and Bottle Brandy Fruits, a few cases Tokay, Olives, Champagne Cider, Arrack, Neats Tongues, Fancy goods, Quills, Steel pens, Hand mirrors Shades for candlesticks, Plated ware, &c. &c. F. TOWNSEND, Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

**TO be raffled for by forty subscribers at \$10 each the horse lately imported from Bengal by Capt. Lander. For tickets, apply at the Office of this paper. Hongkong, 8th March, 1844.**

FOR SALE.

A Windlass 1 patent capstan, and 1 Iron Winch all complete. Apply to N. DUUS, 18 Queen's Road, Victoria, March, 1844.

FOR SALE.

AT the Godowns of the undersigned, Claret St. Julien Faneys and Destoumel--Liquers, Olive oil, Champagne, French plums in Cannisters, Cognac Brandy in Doz Cases \$1 each, Brandy fruits. WILLIAM SCOTT, Victoria, 1st March, 1844.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Gun Room Officers of Her Majesty's Steam Vessel *Driver* will not be responsible for any Debts contracted by *Chas. Fletcher* their Messman. H. M. Ship *Driver*, 1st March, 1844.

**WATER BOAT.**—Captains and Agents of Ships are respectfully informed that a Boat has been fitted with Tanks and a Force Pump for the delivery of Water to the Shipping in Harbour, she will be anchored off the wharf of Mr. N. Duus. Apply on board or at the Godown, Cast on Delivery, Hongkong, 4th March, 1844.

NEW STORE.

**JUST received and now open and for sale by the undersigned at the store formerly occupied by J. W. Bennett, Queen's Road.**

- Champagne
- Claret
- Sherry
- Pun
- Brandy
- Ale
- Porter
- Cider
- Perry
- Vinegar
- Cherry Cordial
- Menthol Oil
- Essence of all Sorts
- Guiniss Beer
- London Porter
- Black and Green Tea
- Spiced Currants

Pickles and Sauces of all descriptions, Pickled and Oiled, various Sauces, 1000 Cases, Brandy and diverse Spices and other Groceries, &c. &c. Chinese Wine, Perfumery, &c. &c. All at the undersigned's, Laiding Covey Street, Victoria, 1st March, 1844.

ROBT. LOWRIE

**FOR SALE.**

Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

**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 10th, 1844, 18 Queen's Road.

**FOR SALE.**—Small quantities of the following Goods, viz. Sheet Copper and Nails, a few Mari 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 Oilmen's Stores, Oboanout, Turpentine and Paint Oil, French and English, &c. &c. Apply to DISANDT & TIEDEMAN, Oswald's Hill, Opposite to the Premises of Messrs. Goss, Livingston & Co.

**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 DISANDT & TIEDEMAN, Oswald's Hill, Opposite to the Premises of Messrs. Goss, Livingston & Co. JOHN RIFSON, 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.

**TO LET.**—The upper part of a house in a central part of the Town. Apply to RICHARD OSWALD, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 4th March, 1844.

**NOTICE.**—We the undersigned beg to announce that we have this day established ourselves as Commission Agents at Hongkong, under the firm of DISANDT & TIEDEMAN. D. DISANDT, F. H. TIEDEMAN, Victoria, Hongkong, 1st January, 1844.

**NOTICE.**—It 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 Leffler and Charles Wilson Murray, acting as their Agents and under their Procuration. EDWARD FRANCIS, Attorney for John Mackey & Co. Macao, 12th 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, Hock Jelly and Custard Glasses, Liqueur do Bell-mouth and other wineglasses, French Chimney Salt cellars, Table and Dessert Knives, British Plate, and also Raspberry Vinegar, Souce, Arrow Root, Currie Powder, Salacatus Sponge and Bath Bricks. JAMES WELCH, Victoria, Hongkong, 24th February, 1844.**

**WHAMPOA HOSPITAL.** FOR the greater convenience of Vessels lying in the Whampoa and Blenheim reaches, the Hospital Vessel is moored off the Bombay Creek by which both are united. M. OSULLIVAN M. R. C. S. L. Resident Surgeon. Hospital Ship, Whampoa, 3rd February, 1844.

J. MAC MURRAY, 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 other provisions, of the best quality and punctuality, to meet a demand for the same. Orders will be thankfully received, promptly attended to, and executed with the least possible delay. Victoria, 12th February, 1844.**

**TO THE OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND THE PUBLIC.** The undersigned has the honor to inform that he has on hand a supply of the most superior quality of Biscuits, and other provisions, of the best quality and punctuality, to meet a demand for the same. Orders will be thankfully received, promptly attended to, and executed with the least possible delay. Victoria, 12th February, 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 at Hong-Kong, as under:—  
1<sup>st</sup>.—On Buildings of Brick or Stone, covered with Tiles, Slates, Metal, or other incombustible material, together with their contents, when such Buildings are isolated from all others.  
Rate of Premium, 1/2 per cent. per annum.

2<sup>nd</sup>.—On such Buildings and their contents, when not so isolated, at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum.  
Assurances for 6 months 3/4 of the annual rate, will and for 3 months 1/2 be charged.

Of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Assurances for the present, will be accepted to the extent of £10,000 only on one risk. And of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**PHILLIPS MOORE & Co.**

to announce that they have taken part of the Godowns of Mr. Dhuus 18 Queen's Road, and have just landed from the *Bangalore* a large quantity of all descriptions of Cutlery, Trunking, 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.

Hongkong, February, 19th 1844.

**JAMES WELCH**

CHEMIST DRUGGIST & Co. & Co.  
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 & Co. He further assures them that any commands with which he may be entrusted, in the preparation of Prescriptions, refitting Medicines Chests &c. will be most faithfully attended to.

1st January, 1844.

**MR. LATTEY.**

Chronometer and Watch Maker.

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

Hongkong, January, 1844.

THE Copartnership existing between LARON, CARTER & Co. at Bombay, DIROM, RICHMOND & Co. at Liverpool, and ourselves in China, having expired by its own limitation on the 31st July last, we beg leave to announce, that in future, our business will be carried on here, under the firm of DIROM, GRAY & Co.; at Bombay under the firm of DIROM, HENDERSON & Co.; and at Liverpool under the firm of DIROM, LINDSAY & 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.

LECKIE & Co.

Bombay, 24th September, 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned beg to acquaint the Public, that he has taken the *LELION 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 merchandize 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 "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 advertize 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 *Tiam* 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, 1 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.—Bully-Rice, Auto Coffee, Copenhagen Cherry Cordials in Pints, Manila Cordage, Oakum, Corks, Singapore Planks, Anchors and Chains, Arrack, Bengal Citinney, 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.—Superior Port and Sherry; Champagne; Claret; Sauterne and other light Brachwines; Cider; pale and dark Cognac in wood and bottle; Geneva; Sperm Candles; Blanking; Table covers; Sauces; Salad oil; Mustard; Nails and locks of sizes; best French corks; Pocket Compasses; fine Pekoe Tea; Superior No. 3 Cheroots; York-hams &c. apply to

J. C. POWER.

Victoria, 12th February, 1844.

**TO LET.**

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

HOLIDAY WISE & Co.

Victoria, December 18th 1843.

**TO LET.**

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

Apply to

A. Mc CULLOCH.

46 QUEEN'S ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, 12th December, 1843.

**FOR SALE.**

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

**FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.**



THE British Ship GODOLIUM, A. 1.

343 tons, Capt. Otter.

Apply to

HOLIDAY WISE & Co.

Victoria, 10th February, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**



The new and superior built Iron Barque JOHN LAIRD, 270 Tons N.M.

Sails well cut, a large Cargo and is an inextinguishable Sea-bont. Masts and Yards fitted in the best style for light working, Standing and running rigging of bolt rope yarn, best London-made. Sails: One suit and a half quite new, one half work of best Navy canvas, Anchors and Cables complete, Patent Windlass, Iron Tackle and Bitts, Two new quarter boats with awning and sails, Launch and Yawl 80 Tons new small sized Kenfledge, 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 BATAVIA.**



THE A. J Swedish Barque "SWARTWICK" of 364 tons Register will sail for the

above Port in about ten days for freight or passage apply to the Captain on board or to

ANIERSON CHALMERS & Co.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1844.

Macao

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.

NOTICE.—The sale of Mr. Pybus Godowns as advertised below is postponed until Monday the 11th day of March.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1844.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

P. TOWNSEND having received instructions, will put up by public Sale,

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.

**NOTICE.**

From this date the Charges for Printing at the Hongkong Gazette Office will be as follows:

Boat Notes	\$ 2 per hundred
Opium Orders	1 do. do.
Bills of Exchange in sets	3 do. do.
Cheques	1 do. do.
Ships 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 75 cents for every succeeding 100.
Auction Catalogues	3 per do. do. and 1 per do. do.

**ADVERTISEMENTS.**

Ships, not exceeding 10 lines, 1 month \$ 2 longer period, 4.

General Advertisements under 10 lines first insertion \$ 1 and 10 cents additional for every line exceeding ten.

Repetitions, one fourth of the original charge. Contracts may be entered into for long or short periods. Terms may be known on application at the Office.

**TERMS, CASH.**

Victoria, 5th January, 1844.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Ordinances are published for general information.

By Order,

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria,  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1844.

An Ordinance for Her Majesty's subjects within the dominions of the Emperor of China or within any Ship or Vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the Coast of China.

Anno Sexto et Septimo Victoriae Reginae  
No. 2. of 1844.

By His Excellency Sir Henry Pottinger Baronet Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Order of the Bath Major General in the service of the East India Company Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to give Judicial Authority to Her Majesty's Consuls within the dominions of the Emperor of China. (25th February, 1844.)

Title.

Preamble.

Whereas a certain Ordinance was passed by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong and Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong in the seventh year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria intituled an "Ordinance to render Her Majesty's subjects within the Dominions of the Emperor of China or within any Ship or Vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the Coast of China subject in all matters to the Law of England and to extend the jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice at Hongkong over the same"

And whereas to carry the said recited Ordinance into effect it is expedient to invest Her Majesty's Consuls in China, with judicial Authority.

Consuls to have the same judicial authority as Courts at Hongkong.

1. Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong and Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong that from and after the passing of this Ordinance Her Majesty's Consuls shall within the limits of the Port in China where they may be officially resident possess the same jurisdiction power and authority that is now or shall hereafter be possessed by any Court of Judicature at Hongkong save always as is hereinafter mentioned and excepted.

Consuls to record evidence.

2. And be it enacted that such Consul as aforesaid shall have full power to inquire concerning and record the evidence of all Witnesses in any felony misdemeanor or other criminal offence and also in all civil actions suits and matters whatsoever but not to determine the same save as hereinafter mentioned.

Evidence to be transmitted to Hongkong and read at the trial.

3. And be it enacted that the evidence so recorded shall be transmitted together with the remarks of the said Consul thereon and on the demeanour of the witnesses giving the same to such Court of Judicature at Hongkong as is now or shall hereafter be erected which shall thereupon duly proceed to hear try and determine the said civil or criminal matters and for that purpose shall admit and read the said evidence so recorded of such of the said Witnesses as shall be absent from Hongkong aforesaid saving all exceptions thereto which may appear to the said Court to be valid and just.

Consul to have power to adjudicate in certain matters.

4. And be it enacted that the said Consul shall have full power (if he think fit to use the same) to adjudicate upon and determine pleas and in a summary manner all misdemeanors and other minor offences committed by any person to him not being a punishment than he is authorized to inflict and all civil suits and actions wherein the sum claimed shall not exceed 500 dollars and which shall not be founded on any libel trespass or other personal wrong.

Consul's decision liable to the revision of the Supreme Judicial Authority at Hongkong.

5. Provided always in all such cases so adjudicated upon that the evidence recorded therein shall be forthwith transmitted together with the said Consul's reasons for his sentence or decision to such Supreme Court of Judicature at Hongkong as is now or shall hereafter be erected which shall have power to remit the case so decided for explanation or the taking of further evidence or to proceed to

Power to the Consul to fine and imprison.

examine further witnesses therein or alter or reverse the said sentence or decision or increase or diminish the amount of punishment or damages awarded thereby as shall seem just and expedient.

6. And be it enacted that the said Consul shall have power and authority to sentence any person committing any misdemeanor of other minor offence to pay a fine to Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors not exceeding 200 dollars and to suffer imprisonment for any period not exceeding two months and in case of non payment of any fine to suffer a further imprisonment not exceeding two months in lieu thereof or until the same shall be paid.

In cases where not more than 50 dollars are claimed Consuls to appoint persons to determine the same.

7. And be it enacted in all suits or actions wherein the sum claimed does not exceed 20 dollars that such Consul as aforesaid may appoint by writing under his hand any one or more persons to hear and determine the same on his behalf and under his supervision revision and control which said person or persons so appointed shall have the same power and authority and shall in all things demean him or themselves therein as the said Consul himself.

Consuls allowed to take security from the master or any of the Crew of Vessels about to sail.

8. And be it enacted in any criminal proceeding, except for felony against the Master or any of the Crew of any vessel about to leave such Port as aforesaid wherein the evidence shall have been duly recorded as aforesaid and it shall appear that an adequate punishment can be awarded by way of fine without imprisonment that it shall be lawful for the said Consul (if he thinks fit) to take security for the due payment of any fine which may be awarded therein and thereupon to permit the departure of the master or the crew of the said Ship without their appearing to take their trial before the said court at Hongkong and in such cases the said court shall proceed to adjudicate, herein in the absence of the accused party.

Consuls to grant Probates and letters of administration.

9. And be it enacted that such Consul as aforesaid shall have full power to grant Probates of the wills and letters of administration to the Estates of Her Majesty's Subjects dying or leaving property within the limits of such Port as aforesaid Provided always that in all cases of doubt or difficulty or of any caveat being entered against such Consul may if he thinks fit remit the same together with all the proceedings therein duly authenticated for decision to the Court of Judicature at Hongkong aforesaid and in the interim the said Consul shall grant administration to such person or persons of the best credit and repute within such Port as aforesaid as may be willing to accept the same and give the usual security and in default thereof the said Consul shall and he is hereby required to act as administrator himself and to take a Commission of 2 1/2 per centum on such property as may come to his hands according to the statute in that case made and provided.

Consuls to conform to rules issued by Supreme Court.

10. And be it enacted that the said Consuls in the execution of the powers given to them by this Ordinance shall in all matters and things obey and conform to such rules and instructions as may from time to time with the sanction of the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's Subjects in China be made and issued by such Supreme Court of Judicature as may hereafter be erected at Hongkong.

Consuls to take fees in judicial proceedings.

11. And be it enacted that the said Consuls shall take such fees in judicial proceedings as are now authorized to be taken in the Office of the Honorable the Chief Magistrate at Hongkong or such other fees as may hereafter from time to time with the sanction of the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's Subjects in China be fixed by such Supreme Court of Judicature at Hongkong as aforesaid.

Consul power in presence of a Judge of the Court at Hongkong.

12. And be it enacted in case any Judge of the said Supreme Court of Judicature at Hongkong shall come within the limits of any such port as aforesaid that the power authority and jurisdiction hereby given to the said Consuls shall (as the Judge by writing under his hand shall order) either cease and determine during the presence of such Judge or shall be exercised conjointly with the said Judge or continue to be possessed by the said Consul alone.

Records of Consuls to be recorded at Hongkong.

13. And be it enacted that all the records process minutes and other proceedings of Her Majesty's Consuls made or issued in pursuance of this ordinance and transmitted to Hongkong as herein before

Interpretation the word Consul.

provided shall to all intents and purposes be deemed and taken to be Records of the said Court of Judicature at Hongkong.

14. And be it enacted that the word Consul in this and all other ordinances shall extend and be applied as well to any Consul duly appointed by Her Majesty as to any person who for the time being shall actually be the Chief Consular Agent at any such Port or Ports as aforesaid.

HENRY POTTINGER.

Supt. of Trade &c.

Passed the Legislative Council the 28th day of February, 1844.

RICHARD BURGASS,  
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

HONGKONG.  
No. 3. of 1844.

Anno Sexto et Septimo Victoriae Reginae.

By His Excellency Sir HENRY POTTINGER Baronet Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath Major General in the Service of the East India Company Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's Subjects in China with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to provide for the Registration of deeds wills judgments and Conveyances affecting real or immoveable property in Hongkong.

[28th February, 1844.]

Preamble that it is desirable to facilitate the tracing of titles to land and other property.

Whereas it is expedient to prevent secret and fraudulent Conveyances in the Colony of Hongkong and to provide means whereby the title to real and immoveable property may be easily traced and ascertained. Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong and its Dependencies with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof that from and after the passing of this Ordinance the Land Office in the said Colony shall be a public office for the registration of deeds Conveyances and other instruments wills and judgments in manner herein after mentioned: and that all Conveyances and other deeds, wills and devises and other instruments in writing now or hereafter to be made or executed and all judgments hereafter to be obtained by which Conveyances deeds and other instruments in writing wills and judgments any parcels of ground, tenements or premises in Hongkong aforesaid or its dependencies now are, or shall or may hereafter be affected may be entered and registered in the said Office in the manner herein after directed.

Establishment of a Registry Office.

From the passing of this Ordinance all instruments affecting land may be registered within the said office.

Such instruments to have priority according to their respective dates of Registration.

2. And be it further enacted. That all such judgments and Conveyances or instruments in writing obtained made or executed respectively after the passing of this Ordinance and registered in pursuance hereof shall have priority one over the other according to the priority of their respective dates of registration and that all such judgments deeds Conveyances or instruments in writing as last aforesaid and all future devises which shall not be registered in pursuance of this Ordinance shall (as against any subsequent bona fide purchaser or mortgagee of the same parcels of ground tenements or premises for valuable consideration) be absolutely null and void to all intents and purposes. Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to bona fide leases at rack rent for any time not exceeding three years.

Notice of unregistered instruments not to affect instruments duly registered.

3. And be it enacted that no notice whatsoever either actual or constructive of any prior unregistered deed judgment will Conveyance or instrument in writing shall affect the priority of any such instrument as aforesaid as shall be duly registered in pursuance of this Ordinance.

Such instruments to be registered within a certain time after execution.

4. And be it further enacted that all judgments deeds wills Conveyances or instruments in writing hereafter obtained made or executed which shall be duly registered within the respective times next mentioned: "that is to say" all deeds Conveyances and other instruments in writing (except wills)

which (if executed in Hongkong or its dependencies) shall be registered within one month, or which if executed in any other place shall be registered within twelve months after the time of execution thereof respectively and all wills which (if the deviser die in Hongkong or its dependencies) shall be registered within one month or which (if the deviser die in any other place) shall be registered within twelve months after the decease of every deviser respectively and all future judgments which shall be registered within one month after the entry or recording thereof shall severally be in like manner entitled to priority and shall take effect respectively by relation to the date thereof only in the same manner as if this Ordinance had never been made.

5. And be it further enacted: That the registration intended by this Ordinance shall be made in manner following: "that is to say" a Memorial containing the particulars hereinafter specified shall be delivered into the said Land Office signed (in case of deeds, conveyances or other instruments in writing except wills) by some or one of the parties to the Original deed or instrument or if such parties be dead or absent from the Colony then by one or more of the Witnesses to such deed or instrument and (in case of wills and devises) signed by some or one of the devisers or his or her guardian or trustees and (in case of judgments) signed by the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; and every such Memorial shall be verified by the Oath of some competent person that the same contains a just and true account of the several particulars therein set forth which Oath shall be taken before the Chief Magistrate of Police or before any Justice of the Peace of the said Colony.

6. And be it further enacted. That every memorial of any judgment shall contain the following particulars "that is to say" the names and additions of the Plaintiffs and Defendants respectively the sums thereby recovered or secured the time of entry or recording the same and the sum of money bona fide due thereon and every memorial of any deed or conveyance will or other instrument shall contain and set forth the date of such deed conveyance will or other instrument and the particular nature and object thereof the names and additions of all the parties to such deed conveyance or instrument and of the deviser devisee or devisees of such will and the names and additions of all the Witnesses thereto and shall especially particularize and express the parcels of ground tenements and premises affected or intended to be affected by such deed conveyance will or instrument and the proper and ordinary or accustomed names of the places where the same shall be situated (and except in cases of Wills) the pecuniary or other consideration for the same in the form or to the effect of the form numbered 1 in the Schedule herunto annexed. Provided always. That when there shall be more writings than one for perfecting the same conveyance devise or security affecting the same parcels of ground tenements and premises all such writings shall be stated in one and the same memorial in which it shall be sufficient to particularize such parcels tenements and premises only once.

7. And be it further enacted. That on delivery of any such memorial as aforesaid the said Land Officer shall number the same according to the order of time in which it shall have been so delivered and shall give a receipt for the same in which receipt shall be endorsed thereon the certain day and time of day when such memorial shall have been so delivered and the proper number thereof in the Register of the said Land Office and he shall also in like manner immediately indorse on the back of such memorial a certificate containing the day and time of day when the same was so delivered and the name and place of abode of the person verifying the same and shall sign the said certificate when so indorsed and such certificate shall be taken and allowed as evidence of the registration and time of registration of every such

judgment deed will devise conveyance or other instrument whereof such memorial shall be so made.

8. And be it further enacted. That every such memorial shall as soon after the receipt thereof as practicable be enrolled registered by the Land Officer in regular succession as received according to its proper number in a particular book to be kept by him for that purpose and shall afterwards be deposited by him in some secure place in his Office and there kept for future reference when required and he shall also keep an index of the parcels of ground tenements and premises mentioned in every such memorial and also a like index or indexes of the names of the several parties to conveyances and other deeds and instruments and of devisers and devisees in wills and of the Plaintiffs and Defendants in case of judgments with accurate references in all such indexes respectively to the number and page of registry of the memorial to which any entry in such index or indexes shall relate.

9. And be it further enacted. That in case of mortgages and judgments registered in pursuance of this Ordinance if at any time afterwards such verified certificate as is hereinafter mentioned shall be brought to the said Land Officer signed by the respective mortgagors and mortgagees or Plaintiffs and Defendants or their Agents respectively and attested by two credible witnesses whereby it shall appear that the whole of the monies due on any such mortgage or judgment have been fully paid of that such mortgage or judgment is otherwise satisfied then the said Land Officer shall make a short entry or memorandum thereof on the memorial and on the margin of the registry of such mortgage or judgment and shall afterwards carefully register the same certificate in one of the registry books of his office and the Land Officer shall make an entry thereof in his index or indexes referring accurately to the page of registry of such certificate.

10. And be it further enacted. That every such certificate shall contain the following particulars "that is to say" (in case of judgments the names and additions of the Plaintiffs and Defendants the time of entering up or recording the same the sum or sums thereby recovered the date or dates of payment or other satisfaction of the amount bona fide due thereon and in case of mortgages the names and additions of the original parties the date of the instrument the sum thereby secured and the time or times of payment or other satisfaction thereof and every such certificate shall be verified by the Oath of some competent person that the same contains a just and true account of the several particulars therein set forth which Oath shall be made and taken before the said Chief Magistrate or before any Justice of the Peace of the said Colony, and on the back of such verified certificate the Land Officer shall immediately indorse the date when the same was received by him and the name and place of abode of the person verifying the same and the said certificate shall after being so indorsed and entered as aforesaid be safely kept in his office for future reference when required.

11. And be it further enacted that it shall be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to deposit in the said Land Office for safe custody any conveyance deed power of Attorney or instrument in writing whatsoever or his or her last will and Testament of which deeds wills conveyances or other instrument the said Land Officer shall (first giving a receipt for the same) immediately make an entry or entries in a book to be kept for that purpose to which book he shall keep an accurate alphabetical index having reference therein as well to the name of the testator or parties to each such deed or instrument as to the person or persons depositing the same and the said Land Officer shall carefully and securely keep all such deeds wills or other instruments in his said Office under the seal of the said Office in an envelope under the seal of

again. Provided that every such will or testament shall be enclosed within a cover or envelope sealed with the seal of the testator or testatrix whose name shall be endorsed by the Land Officer on such envelope of cover and every such will shall remain in the said Office until the decease of the testator or testatrix unless he or she shall previously require the same to be delivered back and upon the death of the testator or testatrix the said Land Officer shall (after examining such will) deliver the same to the executor first named therein or to such other person as shall be duly authorized to receive the same.

12. And be it further enacted that if the said Land Officer or any other person employed in the said Land Office shall wilfully neglect or omit to number register or enter in manner hereinbefore directed any memorial or certificate delivered into the said Office he shall for every such offence forfeit and be liable to pay to Her Majesty her Heirs and Successors for the public purposes of the said Colony the penalty or sum of five hundred dollars and be further liable in damages to the party injured to the extent of the loss or injury sustained. And if the said Land Officer or any Clerk or person whatsoever shall wilfully do or omit to do any act or thing which may tend to defraud or injure any person or persons such Land Officer Clerk or person so offending shall be guilty of felony and being thereof duly convicted shall be liable to be transported beyond seas for any term not less than 7 years and not exceeding 14 years.

13. And be it enacted that all corrections by erasure interlineation or otherwise in any memorial of the registry of any Document required to be registered by this Ordinance shall be noted and set forth at length in red ink in the margin of the memorial wherein they may be made together with the reasons for making the same and shall be attested and verified by the signature of the Land Officer for the time being.

14. And be it further enacted that the several fees or sums of money mentioned in the List numbered 2 in the said Schedule (and no higher or other fees) shall be demanded and paid by and to the said Land Officer for and in respect of the several matters and things to be by him performed and done under or by virtue of this Ordinance and the said Land Officer is hereby required to keep an accurate account of such fees and to pay over the same to the Colonial treasurer for the public purposes of the Colony of Hongkong.

HENRY POTTINGER.  
Governor, &c. &c.

Passed the Legislative Council  
the 28th day of February, 1844.  
RICHARD BURGASS,  
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO BY THIS ORDINANCE  
No. 1.

1. Date of will or Instrument.
  2. Nature and object thereof.
  3. Names and additions of the parties or devisors or devisees.
  4. Names and additions of the witnesses thereto.
  5. Description of the land or premises conveyed in or affected by the deed or will.
  6. Name and description of the place where situated.
  7. Consideration and to whom and how paid.
  8. Any other particulars the case may require.
- No. 2.
- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1. For registering every assignment mortgage or other alienation.                                       | 5 Dollars. |
| 2. For registering every will or Judgment or receiving any verified certificate.                        | 1 Dollar.  |
| 3. For receiving for safe custody any deed will or other Instrument.                                    | 5 Dollars. |
| 4. For every search.  | 1 Dollar.  |
| 5. For Certificate of receipt of any document or certifying a copy thereof and every other certificate. | 5 Dollars. |
| 6. For every uncorrected copy of any will deed memorial or other instrument per folio of 80 words.      | 25 Cents.  |

The Memorial to be registered as soon as possible in a proper book and to be deposited in a secure place in the Office.

Land Officer to keep an index of places and names connected with the instruments so registered with correct references to the proper page of the Registry book.

In case of mortgages and judgments Land Officer shall enter satisfaction for the same on receiving a verified certificate as after described.

Form of the Certificate of satisfaction on a Judgment or mortgage.

Any person may deposit in the said Office for safe custody any conveyance deed power of Attorney or instrument in writing whatsoever or his or her last will and Testament of which deeds wills conveyances or other instrument the said Land Officer shall (first giving a receipt for the same) immediately make an entry or entries in a book to be kept for that purpose to which book he shall keep an accurate alphabetical index having reference therein as well to the name of the testator or parties to each such deed or instrument as to the person or persons depositing the same and the said Land Officer shall carefully and securely keep all such deeds wills or other instruments in his said Office under the seal of the said Office in an envelope under the seal of

Wills when so deposited for safe custody to be wrapped up in an envelope under the seal of

Mode of Registration by a Memorial containing certain particulars to be delivered to the Land Officer.

Particulars which it is necessary for the Memorial to contain.