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NOTIFICATION.—The publication of the Hongkong Gazette under the authority of Government, will be discontinued from this date, but all public orders and notifications appearing in "The Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette," with the signatures of duly authorized Functionaries of the Government are still to be considered to originate from the Government. J. ROBERT HOBBS, Acting Secretary and Treasurer.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Owing to the continued pressure of public business, His Excellency the Governor regrets that he cannot devote more than one day in the week for the reception of Visitors—that day will for the future be Thursday.

By order,

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, 12th February, 1844.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Scaled Tenders for publishing the Government Notifications, and for printing such Government Documents as may be required for Records, will be received at this office up to the 31st Instant—these Tenders may be made independently of each other or together. Parties wishing to tender will obtain any information they may require on application to this office.

By order,

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, 21st March, 1844.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China)

In answer to your most elaborate and ably written article on the Navy, in your most valuable and elegant weekly Journal, bearing, as I feel it must, the entire talent of China, I would observe that your remarks are uncalled for. Your classical lore is only equalled by the brilliancy of your wit and composition; but we cannot be expected to arrive at such classical attainments as yours.

Non quam mens
"SILVER RIND" your shafts fall as pointwise as the broad side of an ax.
I would recommend to your serious consideration a few doses of "Blue Pills," and a little more exercise, to remove the strabismus sine you at present seem to be suffering from.

"The Navy of England has never yet fallen short in checking the duties assigned to her, and whenever wanted, her ships have always been ready; and the QUEEN'S FLAG,
"WHICH FLAUNTS THE PALE BLUE STRIPE"
and which for a thousand years
"HAS BRAVED THE BATTLE AND THE BREEZE"
may be thanked for many advantages at present enjoyed by the inhabitants of Hongkong.

We cannot hope in our department to obtain such super-excellence as you possess in yours;—but we endeavour to do our best, and I feel have never been found wanting when the trumpet of war was sounded, or our services were required in defence of country or possessions.

Our life is a hard one, and we have no Editorial Arm Chairs to lounge in, where we may sit unpublished such enviable articles as your last issue contained!

"The better part of valour is discretion" and I am happy to observe you have the discretion to exclude your name from the bottom of your paper, or you might otherwise find using your classical lingo a

"Visa tengu"
which might be unpleasant.

I am Sir,

Not yours,

A MAN WHO CANNOT BOAST A SWAB.

Victoria, 21st March, 1844.

(The Editor's name is JOHN CARR.)

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

Victoria, Hongkong, 22nd March, 1844.

Mr. Editor,

I think you can hardly fail having observed the number of the intoxicated individuals who are to be seen in our streets on the Sabbath; and it may be matter of surprise to you, whence the means are obtained which make them so, particularly as our worthy Chief Magistrate so rigorously enforces the regulations against the publicans for preventing them exercising their vocation on that day. Your wonder will cease however, I dare say, when I tell you, that for every licensed house in this town, there are to be seen, who carry on their operation so snugly, that the produce of this one day enables them to live in idleness the remaining six of the week; or if they do bestir themselves on such idle days, it is by having their staff about the town, or amongst the shops in harbour, pretending that they can sell much below the storekeepers and retail dealers—there are so many whose applications for licenses the Chief Magistrate has refused, that they are determined to sell even at the risk of detection. And all I mean to convey by this intimation is, that the scandal which naturally arises from the desecration of the Lord's Day, may not be placed to the account of the licensed publicans.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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UNDER DESPATCH.

Resolution for Calcutta, on 26th instant.
James Matheson for Whampoa, 26th instant.
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Litherland, " " " 27th "
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REPORTS.

Passengers per *MERCURY*, left 6th January, Ensign Brown, 2 M. N. I. Ensign Palmer, 41st M. N. I. T. King apothecary 89th Regt.
Crest reports the *George Holmes*, Captain of Distance, Whaler, out 42 months, with 1800 barrels of oil, off Cape Capones.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

NAMES.	TONS.	MASTER.	CONSIGNERS.
Fortescue	259	Hall	Jardine Matheson & Co
Oriental	392	Wardle	Macvicar & Co.
Omega	—	White	Jardine Matheson & Co.
Warlock	—	Januncy	—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF LONDON IMPORTS AND DELIVERIES FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1842 AND 1843, AND STOCK ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER IN EACH YEAR.

	IMPORTS.		DELIVERIES.		STOCK.	
	1842.	1843.	1842.	1843.	1842.	1843.
BOHEA, CANTON	477,000	112,000	224,000	111,000	362,000	397,000
BOHEA, FORIEN	107, "	—	19, "	26, "	105, "	79, "
CONGOU	17,870, "	24,341, "	21,526, "	22,564, "	18,148, "	21,219, "
CAPER	108, "	617, "	398, "	237, "	98, "	210, "
POUCHONG	1,497, "	2,720, "	1,088, "	1,456, "	984, "	2,196, "
SOUCHONG	651, "	833, "	683, "	797, "	763, "	797, "
FLOWERY & BLACK LEAF PEKOE	601, "	683, "	550, "	580, "	360, "	535, "
ORANGE PEKOE	463, "	637, "	571, "	569, "	548, "	401, "
TWANKAY	2,626, "	2,650, "	3,084, "	2,532, "	1,694, "	2,159, "
HYSON SKIN	292, "	859, "	238, "	179, "	146, "	243, "
HYSON	1,830, "	1,184, "	1,664, "	1,956, "	1,468, "	783, "
YOUNG HYSON	1,032, "	616, "	822, "	869, "	771, "	519, "
IMPERIAL & GUNPOWDER	1,344, "	898, "	1,436, "	1,503, "	948, "	422, "
UNASSORTED	247, "	193, "	44, "	53, "	76, "	99, "
For Exportation only	252, "	3, "	88, "	26, "	210, "	187, "
ASSAM TEA	25, "	10, "	13, "	12, "	20, "	20, "
Total	29,421,000	35,889,000	32,478,000	33,770,000	26,705,000	30,241,000

	1842.	1843.
Total delivered	32,478,000	33,770,000 lbs.
Exported	4,200,000	3,660,000
Sent Coastwise	6,100,000	6,700,000
Home Consumption from London	10,300,000	10,300,000
	22,178,000	23,410,000 lbs.

The Cargoes of the MORLEY and CITY OF DERRY not included in the above account.

PRICES CURRENT, DECEMBER 1st, 1843.

	s.	d.	s.	d.		s.	d.	s.	d.
Bohea	0	4	0	8	Twankay	1	13	1	2
Congou	1	0	—	—	Hyson Skin	1	4	1	9
ordinary to good ordinary	1	0	1	1	good ordinary to good ordinary	0	11	1	0
but middling	1	0	1	1	but middling to middling	1	3	1	9
rather blackish leaf	1	2	1	3	Hyson	1	8	1	9
blackish leaf	1	4	1	10	good ordinary	1	11	2	5
Pekoe-kind	2	0	2	4	but middling	1	11	2	5
Pouchong	0	6	0	10	middling to good middling	1	9	3	2
Souchong	1	0	1	9	Young Hyson	0	6	1	0
good ordinary to but middling	2	0	3	0	Canton kind	2	4	3	3
middling to good middling	2	0	4	0	Imperial	1	6	1	0
Flowery Pekoe	1	0	2	0	Canton kind	2	11	3	4
Black leaf Pekoe and Hung Muey	1	0	1	3	Gunpowder	1	6	1	9
Caper	1	9	1	10	Canton kind	1	6	1	9
Boxes	1	5	1	11					
Orange Pekoe	2	4	2	7					
scented									

Your obedient Servant,

RICHARD GIBBS.

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Brahim	---	Mac Arthur	Dent & Co.
Spec	---	---	---
Neried	672	Grant	McVicar, & Co.
Alligator	198	Cooke	---
Bangalore	383	Smith	Bell & Co.
William 4th	141	Woodin	Capt. Woodin
Zeminder	707	King	Jardine Matheson & Co
Litherland	805	Freeman	Fox Rawson & Co.
Gazelle	---	Diewell	---
Annie Jane	351	Rigby	Russell & Co.
Royal Albert	403	Balderson	Bell & Co.
Red Rover	262	McMurdo	---
Resolution	298	Wood	Linnday & Co.
Fre Warren	363	Pratt	Russell & Co.
Palkstone	---	Baylis	---
Nut Cut	150	Lonsdale	McVicar & Co.
Lanrick	455	Lumley	---
F. Barbadian	157	---	---
J. Macbison	441	Cushing	Dirom & Co.
John Bibby	---	Cawkit	Gibb Livingstone & Co
Comorandel	760	Cunningham	Dent & Co.
Mercury	---	Lawson	McVicar & Co.
Starling	---	Adamson	---

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

Agrecont, 72, Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane
K. C. B. Cap. Bruce
Albion, 72, Captain Quin - Hospital Ship.
H. M. S. Frigate Vixen Commander Giffard R. N.
H. M. S. Frigate Driver Com. Hayes R. N.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

SHIPS.	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	AGENTS.
Bombay	1270	Turley	Jardine Matheson & Co.
Canopus	365	Stroyan	Turner & Co.
Saghalien	377	Brown	---
Resolution	417	Wood	Lindsay & Co.
John Laird	207	St. Croix	---
Oprey	150	St. George	---
Wissackon	---	Webber	---
Albyn	374	Clarke	Jardine Matheson & Co
George 4th	1438	Parsons	---
Ormens	200	---	Franklyn
Crest (Dan)	---	Wilkinson	Gibb Livingstone & Co
Soundraprova	245	Espenasso	Jardine Matheson & Co

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA, AND MACAO.

Panama	---	Greswold	A. A. Ritcher
Probus	---	Summer	Wetmore & Co.
Robt Fulton	---	Dunker	C. H. Tiers.
Oscar	---	Eyre	Wetmore & Co.
Huntress	---	Loyet	Olyphant & Co.
Engle	335	Sherman	Russell & Co.
Clarendon	---	Stoddart	---
Jessette	---	Meacoon	---
Petrel	---	Rogers	---
Boxer (Am)	---	Robinson	Russel & Co.

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.

Fortitude	640	Buckham	Lindsay & Co.
John Witt	378	Dunoyan	Russell & Co.
Lenbit	100	---	John Smith
F Barbadian	157	Wolfe	E. Ley
Kestrel	325	Beauvais	Boustead & Co.
Cyrlingman	564	Jack	---
Gratitude	221	Hawey	---
Angloan	---	Lane	---
Sarah	225	Mossman	Jardine Matheson & Co
Goldress	171	Lovering	McVicar & Co.
Rustomjee	765	Hill	D & M Rustomjee & Co

ENGLAND	LATEST	DATES.	SINAPORE	Feb. 29
UNITED STATES	Nov. 17	JAVA	Jan. 19	Jan. 19
CALCUTTA	Nov. 31	MANILA	May. 11	May. 11
BOMBAY	Jan. 13	CHUSAN	Feb. 18	Feb. 18
SYDNEY	Jan. 6	SHANGHAI	Feb. 23	Feb. 23
		AMOI	Feb. 14	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 evenings previous to publication, viz. Mondays and Fridays.

If 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, MARCH 20TH, 1844.

A Mail for England, via Bombay, per Ship Comorandel, closes at the Post Office, to-day, at 5 P.M.
Mails for the Northern Ports, per one of H. M. Steamers, close at the Post Office this day, at 5 P.M.

In the Indian and London papers there are rumours of different individuals having been appointed Governor of this Colony. The desire of Sir Henry Pottinger to return to Europe, where he can enjoy with his family the honours conferred upon him by his country, appears to be no secret. Although curious to know who may be, we are under no apprehensions as to His Excellency's successor being a suitable person; and should any unforeseen circumstance hasten his departure from our shores, we have a Lieutenant-Governor with

whom the reins might safely be placed. Much more important colonies have only Lieutenant-Governors, frequently of inferior military rank to the Commander of the Forces; and we see no reason why, in this colony, these two offices should not be united in one person. The duties now are light and unimportant;—our difficulties with China are happily settled, and the practicability of the commercial treaty already tested;—and although our new colony cannot be said to be yet organized, there is nothing necessary for that purpose which would require more than ordinary talents, with the usual establishment of assistants in the various departments of the public service.

There are other colonial appointments vacant, which it would be satisfactory for the Governor, as well as the Governor, to have filled immediately. We at present refer to the office of Judge in civil and criminal cases. The dissatisfaction at the present order of things is not unfeeling for; and the indignation of the citizens at having civil cases, frequently involving points of law, tried before a Military Magistrate, is universal and justifiable. The state of affairs in this colony is so unlike any other British colony, or the colony of any free country, that we cannot help thinking Her Majesty's Government is still in ignorance of the value of the possession ceded to the Crown, and the large number of Europeans who have settled there. The unjust manner in which the colonists have been used, in taking their grants of land, coupled with the tyrannical form of government under which they live, may well justify their complaint of neglect on the part of the advisers of the crown. The liberal policy of Lord John Russell was the principal cause of the ruin of the Australian colonies; it is true his successor in the Colonial office, Lord Stanley, lent a hand to the completion of their destruction—his famous land bill reducing the annual proceeds of sales from £300,000 to somewhere about £10,000. The distress which the measure has caused in one of the finest of our colonies, has to be witnessed before belief can be given to its extent; and although, from this being a commercial possession, the oppressive manner in which individuals have been deprived of their lands will not influence in any great degree the general prosperity, still it has been the cause of some leaving, whose enterprise in the earlier days of its existence, was the principal means by which the place was made what it now is. The inducements for any of the extensive houses of China making this their head quarters are very small. The principal tie upon them undoubtedly is the money they were prevailed upon to invest upon grants, which they are now told are worthless. It would take no great degree of further ill treatment to cause their removal to Canton, which is still the seat of trade, when Hong-kong would in reality be what it is now governed as—a mere military station. The result of the late trials have proved, that, however well the affair was got up, it was little better than a trifling with justice.

That everything was conducted with propriety, and a desire exhibited to adhere to the principles of criminal jurisprudence, is undeniable; but as it is impossible, by any moral alchemy, at once to transmute the knowledge of the lawyer, only gained after years of study and daily practice, into the head of the warrior or the statesman, the legal pageantry has passed harmlessly away. We glance at the proclamation by which this court was called into being; we find it is by order of the court—the court which then was not in existence!—The declared purpose of this court, was, to try Her Majesty's subjects, who had committed offences within the colony of Hongkong, the empire of China, or one hundred miles of the Chinese coast. This appears sufficiently explicit. The first prisoner brought to trial was a *Manilaman*, accused of committing murder on board an English vessel on the high seas. The man is a *Spanish subject*, and on the face of his indictment was stamped as such. There is no doubt of his guilt; and the sentence recorded against him would only be a fitting punishment for the crime he committed; neither is there any doubt of his life being saved. The recommendation of the jury will, probably, never be sent to England. The prerogative of mercy is in the Governor's hands, and under the circumstances of the trial, will inevitably be exercised in favor of the criminal. On the other case brought before this court—the first of the kind held in China—we do not wish to make any remarks. A man acquitted by an unprejudiced jury must be looked upon as innocent.

We say it, with all respect to the character of the gentleman who presided over the court, and admiration of his talents, that it was a total failure, and that every other attempt to interfere with judicial matters will prove the same.

We would respectfully call the Chief Magistrate's attention to the flourishing trade carried on by the sly-grog-sellers. On Sundays, the licensed publicans are obliged to close up, and a strict watch is kept over them by the police. Sunday, however, is the day when those disgraceful exhi-

bitions of drunkenness are to be witnessed, which degrade Europeans in the eyes of the Heathen and predisposes the constitution to disease, so fatal to our countrymen in this climate. We hear names and localities where samshoo is sold by disreputable Europeans upon Sundays, the gains of one day's infamy being sufficient to keep them in idleness during the week. It is to be hoped that these hidden dens, the haunts of infatuated sailors and soldiers, when respectable places are closed against them, will be rooted out, and the parties who keep them punished condignly. We doubt not, were enquiries made, it would be found, that military officers are more troubled with drunkenness among the men of Sundays, than any other day of the week, and that on that day there is greater danger of insubordination, than on any other. Men labouring under the influence of the deleterious spirits, which are sold at these places, may commit offences against military law, which entails disgrace upon them for life. We are well aware of the injury done to the constitution by indulging too freely in ardent spirits, but we would rather see all the licensed houses open on Sundays, than a continuance of the present system. There, the visitors would at least obtain good spirits, and if we are not greatly mistaken, a limit would be put on the quantity supplied by all respectable publicans.

A Shipping List, containing the Arrivals and Departures, Reports, &c., for the previous twenty-four hours, is issued every morning from the Harbour Master's office. This will be found a great convenience to the public, and parties who are not in receipt of it will always find a copy for their inspection at the Office of this Paper.

SANDWICH ISLANDS

We have papers from this interesting group to the 1st of January. "The Friend of Temperance and Seamen," published at Oahu monthly, is conducted, we presume, by Gentlemen connected with the American Missions for the propagation of Christianity. This paper, from the few numbers we have seen of it, appears to be principally intended for circulation amongst the American whalers, who occasionally make the Sandwich Islands a place of refreshment, during their perilous and lonely voyages in the vast solitudes of the Pacific Ocean. Judging from what we see of the "Friend of Temperance," we believe that the cause it advocates means with considerable success in the Sandwich Islands. Not a few of those who join the society, appear to be seamen, and their contributions to the funds may be taken as a proof of their sincerity.

In a commercial light, these Islands will always be of some importance, not so much as a mart for the sale and purchase of goods, as a rendezvous for the shipping of the great maritime countries, who at all seasons fish in the surrounding seas. In the year 1843, there called at Oahu, of whale ships alone, no fewer than 109 American, 13 French, 11 British, and 2 Bremen vessels. In addition to this large number of whalers, all of whom would spend a considerable amount for refreshments, there were 38 merchant vessels, and 10 vessels of war, in the harbour, for traffic or refreshment during the year.

The following extracts will give our readers some insight to the state of Honolulu, the capital of the group. It will be observed that Governor Kekuanaoa is not ignorant of the system of taxation. So far as auctioneers, and publicans licences are concerned, we may take a lesson from him in Hongkong. At present there is an auctioneer or a publican, for every twenty European inhabitants upon this island, excluding the army and fleet.

Every year's developments afford additional evidence that the Sandwich Islands are acquiring a growing importance among the nations of the earth, while the influence of trade decidedly tends to make the centre of commercial intercourse. The past year, although one of unusual excitement in political affairs, has been far from favorable to the business interests and general prosperity of the place, still improvements have been going forward. Several new streets have been cut, and others straightened. Dr. Rooke has completed a handsome residence; Mr. Grimes another; and the Academy, Governor Kekuanaoa, has now a large private stone dwelling in process of erection. At the commencement of the year, the government undertook the highly commendable work of ornamenting the streets with shade trees. The Catholic church has been finished in a chaste and substantial mode of architecture. A movement of such interest has recently been noticed in the part of the town occupied by the American mission. This large stone chapel of the king's old seem had stood "out doors" sufficiently long. The well enclosing the chapel and burying ground is an undertaking which we shall much rejoice to see completed. Those who will call to mind the "unwelcome" appearance of the fort at the beginning of the year, cannot but express their thanks to the British Commission that have put in a course of defence. The new market in rear of Messrs. Leach & Co. and E. & H. Grimes' premises is worthy of special notice and commendation, inasmuch as the several "pot and fish" markets will of course be removed, much to the joy of the foreign residents.

A complete census of Honolulu, embracing native and foreign population, never yet has been taken. A fair estimate will not place it below 8 or 9,000. This estimate will include the foreign residents and families of the American mission, numbering about 1,000. Not less than fifteen different nations of the earth are represented among the foreign population. In Honolulu, viz. United States, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Africa, China, Marquesa Islands, Society Islands, New Zealand, &c. &c. This heterogeneous population is kept under the due control and regulation of the native government, at the head of which stands his excellency Kekuanaoa, Governor of

Oahu, whose relation to the municipal regulations of Honolulu answers to that of a mayor in European cities. The difficulty which necessarily arises in the execution of wholesome laws is not a little increased by the visits of numerous seamen. As the tone of public sentiment advances in regard to temperance and morals, the difficulty will, it is hoped, be diminished. Among those who have visited Honolulu five, ten, or twenty years ago, the most common topics of remark. The contrast is too striking to pass unobserved. May those who shall sketch the progress of advance merit, and describe the future condition of this rising town, be enabled to speak of it as still advancing in every thing which is honorable, praiseworthy, and becoming a civilized and Christian community. To this end may the native population, foreign residents, and foreign visitors unitedly co-operate, and under the blessing of Heaven it will be attained.

Churches.—Two Protestant churches. Stone church, Rev. Richard Armstrong, pastor. No. of chh. members, 1,431. Average congregation, 1,840. Platted house, Rev. Lowell Smith, pastor. No chh. members, 4,328. Average congregation 1,600.

One Roman Catholic church, with two officiating priests. One women's chapel; Rev. Samuel C. Damon, chaplain. Schools.—"Oahu Christy School," Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, teachers. Exercises conducted in English. Number of scholars, 20. "Family Boarding School for the Young Chiefs," under the superintendance of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke. "The school from the commencement has received much of its support from the government, and the King and Chiefs at their last council assumed also the support of the instructors." "The plan of instruction is to begin with the English language—to accustom the pupils from early years both to read and to speak it." Young chiefs and chiefesses associated with the school, 14.

"Punahoa-School," or school for the children of the missionaries; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Dole, teachers, assisted by Miss M. M. Smith. Average No. of scholars, 24.

Schools for native children and youth are in active operation. Public Offices and professions.—Governor of Oahu; His excellency, Governor Kekuanooa. H. H. M. Secretary of State, G. F. Judd, Esq. United States commission; George Brown, Esq. commissioner. English consulate; H. Sea Esq., consul. United States consulate; P. A. Brinmade, Esq. consul; and Wm. Hooper, Esq. acting consul.

French consulate; J. Duhot, Esq. consul. Prussian consulate; C. Brewer, Esq. consul. Harbor master and collector; Mr. William Pary. Pilots, Capt. Adams and Capt. Meek. Physicians, Dr. R. W. Wood, and Dr. T. C. B. Roike. Licensed Trades, stores and shops.—Stores, wholesale and retail, nine—each pays for licence, \$50 per ann. Stores, retail, ten—

Auctioneers, with a whole sale and retail licence, two—each	\$500	"	"
Hotels, four—	\$50	"	"
Victualling houses, three—	\$25	"	"
Grog shops, nine—	\$150	"	"

At present the town is supplied with competent and skilful artisans in the various mechanical trades, viz: house and ship carpenters, cabinet makers, black smiths, cooper, masons, painters, nail makers, shoe makers, calkers, butchers, tailors, a watch maker, a printer, a tinker, &c. &c.

FOR SALE,

AT THE GENERAL SALE ROOM, OSWALD'S ROW, QUEEN'S ROAD.

SUPERIOR London bottled Port, Sherry, and Claret; Cognac Brandy (first brands); Superior Lemonade; London-made Guns (first Makers); Spy Glasses, Solar Lamps, Lamp Chimneys, a Sextant, (by Adie); Naval Buttons, Cutlery, Shoe Brushes, Hat and Clothes do; Superfine Cloth Coats, and Trowsers, Woolen Cloth Taglioni Coats, a variety of Ladies' Dresses, White and Striped Shirts.

ALSO,

Cheese, Superior York Hams, Oatmeal in Tins, Mustard, and Sauces; a great variety of Soups, Salmon in Tins, Fresh Herrings, &c. &c. A small Invoice of Superior Bed Quilts, suitable for Summer use; a quantity of Damask Table Cloths, and a Lot of Unbleached Drill Trowsers. A quantity of Hinges, Door Bolts, Lock, Patent Screw Nails, Brass Shutter Nobs, &c. &c.

Apply to,

M. McEWEN.

(Prices Moderate.)

Victoria, 25th March, 1844.

NOTICE.

IT is requested that all persons having claims against W. DAWE, Messman, for the Gun Room Officers H. M. S. *Minden*, will render them on or before the 3rd April next.

WILLIAM DAWE.

Victoria, 25th March, 1844.

JUST ARRIVED.—To be landed in a day or two Small parcels of highly esteemed Wines, consisting of

Pine-Old Port, Larose Claret, St. Julien Claret, Pale and Medium Sherry, Pale Brandy, very superior, in dozen cases.

FOR SALE.—Sheet Copper and Nails, a few Marr's Fire Proof Iron Safes and Chests, Superior Champagne, Madeira, Hock, Batavia Arrack, and Brandy in Wood. A good assortment of Oikman's Stores, Coconut, Turpentine, and Paint Oil, Manila Rope, French and English Corks.

Apply to

DISANDT & TIEDEMAN.

Oswald's Hill, opposite to the premises Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

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Apply to

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Apply to

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Victoria, 11th March, 1844.

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NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of M. William R. Lejeu, and Mr. William Cooper, in our house have ceased; and Mr. Nathaniel Kinman, Mr. William A. Lawrence, and Mr. William Moore, have been admitted partners therein, their interest commencing on the 1st February last.

Our Firm now consists of W. S. Wetmore, of New York; Samuel Wetmore, Junr., Nathaniel Kinman, William A. Lawrence, and William Moore.

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 15th March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—AT the Godowns of Mr. J. B. PAIS, Small Invoices of the following goods. Stockholm Pitch and Tar Square Shop Stoves (flues behind) Register Stoves, 31 x 36 Inches. Ditto 18 x 34 " Fenders, 27 Inches.

Cast Iron Garden Chairs, Gothic and Vine Leaf patterns French Flower Stands Stove Piping, One Sky light and Frame, A few Bales Slop Clothing, Superior Dark Brandy, in bottle, Pale French, do.

Heath's Sherry, Page's Port, Scotch Whiskey, Pickled Tongues, Hams, Butter, Cheese, Pickles, Sauces, &c. Paint Oil and Turpentine, A few Tons Ssandal Wood.

Victoria, 21st March, 1844.

Also, an invoice of Nails, from 1 to 3 Inches.

FOR SALE.—The following Wines from Messrs Wardell & Co. London.

Fine Old Port. Do do Sherry. Do do Very Pale. Do do English Claret. Do do French Do.

Also, Brandy, in wood and bottle; Rum, Gin, and Arrack; Ale and Porter, Cheroots, Oilman's Stores, Preserves, Flour, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Canvas, Rope, Twine, Blocks, Paints and Oils, Varnish, and every description of Stores for Ship and Cabin use.

W. H. FRANKLYN.

Whampoa, March 20th, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Riga Spars, for Top and Topgallant Mast and Yards, and Deal Planks, from 1 to 14, inch x 7, and from 12 to 29 feet long, and a Patent Windlass, Capstan and Winch, also Europe and Manila Rope, Canvas, Paint, Oil, Flour, and Salt Provisions.

N. DUUS.

Hongkong, March, 20th 1844.

NEW STORE

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

Champagne Vinagur Claret Chery Cordial Sherry Manilla Cheroots Port Stationery of all Sorts Brandy Oil Table covers Ale Lemon Syrup Porter Black and Green Teas Cider Sperm Candles Perry

Pickles, and Sauces of all descriptions Pocket and Office knives, Scissors Table Cutlery, Breakfast and dinner Sets and other Crockery ware Cheese, Hams, Perfumery Glass ware of all descriptions Gentlemen and Ladies' Cotton Hose and Various other articles.

ROBT LOWRIE.

Victoria 5th March, 1844.

JUST received an assortment of superior West of England Broad Cloths, also some excellent Scotch Tweeds warranted all wool and Yarn dyed. Likewise ex Anne Jane, Bypass best London bottled Pale ale and Porter. And also ex Possidone, Singapore bottled ale and porter. And sundry other articles too numerous to mention.

Apply to F. DICKENS.

Queen's Road, March 15th, 1844.

N.B.—For sale a quantity of good saddlery, Table and Hanging Lamps, Glass ware &c. &c. &c.

JUST RECEIVED.

GOOD Butter in 15 lb. kegs, and excellent Pine Cheese. Also, a quantity of English Wax and Sperm Candles, ex "Anne Jane."

Apply to FRAS. DICKENS.

Opposite the Hongkong Market, Victoria, 18th March, 1844.

JUST received, ex "HONARIO," and FOR SALE, a quantity of American Bar Soap and patent sperm candles.

ALSO

SUPERIOR OLD No. 3 CHEROOTS; Thomas Heath's London bottled Cognac of superior quality; Pale and Brown Sherry; Graham & Co's Geneva; Port wine; Claret; Sauternes and other light French wines; Cider; best French corks; Oilman's Stores &c. Apply to J. C. POWER.

Victoria, 19th March, 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, Slates, Metal, or other incombustible material, together with their contents, when such Buildings are isolated from all others.

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Assurances for 6 months, 3/4 of the annual rate, will and for 3 months, 1/2 be charged.

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No Assurance is to be considered in force until the Premium be paid.

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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.

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

Hongkong, February, 19th 1844.

JAMES WELCH
CHEMIST DRUGGIST &c. &c. &c.

Queen's Road Victoria.

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

1st January, 1844.

MR. LATTEY,
Chromometer and Watch Maker.
Removed from Lanes Hotel to the upper part of Mr. Pain's new store Queens Road opposite to Chinnans Hong.
Hongkong, January, 1844.

THE Copartnership existing between **DIROM, CARTER & Co.** at Bombay, **DIROM, RICHMOND & Co.** at Liverpool, and ourselves in China, having expired by its own limitation on the 31st July last, we beg leave to announce, that in future, our business will be carried on here, under the firm of **DIROM, GRAY & Co.**; at Bombay under the firm of **DIROM, HENZER & Co.**; and at Liverpool under the firm of **DIROM, DAVIDSON & Co.**
DIROM & Co.
Macao, 21st 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 53 Queen's Road upon moderate terms.
Goods placed (except combustibles) in Godown 18 Queen's Road can be insured from fire, at 1/1000 per annum.
Apply to
N. DUUS
Goods received and sold on Commission
18 Queen's Road,
Victoria, November, 1st 1843.

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

NOTICE.
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 of Messes of any of the Regiments employed during the late war.
N. DUUS.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1843.

STORAGE may be obtained in dry, secure, and insured Godown's, on application to:
BUSH & MILLER.
Victoria, Hongkong, February, 24th 1844.

JUST received and for sale at the godowns of the undersigned:
Fowling pieces, Pistols, Fresh American Flour, Bread, Cheese, Butter, Ladies' and Gent's shoes, a few pairs of French Boots, Champagne in Baskets, Sherry in wood and Bottle, Brandy Fruits, a few cases Tokay, Olives, Chamagne Cider, Arrack, Neat's Tongues, Fancy goods, Quills, Steel pens, Hand mirrors, Shades for Candlesticks, Plated Ware, &c.
P. TOWNSEND.
Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Two large Bunglows, eligibly situated in a healthy part of the town, having convenient out offices. Early possession can be given. For particulars apply to
R. OSWALD.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Two splendid Young Horses.
Apply to
J. B. PAIN.
Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

FOR SALE.
THE following Wines received of *Joan* from Messrs. Sandeman Forster and Co. London.
Fine old Pale and Brown Sherry } In wood and bottle.
Fine old Madeira }
Sauterne, Moselle, Burgundy and Champagne.
Apply to
LINDSAY & Co.
Macao, 1 January, 1844.

FOR SALE.
AT THE GODOWNS OF THE UNDERSIGNED
Port Wine, 10, 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 HUMPHRYS & Co.
Victoria, 22nd November, 1843.

FOR SALE.—E. I. Cus Bills on Bengal.
Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & Co.

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

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 16th, 1843.

TO LET.
TWO GODOWNS in that range of buildings called the Albany Godown capable of containing about 2000 Bales of Cotton. Rent \$50 per month each.
Apply to
A. Mc CULLGCH.
46 Queen's Road.
Victoria, Hong-Kong, 14th December, 1843.

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

FOR SALE.
AT the Godowns of the undersigned,
Claret St. Julien, Farnays and Detourneil
Liqueurs
Olive oil
Champagne
French plums in Conisters
Cognac Brandy, &c. Cases
Brandy fruits
WILLIAM SCOTT
Victoria, 1st March, 1844.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE British Ship **GODOLLEA**, A. 1. 843 tons, Capt. *Oliver*.
Apply to
HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
Victoria, 10th February, 1844.

FOR SALE.
The new and superior built Iron Barque **JOHN LAIRD** 2767 tons N.M.—Sails well carries a large Cargo and is an unexceptionable Sea boat. Masts and Yards fitted in the best style for light working, Standing and running rigging of bolt rope yarn, best London make. Sails: One suit and a half quite new, one half worn of best Navy canvas, Anchors and Cables complete, 14 cut Windlass, Iron Tanks and Butts, Two new quarter boats with awning and Sails, Launch and Yawl 30 Tons new small sized Kedge, 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. Is well 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 SALE.—Manila Rum and Java Arrack in Casks of all sizes, Brandy in Hogsheads, Sherry in Butts, Hhds. Qr. Casks and Octaves, Cape Madeira, Lisbon and Tinto in wood, Sherry, Port, Madeira, Claret, Cherry Brandy Cognac, Gin in Boxes of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 doz Cases all of superior quality.
Apply to
N. DUUS
Victoria, February 16th 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

FOR SALE.—A few Quadrants, Sextants, Quadrants, Azimuth, and other Compasses, Spy Gasses, Spirit Levels, Thermometers, Surveying, and Mathematical Instruments, Barometers, &c. &c. &c.
Apply to
N. DUUS.
Victoria, February 16th, 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

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

FOR SALE.
AT the Godowns of the undersigned, the following Furniture, of superior finish, just landed ex "Hornio" from New York.
Mahogany Beaureaus with marble tops, and mirrors.
Centre tables with marble tops.
Hair cloth mahogany sofas.
Single and double wash hand stands, marble top.
Rocking chairs, &c. &c.
BUSH & MILLER.
Victoria, 18th March, 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 Bleheim Reach.

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL.
FOR the greater convenience of Vessels lying in the Whampoa and Bleheim reaches, the Hospital Vessels moored off the Bombay Creek.
M. OSULLIVAN AND J. MANDELL.
Members of the Royal College of Surgeons &c.
Resident Surgeons.
Whampoa, 3rd February, 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 Godowns.
Cash on Delivery.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1844.

MR. GILBERT, Surgeon, &c., formerly Surgeon to the Provident Dispensary, and Surgeon Accoucher to the Christ Church Lying-in Institution, London, begs leave most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Hongkong, that he is itinerarily practising his profession in all its branches.
Queen's Road, opposite Mr. Duus's store.
Victoria, Hongkong, 18th March, 1844.

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