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ENGINEER CONTRACT.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Tenders will be received at this Office until Friday, the 12th of April, at noon, from such porsons as may be willing to contract for cutting and levelling ground at this place, according to plans and specifications, of which information may be obtained at the Office of the Commanding Hoyal and Superintending Engineer, on any day after the 6th of April,

E. PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat, Victoria, 28th March, 1844.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE. (To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

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SIR—As there is now a Court of Law established in this Colony, and I have noticed in perusing your journal, that great dissatisfaction prevails amongst the holders of land here, by reason of the unusually brief tours on which their lands have been granted by the government, namely, 75 years, and also that complains have been made, that some have, in one or two instances, been obliged to give up some of their los, "noisenes whethers" for government purposes, which lots have been said by the government purposes, which lots have been said by the government purposes, which lots have been said by the government purposes, which lots have been said by the government of other persons, as the highest been said by the property of the persons, as the highest been said to the persons, and the Actio day, and the content and the conte

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(To the Editor of the Free

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I remain your obedient Servant,
ANTHONY WILKINGON,
Commander barque 'Orest.'

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Shipmasters equally considered in communicating to the public, through the medium of the press, the particulars of their voyages, much valuable information would, be preserved for the benefit of Navigaston, which is now lost.).

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CHINA TRADE,

At this moment the attention of the merchants is naturally drawn so much towards China, that shy information relating to the trade with that country will be most acceptable. The opening of the new ports causing two opposite feelings—namely, hope that manufacturing prosperity may be restored, and fear least the spirit of speculation may be carried to too great an extent—renders all opinions from experienced persons extremely valuable, in samuch as they may serve to guide the merchants in their operation. The circular of Messrs. Gibson, Ord, and Co., of Manchester, is very opportune, containing as it does some remarks on the experts to China from the United States. From official returns it appears that the expert of Gotton manufactures of all kinds was 3.758.755 dollars in 1838, 2,975,035 in 1839, 3,549,607 in 1840 and 3,182,546 in 1841. During all these periods high prices, with an inflated currency, existed, The returns for the year ending September, 1844, which have net 'yet' been published are 4,000,000 to 4,500,000 dollars. A contraction of currency began to be felt during the fourth quarter of the last, and the first two of the present year; and prices of labour and the raw material were so reduced, that the manufacturers produced at a reduction of 35 to 35 per cent. assisted by improvements in maghinery, which enabled them to use an inferior sort or Octotrine Previously they confined themselves to a Coston which coat? or Swente per lb. more than Cotton of fan equally good staple, but furthand which thoir machinery was famile as of parts. Thus help were enabled to produce a ridge in the saying and of the second parts of the saying and the raw material were so consequently they confined themselves to a Coston which cost? or Swente per lb. while at 15 cents per lb. while an authority was famile at a reduction in 35 to 35 per cent. a second fabrics which in the saying parts of the se

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Parties sending advertisements, are requested to verite on the face of them, how often, or how long, they vish ahem inserted. In all instances, am subsociators, will pay in advance. New advertisements, sell be received, until 4 O'Clock, on the evenings previous to publication, Viz. Mondays and Fridays.

The Friend of China is regularly filed in London, by The Friend of China & regularly steam of papers, Mr. P. L. Simmonds, Agent for the Colonial papers, British and Foreign Newspaper and advertising agency, office, 18 Cornill (coposite the Royal Exchange), who will receive any communications, orders and advertise-

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THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, March 30TH, 1844

used for medical purposes.

We perfectly concur with the enactments contained in this Ordinance. We confess, however, that so long as this is a free port, and Rum from Manila, or Bengal, can be landed for 30 cents per Gallon, we can see no necessity for a prohibition of what will not be attempted. Before illicit distillation is to be dreaded, a heavy duly must be imposed on Spirits, at present therefore the act is of a negative character—if it does no good, it can do no harm. We would be glad to hear that the importation from the opposite shore of Samshoo was strictly prohibited.

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In the superabundance of his zeal for temperance and decorum, the Chief Magistrate lately refused a respectable Shopkeeper a licence to make Ginger Beer, on the grounds that it was conductive to drunkenness. on the grow What next?

on the grounds that it was conducive to drumenness. What next?

Mine & Vessey, have for some time been under contract with the Colonial Government, to carry out a system of drainage commansurate to the demands of the town. The work, for reasons only known to the confidants of His Excellency, has been delayed from week to week, while the oppressive heat of a tropical summer, and its invariable accompaniments—malaris and disease, are stealing gradually upon us. It is questionable whether the operations about to commence will have any great influence over health in the incoming sickly season is—indeed, it is by no means certain, that the upturning of fresh earth may not add to the cause of distemper and death If, according to the theory of some, we may find one cause amongst the many which militage from the salubrity of this Colone, in the rotten structure, is of necessity said bare, and in its damp and putried side exposed to the association of the Sun, at a season when from the proteins of the Sun, at a season when from the position of the Sun, at a season when from the proteins of the Sun, at a season when from the position of the Sun, at a season when from the position of the Sun, at a season when from the position of the Sun, at a season when from the position of the Sun at the colonial colonial colonial colonials in the sun of t

propriety of now carrying on these intended improve-ments us very doubtfut. The sanitary measures which, with one slight intermission, for six weeks which, with one sign intermession, for six weeks past, have been actively carried out, under the supervision of Captains Haley and Bruce, are, it is true, only of a temporary kind—it is a mere clearing out of Revulets and clearing their courses, which by the army intermediate that are in the course of the cou of Revulets and clearing their courses, which by the way is no slight, job, and will require a conti-nuous renewal during the summer, when obstruc-tions are formed or fifth accumulated, but with proper attention, these measures will be in the highest degree beneficial. On them, at all events, whether sufficient for cleanliness or not, we must for non-ather season roly, and we first the mistaken highest degree beneficial. Of them, a care whether sufficient, for cleanliness or not, we must for one other season rely; and we trust no mistaken ideas of economy will induce our rulers to tamper with the health of the people, by withdrawing the labor now at the Superintendent's disposal. There may be those, or there are those, in daily communication with Sir Henry Pottinger, who themselves, through the kindness of Divine Providence, have been for years in enjoyment of health upon this Island—they may say, listen not to the croakers, who tell you this place is so prejudicial to health, and that so much requires to be done to ameliorate the malign influences of climate. They may say, that death has only visited the dissolute and imprudent; but there is a vacant spot in His Excellency's breast which will give the lie to their assertions. There is no climate known where man cannot exist. In the most deadly parts of Africa instances are not, few of deadly parts of Africa instances are not few of men continuing for many years to enjoy robustnous men continuing for many years to enjoyrobustious health, although their acquaintances were falling around them like an annual crop. Here too there are men who may even tamper with the climate unpunished, but their number is few. Let them be thankful that they are so happily constituted, but let them remember that all are not so favored.

We have somewhat all are not so favored.

We have somewhat digressed from our subject, which was a mere notice of the comprehensive scheme of drainage and sewerage contemplated, or rather fixed upon.

From what we hear, it is proposed to form a main tunnel, of six feet-diameter, running along the centre of Queen's Road. The tunnel to be of centre of Queen's Road. The tunnel to be of arched brick, with branches entering from each arched orick, with prancines entering from each cross street, which will carry all the sewers of the town into a main channel; the water courses from the hills, and the drains from swamps, will also enter at different points, and with the contents of the sewers will be carried to the sea by numerous covered conduits. The abundance of labor will covered conduits. The abundance of labor will enable the contractors to carry out this plan with auch expedition; probably three or four months continuous application, would suffice for its com-

Supposing the theory of the danger of laying open Supposing the theory of the danger of laying open the rotten granite, which on some parts of the line the road is composed, to be correct, there are other parts where the soil is of a different nature, being sandy and dry, with hard rock, and it is worthy of notice, that last summer this was the healthliest part of the town (although from other causes least likely to be so) we mean from Captain Burd's house to Dr. Anderson's Dispensary. This far there may be no danger; but we trust the whole road will not be laid open unless our rulers are fully satisfied that it can be done with perfect safety; if there is any doubt upon the matter let us have the bened that it can be done with perfect salety; it there is any doubt upon the matter let us have the benefit of it. From October of this year to April of the next, there will be ample time to carry out the whole work—earlier it can be of no service.

By the last Overland Mail, Mr. Simmonds forwarded a prospectus of his Colonial Magazine, which we are only able to publish to-day. The undertaking will no doubt be encouraged, both in England and the Colonies, by the mercantile part of the community, and those who take an interest in colonial affairs. From Mr. Simmonds' knowledge, and the opportunities he has, of obtaining early and correct information on all that relates to the numerous dependencies of the British crown, we anticipate the sphearance of a new periodical eventual he will obtain the support of his country men in China, whose liberality may almost guarrantee their subscribing to his work; it is also to be hoped, that some of them will contribute information, astorite trade and prospects of this Colony, towards which the eyes of Europe at present are much directed, and where an increased outlet is anticipated for Manufactures.

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The people of England, as well as the Government, are daily becoming more impressed with the importance of the colonies to the Mother country. A wonker shis kind, embracing exclusively all matters of Colonial interest, is called for, and offers a fair field for the profitable cultivation of the Editornial Jalents.

Mr. Simmonds is already favorably known, as a Statistical and Mercantile writer, of no mean or der; and in his new work he will, we trust, prove himself fitted to conduct a useful and important periodical.

By the ship Paul Jones we are in receipt of New York papers to the 9th December. Free trade, Puseyism, and the approaching elections are

the principal objects of public attention. There is tle said *duent* the Repudiating States; we greater however if at the termination of the elecly err however it at the termination of the elec-tions this question is not made one of universal agitation, and the bankrupt states, compelled to deal honestly with the foreign creditors. The prices of State scrip, may scarcely justify this opinion, it being at a heavy discount, we quote.

Do. Inter l'imp't. Warsants. 35 Pr. Donnes Cr. Gertif. 79 % Money continues_plenty, and commercial maters are in a satisfactory state. Prof; Gouraud has devised an artificial memory. The Courier and Enquirer of the 9th December states. "That Prof. Gourapp, [who we regret to say is at present silicited with serious illness,] intends shortly to make the whole matter the subject of some public bettures, when experiments with a dozen or more ladies, gentlemen and children, will be made, and the public with thus have an opportunity of winnessing and judging for themselves."

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The Prisinear's Missage was received by Express at about midinght. It folt Washington at a little before two o'clock yesterday, and was slightly detained by an accident to the Locomotive, it is published at length in our columns this morning. For the convenience of those who do not wish torread it ull, we make the following aummery of its contents.

Forgios Relations.—Negotiations have been prosecuted in London to procure the settlement of the Oregon boundary; but they have thus far been unavailing. Congress is advised to establish mittary posts on the line travelled by emigrans, to extend our-laws over them, and to unge the claim of the United States to the whole country on the Pacific and to the 94° 40m line of north latitude.

The cases of detentions of American vessels by British cruizers are in a fair way of adjustment.

Greit Britian admits Rue from Africa to her ports at a duty of 1d. a quarter and tuxes American Rue 2on. This is said to be contrary to the treaty of 1815.

With all the other European powers cur relations are in straying. The proposition of a Commercial Treaty with the Gorman States Union, comparising 27 millions of people, is in progress.

Mexico has threatened as with war if we attempt to annex Texas to our territory. The Mussage advises Congress nut to tentrified, sketches the cight years ususcressful war which Moxico has waged against Texas, and endeavours to show that it is the day and interest of the United States in proferce from the course persevered in hy Mexico will have making to missage the war, in some effectual manner. It says:

"The light obligations of public duty may enforce from the course persevered the Mexico will have making contributed to produce; and the Executive, in such a contingency, will with confidence throw itself upon the patristient on the Poople to assist the Government in its course of netion."

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The Hown Departments. The treasury receipts for the fiscal year ending July 1, are stated at \$18,090,000. Expanditures, which dark \$92,000,000. There are outstanding Treasury notes to the unuount of \$4,500,000. The lona of '41, of over \$5,500,000, fails due Jan. 1, 1245; and unless the resources be increased, a deficiency is apprehended at the close of 1845 of above \$4,000,000. The financial and business condition of the country has greatly unproved. of the country has greatly improved.

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The Public Lands the message regards as the foundation of the public credit; and by preserving the credit of the Genoral Government untartished it thinks that of the States will be best supported. I targes the security to actile so their pre-emploin rights. In revising the Tariff the message recommends a regard for emmancing and stability in Legislation, and says that these can only be secured by MonEration.

Mr. Tyler repeats his two rejected recommendation to issue Tressury notes to foun part of the paper currency of the country. He thinks this plan decidedly preferable to the establishment of a Bank. The operations of the Treasury now act on the act of 1789 and, the resolution of 1815, and are said to be productive of 2004.

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The Post-Office Department is said to have been rigorously conducted and so me reforms are needed, of which the suggestion is left to the Postmaster.

Navigation on the Lakes and Rivers of the West'is commended to attention, as is also the disposal of the Smithsenice bequest. And the Message concludes with a numbary of the cylls which oppressed the Government when Mr. Tyler was called to the Trendential office, and of the inequinolis blessings which have followed his accession. The only desire he feels in connection with the future, is "to leave the Country presperous, and its institutions unlinpaired."

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
At the annual election for members of the council, the three vacauries were filled with the numbes of James Brown, Eaq., Ray. Dr. Springs and Wm. S. Weimbre, Eaq.

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New York Money Marker, week ending Drc. 2,
We have no change to remark in relation to she abundance of money. Thoms and through was are as realily obtained as at any period during the Summer, and thegeneral position of trade indicates that no metaliad sileration will coour for a considerable time. The commercial business of the country during the Fall has been to a larger extent than usual transacted for moory, and comparatively get operations have been made upon credit. The forestant his obstances of the community had been growing less and less, for the two or three pracedity years, had made it amount inshepensable for merchants to reduce their labilities and concentrate their means. The later were continually beginning roops and more within their control, and whom'ny two diet moment for new operations was pre-succent their size in part they were made for noney, surpressing types depicted again for omplyyments and wording in their create their recovery of drawing capital from other and extranspost sources.

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CANADA.

The Montreal Courier anticipates a good deal of distress during the winter-among the habitane along the line of the Beauharnois Canal. Agriculture has been almost entirely neglected for the more remuberative employment on the Canal, the root crops have failed, the grass is short and the people must their form dispose of their cittle at a great sacrifice or see them staye. The payment of the assessed damages done to their farms by the Canal, will bring a good deal of money sinong them, but this is said to be more than mortgaged to the Seignlor and the storekeepers, w. ose arrears will leave a mere fraction to the habitans.

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IMPORTANT NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

The Halifax Post of the 28th of November, states that Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adams departed from the port with a flect on the 28th, for Central America, and remarks that the business the flect is concerned in is of deep importance. Some old difficulties are alluded to, as well at the more recent contempt shown to the British flig at a purty where the British Minister was present; and what is, probably more grievous than all the rest, the restriction tariff of Santa Anna proves injurious to British trade.

There seems to be some foundation for the rumor of Sir Charles Metcalfy's resignation; the Toronto Colonist of the 24th says:

Charles Moteatic's resignation; the Automic Consus. On the 24th says:

The report gains ground that Sir Chirles Metcalfe has resigned the high post of Governor General, and that his Excellency, on account of ill health; is auxious to return to England, with as little delay as possible—so accounts a successor is appointed.

COMMERCE.

A report of a tour of inspection has been made to the Canadian Assembly by Mr. Inspector Cameron, of the amount of duties collected along the fronter line of the Upper Providence, from Lake Huron to Laucaster on the Onawa, during the past three years. The amounts of cach year were—1810. \$20.37; 1841. £30.59; 1842. £32.44; and from the increased importation of wheat and flour, and the improved system of collection adopted; it is expected that a considerable increase upon the last mentioned sum has been made during the present season. Mr. Cameron estimates that the quantity of tea agreemed in Canada cannot be less than 50,000 chests.

West Indies.

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From these Colonies the dates are to the 4th Nov. with little or nothing of importance.

The Jamaica Assembly, contemplates the debanding the militia of the Island. A member has introduced a bill into the Legislature, having for its object the release of the public from the other case duty of playing soldier once a quarter.

A committee of the House of Assembly has been appointed norder to assert in what number of properties have been thrown up. &c. and fift ratios of their abandonment. Upon this subject, the papers remark—if the object be to convince the Government that the Jamaica planters generally are suffering, and that many have been ruined from the what of labor, then, it is contended, the inquiry is uselose, inasmuch as the Government are already convinced of the face from their own investigation.

This news from the Island, generally speaking, is far fr-m indicating a satisfactory state of things.

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PROSPECTUS

SIMMONDS'S COLONIAL MAGAZINE. ON THE 1st JANUARY, 1844.

Will be published, to be continued monthly, price 2s. 6d.

THE FIRST NUMBER OF SIMMONDS COLONIAL MAGAZINE,

JOURNAL OF LITERATURE, ART, SCIENCE,

JOURNAL OF LITERATURE, ART, SCIENCE, COMMERCE, AND FINANCE;
EDITED BY P. L. SIMMONDS, Fellow of the Statistical Society of London, Member of the Royal Agricultural and Ethnological Societies, Monorary and Corresponding Member of the Literary and Historical Society of Queboc, of the Literary Association of Barbadoe, of the Agricultural Societies of Montreal, Philadelithia, minascinizatie, Komigeberg, Eco &c. &c.

In submitting a New Periodical to the Public, it is customary to state, in few words, the object with which it has been set on fout, and as fit as possible, the mode is whithit will be conducted.

Much consideration in the best sewed on the phase of our publication, and every part has been seen on the spanish of the horizontal principles of Great Britain and her Calculte can make the permanently at variance, or as teast that is a lways practicable by sound legislation to reach the second of that of her children. We shall therefore and consequently of the mother country the causes and consequently of the mother country the cause and consequently of the mother country the cause and consequently of the mother country the cause and consequently of the apparently conflicting interests may be considered.

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THE A.1 ShipBaanan will be despatched for the above port about the 5th ptoximo. For passage, having excellent accommodation, apply to

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HENRY HUMPHREYS & Co. 13 Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong 29th March, 1844.

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ON Monday asst, at 14 A. R., will be sold by Public Sale, at the Middle Nevel Stores, a numerity of old Stores, consisting of the Stores, consisting of P. TOWNEEND.

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Victoria, 29th March, 1844.

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SUPERIOR London bottled Port, Sherry, and Claret; Cognac Brandy (first brands); Superior Lemonade, intelly from England, and in excellent condition London-made Guus (first Makera); Spy Glasser, Solar Lampe, Lamp Chimneys, a Sextant, (by Adie); Naval Buttons, Cullery, Shoe Brushes, Hat and Clothes do; Superfine Cloth Coats, and Trousers, Woollen Cloth Taglioni Cont, a variety of Ladies' Drossets, White and Striped Shirts,
ALSO,

Cheese, Superior York Hams, Ontmeel in Time, Mustard, and Sauces; a great variety of Soups, Baltion in Time, Fresh Herrings, &c. &c.

A small Invoice of Superior Bed Quille, swimble for Summer use; a quantity of Damask Table Cloths, and a Lot O'Unbleached Drill Trousers.

A quantity of Hingus, Door Bolls, Lock, Patent Sorew Nails, Brass Shutter Nibs, &c. &c.

A quantity of good English Boar, Shitable for the Navy or Military.

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(Prices Moderate)

Victoria. 23th March. 1844.

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THE interest and responsibility of M. William R.
Lujee, and Mr. William Couper, in our house have censed; and Mr. William Couper, in our house have censed; and Mr. William Morie, have been admitted partners therein, their interest commercing on the 1st February last.

Our Firm now consists of W. S. Weimore, of New York; Samuel Wotmore, Junr., Nathaniel Kinsman, William A. Inwrence, and William Moore.

Canton, 15th March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—The following Wines from Mosers, Wardell & Co. London,
Fine Out Port,
Do de Sherry.

Fine Oid Port.

Do do Sherry.

Do do Yary Pale.

Do do English Glaret.

Do Freich Do.

Also, Binndy, in wood and Swite; Rum, Gir, and Arrack; Ale and Porter, Cheroots, Oilman's Stores, Preserves, Fleur, Pitch, Tar, Tosis, Canrass, Rope, Twist, Blocks, Fraints and Gils, Vernish, and every description of Stores for Ship and Cabin use.

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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:

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.
Rate of Premiure, \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per cent, per annum,
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so isolated, at the rate of 1 per cent, per annum.
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Amongst other advantages of the Company, the Assured will be entitled to participate in the profits after five successive payments.

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JARDINE, MATHESON, & Co.,

Agents in China.

Macao, 12th July, 1848.

PHILLIPS MOORE & Co.

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BEG to aunounce 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 Cullery, Ironmongery, Locks of all Kinds, Nails, Carpenters tools Fire Grates and Best Sheffield Plated Goods, Garman Silver and British Plate, Gune, Pistols, Poyder Plaks, Percussion Caps, Shot Belts, Telescopes and Spectacles Table Lamps, Saddlery, Umbrellas, Gold and Silver Watchs, 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. Goods

Hongkong, February, 19th 1844.

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JAMES WELCH

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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 a proper to the public of Victoria for the very liberal support he has a proper than the has lately made considerable additions to his Stock of Medicines Perfumery, Offmans 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,

Ast January, 1844.

ME. LATTEY,

Chronometer and Watch Maker, Removed from Lanes Hotel to the upper part of Mr. Pain's new store Queens Road opposite to Chinams Hong.

Hongkong, January, 1844.

THE Copartnership existing between Driom. CARTER THE Copartnership existing between Dirox, Carter of Co. at Bombay, Dirox, Richmond of 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 bushess will be carried on here, under the firm of Dirox, Gray of Co.; at Bombay under the firm of Dirox, Huntur & Co.; and at Liverpool under the firm of Dirox, Daytoson & Co. DIROM & Co.

Macao, lst August, 1848.

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

LECKIE & Co.

Bombay, 21th September, 1848.

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, 1848.

NOTICE, -Goods and merchandize of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns situated 18, and 55 Queens Road upon moderate terms, Goods placed [expert combustibles] in Godown 18. Queen's Road can be insured from risk of Firs.

Sply to N. DUUS.
Goods received and cold on Commission
18 Queen's, Road.

Yiptoria, November, 1st 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned have this day establish NOTICE.—The uncersigned three tay, and a "Honged a horse of Agency and Commission at "Hongkong," under the firm of "Bush and Miller."

(Signed) { F. T. BUSH.

Victoria, Hongkong, 1st February, 1844.

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

Hongkong, 15th Apri, 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 pinces, 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 Buttle, Brandy Fruits, a few cases Tokay, Olives, Champagne 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 splendid Young Horses.
Apply to
J. B. PAIN.
Victoria, 7th March, 1944.

FOR SALE.
THE following Wines received ex Foam from Messrs.
Sandeman Forster and Co. London.
Fine old Pale and Brown Sherry
Fine old Madeira

In wood and bottle.

Fine old Port
Santerné, Moselle, Burgundy and Champagne.
Apply to LINDSAY & Co.

Apply to Macao, 1 January, 1844.

COR SALE -E. I, Cos Bills on Bengal. Apply to GIBB. LIVINGSTON, & Co.

POR SALE.—Ar the Godowns of Mr. J. B. PAIN. Small invoices of the following goods. Stockholm Pitch and Tar Square Shop Stoves (flues behind)
Register Stoves, 31 × 36 Inches.
Ditto 18 × 31 ...
Englars 27 Inches

Pitto 10 X 01 ,, Fenders, 27 Inches. Cast Iron Garden Chairs, Gothic and Vine Leaf

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One Sky light and Frame,
A few Bales Slop Clothing,
Superior Dark Brandy, in bottle,
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Heath's Sherry,
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Heath's Sherry,
Page's Port,
Scotch Whiskey,
Pickled Tongues,
Hams, Butter, Cheese,
Pickles, Sauces, &c.
Paint Oil and Turpentine,
A few Tons Sandal Wood,
Totoria, 21st March, 1844,
Also, an invoice of Nails, from 1 to 3 Inches.

THE Bungalow of out offices belonging to Framjce Jemseijee Esq. situate on the Queen's Road near to Messrs. Macquera & Co's premises. For particulars apply to Framjee Jemseijee, Macqo, or HOLLIDAY WISE & Co. Victoria, December 15th, 1848.

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 eagh. Apply to

A. Mc. CULLOOH.
46 Queen's Road.
Victoria, Hong-Kong, 12th, December, 1348.

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

FOR SALE. AT the Godowns of the undersigned, Claret St. Julien Pameys and Destournel

Liqueurs Olive oil Champagne
French plums in Cannisters
Coguac Braudy in Doz Cases
Brandy fruits

Victoria, 1st March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—A few Quadrants, Sextents Quedrants, azimuth, and other Compasses, Spy Glasses, Spirit Levels, Thormomoters, Surveying, and Mathematical Instruments, Baromaters, &c. &c. &c. Apply to N. DUUS.

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

WILLIAM SCOTT.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE British Ship Gondoller, Art 1,
343 tons, Capt. Oliver.
Apply to
HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
Victoria, 10th Pebruary, 1844.

FOR SALE.

The new and superior built Iron Barque "JOHN LAIRD" 270 Tons N.M.—Sails well carries a large Cargo and is an unexceptionable Sea boat. Masts and Yards fitted in the best style for light working, Standing and running rigging of bolt rope yarn, best London make. Sails; One suit and a half quie new, one half worn of best Navy canvas, Anchors and Cables complete, Patent Windlass, Iron Tanks and Butts, Two new quarter Windlass, Iron Tanks and Butts, Two new quarter boats with awning and sails, Launch and Yawl 30 Tons new small sized kentledge, Guns, arms and ammuniton complete in Patent barreis; 2 Pitch pine spars 50 ft, by I tos 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 SAIF.—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, Pott, Madeira, Claret, Cherry Brandy Cognac, Gin in Boxes of 1, 2, A and 6 doz Cases all of superior quality.

Apply to

N. DUUS.

Victoria, February 16th 1844.

18 Queen's Road.

Apply to Victoria, February 16th 1844.

FOR SALE.—Riga Spars, for Top and Topgallant Masts and Yards, and Deal Planks, from I to 11 inch × 7, and from I2, to 29 feet long, jund a Patent Windlass, Capstan and Winch, also Europe and Manil Rope, Cauvass Paint, Paint Oil, Flour, and Salt Pr.

N. DUUS.

Hongkong, March, 20th 1844.

FOR SALE. - Two large Bungalows, 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.

A T the Godowns of the undersigned, the following Furniture, of superior finish, just landed ex "Horn-tio" from New York.

Mahogany Beaureaus with marble tops, and mir-

Centre tables with marble tops.

Hair cloth mahogany sofa's, Single and double wash hand stands, marble tops. 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 Whampon, moored at the Entrance of Bombay Creek in Blenheim Reach.

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL,
FOR the greater convenience of Vessels lying in the
Whampoa and Blenheim reaches, the Hospital
Vessel is moored off the Bombay Creek.
M. O'SULLIVAN AND J. MANDELL.
Members of the Royal College of Surgeons &c.
Resident Surgeons.

Whampon, 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 Accounts the Christ Church Lying-in Institution, London, begs leave most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Hongkong, that he intends practising his profession in all its branches,

Queen's Road, opposite Mr. Duus' store.
Victoria, Hongkong, 18th March, 1844.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Ordinances are published for General information.

By order.

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria, Hongkong, 26th March, 1841.

HONGKONG

Anno Sexto et Septimo Victoria Regina.

No. 7 of 1844

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By His Excellency Sir Henry Pottinger Baronet Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military 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 for removing doubts respecting the application to Hongkong

respecting the application to Hongkong of the laws and Statutes of England relating to usury and to limit and de-fine the rate of interest which may be recovered in cases where it hath not been previously agreed on between the parties.

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(20th Murch, 1844).

Whereas it is expedient to remove all doubts respecting the application to Hongkong of the laws and statutes of England relating to usury and to limit and define the rate of interest for the forbearance of money which may be recovered in any Court of law or equity in cases wherein the rate of interest has not been fixed by the parties before the Court be it therefore enacted and declared by His Excelency the Governor of Hongkong with the advice of the Legislative Council Declaring the usury laws of England not to be in force. the advice of the Legislative Council thereof that the laws and statutes of England relating to usury shall be deemed taken and adjudged not to extend to the said Colony or its dependencies or to be in force within the same

Not allows 2. And be it further enacted, That 12 per cent to be allowed in all cases where interest for the loan be allowed in all cases where interest for the loan that the bear per to be a loan of the contract in any action or suit in any Court of heaben per to be a loan of the contract in any action or suit in any Court of loan of the lo titled to interest to recover or be allowed in any such action or suit above the rate of twelve dollars for the interest or forbearance of one hundred dollars for a year and so after that rate for a greater or lesser sum or for a longer or shorter time. Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Court awarding such interest to allow such lower rate thereof as the circum-stance of the case may render just and

HENRY POTTINGER,
Governor of Hongkong, &c., &c.
Fassed the Legislative Council
this 20th day of March, 1844, RICHARD BURGASS
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

HONGKONG.

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Hongkong.

An Ordinance for prohibiting the distillation of Spirits within the Colo-Title ny of Hongkong.

Preamble.

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Whereas it is expedient to prohibit the distillation of Spirits within the Colony of Hongkong.

1. Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong.

with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof that from and after the passing of this Ordinance all distillation of Spirits from grain sugar molasses fruit or any other materials whatsever and all rectifying and compounding thereof within the Colony of Hongkong and its dependencies shall be and the same is hereby prohibited.

No person to keep or use a continuation of the contin upon require such person to give a bond with two sufficient sureties in the sum of one thousand dollars that he will not make use of such still or suffer will not make use of such still or suffer it to be made use of except for the preparation of medicines or other arti-cles required bona fide for medical purposes and every such person found to have such still without having en-tered into such bond and obtained such licence shall forfoit and pay a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars. dollars

Justice of the 4. And be it further enacted and or Peace Officer dained that it shall and may be law-of Customa or ful for any Justice of the Peace Officer other person of Customs or other person duly any anispecting pri lawfully authorized having reasonable vate datallation grounds to believe and suspect that may enter house or place and any private and conceacled still or essite still &c. other utensil or vessel for the distillation of Spirits is set up or kept in any house or place within the saud Colony or its dependencies to enter anto such

house or place within the said Colony or its dependencies to enter into such house or place in the day time and accompanied by a peace officer to search for and seize any such still utensilor vessel and also all spirits and other materials preparing for distillation and either to detain and keep the same in the house or place where found or to remove the same to the customs or police office or other place.

same in the house or place where found or to remove the same to the customs or police of file or other place in charge of the Officer of customs or Chief Police Magistrate or as they or one of them or any justice of the peace shall direct and the said still or vessel and all spirits and other materials being prepared for distillation shall be absolitely torfeited and the proprietor or owner or occupier or owner of house any such private and concealed still dec. or person in the proprietor, or owner or occupier of any house or place where he of house on the proprietor, or owner or occupier of house of the proprietor, or owner or occupier of house of the proprietor, or owner or occupier of house of the proprietor, or owner or occupier of house of house or place where he of house of the present of the penalty of said be islable to and pay the penalty or sum of not exceeding five hundred bollars.

Obstructing and if any person shall obstruct oppose molest or hinder such justice of the peace officer of customs or other person aforesaid in the due searching for and seizing any such private and concealed still or other utensil or other vessel spirits and other materials for distillation or in detaining, keeping or removing the same or any of them after seizure, then and in every such case every person so offending shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five hundred Dollars.

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manded admittance into the house or place where such private and conceal-still dtensil or vessel for the distillation still diensil or vessel for the distillation of spirits is reasonably suspected to be keept and used shall not be immediately and without the least dolay admitted and without the least dolay admitted to into such house or place, it shall and break therein, may be lawful for such justice of the peace officer of customs or other person as aforeasid being accompanied by a peace officer by force to break into and enter such house or place and make search therein and every person found in such house or place after admittance demanded and refused shall for refusal.

Penalty for refusal. Dollars.

Recovery of Penalties.

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Recovery of Penalties.

G. And be it further enacted and ordained that all fines penalties and forfeitures imposed and accruing under this ordinance shall be sued for and recovered in such SupremeCourt of Judicature as shall be lead for and recovered in such SupremeCourt of Judicature as shall be lead for and recovered in such SupremeCourt of Judicature as shall be fore the Chief Magistrate of Police or before any two justices of the said Colony of Hongkong.

7. And be it further enacted and to the Queen ordained that all fines penalties and and one half to forfeitures which shall be levied and after deducting the charges of prosecution from the proceeds thereof shall be paid to the said Chief Magistrate for the use of Her Majesty Her Heirs and Successors to be applied to the public uses of the said Colony and the other moiety or half part thereof shall be paid and distributed to and among such person or persons who shall have assisted in the seizure of or have given information or evidence leading to the conviction of the offender or offenders in such portions as the said Court, Chief Magistrate, or justices adjudicating upon the matter shall in their discretion think proper and any overplus of such last mentioned moiety or half part shall be paid to the said Chief Magistrate for the purposes aforesaid.

HENRY POTTINGER.

poses aforesaid.

HENRY POTTINGER.

Governor of Hongkong, &c., &c.

Passed the Legislative Council.

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice is published for General information.

By order,

RICHARD WOOSNAM.

Government House, Victoria, Hongkong, 26th March, 1844.

NOTICE

Touching the Pilot Station for the River Hooghly during the S. W. Monsoon of the year 1843, &c.

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THE experience of a second season's trial of the new
Pilot Station off the South Channel having established that it can be made by Vessels from False Point
with the greatest facility, and that Pilots can also be
readily supplied, and the same canses existing which
during last S. W. Mensoon rendered necessary the
removal of the Pilot Station from off Point Palmyras to
a position about fifteen miles S. W. b. W. of the Outer
Floating Light in Lat. 20° 56' N. Long. 88° 08' E.,
and in from 17 to 22 faths, water-Nouce is hereby
given, that this latter Station will in future be continued during S. W. Monsoon, viz. from 15th March to
the 15th September.

No difficulty can possibly be felt in passing from False
Point to the New Station, it common attention be paid
to the Lead and to the following Directions, prepared
by Captain Lloyd, late Olfg, Marine Surveyor Gueral,
after a careful Survey of the ground between the two
Points.

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False Point Light House is in Lat. 26° 194' N.

and Long Sto 47' E., any **Collent". In Channel Buoy in Lat. 26° 50' N. and the house of the collection of the Light House N. 61* E., true, or N. E. by "E. ‡ E. by Compass, distant 38 miles and is laid "12 fins."

A Bank of Soundings extends from off Point in Palmyres in a direction towards the tail of the Westweet Stone Stone Collection of the Stone of Soundings and and Mud with shiring specks) is a gravelly substance composed of Sand Shelfs and small Pebbles.

a discharged from the 'Kunka,' and other Rivers "seer Polisi Palmyras, the lighter material of which being carried further out, is deposited, and forms what is called the 'Pilot's Ridge,' which in crossing to the N. Wid, shews a little less water than on either saide. In coming from Seaward you Shoal rather saides for the property of the composed of a shelly sand, or minute gravel of "a reedlish or rusty brown color." The best guide therefore to enable a Vessel at the New Station, will be to run down the edge of the 'Pilot's 'Ridge,' which can readily be done by making the Light House, and bringing it to bear about W.S.W. or S. W. by W. distand by computation from 10 to 16 miles, then steering to the E. N. Nd, and having gradually increased the depth of water to 23 fms. supon the Eastern Edge of the Ridge, regulate the 'course to keep between it and 27 fms. when by attention to the lead and nature of the soundings, course and distance run from the Light House, it is almost impossible to miss the Pilot Vessels (if the above limits are kept within) either by getting too far to 'Windward or falling to Leeward; for the soundings increase so rapidly to Seaward from the proposed New Station, that 28 fms, will not be more than 3 or '4 miles to the Southward of it, and 23 fms. the same distance to the Westward of it, and 23 fms. the same distance to the Westward of it.

'The soundings to Seaward of the Ridge are in general a greenish or olive coloured mud, with occasisionally a few bits of broken Shells mixed with it?' Vessels approaching the Station during the hight.

To mark the Station until a proper Light Vessel is built, of which due notice will be given, one of the Pilot vessels with a vertical position, when best seen, but Commanders are strictly enjoined to avoid as much as possible making the Station during the high.

To mark the Station until a proper Light Vessel is bui

Fort William.
The 14th Decr., 1843.

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 effice up to the Sis; 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.

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By order,
RICHARD WOOSNAM,
Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, 21st March, 1844.