





that the extreme unhealthiness of the province during the late hot season was owing to an unusually high rise of the Indus, and the consequent inundation of the country, to an extent seldom experienced. The captive Amerees are to be sent round to Calcutta, and are to be provided with a residence at Baraset, a small place about fifteen miles to the northward of this city.

**OPIMUM SALES, 12TH FEBRUARY.**—At the Government Opium Sale, on Monday, the 12th inst., 1,490 chests of Behar sold at an average of 1,274 rupees, pie 84, and 700 chests of Benares at 1,156 rupees 14 ans 104 pie.—The amount of proceeds, including the value of six chests reserved for the French Government, was 27,20,915 rupees 6 annas 104 pie, which is something above a quarter of a million sterling.

Since the sale of the 12th, Behar has fallen to 1210 rupees, but Benares holds the average of the public sale.

**FREIGHTS** have advanced about 10s. per ton since the 20th of January. The supply of tonnage is short of demand, and an increase probable. To London and Liverpool: dead weight, £3.5s. to £4; light goods, £3 10s to £1. 10s. per ton of 50 cubic feet. To China: Opium, \$6 to \$12 per chest; Cotton, \$3 to \$3 50c. per bale.

The following statement shows the number of emigrants to the Mauritius from the removal of the restrictions to the end of 1842, to the 31st December, 1843. Allowing two tons for each individual, upwards of 80,000 tons of shipping will probably have been employed in their removal:

	Men	Women	Children
From Calcutta ..	15,105	2,161	644
„ Madras ..	14,862	1,813	548
„ Bombay ..	5,162	715	181
	35,129	4,689	1,373

The *Andaz* left China for Calcutta on the 6th of January, where she arrived on the 4th of February. On her return voyage, sailed from Calcutta on the 20th February, and arrived in Hongkong on the 4th instant, making the two passages in 87 days, inclusive of the days of sailing, and detention at Singapore.

**JANUARY MAIL.**

By the clipper *Andaz*, from Calcutta 28th February, we are put in possession of London papers to the 6th January. There is an unusual dearth of European news. In Ireland and Wales all was quiet. The repeal agitation was still kept up though in a less conspicuous manner than formerly. O'Connell's trial commences on the 15th and whichever way it terminates a popular outbreak may be anticipated—if acquitted the people will be more than ever impressed with the justice of their cause and their exultation will know no bounds, if found guilty the hereditary hatred of the Saxon will be stamped deeper on the national character, and riot and outrage will again prevail in this unhappy country.

The Corn law league gains ground daily. Large sums continue to be subscribed in aid of the funds of the body. It is rumoured that many agriculturists have become converts and advocated the measures proposed by the leaguers.

Parliament meets on the 1st of February but little or nothing is known as to the measures likely to be adopted by ministers.

We notice with pleasure the satisfactory improvement in the Revenue. The official tables published on the 5th announce the increase on the quarter amounting to 725,670L. and upon the whole year to 5,742,078L. The principal items are as follow:—The increase on the customs for the quarter ended January 5, 1844, is 552,879L.; on the property tax, 197,203L.; the Excise has produced an increase on the year of 387,503L. on the quarter of 8,763L. The assessed taxes exhibit a decrease of 17,306L. on the quarter, and the stamps a similar deficiency of 38,107L. The post office presents a slight increase on the quarter, but a deficiency in the annual receipts.

The beneficial effects of this improvement will be felt everywhere. The greatest increase is in the customs, for the quarter ending January 5th being no less than £552,879—this affords evidence of the improvement in trade.

The appointments for China are P. I. Sterling Esq. to be H. M. Attorney General for the Island of Hongkong and Mr. MacGregor, Consul for the port of Canton. The office of Chief Judge is still vacant there being several candidates for the situation which is worth £2,500 per annum.

We extract such particulars as bear upon China, also the latest commercial and other intelligence as may interest those who are not in receipt of papers by this opportunity.

**THE FRENCH MISSION TO CHINA.**

The *Journal des Débats* announces the sailing of the frigate *La Syrene* from Brest, on the 12th inst., with the commissioners specially appointed by the King to explore the countries of the extreme East. The commission is definitively composed as follows:—M. de Lagrené, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the King; the Marquis de Ferrière de Lavey, First Secretary; the Viscount Bernard d'Harcourt, Second Secretary; M. M. Marey Monge, Delahaute, Xavier Raymond, De Montigny, the Viscount Charles de la Guiche, and M. Donald, Duke of Ta-

rentum, attachés. MM. Ilier, Inspector of Customs, and Yvan, Physician Professor at the College of Marseilles, are likewise attached to the commission. The commercial delegates are—M. Renard, for the manufactures of Paris; M. Roudeau d'Elbeuf, for the woollen manufactures; M. Haussman, of Mulhausen, for the cotton manufactures. Without wishing to give too military an appearance to the commission, which the principal object is to create a friendly intercourse with foreign nations who scarcely ever heard the name of France, the Government has placed a considerable force at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner. Besides the frigate *La Syrene*, of 50 guns, and the steam corvette *Archimède*, of 220 horse-power, there are stationed on the coast of China *La Cléopâtre* frigate, of 50 guns; the corvettes *L'Alouane* and *La Sabine*, of 30 guns; the corvette *La Victorieuse*, of 24 guns, which accompanies *La Syrene*, and the tender *La Recherche*. The question now asked is, what advantage this commission will procure for the country? It is impossible to answer this question; but it was impossible for the Government to have abstained from sending out such a commission. When a body of American adventurers invaded the deserted valleys of Texas, and, after a successful war, established a national existence, France hastened to acknowledge the new state, and to send there a representative. For us the immense empire of China existed no more than Texas five years since, and what was then done for one it was the duty of the Government to accomplish for the other. For this reason the duty of the envoy who has just set out is not so much to conclude treaties of commerce as to explore and to report on the countries of the extreme East, where France has never yet penetrated, except by the report of her military glory.

Mr. Macgregor, late Consul at Elnisnore, proceeds by this mail to Hongkong, as Consul-General. It is believed that her Majesty's Government intend to appoint Consuls at each port, at £1,500, and Vice-Consuls at £750 per annum each; that the General Officer in command will be Governor of Hongkong; and that the Consul-General will be invested with diplomatic powers, subordinate to the Supreme Government of India. We hear that Mr. Leighton, late of China, has a Vice-Consulship.

The East India and China Association of Glasgow have forwarded a memorial to the Treasury, praying for a reduction of the duty on Tea. The East India and China Association of London are about to present a memorial on the same subject.

The Postmaster-General, having appointed a deputy-postmaster at the island of Hongkong, sealed mails for that colony will in future be despatched to Bombay by each overland mail. Letters for Hongkong will, unless addressed "via Southampton," be forwarded in the closed mail via Marseilles, and will be liable to the same rate of postage as letters for India sent by the closed mail through France, which postage must be paid in advance. Those letters, however, which are addressed, "via Southampton," will be transmitted by that route with the mail for Bombay. The postage on such letters, at the rate of 1s. the half ounce, &c. may be pre-paid, or the letters may be sent unpaid, at the option of the sender. This regulation applies only to letters addressed to the British colony of Hongkong. The postage, as far as Bombay, on all letters addressed to any other part of China, must be paid in advance, or the letters cannot be forwarded. British newspapers, duly stamped, addressed to Hongkong, may be forwarded via Southampton free from postage. Those which are forwarded via Marseilles will be liable to a postage of 3d. each.

It is said the Russian Government has recently, and with all privacy, despatched a sort of diplomatic commission to the frontiers of China—with so much privacy, indeed, that the very secretaries composing the corps were not made acquainted with their destination before or at the time of their departures. The mission, headed by a person of high consideration, numbered no less than twenty secretaries. It is quite clear that, whether the head-quarters of the mission may be, whether at Kiakhta, or on the Chinese side of the Amoor border river, or at Peking, if admission there be allowed, such a posse of secretaries cannot be intended for stationary employment alone, but doubtless for dispersion and action in the provinces, if, by means freely accorded by the celestial ruler, or by means less direct, access may be obtained therein.

Her Majesty has presented to the British Museum five chests of Chinese books, captured by the troops during the war in China. They are fine editions of works touching upon different matters connected with the administration and statistics of that vast empire. The books are in their Chinese cases or *han*—viz. small boxes, and these cases are varnished and resemble mahogany.

A most extraordinary and curious collection of Chinese guns and swords, which were captured from the enemy during the late war in China, by Commander W. R. Hall, a British captain of the *Nemesis* iron steamer, and now the commander of the Royal *Victoria* and *Albert* yards, reached Windsor Castle a few days since from the East India Company's warehouse in the city accompanied by the gallant commander, from whom her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept these singular and interesting trophies. A Bombay marine artillery man, about thirty years of age, who was actively engaged during the whole of the Chinese war, performing wonders in several engagements, accompanied Commander Hall with the presents to her Majesty. This man, Cox, had his arm taken off by a

round shot, on board the *Nemesis*, fired during an action with a number of war junks at Woosung from the batteries. It was afterwards amputated at the socket. The poor fellow is now in the receipt of a small pension, and it is expected that something further will be done for him.

When the first day of the month falls on a Sunday, letters for India, &c., via Southampton, may be posted up to the evening of the previous day, instead of before eight in the morning as heretofore.

It is the intention of government to send out to Hongkong twelve inspectors and twelve privates of the Metropolitan police, who will organize a police force in that island, the general corps being selected from the natives. The inspectors are to be allowed £400 a-year each.

**COURT AND FASHION.**

It is confidently affirmed that it is the intention of Queen Victoria to visit the banks of the Rhine next spring, and that she will remain some time in that neighbourhood. According to some accounts, her Majesty will take up her residence in the palace of Brühl, whilst others state that the palace of Stolzenfels will be prepared for her reception. Persons who have the opportunity of knowing the fact, state that a numerous assemblage of crowned heads will meet on the banks of the Rhine, probably at Coblenz.

It is stated, on good authority, that her Majesty and Prince Albert will visit Warwick Castle in about six weeks, and that the Queen has determined to take advantage of the opportunity of visiting Birmingham.

The late "Royal Progress," it is whispered, had for its object the arrangement of a union between the Whig and Tory leaders.

Earl Grey continues seriously indisposed.

A very serious accident lately happened to the Hon. Captain Rous. While charging the second barrel of his fowling-piece, at Rendlesham-hall, Suffolk, the loaded barrel exploded, and inflicted so serious an injury on the finger of his right hand as to render amputation necessary. The rim of his hat was blown off, and the right eye violently struck by a splinter from the ramrod. A trifling inclination of the barrel would have led to more dangerous consequences. We are glad to hear that the wound in the hand is progressing favourably, and that confident expectations are entertained that the inflammation in the eye will be subdued.

**MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS &c.**

James Hudson, Esq., Sec. to Legation at Washington, to be Sec. to Legation at the Hague; John Kennedy, Esq., Sec. to Legation at Naples, to be Sec. to Legation at Washington; George John Robert Gordon, Esq., First Attaché to Legation at Rio de Janeiro, to be Sec. to Legation at Stockholm; Augustus Craven, Esq., First Attaché to Legation at Brussels, to be Sec. to Legation at Stuttgart;—Bernard Gregory, the editor of the filthy *Satirist*, at present undergoing imprisonment in Newgate, is under the same discipline, and has no other diet, than that allowed the other prisoners.—The number of cotton mills and manufactories in England and Wales, up to the period of the present year, was 17,053, whose amount of steam power was calculated at 40,747; water power, 9,616; number of steam engines, 1,438; water wheels 581; total power, 50,364. In Lancashire there were 1,203 cotton mills and manufactories; their steam power being rated at 29,259; water power at 3,558; number of steam engines, 1,017; water wheels, 273; total power, 38,517. Number of mills in Preston, 36; steam engines, 42; amount of power, 1,832. Number of power looms in England and Wales for the manufacture of cotton, 90,679, 51,176 of which were worked in Lancashire. Summary of persons employed in the cotton factories of England and Wales, 220,000; of which there are in Lancashire, 171,300; in Manchester and Salford alone, 48,350.

**WINDSOR, JANUARY 5.**—A slight accident, which happily proved of no consequence, happened to her Majesty, who was being driven in a pony carriage with the Marchioness of Douro. The postilion took too short a turn from one road into another, and the left wheel of the carriage went into a broad ditch, which threw the carriage against the hedge. Her Majesty and Lady Douro were speedily rescued from their unpleasant position, and returned to the Castle in a small pony car, driven by Colonel Arbuthnot, which was kindly given up by a lady who was driving close by; and his Royal Highness Prince Albert accompanied the car on horseback. We are gratified to learn that her Majesty has not experienced any inconvenience from the accident.

**THE PRIVATE FORTUNE OF THE LATE KING OF HOLLAND.**—According to information, which seems to us deserving of credit, the late King William Frederick has left a fortune of 157,000,000 florins (£13,000,000 sterling), of which 153,000,000 of florins (about 6,000,000 sterling), are bequeathed to the present King of Holland, William III; 6,000,000 or 8,000,000, with large landed property, will come to the Countess of Outremont. The remaining millions will be divided between Prince Frederick and Princess Maria Anne, consort of Prince Albert of Prussia. The domestic misfortunes of this princess were not the least of the afflictions which cast a gloom over the last years of the life of the Count of Nassau. A letter from the Hague states that only 12,000,000 of florins of the fortune of the late ex-king of Holland are bequeathed to his widow, the Countess of Outremont. Half his fortune goes, it is said, to the reigning King, and the remainder to Prince Frederick and Prince Albert of Prussia and his wife.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY  
OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China, for the above Company, are prepared to accept Assurances 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, 3 per cent, per annum.  
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Of the 1st Class, Assurances, for the present, will be accepted to the extent of £10,000 only on one risk. And of the 2nd Class, to the extent of £8000.

A Building and its contents taken together, form one risk. Thus the above sums may be underwritten either on a Building alone, or the contents alone; or, part on the Building, and part on the contents.

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

Amongst other advantages of the Company, the Assured will be entitled to participate in the profits after five successive payments.

Parties applying for Assurances will please send in full particulars of the risk to be taken; any deviation from which, without the consent of the Company, will vitiate the Policy.

JARDINE, MATHESON, & Co.,  
Agents in China.

Macao, 12th July, 1843.

## PHILLIPS MOORE &amp; Co.

BEG to announce that they have taken part of the Godowns of Mr. Duns 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 Flint; 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, 10th 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.

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 DIXON, CARTER & Co. at Bombay, DIXON, RICHMOND & Co. at Liverpool, and ourselves in China, having expired by its own limitation on the 31st July last, we beg leave to announce, that in future, our business will be carried on here, under the firm of DIXON, GRAY & Co.; at Bombay under the firm of DIXON, HUNTER & Co.; and at Liverpool under the firm of DIXON, DAVIDSON & Co.;

DIXON & Co.

Macao, 1st August, 1843.

NOTICE.—The undersigned begs to acquaint the Public, that he has taken the ALBION HOTEL, and will conduct it under his immediate superintendance, and hopes thereby to ensure the comfort of Families and others, and to meet the patronage which that Establishment has heretofore had.

A. H. FRYER

Macao, 31st August, 1843.

NOTICE.—Goods and merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns situated 18, and 56 Queen's Road upon moderate terms.

Goods placed [except combustibles] in Godown 18 Queen's Road can be insured from risk of Fire.

Apply to N. DUUS,  
18 Queen's Road,  
Victoria, November, 1st 1843.

NOTICE.—The business of the Firm of HALL, BAINBRIDGE & Co., will from the 1st proximo, be conducted under the style of BAINBRIDGE & Co.

Madras, Benick Buildings,  
20th December, 1843.

## 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.

STORAGE may be obtained in dry, secure, and insured Godowns, 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, Champagne Cider, Arrack, Neat's Tongues, Fancy goods, Quills, Steel pens, Hand mirrors, Shades for Candelsticks, Plated Ware, &c.

P. TOWNSEND.

Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

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

## FOR SALE.

THE following Whies received ex *Faam* 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.—E. I. Cos Bills on Bengal.  
Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON, & Co.

FOR SALE.—At 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 x 36 Inches.  
Ditto 18 x 31 "

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

Victoria, 21st March, 1844.  
Also, an invoice of Nails, from 1 to 3 Inches.

## 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, 14th December, 1843.

## FOR SALE.

AT the Godowns of the undersigned,  
Claret St. Julien Pameys and Destournel  
Liqueurs  
Olive oil  
Champagne  
French plums in Camisiera  
Cognac Brandy in Doz Cases  
Brandy fruits

WILLIAM SCOTT.

Victoria, 1st 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 16th, 1844. 18 Queen's Road

FOR SALE.—Manilla Rum and Java Arrack in Casks of all sizes, Brandy in Hogsheads, Sherry in Butts, Rhds. 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 10th 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

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 4 Iron and Manilla Ropes, Canvas Paint, Paint Oil, Fibre, and Salt Provisions.

N. DUUS.  
Hongkong, March, 20th 1844.

## FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE British Ship GONDOLIER, A. I. 343 tons, Capt. Officer.  
Apply to HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.  
Victoria, 10th February, 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 exceptional 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, Latent 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 ammunition complete in Patent barrels; 2 Pitch pine spars 50 ft. by 14 lbs. and others. Is well adapted for a Coast-er 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 BOMBAY.

THE "ANNA ELIZA," Captain G. A. Groinger, will be dispatched on the 16th proximo For freight of Silk or Treasure, apply to D & M. RUSTOMJEE & Co.  
Macao, 31st March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Two large Bungalows, elegantly situated on 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.

AT the Godowns of the undersigned, the following Furniture, of superior finish, just landed ex "Hortonia" from New York.

Mahogany Beaureaus with marble tops, and mirrors.  
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 Whampoa, moored at the Entrance of Bombay Creek in Blenheim Reach.

## 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.

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.

## FOR SALE.

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

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, R. 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. Chitty.  
Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

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The Peninsular and Oriental Company have purchased the Precursor for 55,000l., conditionally on obtaining a Mail contract from Aden, if not from Suez, to Ceylon, Madras, and Calcutta.

The Mammoth Steam-ship Great Britain is at length definitively appointed to proceed on her first voyage from England to New York on the 25th of May next.

SCOTTLAND.

HOLYROOD HOUSE.—Our ancient palace at present shows some of the splendour which formerly rested upon it when it was the abode of Royalty.

At a public meeting in Pais, it was stated, with respect to the tenantry on the Scottish estates of the Duke of Sutherland, that on a rental of from 30,000l. to 40,000l. per annum, there had not, for four years, been a sixpence of arrears.

The trigonometrical survey of Scotland is now to be proceeded with in as vigorous and efficient a manner as the parliamentary grant will permit.

A meeting in aid of the lunatic fund was held at Glasgow, the Lord Provost in the chair, when resolutions were passed in favour of a repeal of the corn laws, and 3,000l. were contributed.

The trial of Mrs. Gilpin will take place before the High Court of Judiciary at Edinburgh, about the middle of this month.

The Queen has been pleased to present the Rev. John M'iver to the church and parish of Sleate, Sky, vacant in consequence of the transportation of the Rev. Alexander M'iver, late minister thereof, to the parish of Dornock; the Rev. Simon Frazer to the church and parish of Nigg, 'tain, vacant in consequence of the Rev. John Macalister, late minister thereof, having ceased to be a minister of the Church of Scotland; the Rev. James Flowerdew to the church and parish of Fordoun, Mearns, vacant by the resignation of Dr. James Leslie, late minister thereof; the Rev. Andrew Rutherford, M. A., to the church at Rothiemurchus, Abernethy, vacant by the transportation of the Rev. Charles Grant, late Minister thereof, to the parish of Kingussie.

IRELAND.

A seat for the county of Tipperary is vacant by the decease of Mr. V. Maher. Mr. Daniel O'Connell, jun., will probably be the new member.

The great majority of Irish magistrates have come to a determination of refusing honours to carry or possess arms to Repeal wardens and collectors of Repeal rent.

The Royal Agricultural Improvement Society of Ireland lately held its half-yearly meeting at Dublin; the Duke of Leinster in the chair. The Earl of Devon was among the persons present and he strongly urged the necessity of supporting the Society at the present time.

There have been various rumours about respecting the delicate state of Mr. O'Connell's health, none of them, however, sufficiently authenticated to warrant a notice of the matter one way or the other, had not his friends taken the alarm, and, by way of precaution, published the following reassuring statement in the Repeal papers.

On his return to Derry, Mrs. O'Connell had a most "enthusiastic" greeting from crowds assembled to see him pass at Killybegs. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. French, Mr. Daniel O'Connell,

junior, and his private chaplain. The Kerry Examiner records a miracle, which reminds one of the stories of volcanic showers or ashes, devastating flights of locusts, and Yankee passenger-pigeons: "as soon as the carriage stopped at the Brandon Arms, the air became darkened with hats."

WALES.

The Commissioners of Inquiry into Welsh grievances have taken the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor-General as to the legality of certain tolls exacted in Carmarthenshire on vehicles re-passing the toll-gate after having passed in the same day; and the Law-officers of the Crown pronounce the tolls in question to be illegal.

The unprecedented number of 68 writs of certiorari have been issued from the Crown office. These writs are all from Wales, in cases arising out of the late disturbances, and they are issued by the Crown, on the presumption that in the present excited state of local feeling and strong prejudice impartial trials are not to be had in the Principality.

NAVAL.

It is said that the East India Company are about to pay "donation batta" to the officers and men employed in the first expedition to Canton, when Capt. Elliot agreed to accept ransom for the city. The allowance to the army has been long since paid. The officers and men employed in the following ships of the Royal navy will be entitled to share—the Algerine, Blenheim, Blonde, Calisope, Columbine, Comowy, Cruiser, Druid, Herald, Hyacinth, Larnie, Melville, Modeste, Nimrod, Pylades, Samwang, Volage, and Wellesley.

R. Marrines—Capt. Dwyer is reported to have resigned the command of Ascension, owing to indisposition. Henry T. Fox, to be 3d Lieut. (Plymouth Div.) First Lieut. George Elliott has joined hd.-qrs. Plymouth.—The following Marine Cadets have qualified for Commissions in the corps:—John Crockett, H. N. Goll, Charles J. Ellis, W. I. Davis, Ed C. Domville.

The following Mates have passed for Lieut. at the Naval College:—Messrs. Aug. Bulber, J. H. Meads, P. Osborn, S. Orborn.

Mr. R. Drew, of the Lily, has been acquitted of a charge of sleeping on his watch in the Mozambique Channel.

The Diadem freight-ship is loading at Deptford, for Trincomalee.—The Helena, 16, proceed, via Mexico, to the Cape. The Fox, 42, is stationed in the Shannon. The Jupiter has arrived from Hongkong. The Lily, 16, has arrived from the Cape. The Jupiter has been paid off.

There are 18 line-of-battle ships, 14 frigates, 22 sloops of war, and 14 steam frigates now building at the various Dockyards;—viz, the Royal Albert 120, Royal Frederick 140, Victoria 110, Prince of Wales 110, Princess Royal 90, Aboukir 90, Algiers 90, Exmouth 90, Hannibal 90, Agamemnon 80, Lion 80, Centurion 80, Colossus 80, Inflexible 80, Madras 80, Mars 80, Majestic 80, and Sans Pareil 85, line-of-battle ships.—The Constance 60, Challenger 60, Active 36, Amphion 36, Chesapeake 36, Flora 36, Sybille 36, Alarm 26, Amethyst 26, Grebe 26, Minerva 26, and Niobe 26, frigates. The Calypso 20, Coquette 20, Arab 16, Elk 16, Hovea 16, Liberty 10, Squirrel 10, Zebra 10, Daring 12, Epigone 12, Caprey 12, Motina 12, Kingfisher 12, Flying Fish 12, Balmora 10, Despatch 6, Haund 6, Mariner 6, Magpie 6, Kangaroo 6, Dart 5, and Goshawk 12 sloops; and the Bulldog 6, Centaur 6, Dragon 6, Gladiator 6, Infernal 6, Inflexible 6, Watt 6, Terrible 6, Sphinx 6, Scourge 6, Sampson 6, and Janus, steam-frigates.

PROMOTIONS.

Lieut.—R. B. Creyke, R. J. D. Waddlove, R. Wall, and F. H. Short, for his proficiency in study at the Royal Naval College, half-yearly examination.

MILITARY.

The Colony of the 1st Royal Fusiliers by the death of the veteran Lord Lyndoch, will be given to Gen. Sir George Murray the Master-General of the Ordnance. There is no officer in the Service who better deserves the appointment, though the gallant "Foxy-two" will miss his Colonel. The Adjutant-General, Sir John Macdonald, succeeds Sir George Murray in the Colony of the 1st.

General Bugeo, Grenadier Guards, will shortly proceed to the Cape as Military Secretary to the new Devonian Legion, Gen. Sir P. Maxwell, M. P., Colonel Mandeville and Lieut. Mullins are also appointed to the Staff of Sir Bugeo.

The transportation of the Ordnance Department with those of the Commissariat and the Royal Engineers, will next year be completed. The 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Army, it is expected, will be sent to the Cape, and the 3rd Division will remain in the West Indies.

On the 5th inst. the Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Charles Grey, was appointed to the post of Master-General of the Ordnance in Great Britain and Ireland, and is the colleague (relative of

India), of which number 33,172 were in Great Britain and Ireland and 40,794 in the Colonies. In Ireland alone there were 15,522. The return in question shows the army stationed from the year 1792 to 1842. In 1792, the number of men and officers in Ireland was 18,321; in 1802, 23,786; in 1808, 24,918; in 1810, 18,431; in 1815, 19,872; and in 1842, 15,660. In December last, in Ireland there were 10,986 officers and men of the Royal Artillery &c. making nearly 17,000 soldiers in a population in Ireland (according to the census of 1841) of 8,175,338.

OBITUARY.

The Earl of Plymouth expired on the 8th Dec. at his residence in Brook-street, Grosvenor square. The late Earl was the eighth of a family who had borne the title, and dying without issue, the Earldom may be considered extinct.

Lord Inverurie, eldest son of the Earl of Kintore, expired on the 18th Dec. from an accidental injury received on the previous day during a run with the Pictish hunt.

General Sir John Taylor was found dead in bed at his lodgings, Land's Hotel, St. Alban's-place, Haymarket, on the morning of 8th Dec. He had dined the previous day with Colonel Barre, and was in his usual state of health. At night, upon retiring to rest he gave Thompson, his valet, orders to call him at 6 o'clock the next morning, to give him a draught prescribed by Dr. Gascoyne. The medicine was accordingly given at the appointed time, and the servant was then directed to give a second draught in about an hour, but if the General were asleep not to disturb him. Finding him asleep at 8 o'clock he retired, and upon his return in an hour found the General dead in bed. The gallant officer had been under the care of Dr. Gascoyne, of Clarges-street, for some time past, but though at the advanced age of 75, his death in a manner so sudden was never expected.

J. C. Loudon, Esq. expired at his house in Porchester-terrace, B. yewater, on the 14th Dec. of disease of the lungs which had wasted him to a shadow; but he retained the possession of his clear distinctive faculties to the very last, and walked from the drawing-room to the bedroom almost without assistance, a short time before he died. The number and magnitude of his works are almost without parallel, and excite absolute astonishment when we consider the painful disadvantages under which he laboured, having lost one arm, and being deprived to a great extent of the use of the other. He has been known, while walking up and down his study, to dictate to two amanuenses, and that so clearly and continuously that their pens were never at rest. In Mr. Loudon's great agricultural, and especially his horticultural works, during the last 12 years of his life, he was assisted by his wife.

David Hamilton, Esq. the eminent architect, died recently at Glasgow, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. Mr. Hamilton's professional abilities were of the first order; and in private life, he was distinguished for the singular amiability of his character, the unaffected modesty of his disposition, the vivacity of his conversation, and the interest with which he conversed of the olden time, and for his genuine worth of heart, disinterestedness, and fine sense of honour. The number of elegant or splendid structures designed by Mr. Hamilton, particularly in the West of Scotland, is very great.

Lord Lyndoch has paid the debt of nature. Amongst the most distinguished of the able and valiant soldiers who led the conquering armies of England from the Tagus to the Seine, was this venerable man, who expired on the night of December 13th, a few minutes before 11 o'clock. At his town residence, Stratton-street, having for several days been very severely indisposed.

The celebrated Madame Catalani, who for 22 years held with so much éclat the sceptre of song, has just died at Rome, after a short illness, at her villa, near Sinigaglia, at the age of 59. Angelica Catalani was born in 1784, at Sinigaglia. She made her debut on the stage at Venice when only 13, and retired in 1831. She had married M. de Trenchique, a native of Burgundy, who died in 1828, and by whom she had three children. Madame Catalani has left a fortune which is rated at about 322,000l.

An extraordinary courier arrived from Berlin at the Hague, with news of the death of His Majesty King William Frederick, Count of Nassau.

An extraordinary Supplement of the Staats Courant says:—At half-past 12 o'clock, Colonel Spengler arrived from Berlin with the melancholy intelligence that the Al-mighty had been pleased to take to Himself His Majesty King William Frederick, Count of Nassau, on the 12th December, at half-past 3 o'clock in the morning; the King had given reason to expect to speedily an end of the life of the venerable Prince. He had been engaged in business that very morning, and was found by his suite unconscious in his own chair, struck by a fit of apoplexy and apparently dead. All the attempts which were immediately made to recover His Majesty proved fruitless.

COMMERCIAL.

Tea.—The market has remained very steady during the month, at Batta—Canton, it is 65 duty, nominal per lb. 24 to 40, Congou, out market, 24 to 30, 30 to 34, 34 to 38, 38 to 42, 42 to 46, 46 to 50, 50 to 54, 54 to 58, 58 to 62, 62 to 66, 66 to 70, 70 to 74, 74 to 78, 78 to 82, 82 to 86, 86 to 90, 90 to 94, 94 to 98, 98 to 102, 102 to 106, 106 to 110, 110 to 114, 114 to 118, 118 to 122, 122 to 126, 126 to 130, 130 to 134, 134 to 138, 138 to 142, 142 to 146, 146 to 150, 150 to 154, 154 to 158, 158 to 162, 162 to 166, 166 to 170, 170 to 174, 174 to 178, 178 to 182, 182 to 186, 186 to 190, 190 to 194, 194 to 198, 198 to 202, 202 to 206, 206 to 210, 210 to 214, 214 to 218, 218 to 222, 222 to 226, 226 to 230, 230 to 234, 234 to 238, 238 to 242, 242 to 246, 246 to 250, 250 to 254, 254 to 258, 258 to 262, 262 to 266, 266 to 270, 270 to 274, 274 to 278, 278 to 282, 282 to 286, 286 to 290, 290 to 294, 294 to 298, 298 to 302, 302 to 306, 306 to 310, 310 to 314, 314 to 318, 318 to 322, 322 to 326, 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worked with the same colour, have sold pretty freely.—Yellow Nankeens : 7,000 pieces of good 7-yard, lately arrived, have been sold at 4s to 4s 3d. There are still about 10,000 Singapore Nankeens of low quality in stock, for which there is little inquiry at present.—Blue Nankeens: Only 250 pieces of inferior Blue Nankeens have been imported, whilst, throughout the year, there have been inquiries for any of good quality, and for such very good prices would have been given.

**PONGEE SILKS.**—Fair to good quality 35s to 39s inferior to 30s; Pongee Silk Handkerchiefs, plain white 21s to 25s, crimson 22s to 25s 6d, figured white 19s to 22s, ditto crimson 20s to 23s; Black Silks Handkerchiefs 27s to 27s 6d; Satin Damasks, 90s to 100s; Nankeens, 1st sort, 7 yards 4s to 4s 3d, inferior, 6s to 6s 3d, 1s 3d to 1s 6d.

**SILK.**—In China the stock in the importers' hands is reduced to almost nothing; prices very firm.

The arrivals during the past year, have been from Bengal, 7400 Bales; from China, 2618; from Italy, 6341; from Italy, waste, 1400; from Turkey, 2835; total—21,710 Bales.

Stock of Bengal and China raw silk 1st of January 1844.

Bengal.		China.		Total sold and unsold.	
Sold.	Unsold.	Sold.	Unsold.	Bengal.	China.
5211	2127	747	45	7335	792

Delivered in December, 1843.

Bengal.		China.	
Sold.	Unsold.	Sold.	Unsold.
873	176		

**PRICE CURRENT OF HENGAL AND CHINA RAW SILKS.**

BENGAL.	s. d.		s. d.	
	11 0	13 0	16 0	18 0
Banulash.....	9 0	11 0	12 0	14 0
Commercially.....	11 0	13 0	16 0	18 0
Cosmubuzar.....	12 0	14 0	14 0	15 9
Gonates.....	11 0	13 6	14 0	16 6
Hurripaul.....	10 0	12 0	14 0	17 0
Jungypore.....	10 0	12 0	14 0	15 6
Radhagore.....	9 0	11 6	14 0	15 6
Surah.....	none		14 0	15 6
Tussah.....	2 6			

**CHINA.**

Teatle.....	18 6	24 0
Teyanant.....	15 0	17 0
Do, long red.....	15 0	16 0
Canton.....	10 0	12 0
Chin Chew.....	9 6	12 0
PERSIAN.....	9 6	10 6

Stock Delivered during the on the 1st inst. previous months.

Bengal.....	7338 Bales.	873 Bales.
China.....	816	182
Persian.....	115	49

**MANCHESTER.**

The markets throughout the past month have been unusually steady for the season, and have closed buoyant with lighter stocks.

**Goods.**—There has been a steady demand for shirtings of all kinds with a tendency upwards in prices, 40 inch 72-reeds, which at the date of our last were depressed, and which then fetched 9s. 4 1/2d. to 9s. 6d., are to-day held at 9s. 9d. to 9s. 10 1/2d. Maddapollams and Jaconets meet a ready sale. Domestic are less in request. 7s. 8d. printing cloths are scarce, and held at an advance of 1 1/2d. to 3d. per piece.

**Twist.**—The principal demand for twist has been for India, and Nos. 50 and 70 of cheap qualities are very scarce, and fetch a considerable advance on July prices. No. 5c, then 9 1/2d., is to-day 10 1/2d.; 60, then 10 1/2d., is now 12 1/2d.; and 70, then 12 1/2d., has reached 15d.; these numbers were, however, much depressed at the period noted. The better class of yarns is at present relatively much cheaper than the inferior, owing to the absence of the continental demand; No. 40, for instance, at 9 1/2d., is decidedly cheaper and more plentiful than the same number at 8 1/2d.

**Cotton.**—The market reacts nearly the same as a month ago; prices receded 1/2d., but have since fully recovered.

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New York, July, 1843.

**FOR AMOY, CHUSAN, & SHANGHAI.**



THE Schooner *Alligator* is now receiving cargo, and will be dispatched in a few days. For Freight or Passage apply to the Captain on board, or to

J. B. PAIN.

Victoria, 3rd April, 1844.

MR. J. B. PAIN will sell by Auction on Monday, the 8th inst., at his Rooms, Queen's Road, Opposite Captain's Hong, for the benefit of the Underwriters a CASE, containing Looking Glasses, Musical Boxes and Boats, damaged by salt water. Also, Perfumery, Slops, Crockery Ware, Long Cloths, &c.

Victoria, 3rd April, 1844.

ELISHA DENTON begs to announce to the Gentry and Inhabitants of Hongkong, that he intends opening a House, No. 2, Webster's Bazaar, for the purpose of Hair Dressing, and trusts by strict attention to business to meet a share of their patronage.

N. B. Razors carefully set, &c. &c.

Victoria, 4th April, 1844.

**LONDON MONTHLY TIMES**, for the Overland Mail, on sale at this office. In future a few copies will be received by every opportunity, and disposed of at 50 cents each.

Gazette Office.  
April 6th.

WANTED A Competent STEWARD for the Midshipmen's Mess of H.M.S.V. *Vixen*. For particulars apply on board, between the hours of 9 and 12 a.m.

H.M.S.V. *Vixen*,  
Hongkong, April 5, 1844.

**JUST RECEIVED**, and for Sale by the Under- signed—

- London Bottled Ale and Porter
- Good Dutch Butter
- Ditto Gloucester Cheese
- A large stock of Cut Crystal China Dessert Sets, complete
- Ditto Tea ditto ditto
- Prime Cumberland Hams
- Superior Pale and Brown Sherry
- Ditto ditto Brandy, 1 dozen cases.

FRAS. DICKENS.

Victoria, April 6, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**—A few pieces of *fine* Long Cloth, Patent Cachemera and Light Waistcoat Pieces, suitable for summer wear; also very superior Store and House Door Locks and Padlocks; bolts and screws. SUPERIOR OLD No. 3 CHEROOTS; Light French Wines, of various kinds; Pale and Brown Sherry; Port, Claret, Brandy, Rum, Hollands, Cider, Sperm and Stearine Candles, Quinine, &c.

Apply to

J. C. POWER.

Victoria, 6th April, 1844.

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

D. DISANDT.

F. H. TIEDEMAN.

Victoria, Hongkong, 1st January, 1844.

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

- Pale and Medium Sherry.
- 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, Hook, Batavia Arrack and Brandy in Wood. A good assortment of Oilman's Stores, Coconut, Turpentine, and Paint Oil, Manila Rope, French and English Corks.

Apply to

D. DISANDT & TIEDEMAN.

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

**NOTICE.**—My Establishment has this day been removed to Victoria Hongkong.

FRAMJEE JAMSETJEE.

Macao, 27th March, 1844.

**AUCTION.**

ON Tuesday, the 6th instant, at 4 o'clock, p. m., will be sold by Public Auction, on the Estate of the late J. A. Mercer, Esq., in the Wong-ni-chung Valley, a Choice lot of Wines and Liquors having been selected with great care. A quantity of valuable Plate, a splendid Library of Standard Works. Also, a large collection of Native and Foreign Plants and Flowers, and many other valuable articles.

AUGUST HOWELL, Auctioneer.

The Point, 1st April 1844.

**NOTICE.**

THE interest and responsibility of M. William R. Lejeu, and Mr. William Cooper, in our house have ceased; and Mr. Nathaniel Kinsman, 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 Kinsman, William A. Lawrence, and William Moore.

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 15th March, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**—Sheathing Copper, from 16 to 24 ounces, and Sheet Lead; Port, Sherry, Claret and Champagne, at

HENRY, HUMPHREYS & Co., 13 Queen's Road.

Victoria, Hongkong 20th March, 1844.

**NOTICE.**—In Store; deliverable only to the parties to whom they are addressed, or their orders, 2 Boxes addressed J. G. Bolton 49th Regt.

- 1 " " Engineer Randall.
- 2 " " Wm. M. Gregor, Bart.
- 1 " " Officers Comd. H. M. 78 Highlanders.
- 1 " " Col. A. B. Dyce, H. M. 41st M. N. I.
- 2 " " Mess H. M. 6th Regt.
- 1 " " Officers Comdg. 26th R. gt.
- 1 " " " 49th " "
- 4 " " Mess. 55th to order of the 19th Regt. Mass.
- 1 " " H. M. 18th Regt.
- 1 Package addressed Colour Sergeant J. Beecroft, H. M. 55th Regt.
- 1 Box Lieut. Hasted, H. M. Ship Cornwallis.

N. DUUS.

Victoria, 1st April, 1844.

**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, Dutch, 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.

**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
- Claret
- Sherry
- Port
- Brandy
- Ale
- Porter
- Cider
- Porry
- Vinegar
- Cherry Cordial
- Manila Cheroots
- Stationery of all Sorts
- Oil Table covers
- Lemon Syrup
- Black and Green Teas
- Sperm Candles

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.

**H. W. WALKER'S NEEDLES**, (by authority the "Queen's Own") have large eyes easily threaded, even by blind persons, and work with great ease, having improved points, temper, and finish. They are made of every length or substance and for every purpose, each paper having the name "H. WALKER" on an embossed label with a likeness of Queen Victoria, or His Royal Highness Prince Albert, in relief on colours. They are put up in various fancy packages, containing from 100 to 1000 needles; among them are—leather books, gilt or illuminated with various colours, boxes with plumes of the Prince of Wales, Victoria or Albert boxes, illustrations of the Chinese and of the Queen's Visit to France.

H. W. packs ten qualities of needles in tin cases of 10,000; each tin containing one quality, but assorted sizes, and ten different letters refer to the different assortments, either one of which is a convenient package: in this way they keep any length of time, and are convenient for barter. H. W. manufactures every kind of needles, large or small, as Ladies' or Gentlemen's travelling needle companions, &c. &c. H. W.'s Improved Fish Hooks of every description for sea or inland use, his Hooks and Eyes, in boxes or on cards, are unrivalled, and his Steel Pens are made to suit every writer.

H. W.'s Needle Almanacks for 1844 explain the sizes of his needles and give much other information; they are published annually, (price one penny) and will go in a post letter.

H. W. is specially appointed by Royal Warrant, Manufacturer to her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria

20, Maiden Lane, Wood Street, London.