

UNDER DESPATCH.

Fortescue, *Hall*, Singapore.
 Audax, *Yaux*, " and Calcutta.
 Black Dog, *Lloyd*, "

REPORTS.

Passengers per *Palmyra*, Mr. Pett Store, Keeper, Mr. Bout Deputy Store Keeper, Mr. Rees, Mr. Tittley, Mr. Ford, Mr. Peck, Mr. Cargill, Mr. Burgoine, Mr. Allis, Colonel Farquharson, Mrs. Pett and family, Mrs. Bout and family, Mrs. Rees and family, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Allis, Mrs. Burgoine.

Passengers per *Urgent*, Mr. J. Prince, Mr. W. H. Wingfield.

Passenger per *Thos. Lowry*, G. Jones Esq.
 Report per *Palmyra*, called at the Cape of Good Hope 16th February, called at the Island of Timor.

Report per *Urgent*, a Black Barque and a Schooner seen off Sable Island but not spoken with.

Report per *Thos. Lowry*, Sustained a severe hurricane in Lat. 38, 37, Long. 41, 40 on the 7 Feb. in which she lost her Mainyard, Main Topmast Yard Mizzen Topmast and all her light Spars, Touched at Anger, March 19th.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

NAMES.	TONS.	MASTER.	CONSIGNEES.
Fortescue	259	Holl	Jardine Matheson & Co
Eagle (A.M.)	335	Sherman	russell & Co.
Black Dog	---	Lloyd	Gibb Livingstone & Co
Audax	140	Yaux	Jardine Matheson & Co
Warlock	208	Jauncey	Jardine Matheson & Co
Yong	85	Hart	C. W. Bowra.
Queno	---	Johnson	McViea, & Co.
Zephyr	---	Powne	Webbmore & Co.
Convoy (A.M.)	350	Adams	---
Starling	---	Adams	---
Palmyra	304	Campbell	Jardine Matheson & Co
Urgent	275	Godwin	Turner & Co.
Hope	403	Crawford	Jardine Matheson & Co
Thos. Lowry	409	Graham	Fox Rawson & Co.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

Agincourt, 72, Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane
 K. C. B. Cap. Bruce.
 "Minden," 72, Captain Quin.—Hospital Ship.
 H.M.S. Frigate Vixen Commander Gillard R. N.
 H. C. Sir. Proserpine Com. Hough. R. N.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

SHIPS.	TONS.	CAPTAIN.	AGENTS.
Oranby (Dan.)	200	Franklyn	W. H. Franklyn
Brooklyn	514	Thomson	McViea, & Co.
Mischief	191	Connew	Fox Rawson & Co.
Gondolier	343	Oliver	Holliday Wise & Co.
Marmion	412	Emery	Lindsay, & Co.
Wm. Hyde	538	Stewart	Benjamin Scuro.

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA, AND MACAO.

Clarendon	---	Stoddard	Russell & Co.
Jessore	---	Meecom	---
Cynthia	374	Bryant	Cap. Bryant
Surat	---	Poirce	A. Heard & Co.
U. S. S. Brandywine	---	Com. Parker.	---

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.

Fortitude	640	Buckham	Lindsay & Co.
Leont	100	---	John Smith
Anglona	---	Lane	---
Godess	171	Lovering	Russell & Co.
Corsair	---	Fraser	Russonjee & Co.
Island Queen	---	Priestman	Dent & Co.
Edward	---	Doig	Russell & Co.
Robinson	---	---	---

PORTUGUESE.

H.M.F. Tejo	---	Du Vallo	---
Angelica	---	Sanchez	A.J. de Miranda.
Genoveva	---	Lunga	P.J.S. Loureiro.
Onze Marçol	---	Rivott	---

FRENCH.

H.M.L.S.	---	50 Guns	Capt. Ceccille
Cleopatra	---	Bernaid	J.A. Durran
Joseph	---	32 Guns	Capt. Duplan
H.M.L.S.	---	---	---
Alemene	---	---	---
Emilio	---	---	---

LATEST DATES.

ENGLAND	Jan. 6	SINGAPORE	Mar. 19
WEST INDIES	Dec. 9	JAVA	Feb. 25
CALCUTTA	Feb. 28	MANILA	April 17
BOMBAY	---	CUBAN	April 8
SYDNEY	Jan. 6	SHANGHAI	" 6
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NOTICE.

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THE FRIEND OF CHINA,
AND HONG-KONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1844.

A Mail for Calcutta per *Audax* closes at 4 P. M. this day.

This new regulations of the Post Office are the subject of universal complaint among the British residents of China—Mercantile, Naval, and Military; and the Gentleman who fills the situation of Deputy Postmaster, in the course of two months, has probably made himself the most unpopular man in the Colony. Hitherto, from feelings of delicacy, knowing the duties he was undertaking were new to him, and that the excitement raised by the ideal opinions of the important situation he now holds under Her Majesty's Government, had not subsided into the quiet reality of a Colonial Post Office, we have refrained from taking notice of the extraordinary vagaries of this public servant. We are aware that we ought long ere this to have pointed out the abuses of office, and the illegal exactions made, so far as is publicly known, without any authority by the person who holds the appointment of Deputy Postmaster in this town.

Under the old management, there were few causes of complaint; if vessels under control of the Admiral on the station, or the Colonial Government, were at times despatched without any Mails being made up for them, this was not so much the fault of the Postmaster as of his superiors, who neglected to give him intimation of their intended departure. If there were defects in the efficiency of the department, then there was an evident desire to oblige, which is not observable now. The mercantile community of China are long-suffering and patient to a degree, and would quietly submit to any moderate degree of injustice rather than take the trouble of remonstrating; but we greatly err if, in the present instance, a very strong representation of the inconveniences experienced, and the illegal exactions forced upon them in the shape of local postage, is not forwarded to the Lords of the Treasury.

We do not profess to have much knowledge of law; but we are firmly convinced that in imposing a charge on letters and newspapers sent to the five ports of China and India, Mr. Scales is acting illegally:—we pay it, as we would be compelled were the amount ten times greater; but we do so under protest; and when we are blessed with a Judge, we will bring the question to issue, if other parties do not anticipate us. At present we submit, as we have no alternative; knowing, however, that neither Mr. Scales nor His Excellency Sir Henry Pottinger have the power to alter the rates of postage as fixed by the authorities at home. If the one party does raise these rates and the other sanctions the step, it can only be characterised as an unjust and illegal measure, forced upon the Colonists, and connived at by those who ought to protect them from imposition and chicanery.

If we speak strongly on this subject, we feel strongly. An iniquitous and illegal tax has been placed upon the Press, which we are satisfied would never obtain the sanction and approval of any other Governor of a British Colony. His Excellency has been pleased to notify that Mails will be made up here, and forwarded as opportunities may offer, to the various Consular establishments in China. On enquiry, we are informed that the prepayment on letters is optional, on newspapers it is compulsory. We ask was there ever such an illiberal distinction made in an English colony? If it is any satisfaction to Sir Henry Pottinger to be made aware of the fact, we inform him that he has, in a pecuniary view, deeply injured our prosperity. The burden illegally forced upon us is not a light one; we feel satisfied, however, that it is but of a temporary nature—a few months will see important changes, and with more liberal rulers we may anticipate more liberal measures. To descend, however, from Governors to Deputy Postmasters, we would remark that, although, in his anxiety for employment, Mr. Scales was induced to accept of his situation upon an inadequate salary, this does not justify him in levying black mail from the Public. His instructions, as published, are quite clear as to the postages on letters passing through the United Kingdom, and are unalterable—of the local postage not one word is said, nor do we believe Mr. Scales has the slightest right to exact any. Formerly when the expense of delivery was incurred, a small sum on town letters, also those from Macao, Canton and the coast might have been exacted with some appearance of justice—now, however, that letters are only deliverable on application at office, and when no additional expense is incurred on their account, the levying of four pence on each is ridiculous.

Mr. Scales, we are informed, is an Attorney—he must therefore be well aware that he is acting illegally, and we doubt whether even the broad commission of Sir Henry Pottinger will shield him from the indignation of the heads of the Post Office department, when his conduct is brought before their eyes.

We did hope that when a person was sent from England to take charge of this office, he would have been competent for its duties, and that an immediate improvement would be observable in the arrangement of his establishment. The reverse of this is the case. Complaints of incivility, intention to the Public interest, and extortion are made by every one brought into communication with the Post office.

We entertain no unfriendly feeling towards Mr. Scales, although, on the score of being obliging, we have nothing to thank him for; and in advising him to look more to the Public interest and less to his own pocket, we give him an advice which some judicious friend ought to have done on his first arrival.

Much disappointment is felt at the non-arrival of the January Mail. That portion forwarded via Calcutta has been in receipt for upwards of three weeks, and by the next clipper from thence, we fully anticipate being put in possession of the London papers for February. Considering the importance of the trade of China, and the necessity for speedy and certain communication with England, we are astonished that means are not adopted for the more punctual arrival of the Overland Mail. According to the plan proposed by Mr. Henry Wise, of London, the practicability of transmitting the Mail to or from the colony in fifty nine days, is clearly pointed out. In the present instance the January Mail is 110 days, old, nearly the average of fast ships coming round the cape. We are decidedly of opinion that a Company, having for its object a junction at Ceylon with the line from Calcutta to Suez, would be a profitable investment if well conducted—the freight upon Opium alone would go well nigh paying all expenses.

Much anxiety is felt by the employes of Government for the February Mail. It is anticipated that it will announce very important changes in the different departments of the public service in Hongkong. From the Governor downwards a sweeping turn out may be looked for. Rumour as usual proclaims the name of various parties as being likely to succeed His Excellency Sir Henry Pottinger. We have not the slightest grounds for our belief, further than our acquaintance with other colonies, from which we are strongly inclined to think, the two offices of Governor, and Commander of the Forces, will be vested in one person.

General D'Agular appears to have obtained considerable popularity since his arrival, and his advancement to the honorable position of Governor would, be highly satisfactory. We confess we do not feel so much anxiety about our future Ruler, as we do to know that a thorough and experienced person has been appointed to the important and arduous office of Colonial Secretary. Upon this Gentleman's shoulders the weight, though not the responsibility of Government will be thrown; and if he possesses all those qualifications which generally distinguish the Secretaries of other colonies, public affairs would be conducted with ease and comfort to His Excellency; and satisfaction to those over whom he is ruler.

Future Governors will be released of much of the labor and cares which His Excellency now has to undergo. With a regular organized establishment, matters will go on smoothly and pleasantly to all concerned.

An extraordinary instance of meanness and cupidity occurred at Macao a few days ago. The brig *Amelia* arrived at that port, having on board sixty bales of goods, part of her original cargo from Singapore to the Coast. Upon communicating with his Agents, the Captain was requested to send the goods over to Hongkong. For this purpose a lorch was engaged, but through some mistake the lorch ran into the inner harbour. The mate of the *Amelia* followed and again brought her outside. By this time the jackals of the Macao Customs had got wind of the affair, and a seizure was made, and the goods detained until the full amount of duties, upwards of \$1,000, was paid. The more respectable part of the Portuguese have petitioned the Governor of Macao to permit the goods being sent here, as was intended, upon payment being made of one fourth the duties levied on similar goods when landed in that port. The prayer of the petition has been refused. \$1,000 in the present aspect of affairs, is of more consequence to the Authorities of that settlement, than good faith or national honour.

NINGPOO.

By the *Urgent* we have advices from this port to the 11th.

Mercantile affairs continue in a satisfactory state. Goods almost entirely cleared out of the hands of first holders. From the inclemency of the weather some interruption had been experienced, purchasers not being able to accept delivery so expeditiously as might be wished.

We have letters from Balli Badong to the 11th of February, and from Lombok to the 4th of March, which do not confirm the account contained in our Correspondent's letter from Batavia (dated 8th February), of the massacre of the Dutch inhabitants settled on that Island.

Some disturbance had taken place among the natives themselves, but no Europeans were killed. These disturbances appear to have been slight, and no dread for personal safety is entertained by the Gentleman who writes the letter to which we refer.

Rice was scarce and dear. The only ship loading for China was the ship *Lady Amherst*.

We have been at some trouble in compiling tables of the Pay in the English and American Navies.—The liberality of the United States, towards the Officers of their Naval service, is well known and will be evident, by glancing over the two lists we now furnish. One drawback to the American service, is their being allowed no pensions for wounds, or half pay. The last objection is only an apparent one however. When a Ship is paid off, the Officers are attached to a Navy yard, on an allowance something less than sea pay. From the Navy yard leave of absence can be obtained, a further deduction being made. Commanders—Sea pay \$2,500. Navy yard pay \$2100. On leave \$1800.

There is no allowance upon which an Officer may retire from the service altogether. As in their Army, that can only be done by throwing up their commissions.

The United States make no provision whatever for Seamen or petty Officers. Their pay while in actual service is in full of all demands. In this the service is defective, and they would do well to follow the example set by Great Britain. If our Officers have reason of complaint, the blue Jacket have none. If disabled he is snugly moored in Greenwich for life. If he serves twenty one years he is entitled to a pension, sufficient to live upon comfortably—those who enter the service young can retire ere middle age with a competency.

SEA PAY OF THE ROYAL NAVY.

Admiral of the fleet	£ 2,100	..
Admiral	1,825	..
Vice Admiral	1,400	..
Rear Admiral or Commodore	1,025	..
Captain of the fleet	1,025	..
Captains, 1st rate,	797	15 4
.. 2nd	698	2 ..
.. 3rd	598	8 8
.. 4th	453	11 ..
.. 5th	398	17 8
.. 6th	349	1 ..
Commander all	299	4 4
1st Lieutenant of 7 years standing	204	4 ..
All other Lieutenants	182	..
Masters 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rate	212	6 8
.. 4th, 5th, and 6th	182	..
.. Sloops, Gun Brig, Schooners &c.	152	2 ..
Chaplains, all	159	9 4
Pursers, all	91	..
Passed Midshipmen, all	65	..
Midshipmen, all	31	4 ..
Gunner, Boatswain and Carpenter in } 1st 2nd and 3rd rates	71	1 4
Do. in 4th 5th and 6th rates	61	2 ..
Do. in vessels not rated	61	2 ..

MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Inspectors of Hospitals and Fleet	£ 547	17 1
Do. after 10 years service	766	10 ..
Surgeons, 1st 6 years	214	4 ..
.. Above 6	219	..
.. 10	25	10 ..
.. 20	328	10 ..
Deputy Inspector of Hospital and fleets } with a further allowance when employed in Hospitals ashore	365	..
Assistant Surgeons	127	15 ..
Do. above 10 years full pay service	161	5 ..
If serving in small vessels	182	10 ..
Surgeons of Hospital Ships of whatever } length of service	328	10 ..

NAVAL INSTRUCTORS.

On first entry	127	15 ..
After 10 years service	182	10 ..
And £ 5 per annum for each young gentleman whom they shall instruct.		

SEA PAY OF THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Senior Capt. in service, pr. an.	\$4,500	as 12918	15 ..
Captains of Squadrons	4,000	..	818 13 ..
Captains on other duty	3,500	..	714 11 ..
Commanders	2,500	..	510 8 4
Lieutenants comg.	1,800	..	387 10 ..
.. on other duty	1,600	..	304 5 ..
Masters of Ships of the line	1,100	..	224 11 8
.. on other duty	1,000	..	204 3 4
Chaplains	1,200	..	245 ..
Pursers	480	..	98 ..
Passed Midshipmen	750	..	153 2 6
Midshipmen	400	..	81 18 0
Boatswain, Gunners, Carpen- } ters, and Sailmakers of a line of battle Ship	750	..	153 2 6
Do. of a Frigate	500	..	122 10 ..
Do. on other duty	500	..	109 1 8
Professors of Mathematics &c.	1,200	..	245 ..
Teachers &c.	480	..	98 ..
And two rations per day at 30 cents each.			

SUBORONS.

1st 5 years	\$ 333	234	as 1,272	18 4
2nd 5	1,600	..	326	13 4
3rd 5	1,866	66	..	382 13 ..
4th 5	2,133	333	..	490 ..
Surgeons of the fleet from \$167 to \$300 per annum additional.				

NOTICE.—We the undersigned, beg to acquaint the Public, that our Co-partnership, in the Auctioneering Business in Hongkong, ceased (by mutual consent) on the 15th day of March last.

CHARLES MARKWICK.
M. EWEN.

Victoria, Hongkong, A pril, 26th 1844.
N. B.—With reference to the above, Notice All the affairs of the concern, carried on by Markwick and M. Ewen, will be settled by me.

C. MARKWICK.
SHEATHING Copper, 16 to 24 oz., with nails, Sheet Lead, &c.
At the Godowns of
HENRY HUMPHREYS & Co.
13 Queen's Road,
24th April, 1844.

STORAGE may be obtained in dry, secure, and insurable Godowns.
Apply to HENRY HUMPHREYS & Co.
13 Queen's Road,
24th April, 1844.

GLOBE INSURANCE OFFICE
OF CALCUTTA.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agent in China for the above office, is ready to grant Policies payable in London, Calcutta, Bombay and China.
A. A. DE MELLO.
Macao, 23d April, 1844.

PHOENIX MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF CALCUTTA.
THE undersigned continues to issue Policies for the above Company, payable in London, Bombay, Calcutta and China.
A. A. DE MELLO.
Macao, 23d April, 1844.

JUST received a quantity of Superior Wines. Also a quantity of Allsopp's Pale Ale.
Apply to
FRANCIS DICKENS
Hongkong, 26th April, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Superior Silk and Muslin Dresses, for Ladies, Irish Linen, Military Drill, White Silk Handkerchiefs, Counterpanes, English Towels, Gentlemen's White Silk Gloves, Handsome Waistcoats, English made, and a variety of other Articles.
At F. FUNCK'S,
Opposite the Commissariat
Victoria, 27th April, 1844.

TO BE SOLD.—A Cape Horse, the property of Major General D'Agular, He is warranted sound and quiet to ride, but will not bear Harness.
Price 120 Dollars.
Victoria, 26th April, 1844.

TO CLOSE A CONSIGNMENT.
MR. J. B. PAIN, will sell by Auction on Monday next, at 11 o'clock precisely, without reserve. A Handsome Bay Horse, lately arrived from Sydney, per *Alligator*.
Victoria, 26th April, 1844.

ON SALE.—Beer in Wood and Bottles just arrived.
Apply to
N. DUUS.
Victoria, April 26th, 1844 18 Queen's Road.

FOR SALE.—At the Hotel of Mr. J. J. LOPES,
viz:
Fine Claret, Do. Port,
Do. Brandy, Do. Porter,
Do. Champagne, Do. Sherry,
Do. Ch. rose, Liqueurs,
Superior No. 3, Manila Cigars,
Do. No. 4, do. do.
Do. Sperm Candles,
Do. Butter.
Victoria, 19th April, 1844.

L. JUST Jr. begs leave to inform to the Community of Hongkong, that he has removed part of his Establishment from Macao to that place, and that the business there will be carried on by Douglas and Laprak at No. 1 Wellington Terrace.
Macao, April 16th, 1844

THE undersigned have associated themselves for the transaction of a General Commission and Forwarding Business, under the Firm of Bush, Halsted, & Co., and will continue the business heretofore conducted by "Bush and Miller."
F. T. BUSH.
J. S. HALSTED, Junr
Victoria, Hongkong,
April 15th, 1844.

DR. RANSAY,
MEMBER of the Royal College of Surgeons London,
"Waterloo Hotel."
Victoria, 17th April, 1844.

AUCTION.
ON Thursday, the 30th Inst. at 11 o'clock, A.M. at the Godowns of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., will be sold by Public Auction, all the effects of the late John Slade, Esq., and also those of the late Captain Morgan, consisting of Furniture, Silver and Plated Dishes, a valuable Library of Books, &c. &c.
AUGUSTUS HOWELL,
The Point, April 20th, 1844. Auctioneer.

JUST received and for sale by the undersigned,
Good Dutch Butter,
Fresh Sardines,
Do. Salmon,
French Velvet Corks,
Dolland's Telescopes,
A large stock of Cut Crystal,
China Dessert Sets,
Do. Tea Sets,
Prime Cumberland Hams,
Superior Pale and Brown Sherry,
Do. Pale Brandy in dozen cases,
Health's do. do.
Claret, Moselle, Sauterne,
Champagne, Cider, Cherry Brandy, Cordials.
New American Flour, 8,50 per barrel, &c. &c.
FRANCIS DICKENS.
Victoria, Hongkong, 12th 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 Arnek; Ale and Porter, Cheroots, Oilman's Stores, Preserves, Flour, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Canvas, Rope, Twine, Blocks, Paints and Oils, Varnish, and every description of Stores for Ship and Cabin use.
Danish Schooner (Ormen). W. H. FRANKLYN.
Whampoa, March 20th, 1844.

COMMERCIAL INN AND READING ROOM.
FOR the convenience of Passengers, Captains, and the Public, This Inn and Public Reading Room is now completed, and will be conducted in a neat, manner, calculated to give satisfaction, and be nearly as possible at English Prices.—
P. S. The Reading Room will be supplied with early intelligence from all parties of the globe also all the local Publications.

No charge to the Reading Room.—Wines, Spirits, Porter, and Ales, of the best quality.
J. MACLEHOSE,
Queen's Road, Opposite M. M'ewen's.
Sale Rooms.
Victoria, Hongkong, April, 23rd, 1844.

TO BE SOLD, PRICE 30 DOLLARS,
(THE property of a Gentleman, about going to England, a five months old pup, out of a thorough bred Scotch terrier, by an English bulldog: to be seen at the WATERLOO HOTEL.
Hongkong, April 23rd, 1844.

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SIMMONDS'S Colonial Magazine, edited and published by Mr. Simmonds, monthly, price 2s. 6d., is especially recommended to the notice of Colonists.
Observe the Address—18, CORNHILL.

PHILIPS MOORE & 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 Godas, German Silver and British Plate, Guns, Pistols, Powder Flasks, Percussion Caps, Shot Bolts, 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 & Co. & Co.
Queen's Road Victoria.

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

1st January, 1844.

MR. LATTY.

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

Hongkong, January, 1844.

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

DIROM & 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 merchandize 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 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.

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 Rundall.
2 " " Wm. M. Gregor, Bart.
1 " " Officers Comd. H. M. 78 Highlanders.
1 " " Col. A. B. Dyce, H. M. 41st M. N. I.
1 " " Mess H. M. 6th Regt.
2 " " Officers Comdg 20th Regt.
4 " " " " 49th " " "
4 " " Mess. 55th to order of the 18th Regt. Mess.
1 " " H. M. 18th Regt.
1 Package addressed Colour Sergeant J. Beecroft, H. M. 25th Regt.
1 Box Lieut. Halsted, H. M. Ship Cornwallis

N. DUUS.

Victoria, 1st April, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of M. William R. Lejean, 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.

NEW STORE.

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

Champagne Vinegar
Claret Cherry Cordial
Sherry Manly Cordials
Port Stittoney of all Sorts
Brandy Oil Table covers
Ale Lemon Syrup
Porter Black and Green Teas
Perry Sperrin 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 Hosiery and Various other articles.

ROBT LOWRIE.

Victoria, 5th March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—A few pieces of fine Long Cloth, Patent Cashmere and Light Waiscoat Pieces, suitable for summer wear; also very superior Store and House Door Locks and Padlocks; belts and screws. SUPERIOR OLD No. 3 CHERTOOTS; Light French Wines, of various kinds; Pale and Brown Sherry; Port, Claret, Brandy, Rum, Hollands, Cider, Sperrin and Stearime Candles, Quinine, &c.

Apply to J. C. POWER.

Victoria, 6th April, 1844.

JUST ARRIVED.—A few pieces of Bengal Silk Bandannoes, and Patna towelling ex "Hero."

ALSO

A few suits of very superior Summer and Winter horse clothing; a Lady's leaping saddle and bridle, one best double bridle; and two pair of spare stirrup leathers from H. and P. Pant. A few 18 inch and 21 inch iron Chests remarkably cheap.

Apply to J. C. POWER.

Victoria, 17th April, 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 British Boots, Champagne in Baskets, Sherry in wood and Bottle, Brandy Kraits, a few cases Tokay, Olives, Champagne Cider, Arrack, Neat's Tongues, Fancy goods, Quills, Steel pens, Hand mirrors, Shades for Candlesticks, Plaid Ware, &c.

P. TOWNSEND.

Victoria, 7th March, 1844.

TO LET.

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

Apply to

A. Mc CULLOCH,

46 Queen's Road.

Victoria, Hong Kong, 12th December, 1843.

FOR SALE.

AT the Godowns of the undersigned.
Claret St. Julien Panneys and Destourmel
Liqueurs
Olive oil
Champagne
French plums in Cansisters
Cognac Brandy in Doz Cases
Brandy fruits

WILLIAM SCOTT.

Victoria, 1st March, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Manila Rum and Java Arrack in Casks of all sizes, Brandy in Hogsheads, Sherry in Butts, Hhds. Gr. Casks and Octaves, Cape Madeira, Lisbon and Tinto in wood, Sherry, Port, Madeira, Claret, Cherry Brandy Cognac, Gin in Boxes of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 doz Cases all of superior quality.

Apply to N. DUUS.

Victoria, February 16th 1844. 18 Queen's Road

FOR SALE.—Rigs Spars, for Top and Topgallant Masts and Yards, and Deal Planks, from 1 to 13 inch x 7, and from 13, to 29 feet long, and a Patent Windlass, Capstan and Winch, also Europe and Manila Rope, Canvas Paint, Paint Oil, Flour, and Salt Provisions.

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.—AT the Godowns of Messrs Fox & Rawson & Co., a quantity of Burton Ale in Hhds, from Washington and Robinson, ex "John Bibby."

Hongkong, 27th March, 1844.

PATENT BALLANCES and APPARATUS. A variety of these have just been landed in the Store of the undersigned, weighing from 40 to 2000 lbs. price moderate.

Macao, 8th April, 1844. JNO: SMITH.

PATENT Manila Rope, of all sizes, on Sale by

Macao, 8th April, 1844. JNO: SMITH.

FOR SALE.



THE Clipper built Barque "Masonary" Register 252 tons O.M. She is a fast sailing Vessel, and would be well adapted for the Coast Trade. Apply to

FOX RAWSON & Co.

Victoria, 16th April 1844.

FOR CHARTER.



THE Clipper Brig Eagle, Capt. Sherman, will be dispatched for Chusan direct, on the 20th inst.

For freight or passage apply to

BUSH HALSTED & Co

or Capt. SHERMAN, on Board.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.



THE British Ship GONDOLIER, A. I. 343 tons, Capt. Oliver.

Apply to

HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.

Victoria, 10th February, 1844.

FOR SALE.—The under Wines just received from

Alexander Black London

Fine old Pale and Brown Sherry.

Fine old Port.

Champagne.

HUGHESDON, CALDER & Co.

Victoria, 8th April, 1844.

FOR SALE.

THE following Wines received ex Foam from Messrs. Sandeman Forster and Co. London.

Fine old Pale and Brown Sherry

Fine old Madeira

Fine old Port

Sauterne, Moselle, Burgundy and Champagne.

Apply to LINDSAY & Co.

Macao, 1 January, 1844.

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL.

FOR the greater convenience of Vessels lying in the Whampoa and Blenheim reaches, the Hospital Vessel is moored off the Dumbay Creek.

M. OSULLIVAN and J. MANDALL.

Members of the Royal College of Surgeons &c. and Licent 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. Duns.

Apply on board or at the Godowns.

Cash on Delivery.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1844.

WANTED a Competent STEWARD for the Mid-shippen's Mess of H.M.S.V. Viceroy. For particulars apply on board, between the hours of 9 and 12 a.m.

H.M.S.V. Viceroy,

Hongkong, April 5, 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.

FOR SALE. A fine chestnut Arab Horse.

Apply to

FRAMJEE JAMSETJEE.

Victoria, 15th April, 1844.

COMPRADORE'S CHEQUE BOOKS, of an improved form for sale at this office.

Gazette Office, April 16th, 1844.

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 Seaman'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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