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**FOR AMOY.**

 THE clipper barque "POSSIDONE," Captain Valentini, having part of her cargo engaged, will have early despatch. For freight, apply to  
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Victoria, June 13, 1844.


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 THE clipper barque LOUISA, Capt. FORBES, will load at Whampoa for Bombay, and be despatched about 10th July. For light freight, apply to  
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Victoria, 24th June, 1844.


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 THE fine schooner ALLIGATOR, Captain COOK, having the greatest part of her cargo engaged, will meet with early despatch. For freight or passage apply to  
**N. DUUS,**  
18, Queen's Road.  
Victoria, July 5, 1844.


**FOR LONDON.**

 THE Barque Cumberland, Captain MAJOR, will sail in about ten days for the above port. For passage only, having superior poop accommodation, apply to  
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 THE Danish Schooner OAKUM, about 200 tons burthen, formerly known as the "ROSE," now lying in Blenheim Reach, Whampoa. For particulars apply to  
**N. DUUS,**  
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or **W. H. FRANKLYN, Esq.,**  
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Victoria, June 25, 1844.

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 TO let on moderate terms, the fine old ship SARAH, being well calculated for an Hospital ship or Godown. Apply to  
**JOHN LAMONT,**  
East Point, 20th June, 1844.

**MR. JOHN SMITH,** of Macao, will receive advertisements and subscriptions for the *Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette*; he is also authorized to collect outstanding accounts due by the Macao subscribers: in future Mr. Smith will have a few extra numbers of each paper for sale. Price to subscribers 25 cents each, non-subscribers 1 rupee.  
Victoria, 8th June, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**—At the office of this paper. Compravores cheque books. Ships Articles, with an abstract of the merchant seaman's act endorsed on the back. Chartistries, after forms by Chitty. Powers of Attorney, after forms by Chitty. Bills of Lading. Chinese Tariff of imports, and exports, for counting houses.

**COMPRAVORE'S CHEQUE BOOKS,** of an approved form for sale at this office. Gazette Office, April 16th, 1844.

**LONDON MONTHLY MAIL.** SUBSCRIPTIONS received at this office. A few copies by each covered for sale immediately on receipt from the Post-Office. Office *Friend of China*, 9th July, 1844.

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A HOUSE with six rooms and numerous out-ellings, stabling, &c., &c., with an accommodation of 800 feet, and an average depth to the frontage high-water mark of 155 feet. The House contains a drawing-room and dining room, each 40 by 35; six bedrooms 25 by 22; four back rooms, and two more rooms, each 17 by 11. For further particulars, apply to  
**GEORGE STRACHAN, Esq.,**  
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Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

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**N. DUUS,**  
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**N. DUUS,**  
13 Queen's Road,  
Victoria, February 16th 1844.

**ON SALE.**—Boar in Wood and Bottles just arrived. Apply to  
**N. DUUS,**  
Victoria, April 25th, 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

**FOR SALE.**

A FEW bags Bengal RICE and DHOLL, also a few two moud Cask of Ghee just arrived. Apply to  
**N. DUUS,**  
18, Queen's Road,  
Victoria, June 25, 1844.

**NOTICE.**—The undersigned is authorized by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of H. Majesty's Land Forces in China, to receive all packages addressed to the Officers or Messes of any of the Regiments employed during the late war.  
**N. DUUS**  
Hongkong, 15th April, 1848.

**NOTICE.**—Goods and merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Bijkie Godowns situated 18, and 55 Queen's Road, and modern to terms. A Godown (except commodities) in Godown 19, Queen's Road can be insured from risk of Fire. apply to  
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18 Queen's Road,  
Victoria, November, 1st 1843.

**WATER BOAT.**—Captains and Agents of ships are respectfully informed that a Boat has been fitted with Leaks 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.

**EX "CITY OF DERRY"**  
LARGE and Choice assortment of China's Stores, Prime Westmoreland Ham, Cheese, and Smoked Bacon, Hairpins, Ironmongery, Fowling-needs, Saddlery, Gigs and Phineton Harness, Bookbind, Tricotee Patterns, Stationery, & quantity of superior London Bottled Ale and Porter, and a superior four-wheel Chariot. No. 19, Queen's Road, and 100 on Commission.

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Victoria, 16th April, 1844.

**CONTRACTS FOR BUILDING.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Tenders will be received at this office until the 20th instant, inclusive from such persons as may be willing to contract for erecting the undermentioned buildings, viz.  
1. Officers' Quarters and Outbuildings on the South side of the road in front of the North Barracks.  
2. An Officer's House on the Hill above the Canton Bazaar.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Commanding Royal, and Superintending Engineer, between the hours of 10 and 3, where information may also be obtained of the materials which will be supplied from the Engineer stores; but no party need apply who is not prepared to give sufficient security for the due completion of the services undertaken.  
**E. PINE COFFIN, C. G.**  
Commissioner, China,  
Victoria, 10th July, 1844.

**BILLS ON INDIA.**  
NOTICE is hereby given, that the negotiation of Bills on the Supreme Government of India announced on the 20th ultimo, is closed until further notice.  
**E. PINE COFFIN, C. G.**  
Commissioner, Victoria,  
12th July, 1844.

**JUST RECEIVED** a City of Derry, and now open at R. Lowrie's Store, corner of Magistrate's street. Salon Reading Lamps Do. House do. Do. Queen's pattern Lamps Do. do. lookered do. Patent eye folding Candlesticks Ladies and Gents Cotton Hose and Socks Do. do. Cotton Thread and Silk Gloves Lamb's wool and Cotton Hose, Vests and Drawers Ladies silk and broad mite India rubber Braces and Pantaloon straps English Silk and Glasgow Umbrellas Check and Striped Muslin Dress patterns Sewed bottles of a variety of patterns Pearl Inhalants Kersymer's Broad Cloth, Ladies' Habit Cloth, and Doupion's of all colours Checked white and coloured Table Covers Valencia for children's clothing Stationery of all kinds Sets of Mauder's works Almanacs Dressing Cases, fitted complete with Tooth, Nail and Hair Brushes, Razors, Scissors Fancy Soaps, Sets of Table Cutlery, Scissors, And numerous other articles.  
Victoria, July 23, 1844.

**NOTICE.**—The interest and responsibility of M. William R. Lopez, and Mr. William Cooper, in our houses 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.

**THE** Partnership existing between DROM, CHERRY, & Co., at Bombay, DIROM, HURRY & 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, HURRY & Co.; and at Liverpool under the firm of DROM, DAVIDSON & Co.  
**DIROM & Co.**  
Macao, 1st August, 1843.

**ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
NOTICE is hereby given, that the business of the late Henry Pybus in China, (which has been temporarily carried on by John Mackley & Co.) will in future be conducted by the undersigned, who have associated themselves as Merchants and Agents, under the style of MURROW & CO.  
**DONALD C. MACKLEY,**  
**Y. J. MURROW.**  
Canton, 1st June, 1844.

**ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
THE Undersigned wish to notify that they have authorized Mr. John LEBLANC, and Mr. CHARLES W. MURRAY, to sign for their firm by procurement in Hongkong and Macao.  
**MURROW & CO.**  
Canton, 1st June, 1844.

**WANTED,** a good Pony, or an Arabian would not be objected to. Letters, stating terms, to be addressed to G. H., office of this paper.

Victoria Theatre. LAST PERFORMANCE.

SIGNOR DALLE CASSI has the honor to announce to the gentry and inhabitants, that this will be the last night of the gymnastic performance in this settlement...

ACT 1. THE YOUNG-ROSE DANCERS in all variety, by the young ladies ANNA and ERICAT every species of quadrille and greater evolution...

ACT 2. SONG, "Porra Signora," by Signorina Emelie, with music accompaniment.

ACT 3. The celebrated "DOG, MUNITO," will make his appearance—No. 1. From a list, which will be distributed to the audience, of 350 words in the French, English, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, German, Latin, and Greek Languages...

ACT 4. GREAT GROTESQUE DANCE on the STILTS, by the Signorinas.

The Great OURANG OUTANG, named Gertrude, 25 years old, will make her first appearance, and will perform as follows:—After exhibiting different actions, she will sit on the chair at table, will eat and drink, use spoons, knives and forks, wipe her mouth with a towel, open a bottle of wine and drink the contents...

Doors open at 7, and the performance will commence punctually at 7 o'clock. Admission for the Boxes \$2, Pit \$1, Soldiers 50 cents, Children half-price.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.) Mr. Editor, You know the little village—Buenos Aires, I believe—where, although somewhat late, permit me through your columns, to draw public attention to a recent act of injustice to the Colony, and so I approach to the sufficiency of the Post-office regulations.

Your watchful and able advocacy of the rights of the Colonists, against the arbitrary sway of Sir Henry Pottinger, leads me to hope that, in discharging your duties, you will give the aid of your pen to remedy the evil.

When the "Driver" left this with the overland mail, she proceeded to Macao, and there took on board a quantity of letters for India and England, on which no tax was levied, thus giving residents in a foreign settlement not only the advantage of furnishing their constituents with the latest dates, but at a less expense.

It had to be the duty of the Local Government to foster and aid the prosperity of this young and rising Colony, by every legitimate means within its power, to make Hongkong the final point of departure of the steamers with the overland mails, would be but fair, and certainly beneficial to the Colony.

That the Government of Macao has ever acted liberally towards the British Colonies, &c. are not allowed to go into the remarkable "turn out" in 1839. The accompanying burlesque of a Ode, written at the time by an eye witness of the flight, may amuse you, and perhaps raise a laugh. The circumstances are given as substantially correct.

One more fact, to prove the liberality of the Local Government of Macao, I have done. Small craft, such as schooners, launches, &c. are not allowed to go into the outer harbour, even ship's boats are subjected to mean petty annoyances at the bar port.

COMMISSIONER LIN, OR THE FANKEE'S BOLT. A Fragment from Ossian. A TALE OF MODERN DAYS!

—Lin came from the inland in his strength, from Chang-fan, Mighty City of the Heavenly Dynasty! Not unmarked was his course by opening rivers. In terror they can only never more, shall they give up to him? No! No, they will fight!

Donon's ear. Fear filled their souls. The Chief of the "Red-bird" chief of Craty Singers, said the Quamha...

The chief of fickle mind stood aghast. Such a view he never saw before, and of what of the world did he see...

NOTICE.

Parties sending advertisements, are requested to write on the face of them, how often, or how long they wish them inserted. In all instances, non-subscribers, will pay in advance.

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

Table with columns: LATEST DATES, ENGLAND, UNITED STATES, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, SINGAPORE, MANILA, CANTON, SHANGHAI, AMOY.

ERRATUM.—In the memorandum of Land Sales which appeared in last paper, for "Mr. Shaw, read, Charles Shaw."

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE. VICTORIA, SATURDAY, JULY 18th, 1844.

There is a report in town—brought by the Landick—that Sir Edward Belfrage has been severely wounded by the natives of Borneo. There is nothing improbable in this, as the Samarang is known to be surveying the East Coast of the Island.

To-night Signor Dalle Casso and company make their last appearance before the public of Hongkong, being for the benefit of the young ladies. The Signor has been rather unfortunate in his attempts to amuse; his own sickness, the severe accident which deprived him of the services of the Signorina Anna, and the inclemency of the weather, have all conspired to make his visit to Hongkong less profitable than he might have been led to expect.

The pirates of Hongkong appear to know no distinction; on Thursday the representative of royalty itself was robbed of two gold watches, a gold medal, and other articles which were prized by His Excellency, as well for their intrinsic value, as from their being parts of his personal equipment, and in daily use.

From Canton dates are to the 6th. The city was quiet, it being understood that Keying and Mr. Forbes, the American Consul, had settled the affair of shooting the Chinaman last month. The floods have extended to the interior farther than was anticipated, in many instances entire villages being swept away, and hundreds of the inhabitants drowned.

The U. S. brig Perry sailed for Macao on Wednesday; Mr. Cushing, the American Plenipotentiary takes a passage in her to Canton.

Her Majesty's frigate Castor left this harbour for Canton on Thursday, and Her Majesty's brig Zetland will shortly take her departure for England, with another instalment of the indemnity money on freight.

The result of the land sales on Tuesday is highly satisfactory, proving that the value of building ground in Hongkong is by no means fictitious. The sales are bona fide transactions, entered into by prudent men, knowing the terms upon which they acquired property, and who, it is presumed, in nearly all instances, have had to cover the ground with buildings to the value of three times the annual ground rent, within the allotted twelve months.

It is certainly a subject of congratulation to find that all classes, from the principal mercantile houses downwards, were anxious to secure property, even at 100 per cent. advance on the upset price. People at a distance will understand that it is not a mere mania for speculation, all of the lots are purchased to be immediately built upon, and as we have observed, with one or two exceptions they will be built upon within the year.

In Europe it will be a matter of some astonishment, when it is known that in the new colony of Hongkong, building allotments, after a keen competition, are disposed of on a seventy-five years lease, at the rate of £2 per acre, being a ground rent of £20 to a respectable mercantile establishment. This single fact speaks volumes for the colony, proving the confidence which shrewd and intelligent capitalists have in its stability and future prosperity.

We have more than once had occasion to take notice of the ill-timed, if not malignant remarks, which appear in the columns of our contemporary, the Singapore Free Press, with reference to this colony. These remarks, it is true, are contained in the letters of correspondents, and we will do the Editor of the paper the justice to say, that we believe he would not willingly himself impute the false and foul calumnies to any one.

One correspondent, who subscribes himself J. W. from London, assures the inhabitants of Singapore, that among the British mercantile community of China, there is neither honour, honesty, nor loyalty; another, O. P. Q. whose field for observation appears to have been among our colonists of an inferior rank in society, tells us, that among them their little faith, and that none of them are worthy of credit, bankruptcies being frequent; he hints that from a great portion of the dealers having migrated from New South Wales, that little good may be expected from them.

other contributor to the Free Press, we observe that here are settled many adventurers, who may have been unfortunate elsewhere, most of them doing well, and some of them respected and valuable members of the community.

It will be in the recollection of many of our readers, that Her Majesty's ship Wolf, got on a bank somewhere below Woosung, and but for the timely aid of the Schooner Vizen, Captain Carr, she would have been obliged to sacrifice her guns and shot before she could have got off.

At the time the affair occurred, Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane was at Chusan, when it was agreed between him and the Captain of the Vizen, that the question of compensation should be left open until Sir Thomas Cochrane returned to this colony.

The few who first invested money in the colony, when its position was a very doubtful one, whose example has been almost universally followed by their countrymen, may now congratulate themselves upon the correctness of their judgment, and if they have been treated less liberally than, considering the service they had done to the colony in its earlier days, they had every right to expect from the representative of Her Majesty, the tyrannical manner in which they were deprived of their property.

Sir Thomas Cochrane, if we recollect aright, has been a candidate for parliamentary honours; once, at least, he stood for a seat in the legislature of his country, we trust the affair we narrate will not be proclaimed on the hustings, as we are afraid it would damn him in the eyes of any constituency interested in the mercantile shipping of Great Britain.

TERMS OF THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS, ON THE 28th. Terms of Sale to be made by the Auctioneer, previous to putting up Leases of Crown Lands, on the 6th July, 1844. The lots 24 in number, viz, 12 Marine, 12 Inland, to be put up separately, on leases of 75 years, at the end of which time the land with buildings thereon erected will revert to the Crown.

As specified in the Lease, buildings to the amount of 6000 square feet must be erected...

TO THE AMERICAN RESIDENTS MACAO.

The Minister of the United States has the pleasure to announce that, yesterday, at Wang-How, he concluded and signed, with the Imperial Commissioner Keying, a treaty of peace, amity and commerce between the United States and China.

The Minister of the United States congratulates his countrymen on this event and wishes them on this happy anniversary of the Independence of the United States, his hearty wishes for their health and prosperity, and joins them in their aspirations for the continued peace, welfare, and glory of the United States.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

- ARRIVED. July 9 - Laerick, Lingley, Calcutta. 9 - Dunsberg (Dan.), Hauberber, Whampoa. Passenger per Dunsberg, Mr. Badenoch, Mr. Skibsher.

- SAILED. July 9 - Ardasser, Bombay. 9 - City of Derry, Whampoa. 9 - Hebrides, England. 10 - U. S. brig Perry, Macao. 11 - M. S. Castor, Amoy and Chusan. 11 - Basor (Am), Macao. 11 - Ariel, do. 11 - Porthsmouth, Manila. 11 - Varen, Chusan.

UNDESPATCHED

Swift, Amoy; Viren, Chusan; Dunsberg, Bally; Pousidon, Amoy; Mercury Amoy.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

- South Stockton. W. T. Gemmill & Co. Sped Khan, 235, Baird, N. Duns. Yuge Queen, 86, Hart, Fletcher, Larkins & Co. Anna, 109, Lewis, C. W. Bourn. Oranoga, 310, Kelso, R. Oswald. Julia, 755, James, Hajja Sibaa. Petrol, 99, Rogers, N. Duns. Grand Turk, (Am) Emory, Russel & Co. Mary Ann Webb, White, C. Shaw. Tagley, McKay Turner & Co. Poshicola, 305, Valentine, Dent & Co. Gazelle Chon Jardine Matheson & Co. Swift, Hursey, T. Scott. Prince of Wales, James Danahy Rustamjee Sydney, 184, Scholfield, C. S. Compton. Alligator, 200, Cook, N. Duns. Laerick, Lingley, 500, Jardine, Matheson & Co. Sanderson, Bushby, 308, Kennedy & McGregor. Penang, Hawkin, Lindsay & Co. Shah Alham, Page. Erin, Maino, 300, Kennedy & McGregor. Favourite (Bel.), Haverlock. Dunsberg (Dan.), Hauberber, 219, Burd & Co.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

- Agincourt, 72, Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane. K. C. B. Captain Bruce. Amazon, 74, Captain Guin. -Hospital Ship. H.M.S. Pelican, 10, Commander Justice. H. C. Str. Porpoise, Com. Hough, R. N. H.M.T.S. Sapphire, Com. Hoek. H.M.L.S. Cleopatra, 60 Guns, Capt. Cecille Bairns Shipping at Whampoa. H.M.S. Holverine, 16, Com. Morris. Inglewood, 518, Kerr, Jamison How & Co. Starling, Adamson, C. W. Bova. Mandel, 247, Phillips, D. Burjorie Regina, 275, Quinlan, Dent & Co. Asia, 537, Smith, Holliday & Co. Cassiopee Conaege, 558 Campbell, D. & M. Ruotomje Jagers, 1321 Isaacson, C. S. Compton. Commodore, Major Lindsay & Co. Lady Amherst, 400, Bruce, Jardine Matheson & Co. Victoria, 442, Potter, Mearns. City of Derry, Wero Dallas & Co. Sogahien, Landing for London.

DIED.

At Macao, on the 10th instant, Thomas Scotland, Esq.

FOR AMOY, CHUSAN, AND SHANGHAI.

THE first class ship Uruguay, is under positive engagement to leave for the above ports on the 1st proximo; and has room for about 100 tons. For freight or passage apply to OSWALD, DISANDT & Co. Victoria, 11th July, 1844.

FOR SALE.

A small quantity of Calcutta bottled Soda Water and Lemonade, just arrived, and in prime condition. Apply to F. FUNCK. Victoria, 12th July, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION. TO be sold by Auction, on TUESDAY next, the 16th instant, at the General Sale Room, Oswald's Row, the following collection of Wines, &c. Champagne in 3 doz cases Claret ditto ditto Burgundy ditto ditto Corailled ditto ditto Chablis, ditto ditto

Also, Tea in small packages, a quantity of Silver Watches; some Glasses, and several articles of Household Furniture, &c. &c. MEWEN & CO. Auctioneers. Victoria, July 12, 1844.

NOTICE is hereby given that Tenders will be received at this office until Saturday, the 20th instant, from such persons as may be willing to contract for the supply of 49,000 lbs. of Salt, 200 sheep for the use of the troops. The tenders for the salt to be accompanied by samples, and the sheep to be delivered in good and healthy condition, and to average not less than 35lbs. net weight of meat. The whole deliverable within one month from the date of agreement. EDWARD PINE COFFIN, Com. Gen. Commissariat, Victoria, 11th January, 1844.

FOR SALE. - One large Bungalow, elegantly 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.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE OF CALCUTTA. THE undersigned having been appointed Agent in China, prepared to Grant Policies payable here, in London, Bombay and Calcutta. MURROW & Co. Canton & Macao, 10th July, 1844.

A CARD. DR. B. KENNY, and Dr. R. WILSON, beg leave to intimate to the Commanders of ships proceeding to Whampoa, that they have associated themselves in connection as Medical and Surgical practitioners at that anchorage. China Vessel, moored at the entrance of Bombay Reach in Blenheim Reach. July 1st, 1844.

FOR SALE. ALE and Porter in cask and bottle. Castle Johannisherg Hoek in one dozen cases, 24 to 28 oz. Copper Sheathing and Nails, A few cases of Port and Sherry. Apply to EDWARD NEWMAN, at the Godowns of Messrs. Macvicar & Co. Victoria, 11th July, 1844.

FOR SALE. A fine Dark Gray Horse, stands 15 1/2 hands high, three years old, and perfectly quiet. Price moderate. Apply to JOHN TULLOCH, at Mr. J. B. Pain's, Queen's Road. Victoria, 11th July, 1844.

FOR SALE. FRENCH Preserved Meats, Sausages, Poultries, Champagne, Cognac in 1 doz cases, Superior Manila Cheetoes No. 4, English Ladies' Shoes, French Geniemen do. Candles, superior quality, Raisins, in boxes, excellent condition, Percussion Bayonet Guns, English manufacture, Ramrods, &c., and every requisite article for Guns, and Pistols, &c. Superior Saled Oil, Cheese and Butter, in first rate order. Apply to N. BOULLE, Queen's Road. Victoria, 12th July, 1844.

FOR SALE. - At the stores of the undersigned opposite to Chinam's Hong. Sherry Wine in wood and bottle, Brandy in wood and bottle, Ale (London bottled), Port Wine in bottle (Bages), Champagne, Anisod, Whitehead, Rum and Arrack in cask, Jordan Almonds, Muscadel Raisins, Zante, Currants, Jams, Jellies, Tart Fruits, Pickles, Olives, Table Salt, Quinine, Clueting Hams, Bacon, Candles, Cheetoes, Havana Cigars, Old Tom, Canino, Coffee, Sugar, Cheese, Flour, Diol, Hog, Handpicks, Turpentine, Navy and Pilot Bread, Smoked Herrings, Horizontally sealed Hams, Saddles, Fine proof Chests, Vinegar, Fanned Haddock, Glass ware, Flowing plates, and a variety of other goods by late arrivals. J. B. PAIN, Victoria, July 8th, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION. ON Wednesday next, will be sold by Public Sale, at the sales room of the Undersigned. Beer in bottle, Wine in do, Champagne in 5 doz cases, One splendid Turkey Carpet, Steel Pens, Adhesive Wafers, White Lead in kegs, Carpenter's Tools, And sundry other goods. P. TOWNSEND, Auctioneer. Victoria, 12th July, 1844.

STORAGE may be obtained in dry, secure, and insurable Godowns. Apply to HENRY HUMPHREYS & Co. 18 Queen's Road. 24th April, 1844.

D. REMI, FROM AUBERT AND KLATENEGER, London and Geneva, BEGS to acquaint the Public that he has established himself as Chronometer and Watchmaker, and also repairs musical boxes, and by his attention to business, he hopes to be favored with the patronage of the community. 29th, Hospital Street. Macao, Hongkong, 1844.

JUST received by late arrivals. A small quantity of superior Sherry and Port Wine, in 3 doz cases, superior Sparkling Champagne, in 1 doz bottles; Pale and Dark Brandy; English Shoes; Tawelling, Crockery, and Glass ware. ROBERT LOWRIE. Victoria, 2nd July, 1844.

MESSRS. HODGES & HANSEN respectfully intimate to Merchants, Captains, &c. that they have opened these large and commodious premises in Victoria, Hongkong, being the building facing the wharf, in connection with Chinam's Hong, entrance opposite the Ordnance Store, where they intend carrying on the business of Commission, Shipping, and General Agents, and trust by attention to merit their favor. 28th June, 1844. NOTICE. MR. DUNCAN JAMES KAY, is authorized to sign by procuracy for our Firm. (Signed.) TURNER & CO. Hongkong, July 8, 1844.

THE undersigned beg to intimate they have this day commenced business at Canton and Hongkong, as Commission Agents, under the style of SEARE & CROPPER. Benjamin Seare, Canton, Henry Edward Cropper, Victoria. July 1, 1844.

FOR SALE. ON BOARD the Cumberland, now at Whampoa, but shortly expected to arrive in this harbour. A one day Chronometer, by Frodsham, London price \$200; Hawkers from 4 to 7 inches \$1 50 per pint; \$300 gallons Coconut oil \$7 per pint. Apply on board to the Commander. Victoria, 10th July, 1844.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED. SHEATHING COPPER, and Nails 10 to 26 oz. Chain Cables, of Brown, Lenox & Co.'s manufacture; a consignment of Wines, from Messrs. Cook & Co, London; an assorted invoice of sundries, from Silver & Co, Clothiers, London. SEARE & CROPPER. Chinam's Hong, Victoria.

FOR SALE. DR. Morrison's Chinese and English Dictionary Complete in 8 vols. Entirely new. First Part, Chinese and English arranged according to the Radicals 3 vols. Second Part, Chinese and English arranged alphabetically 2 vols. Third Part, Chinese and English, 1 vol ALBO, Dr. Morrison's Chinese Grammar, 1 vol, new. Dr. Morrison's Translation of the New Testament, neatly bound in 4 vols, new. Price of the whole \$70. Apply at the office of this paper.

NOTICE. MR. Joseph Gibbons Livingstone, Mr. John Skinner, and Mr. Thomas Jones are admitted Partners in our Firm from this date. GIBB LIVINGSTONE & CO. Hongkong, 1st July, 1844.

MESSRS HODGES & HANSEN have for sale the undermentioned articles: - Manila Rope of all sizes, Manila Cheetoes Nos. 3 and 4, Havana Cigars, Louglooh, Soap, Coffee, Beer in bottle, Superior Sherry in bottle, Sherry in wood, St. Julien Claret, Old Jamaica Rum, Brandy, Flour, a few pieces of Scarlet Cassimere, and a small assortment of white and black Hats.

BILLS of the Honorable East India Company upon the Bengal Government, accepted, for sale by NYE, PARKINS, & CO. Canton. OF GIDEON NYE, Junr, Macao. July 8, 1844.

TO MERCHANTS, SHIPPERS, AND COLONISTS. H. J. & D. NICOLL, Outfitters, Tailors, &c., are induced to call the attention of Colonists and others shipping wearing apparel, and who are desirous of buying at the cheapest markets, and at the same time avoiding the carelessness of style and inferior qualities of material, as commonly used. These Gentlemen are referred to 114, Market Street, London. At the above noble and extensive premises, from the spirited manner in which the business is conducted, Gentlemen will immediately see the superior advantages now offered by H. J. & D. NICOLL, whose name has been so long established for excellence of material and workmanship. Immediate Cash alone enables the above Firm to submit to Merchants, Shippers, and Colonists, their estimates at their established moderate scale of prices. Agents for IRVING'S Patent Water-tight Trunks and Packages, which possess the great advantage of preserving from damp the most delicate materials, and the more important property of being so flexible and buoyant in the water, as, although filled with goods, to be able to support several persons from sinking. H. J. & D. NICOLL, 114 Regent Street, LONDON.

M. HUME, BEGS to inform the Ladies of Victoria, that she has received a splendid assortment of Artificial Flowers and Ribbons and Lace, Ladies Dresses, Collars, and Babies' Worked Robes, &c. M. Hume begs further to inform the Ladies of Victoria, that she has just received a quantity of ready-made Linen, consisting of Ladies' Morning Dresses, trimmed with French Crepe, Morning Caps, Ladies' Trousers, Shirts, and Slip-bodices, Silk and Cotton Stockings, Diaper Towels, &c., &c. which she will dispose of on the lowest possible terms, to meet the wishes of the Ladies of Victoria. N. B. Ladies Stays made to order in either the English or French style. No. 1 Magistrate's street.

WANTED - Army or Navy Bills on England. Apply to PHILLIPS, MOORE & CO. 18 Queen's Road.

PIANO FORTE FOR SALE. JUST imported, a 5 octave Cottage Piano, by Kirkman & Son, Soho-square, London, manufactured expressly for the climate, with spare strings and tuning key, price \$60 dollars; to be seen at Messrs. Phillips, Moore & Co., 18, Queen's Road, Victoria. Apply to PHILLIPS, MOORE & CO. 18 Queen's Road.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED. A LARGE Assortment of Stationery, consisting of Ledgers, Journals, Day, Cash, Letter, and other Books, of various sizes; also, a few Drying Boxes, Footstep, Demy Copying, Large Thick Lead, and Extra Large Bank Post, and Note Papers, &c., &c. F. FUNCK, Victoria, 20th June, 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.

TO LET. GRANITE GODOWNS. In a central situation, adjacent to the water, lofty and well ventilated, and a stone pier projecting therefrom to the sea. For particulars apply to C. W. BOWRA. Queen's Road.

WANTED, for the Ward Room of H.M.S. Agincourt, a Steward or Messman. For particulars apply on board. P. B. None need apply who cannot give the most respectable references. Victoria, June 26th, 1844.

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL. FOR the better convenience of Vessels lying in the Whampoa and Blenheim reaches, the Hospital Vessel is moored off the Bombay Reach. M. OSULLIVAN, Resident Surgeon. Whampoa, 3rd February, 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 Reach in Blenheim Reach. LATTEY & CO., Chronometer and Watch Makers. Upper part of Mr. Pain's new store, Queen's Road, opposite to Chinams Hong. Hongkong, 1st June, 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.

NOTICE. AFTER the 30th instant, the firm of JOHN BURD & Co. here, and in Ball Balong (Bally), will be known in China and Ball as BURD, LANGE & Co. Victoria, 28th June, 1844.

THE best price given for Good American Flour. Apply to D. HUME, No. 2, Oswald's Row. Victoria, June 21.

DR. RICHARD JONES has removed from Magistrate's street to the house occupied by Mr. James Welch, Chemist and Druggist, where he will continue to practise his profession. May 30th, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION. ON MONDAY 16th instant, will be sold by the undersigned, at the Godowns of Messrs. Lindsay & Co., for account of those concerned, a quantity of damaged Merchandise; - a few Blue Spanish Stripes, also, One Chain Cable, quarter light; one ditto, five-eighths ditto; one ditto, three-eighths; a quantity of English Packets, two and three inch; Claret in one dozen cases; Vinegar ditto ditto. Terms, Cash before delivery, the purchaser to pay a deposit of 20 per cent on the day of sale, and all lots to be cleared in five days. P. TOWNSEND, Auctioneer. Victoria, July 6, 1844.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE SPECTATOR. From the Altknaum. (Concluded from last number.)

Now Sir, I ask you to say candidly does the above lend any color to the belief that the Sepoy were considered bound to proceed on board ship whenever called on? Does it not rather go to prove that Government was obliged to procure men to do so by the highest inducement it could hold out? Military men know the value of a stop in professional rank—let them say whether they consider the rewards held out in the above order as such as would have been bestowed for the discharge of an ordinary duty of service—and let all men, whether Civil or Military, say whether any class of servants are usually allowed, or called on, or bribed to volunteer for the performance of their bounden duty. You may say that one swallow does not make a summer—that Government, though possessing an undoubted right to order any Native Regiment on board, chose on this particular occasion to call for Volunteers, for reasons, good, no doubt, though unknown to us. The best of all such rewards was never given after the most brilliant campaign in India, scarcely any honours were bestowed on this occasion, but supposing it were so, the above order is not, as I have before stated, a voluntary one. I refer you to the 1st, 2d, and 3d volumes of the Administration of General Orders, more particularly Vol. II, Pages 12, 27, and 224—to prove, not that the Government sometimes called for Volunteers and rewarded them handsomely, but that it never did anything else, that from the day Harnburg obtained the first Sepoy who called the Company's name in the year 1824, Government never ordered a Native Soldier on Foreign Service! Whenever Troops were required, for Egypt, the Moluccas, Ceylon, the Isle of France and Bourbon, Bengal, Java, Egypt, Persia, or elsewhere, they were invariably called on to volunteer, and induced to do so, by honorary distinctions, fair words, and pecuniary advantages in the way of pay, pension, rations, &c. &c. The year I have above-mentioned, being the first in which Government extended the length of discretionary number of Corps to hold themselves in readiness for Foreign Service. The order was received with the most soldierlike glee and alacrity. Government issued an order (15th April 1824) lavishing the highest praise on all concerned, and showing plainly the delight with which it received the news of the success of what was certainly a Turkish experiment, and from that day the word Volunteer was struck out of the Adjutant General's Dictionary, not to mark out, by the assertion of Government to the exercise of a right which it had always possessed, though in abeyance, but by the quiet substitution of an order for a request, which, as it was truly calculated would pass unnoticed by the Troops, in their excitement and delight at the prospect of a campaign after long inaction, and their desire to show their zeal and alacrity in the cause of those whose brand they eat.

It is indeed an interesting and amusing study of what Mr. Welles, senior, calls "Hooman Nature" to trace the various C. O.'s issued on this subject from the earliest period of the above-mentioned year, 1824, at first when the Sepoy looked upon the sea with the utmost horror and repugnance (and none but those who have had good opportunities of remarking it, can conceive the terror with which all Asiatics regard the ocean) no rewards were considered too good for him—every inducement was held out to him to face the novel dangers of a voyage—Medals, Badges, Complimentary Orders, the most solemn pledges as to the care that would be taken for his family during his absence—all were heaped upon him—and you cannot turn over half a dozen pages of the first two or three volumes of G. O. without coming across some labored and minute detail of instructions for the prevention of delay or misapplication in the payment of Family Certificates, Pensions, &c. &c. As the men become more accustomed to the sea, and volunteers are found more easily—so does the care and liberality of Government decrease in proportion. Orders bearing reference to Troops employed on Foreign Service appear longer and longer intervals, the Complimentary Orders dwindle from pages of the highest encomium to a few lines of common approbation—until at last, by fine degrees we arrive at the order to embark for Foreign Service—from which there is but a step to the every day matter of course.

"The Regiment will hold itself in readiness to embark for Mouleim to relieve the Regiment" which now in regular intervals embellishes the pages of the Fort St. George Gazette.

Having arrived at this important era in the History of the Madras Army—allow me to pause for a moment and ask you, or any other unprejudiced reader, whether the facts above stated, go to prove that Government looked on its Native Soldiers as bound to proceed on Foreign Service? Is it conceivable that had such been the case, it would have gone on for a period of sixty years, bringing men to volunteer by every inducement it could hold out to them?

Leaving this question for your consideration, I will now offer a few remarks on the present practice of Government, which, as I said before, seems to me so conclusive as its past acts on the subject under discussion.

It may be said that the very arguments which I have advanced to show that up to the year 1824, the Sepoy was exempt from Foreign Service, may be applied to prove that since that date he is liable to be called upon to perform it—that as formerly the Government by tacit consent sanctioned the understanding that the services of its Native Troops beyond seas were voluntary, so the Sepoy by submitting to the orders of Government to proceed on board ship, has tacitly allowed the right of Government to order him to do so. This plea, I suspect, would not bear much scrutiny, though it is one which so naturally suggests itself that I have thought it worth while to bring it before you. It would have taken the trouble to have examined its truth, had I not felt confident of being able to show by direct evidence that Government does at this present moment admit that the Sepoy's oath does not render him liable to be called on to proceed on Foreign Service.

In the Fort St. George Gazette of the 7th Dec. ember 1839, there was published for general information (not, mark you, by the Madras Government, for whose acts you seem to have but little respect) but by the Supreme Government of India, in whose infallibility you appear to place implicit confidence, a Copy of Draft of proposed Articles of War for the Government of the Native Officers and Soldiers in the Military Service of the Honorable the East India Company; read in Council for the first time on the 19th November 1838, and ordered to be published for general information. In the first Section, first article of the above Draft, you will find the following:— The following Oath shall this be required from him, (the Recruit) according to the forms of his religion, in front of the Colors.

I, A. B. inhabitant of village—Perguntia—Shah—son of—Jo sonar that I will never for sake or abandon my Colors; (the word gun to be substituted for colors in swearing in Artillery Regiments); that I will march wherever I am directed, whether within or beyond the Company's Territories; that I will implicitly obey all the orders of my Superior Officers, and in war, I will behave myself as becomes a good Soldier and faithful servant of the State.

Art. 2. And when any Regiment shall be ordered to disembark, the following words shall be read to the declaration made to him previously to embark.

And you engage to embark on board ship whenever the Service shall require you to proceed by sea.

Now, here we have the Supreme Government of India, avowing to the world in the year 1838, 1st. That it is necessary to revise and alter the oath taken by the Sepoy on his enlistment.

2nd. That having so revised it, the only alteration they find it necessary to make is to exact a pledge not heretofore given, that the Sepoy will proceed wherever directed whether within or beyond the Company's territories.

3rd. That even the pledge above-mentioned does not bind the Sepoy to proceed on board ship, but that it is necessary to raise regiments for that especial service, and to require of the men enlisted for those regiments, a distinct and special pledge to do so.

Now, I ask any man on earth whether the inference is not inevitable, that Government, when it publishes the above draft, did not consider the oath heretofore taken by the Sepoy as binding, or the performance of any such oath, and that it is to proceed beyond its own territories—and that it does not consider him more liable to be called on to proceed on board ship, unless he has specially enlisted with that understanding and taken a specific oath to that effect?

But the best (as it is my last) proof, is the exemption of the Sepoy from foreign service, is the fact that the greater portion of the Native Army (that serving on the Bengal Establishment) is exempt. If you call on me for proof I reply that it is just as easy or as difficult for me to prove the fact as to prove the existence of the Bengal Army from the oldest General down to the youngest Sepoy, why they do not embark, and you will receive the same answer, "Oh! I don't belong to a General Service Corps!" One and all will tell you that the idea of their being called upon to embark is unheard of—that the men enlist with the understanding that they are not liable to such service—that to do so is contrary to their religion, habits and prejudices, from time immemorial they have been exempt from any such call, and that so strong is the feeling on the subject that any attempt to force them on board ship would inevitably cause a general mutiny—and that Government has itself recognized their exemption by the raising of those General Service Corps (amounting to some seven or eight) and also by the formation of Volunteer Battalions (in the case of the China War the other day).

I have said, any one from the General to the Sepoy will give you the above answer—I might refer to the great confidence in my Members of the Supreme Council, or to the Governor General himself, and if this is not sufficient proof of the accuracy of what I say, I know not what will be—and as you have always upheld the great doctrine of assimilation, I cannot think for a moment that you would draw so very invidious a distinction between different divisions of the same Army—drawing the same pay and enjoying the same advantages—as to pronounce the one liable to the performance of any such call, and trying duty from which the other is exempt.

These are some of the reasons which lead me (and I have reason to believe, many Officers of the Army) to think the Madras Sepoy's services beyond seas, purely voluntary. Should this opinion be erroneous, the error is one of some importance, and deserving of your attention—and I trust that ere long you will favor us with your remarks on it.

PINANG.—We have received some of our missing papers which had been delayed by adverse weather, but the aid of friends had enabled us to supply their want. The only item of news we note is, that rumours prevailed that a brig called the "Nico" had sailed for the Straits of Malacca, and that the crew had got off, and the vessel plundered and then scuttled. We extract from a late Pinang paper, received by the Royal Sovereign, the account of an unsuccessful attempt by the natives of these Islands to seize another vessel, which escaped however with the loss of the Commander.—Singapore Free Press.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY TREATY TO CHINA.—We learn that CAPT. BROWN, of the Royal Navy, who came by the Steamer from Suze on last Sunday, has signed the Supplementary Treaty to China, which will not, from Indisposition, be able to proceed with it to that place.—Bombay Courier, 15th May.

We mentioned in reporting the disaster which befel the Belgian Brig "Charles" at the mouth of the Cotriver, that upon the arrival of the Commodore and Crew of that vessel at Macassar, the Dutch Naval force then rendezvousing at Macassar had proceeded to the Cot for the purpose of looking after the "Charles". We have now heard two versions of their proceedings. One is that the Dutch force proceeded up the River as far as Semindang which they found deserted, and which they immediately destroyed. They are also stated to have found various articles belonging to the "Charles". The other account, and on which we are inclined to place most reliance, is, that on arriving at Semindang, a demand was made for satisfaction and pecuniary compensation, but ultimately the former was merged in the latter. The Sultan agreed to pay a considerable sum, and gave up his son as a Hostage for the due fulfilment of the compact.—Singapore Free Press.

EASTERN ARTICLES, SINGAPORE 27th JUNE. Cloves, Bourbon—Sold out acquired for; last sale at \$21 per picul. Cabbas.—In some enquiry for Calcutta. Camphor.—In more enquiry; sales of 300 picul at \$25 per picul. Cloves—Very little in first hands; last sale \$104 per picul. Cotton.—In no demand. Ebony, Ceylon.—The Junks have bought extensively this season and the market is now nearly cleared. Mauritius—None and wanted. Ormuz.—The Sopha Zanzibar imported 55 chests Benzoe. The transactions during the week have been limited to about 40 chests Patna at \$730 cash and \$736, 3 months, and a few chests of Benzoe at \$690 a month per chest cash and \$750, 2 mos. Holders are now asking higher rates, particularly for Patna, but unless more favorable accounts arrive from China than those received by the Steamer Yuen, it is likely that a fall may take place. Little or no demand exists for Malacca. Sales in a limited extent of Turkey at \$385 per picul.

Pepper.—In good demand and rather extensive shipments are being made to England. Rhio and Singapore—Arrivals and sales at \$4 per picul. Long.—Last sale at \$4 per picul. Rice.—No imports during the week, and stocks being gradually reduced. Sales of white at \$53 per koyan.

Ratines.—Considerable imports and stocks large. Sales of Pondanac at \$2, 20 and Jambie at \$1, 30 per picul.

Sago.—Large imports of the raw material, which however has not influenced the price of Pearl Sago, which is selling at \$3 and Flax at \$2, 80 per picul. Salt-petre.—Stock moderate; limited sales at \$7 per picul.

Silk Raw, Canton, Manila.—Scarcely and wanted. Silk Raw, Canton No. 3.—In some enquiry and sales at quotations.

Segars.—No supplies and market supplied. Tea.—Stock in first hands large and moving off heavily. Tin.—Wanted.

CANTON PRICES CURRENT. Tea, July, 1844. IMPORTS.—DURRY PAIN. Ale (best brands) . . . \$25 0 0 0 per hhd. Saunders' and other foreign brands at quotation Amber . . . 10 60 11 0 per catty Hotel Nut . . . 5 0 0 0 per picul

Canvas—Eng and . . . 8 0 0 0 per bolt Cochinal . . . 130 0 0 0 per picul Copper, sheathing . . . 32 0 0 0 " " S.A.M. . . . 20 0 0 0 " " Cordage, European . . . 8 0 0 0 " " COTTON, Bombay . . . 5 2 0 0 " " sh. ps. 's. . . 7 0 0 0 " " Madras . . . 6 8 0 0 " "

Corros.—There have been considerable arrivals of the new staple, but from the forced state of the country, sales are trifling. On the coast, Amoy continues to be the principal port for effecting sales of raw cotton COTTON (GOODS). White Shirtings, 40 . . . 3 30 3 70 per piece Grey ditto . . . 2 50 3 15 "

Iron, Nail . . . 2 80 0 0 per picul Hoop . . . 2 50 2 70 " " Bar . . . 4 0 4 20 " " Steel . . . 4 0 4 50 " " Lead Pig . . . 4 75 4 40 "

Metals.—In Canton the sales of lead and iron are small at all quotations, or in barrier. On the coast lead has been bid continues in request; Shanghai Quicksilver . . . \$5 60 to \$5 70; Iron, red, \$3, bar, \$2 60, saleable Quicksilver . . . 120 0 0 0 per chest OPIUM, Patna, new, 750 0 0 0 per chest " old . . . 0 0 0 0 " " Bonares, new, 740 0 0 0 " " old . . . 0 0 0 0 " " Malva, new, 700 0 0 0 " 720 0 0 " " old . . . 0 0 0 0 " " Turkey . . . 380 0 0 0 per picul

OPIN.—We hear of sales of Patna at \$50, but the market for the past two or three weeks has fluctuated much. Stocks, particularly of the Bengal grade, are not high; the principal firm engaged in the trade being unable to supply their contract trade. Unless very large shipments are pushed on from India, we do not apprehend any reduction on our quotations. The coast trade by the natives continues to flourish; quotations, Patna, \$120, Malva, \$250; with an immediate rise expected.

Paper . . . 5 30 6 50 " " Patna—Canton price \$5 30 cents, Shanghai about 70 cents higher, moderate sales. Rice, cargo quality . . . 2 75 0 0 " " Rice continues to rise in value. In the Bazaar it retails at \$4. It is believed that a few cargoes could be sold at \$3 to \$2, 95 cents, an unprecedentedly high price.

Table listing various goods like Rattans, Sandalwood, Woolsens, etc. with prices per unit.

Table titled EXPORTS.—ON BOARD, listing goods like Alum, Annabood, Camphor, etc. with prices.

Table titled RAW SILK, listing goods like Canton, Hyson, etc. with prices.

Table titled TEA, listing goods like Congou, Caper, etc. with prices.

Table titled STATEMENT OF TEA EXPORTED FROM CHINA TO GREAT BRITAIN, listing goods like Bohon, Congou, etc. with values.

Table titled CANTON PRICES CURRENT, listing goods like Ale, Canvas, etc. with prices.

Table titled COTTON REPORT, listing goods like American bales, Bounbay, etc. with values.

Table titled PRICES OF BULLION, listing goods like Sycee Silver, Spanish Dollars, etc. with values.

Table titled EXCHANGE, listing goods like Bills on London, Navy Bills, etc. with values.

FREIGHTS. To London or Liverpool, 23 per cent of 50 lb. To Antwerp, 15s. per picul additional. To Amoy, \$7 per picul of 40 lbs. To ports north of Amoy, \$3 ditto. To ports south of Amoy, \$5 ditto. The above rates are for goods of 40 lbs. in the extreme case. As the season for shipments advances there will probably be an improvement. The amount of available stock lying in China is now small, and from the high rates, many cargoes which are not expected.