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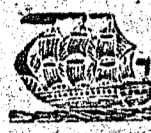
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### FOR BOMBAY.

 THE ANTELOPE Capt. Dumaresq will have early dispatch. For freight or passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Canton. WARREN DELANO JUN: Macao. BUSH, HALSTED & Co. Hongkong. Victoria, 22nd August, 1844.


### FOR LONDON WITH DESPATCH.

 THE fine new Ship ENGLAND'S QUEEN, Captain James, having the most of her Cargo engaged. For freight apply to NYE, PARKIN & CO. Canton, August 14th, 1844.

### FOR CHUSAN AND SHANGHAI.

 THE fine Schooner THOMAS CRISP, Captain J. M. Metcalfe, will leave for the above Ports, on or about the 1st of September, she has part of her Cargo engaged, should sufficient inducement offer she will call at Ningpo. For freight or passage apply to N. DUUS. Victoria, 13th Aug., 1844. 18 Queen's Road.


### FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

 THE A. 1. Barque "ROYAL ALBERT" Captain Balderstone, of 407 Tons. Apply here or at Canton to BELL & CO. Victoria, 9th August, 1844.


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### FOR CHARTER.


 THE British Brig Pryde of 202 tons, is now open to charter for two months. She is a fast-sailing vessel, lately arrived from South America, and is now lying at Macao. Application to be made here to FOX, RAWSON & CO., or, at Macao, to MR. DURRAN. Hongkong, 25th July, 1844.

### FOR SALE.


 BY PUBLIC AUCTION, if not sold by private contract, (on a day hereafter to be named), the fast sailing Bark, "MASDEU", of 247 tons, having had a thorough repair, and recoppered in December, 1842. The teak built Brig "SPY", of 116 tons; about seven years old; and The Brig "Linnet", of about 100 tons. Apply to JNO: SMITH.

The two last named vessels would be sold on the most advantageous terms, and on credit if required. Macao, 26th, August 1844.


### FOR SALE.

 A SPLENDID fast sailing coppered Schooner rigged pleasure boat with iron Ballast and all other appurtenances complete. Boat to be seen at any time on application. August 28th, 1844. P. TOWNSEND.

### FOR SALE.

 THE Danish Schooner ORMEN, about 200 tons burthen, formerly known as the "Rosa," now lying in Blenheim Reach, Whampoa. For particulars apply to N. DUUS, 18, Queen's Road, or W. H. FRANKLYN, Esq., On board the Schooner. Victoria, June 25, 1844.

### FOR SALE.

 TO let on moderate terms, the fine old ship SARAT, 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 authorised 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.

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.—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. Goods received and sold on Commission. 18 Queen's Road, Victoria, November, 1st 1843.

JUST RECEIVED, and now open for Sale, at R. LOWRIE'S Store a splendid assortment of Gentlemen's Ready-made Clothing consisting of Coats, Chesterfields, Trowsers, Satin and Silk Vests, Silk and Satin Stocks, and Ties, Glengarrey and Traveling Caps; and a few very superior Cloth Caps; also, some very superior Ladies' white French Sattin Stays, and a variety of other articles, at moderate prices. Victoria, 2nd August, 1844.

FOR SALE.—E. I. Company's Bills on Bengal accepted. Apply to GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO. Hongkong, 23d July, 1844.

FOR SALE.—AT the Godowns of Messrs. Fox Rawson & Co., a quantity of Burton Ale in Hhds, from Worthington and Robinson, ex "John Bibby." Hongkong, 27th March, 1844.

FRESH Salmon in Tins ex "Old England," of two and four pounds, warranted fresh, for sale by DICKENS & Co. July 19th, 1844.

FOR SALE. A FEW fine Guaiquil Hats; a superior article for summer wear. P. TOWNSEND.

FOR SALE. PATENT BALANCES and Scales, weighing from three hundred to two thousand pounds each, by P. TOWNSEND. Also, Two Patent Copying Presses. Victoria, May 23rd, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Pale and Brown Sherry E. I. Madeira Port Hock (Graefenberg) Claret Champagne, and Cognac Brandy. Apply at the Godowns of W. & T. GEMMELL & CO. Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

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, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London AND F. K. KANE, M.D Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Resident Surgeons. Whampoa, 3rd February, 1844.

LATTEY & CO. Chronometer and Watch Makers. UPPER part of Mr. Pain's new store, Queen's Road, opposite to Chinamis Hong. Hongkong, 1st June, 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 baskets; Pale and Dark Brandy; English Shoes; Towelling, Crockery, and Glass ware ROBERT LOWRIE. Victoria, 2nd July, 1844.

NOTICE. MR. DUNCAN JAMES KAY, is authorised to sign by procuracy for our Firm (Signed,) TURNER & CO. Hongkong, July 8, 1844.

## TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER THE 4TH AT NOON, IN ONE LOT.

All the Materials of the Bungalow late the Property of R. Edwards Esq., situated south of the Queen's Road and West from Magistracy Street.

The Purchase Money is to be paid on the day of sale, and the Materials of whatever description are to be removed from the ground within one week from that period.

By Order, (Signed) E. W. A. BRUCE. Colonial Secretary.

Victoria, Hongkong, 28th, August 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 connexion as Medical and Surgical practitioners at that anchorage. China Vessel, moored at the entrance of Bombay Creek in Blenheim Reach. July 1st, 1844.

FOR SALE, at the Rooms of the Undersigned a Splendid New Cabinet Piano Forte, by Broadwood & Sons, of London, together with a quantity of New Music.

Also A Fine Toned, Semi-grand-Piano forte, by Collard and Collard.—London—Price moderate.

Also Sixty Superior Grindstones. For particulars apply to J. B. PAIN, Queen's Road.

FOR SALE.—At the Hotel of Mr. J. J. LOPES, viz:

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| Fine Claret,                   | Do. Port,   |
| Do. Brandy,                    | Do. Porter, |
| Do. Champagne,                 | Do. Sherry, |
| Do. Cheese,                    | Liquors,    |
| Superior No. 3, Manila Cigars, |             |
| Do. No. 4, do. do.             |             |
| Do. Sperm Candles,             |             |
| Do. Butter.                    |             |

Victoria, 19th April, 1844.

JUST ARRIVED AND FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned—Cocoonut Oil, and Java Coffee, (of excellent quality)

Apply to BURD, LANGE & Co. Victoria, 29th August, 1844.

FOR SALE.—From 16 to 32 oz. Sheathing Copper, and Nails, Bolts, Rings, Butt Bolts and Spikes. Also, Canvass, from No. 1 to 6. Apply at the Godowns of W. & T. GEMMELL & CO. Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

FOR SALE. ALLSOP'S Calcutta bottled Beer, a small batch, A warranted in the finest order. Clarets—highly esteemed Lafitte, Chateau Margeaux, La Rose, Podesclau and Hermitage of the finest quality, Champagne, Champagne Brandy, Medium Brown Sherry, and Cherry Cordial; all direct from first hands in Europe. A small parcel of English Cheese packed in lead, just landed from the City of Derry, and No. 3 and 4 superior Manila Cigars. Just landed, a small batch of first rate London bottled Beer. Apply to F. H. TIEDEMAN. At the Stores of Oswald, Disandt & Co. Victoria, 10th July, 1844.

NOTICE. THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. Joseph T Coledge in our Firm ceased on the 31st ultimo, and Mr. John Heard is this day admitted a partner. AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO. Canton, June 1, 1844.

NOTICE. FOR SALE on Excellent and grand Piano forte in very good order apply to JANUARIO JOZE LOPES. Victoria, 2nd August, 1844.

NOTICE. FOR SALE a good Lorcha for Passenger or Cargo of 40 Tons or 640 piculs; particulars known by applying to JANUARIO J. LOPES. Victoria, 2nd August, 1844.

NOTICE. FOR SALE.—A good Billiard Table complete. apply to JANUARIO J. LOPES. Victoria, 2nd August, 1844.

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### LARGE BUILDINGS REQUIRED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

MERCHANTS or others having large Buildings in Victoria, which they may be disposed to let for Military purposes, with immediate possession, are requested to forward Tenders. Specifying the situation and description of the Buildings and the terms of letting, addressed to the "Respective Officers of the Ordnance" on or before 12 o'clock on Wednesday next the 4th of September.

Office of Ordnance, Victoria, 30th August, 1844.

### BILLS ON INDIA.

Bills drawn by His Excellency the Governor on the Supreme Government of India, in sets of 1,000 to 10,000 Rupees each, and to the extent of one lac of Rupees, can be obtained, on application at this Office in the usual form, in Exchange for Republican Dollars or Company's Rupees, at the rate of two hundred and sixteen Rupees for one hundred Dollars.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G. Commissariat Victoria, 23rd August, 1844.

### ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the business of the late Henry Pybus in China, (which has been temporarily carried on by John Mackey & 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. MACKAY. Y. J. MURROW. Canton, 1st June, 1844.

### FOR SALE.—At the office of this paper.

Compradores cheque books. Ships Articles, with an abstract of the merchant seaman's act endorsed on the back. Charterparties, after forms by Chitty. Powers of Attorney, after forms by Chitty. Bills of Lading. Chinese Tariff of imports, and exports, for counting houses.

FRYER and LANE beg to inform their friends, and the inhabitants of Hongkong generally, that they have taken the house formerly occupied by Mr. W. Lane, next door to General D'Aguiar's, where they intend carrying on the business of General Store Keepers and Commission Agents; they have now on hand some Hams and Cheese, of superior quality; Sherry, Port Wine, Claret, and other light French Wines, Brandy, Smith & Co's Gin, Cigars, No. 3, and 4, Perfumery, Stationery, Hardware, Glassware, Pickles, Sauces, Bunting, Twine, and various other articles. Victoria, 19th July, 1844.

THE Undersigned beg to intimate to the inhabitants of Hongkong, Ship-masters, and the public in general, that they have this day commenced business as Commission and General Agents.

A. H. FRYER, T. A. LANE, Victoria, July 15th 1844.

FOR SALE.—Bass and Allsop's London Bottled Pale Ale and Porter—Curtis's and Harvey's Diamond Grain Gunpowder—and Sardines in 1 lb. and 2 lb. Tins.

The above just received ex "Lady and Surge". Apply to FRYER & LANE. Victoria August, 2nd 1844.

### ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Undersigned beg to notify that they have authorised Mr. JOHN LEFFLER, and Mr. CHARLES W. MURRAY, to sign for their firm by procuracy in Hongkong and Macao. MURROW & CO. Canton, 1st June, 1844.

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

FOR SALE, a Bay Arab Horse, 14 hands and a Pony. Apply to EDWARD NEWMAN. Hongkong, 27th July, 1844.

FOR SALE.—A Palanquin Carriage, apply to EDWARD NEWMAN. Hongkong, 26th July, 1844.

FOR SALE. ALE and Porter in cask and bottle, Castle Johannisberg Hock in one dozen cases, Port and Sherry in bottle. Apply to EDWARD NEWMAN. Victoria, 14th August, 1844.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

Mr. Editor—I am curious to know what view you take of the late Government Notification in regard to the knocking of Bamboos.

My private opinion in the matter is, that I have ever considered these Bamboos invisible, as a most comforting corps of watchmen, for, as I generally take a turn in bed two or three times in the night, in place of wondering whether there are any thieves in the house, I have, only to listen for an instant. "Ah! I hear his rattle, and trilling the third or fourth watch, "all right," and off I go for another doze.

Now-a-days one may listen in vain, unless indeed the watchman's snore confirm his worst fears, that some nimble fingered individuals are rifling his trunk in the next room.

One person had the audacity to tell me that he was inclined to think there must be some collusion between "our King and the King of the thieves, but this idea I scouted altogether.

It was also suggested by one, but shaped as an interrogatory that he might not appear to assume it as a fact. May not the Governor and his worthy counsellors have more uneasy consciences than the rest of the Community? and may not this account for their being disturbed at night more than others?

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" we all know. But could the counsellors, think you, sleep the more assuredly for the want of the Bamboo? Alas! they would cry with Macbeth.

"Why do I yield to those suggestions which make my seated hear knock at my ribs, against the use of nature?"

But seriously, does not government know, that since Adam was a boy (for China you know was in existence long before then) the Bamboo has sounded all over this empire, without one single dissentient Mandarin?

I repeat, it is a No. I good. Olo'eustom. Your's &c. &c. LIBRA.

29th August, 1844.

Sir.—We (i.e. the much despised mercantile community of China) have often been astonished and not unfrequently highly amused by the luminous manifestoes, and bright edicts of one sort or other, which have emanated from the stubborn genius of our Military Ex Governor; and foolishly thought that when Sir Henry Pottinger took his much wished for departure there would be a display of something more sensible in his successor. In this we have been slightly disappointed, and reduced to the position of the discontented frogs in Esops inimitable fable! We imagined, that amongst other trifles which required investigation, the proceedings of the gentlemen of the land-office would be discussed, and that the allotments bought by certain individuals at a public auction, authorised by the representative of the Queen of England, would be restored to the lawful owners by the present governor having been wrested violently from them by the former one: (I rather think that, if transactions of this sort had been perpetrated by a private person in England they would have been mildly designated highly disreputable) with deluded subjects of her Majesty, and ruined celestials I have nothing to do, but beg most respectfully and earnestly to draw your attention to a subject of infinitely greater importance, namely the notification which appeared in the Government Gazette of the 27th, as to Rattles. This is the most splendid elucidation of his Excellency's firm determination to protect the property of his countrymen from the acquisitiveness of the Chinese, and also of his strict sense of justice, and disposition to tickle offending tails. It will indeed be gratifying to all of us, the morning after we have been cleared out, to be satisfied that the watchmen will be most handsomely bamboosed, instead of themselves having the trouble the previous night of beating their own bamboos, in order to give their masters, and the robbers to understand they were wide awake. His Excellency's profound knowledge of China and the Chinese, is here developed, and deserves unbounded praise (?). In the next issue of the Government Gazette I look confidently for a stringent order compelling us under the severest pains and penalties to adopt the measures for the preservation of our property which Mr. Davis did for the remainder of "his," after the two goldwatches, and medal of the same precious material had disappeared by the agency of Celestial lightfingeredness. I am not sufficiently gifted with the powers of profecy to foretell whether his ordinance will conduce to the safety of our goods and chattels or not: this to him may be a matter of very little consequence—but, it gives me heartfelt pleasure Mr. Editor to say, I do firmly believe that for the time to come the glorious dreams of Major General De Aguilár will be undisturbed. No longer (after the old one has been captured by an orderly of this gallant officer) will Mr. Penn Townsend be allowed to saw off a fresh rattle, and with a good crack on the head command his coolie to beat it vociferously at each corner of his republican residence. No longer will two sailors be permitted to knock their drunken heads together, when meandering through the quaquires and sloughs of Queen's Road. No longer will Mr. Gutzlaff (excellent man!) be allowed to neglect his duty by permitting extensive "Joss Chin-chinnings," until 12 o'clock at night—particularly on Sundays.

From a friend of mind I heard that the other night he was visited by one of the chief catchers (?) under the command of that most undefatigable and praiseworthy officer, (Ahem!) Captain Bruce, he said "his instructions were, to arrest any watchmen beating a bamboo" The gentleman informed him he clearly understood the Government Notification—that his servant was not amenable to this law, as he was simply agitating to the extent of his muscular powers, three thin pieces of teak loosely tied together. The policeman returned in a few minutes and politely intimated it was also Captain Bruce's coolies, that he should lodge in the stone jug all orders making a rascal noise! Of course none of us would for one moment think of attending to Captain Bruce's orders, or of allowing our servants to do so, apathetic as we have hitherto shown ourselves to military rough riding; but I hope Mr. Editor you will use all your influence in dissuading our worthy Governor from attaching this to the bamboostriking interdiction. We all have heard of the dreadful sufferings of one countryman in the dungeons of Calcutta, and for the love of humanity, not to urge the sacred claim of christianity let not horrors like those be here exhibited—I trust this measure will not be adopted—for almost the whole care of Chinese snore so obstreperously that the

prisons would be overwhelmed with captives and many would perish.

Your brother the Friend of India has denounced us all as ungrateful to the powers that were, as complaining unjustly of the proceedings of Sir Henry Pottinger; the mass of knowledge exhibited by the Editor of the Friend of India upon all subjects, and particularly upon those which bear upon Victoria of Hongkong, is quite too great for the possession of one man unless he is possessed of a remarkably strong (i.e. thick) head! No one in China presumes to question his superior sense of what is for our own good, we therefore beg you respectfully to suggest, that as his interest in the prosperity of this colony is so great we venture to mention that possibly he is not aware of certain sounds occurring nightly which disturb the rest of the Lieutenant-Governor, these we know will, by the sweeping arm of the mighty Editor be "mortally smushed," namely the awful gong on the Chief Magistrate's hill; catterwauling of all B.ley Goats; the midnight orgies of juvenile military officers; their seizing coolies and breaking their lanterns, which "the day after" entail with "sermons and sodawater" certain apologies and submissions derogatory to military dignity; striking of bells and the cries of "all's well," "afloat," cum multis aliis; and he will carry to the grave the united veneration and humble affection of the Lieutenant-Governor of Hongkong and of—Sir your very obedient servant,

MORPHEUS.

Victoria, 30th August, 1844.

NOTICE.

New advertisements, will be received, until 4 O'Clock, on the evenings previous to publication, viz: Tuesdays and Fridays.

Table with columns: LATEST DATES, ENGLAND, UNITED STATES, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, SYDNEY, MADRAS, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE, MANILA, CUBAN, SHANGHAI, FOO-CHOW-FOO, ANOY.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1844.

H. M. ship Minden, 74 Guns, Captain Quin was paid off on the 24th instant. She was recommissioned on the 26th, by Master commanding Wellington, as an Hospital and Store Ship. In the first of these capacities fortunately her services have been little required this summer, there only being about a dozen on the sick list; from the insufficiency of the accommodation for naval store ashore, in her latter capacity her services are valuable, though we may regret that such a sound vessel is not cut down to a frigate, ready, when required, with a goodly row of iron grinders to sustain the reputation of Old England.

The continued indisposition of the colonial chaplain, and the departure for the north of the Rev. Mr. Parish of the Agincourt, who during Mr. Staunton's unfortunate illness, has regularly officiated in the colonial Chapel, will for a time deprive those who are members of the established church of the benefits of public worship on the Sabbath. We hear, however, that Sir Thomas Cochrane has instructed the chaplain of the Minden to have two services on Sundays, to one of which—that in the forenoon—people from shore are invited. We do not state this on authority but we think it true, and should the Admiral intimate the circumstances through the medium of the press, he would add to the favor so considerably conferred on the church going portion of the community. We do not wish to convey to those at a distance, the impression that at present there are no places of public worship open in the colony—far from it—we have both protestant and catholic chapels, where service is performed regularly. Many people have a reluctance to attend any other than that church to which they belong, and what we wish to explain is that Episcopalians until their worthy parson is able to resume his pious duties, have the privilege of attending divine worship on board H. M. ship Minden, each Sabbath forenoon at 11 O'clock.

In our last issue we made a mistake, which we now correct. The Editor of the Friend of India, is not a clergyman; he occasionally preaches, but merely as an amateur. We need not remind our readers that, the paper which he conducts, is an earnest and powerful advocate of the cause of Christian missions, for the conversion of the heathen, hence the opinion has become common that he himself had been a Missionary.

We understand that the Dutch Brig of war "Arend" is expected at Macao, and that the Dutch Agent, at present actively engaged in enquiring into the trade of China, will proceed in her to visit the Northern parts. We trust that Mr. Modderman's zeal will be productive of advantages to the commerce of his country.

We have more than once had occasion to observe that, during Sir Henry Pottinger's administration of the affairs of this colony, the notifications, proclamations and ordinances published in the Gazette, were numerous. Many of these documents were impracticable uncalculated for and contradictory; the many idle speculations of a wandering legislator, who had gained His Excellency's confidence, and who aided him in the pastime of law giving. Some, however, of the regulations they contained, were

from the state of the colony, really required; but alas their appearance in print is nearly the only evidence we now have of their existence. We would briefly call attention to the regulation, regarding the registration of the Chinese inhabitants. The necessity for such a system, and its due and rigid enforcement, is undeniable, and is the greatest security Europeans have for the protection of property from lawless depredators. The duty of enforcing this act, and of completing the registration, was intrusted to Mr. Gutzlaff, at one time a protestant Missionary in China, now an assistant Police magistrate in Hongkong. It is not for us to impugn the motives of this Gentleman for laying down the cross to take up the sword, suffice it that such is the fact; but we would ask how does he, a public servant of the colony, holding an important and lucrative appointment discharge the duties of an office so at variance with the pious and holy labours of more youthful days? On the 24th of April there appeared a Notification in this paper, to the effect that, the registration of the Chinese inhabitants of this part of the island had been completed, with the exception of domestics in the employ of Europeans, who it was requested, would be taken up to the office of Mr. Gutzlaff, assistant police magistrate and registered. Now we venture to affirm that, if this system were ever acted upon, to any greater extent than that of taking down the names of the shopkeepers, who are exactly the class that might be expected therefrom, it is now a dead letter, there being thousands of vagrant Chinese in the vicinity, of whom the Reverend Magistrate knows as little as he does of the interior of China. We must mention that, it is another part of this Gentleman's duty, to inspect the passes, of all Chinese vessels coming from Chinese ports, to interrogate the passengers; satisfy himself of their character and register them. There are other important duties connected with his office, to which we do not at present intend making any allusion, our object being merely to show that through the negligence, ignorance or indolence of this servant of the colony, we are daily receiving additions to our inhabitants in the shape of depraved natives, who subsist by knavery of every description. The entrance of native vessels with passengers, is of daily occurrence; these passengers land unquestioned, and seek out congenial spirits in the town or its vicinity. So long as this is permitted, it is impossible for the police, however vigilant or numerous, to prevent crime:—and all the energy, which the constabulary, or native police display, is rendered, in a great degree, abortive, by the negligence of one man. The assistant Chinese police magistrate cannot be in ignorance, that less than one mile from the west end of Victoria, there is in the course of formation, a native village, with hundred, of inhabitants. These men may be seen flocking into town in the mornings, with bamboos over their shoulders as if porters seeking for employment—they wander about during the day, make their observations, and return at night to plunder and rob. Strangers to Hongkong, express their astonishment, at the number of idle, suspicious looking men, who at all times are to be seen, seated in the public roads, gambling and quarrelling; they cannot imagine how they gain a subsistence—it is by theft. We do not ask people to take our word for the truth of what we now state. Let them satisfy themselves, by a walk, to the rising village we mention. Let them there view the houses and inmates—enquire into their pursuits—their means of honestly gaining a livelihood, and we think, they will agree with us that, the sooner they are rooted out the better. As we have already stated, the Chinese police magistrate cannot be ignorant of the existence of this village. The question is has he sanctioned the erection of these sheds? and has he registered the occupants as fit men to live in this colony? If he has done so, however great his knowledge of the Chinese character may be, the fact of his admitting such worthless people to settle among us, proves his incapacity for the duties of the office, he now holds, namely, the protector of the inhabitants from the settlement of bad characters among them. If he has not sanctioned their presence, nor put them on his register, he is still more culpable, and we trust the matter will not escape the observation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. We would press upon the Governor and Council, the necessity of guarding the colony from the presence of large bodies of idle and vicious men; we would press upon them the enforcement of the registration system; we would entreat of them not to listen to the plausible excuses, or reckless promises of the assistant Chinese magistrate. Let them remember all the robberies of the past winter—the broken promises that the goods would be recovered, and the thieves captured. Let them remember, that at this moment, there are thousands of bad men among us, who only lack courage to butcher every European on the Island. Let them remember these things and act firmly and decidedly. Householders are much dissatisfied with a late silly order of Council, proceeding from an equally silly cause, and they may well assert that Government will neither protect them no permit them to protect themselves. There is something truly ridiculous in this little bit of legislative wisdom, but as it closely touches the interests of us all, we will again revert to it.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED. August 27—Stork, Miller, Madras. 28—Antelope (Am.), Damarosq, Macao. 28—Siallow (Am.), Woodbury, Macao.

- 28—U. S. B. Perry (Com), Paine, Macao. 28—Carmen (Span.), Escovar, Macao. 28—John, Dugdale, Millwood, Liverpool. 28—Albert, Edward, White, Liverpool. 28—Lady, Leith, Wollaston, Borneo. 28—Recovery, Johnson, Whampoa. 29—Jamsctjee, Jejeebhoy, Connor, Whampoa. 30—Coreya, Hazelwood, Shanghai. 30—H. M. Str. Vixen, Com. Giffard, East Sea.

- 28—H. M. S. Agincourt, Northern, Ports. 28—H. M. Str. Vixen, Singapore. 28—Rohomany, Kinsey, Whampoa. 28—George, Hallett, (Am.), Knapp, Macao. 28—Sidney, Schofield, Shanghai. 28—Marquis of Bute, Bannatync Whampoa. 28—Oriza, Christian, Whampoa. 28—Asia, Smith, Lombock. 30—U. S. B. Perry, Com. Paine. 30—Siallow, Woodbury, East Coast. 30—Antelope, Damarosq, Macao. 30—H. M. Str. Vixen, Com. Giffard, Singapore. UNDER DESPATCH.

England's Queen and Marchs of Douro, for London. Antelope, Bombay, Rob Roy, and Zephyr, Singapore. Carmen, [Span.], Manila. Recovery, Java. Lady Leith, South Sea. Stork, Whampoa. Jamsctjee Jejeebhoy, Siam. Thos. Crisp, Shanghai. Antares, Mauritius.

The Recovery passed some French Men-of-war beating up from Lintin to the Boca Tigris on 27th.

The American ship Convoy was totally wrecked on the Island of Luconia about the 1st Instant.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

- Mazepa, Fraser, Jardine Matheson & Co. Red Rover, McMuroo do. Anonyma, Thomas do. Fanny Connell, Davis do. Warlock, Jauncey do. Stock, 320, Miller do. Jamsctjee Jejeebhoy, Connor do. Christina, 400, Primrose, Dent & Co. Ariel, 371, Burt do. Possidone, 395, Valentine do. Ssifi, 140, Jones do. Coreya, 124, Hazelwood, Turner & Co. Petrel (Am.), 99, Rogers, N. Duus do. Thomas Crisp, Metcalf do. Rob Roy, White, Jamieson How & Co. Chatham 354, Gifford do. Cayuga (Am), Starbuck, Russell & Co. Zephyr, Johnson, Macvicar & Co. Carmen (Span.), Escovar, Holliday Wise & Co. Yonge Quene, 85, Fletcher, Larkins & Co. Pearl, 150, Morison, D. & M. Rustomjee. Danish Oak (Dan.), Paulson, Burt Lunge & Co. Eleanor Russell, Jeffries, Fox Rawson & Co. John Dugdale, 407, Millwood, B. H. & Co. Albert Edward White, Gibb Livingstone & Co. Lady Leith, 153, Wollaston, B. H. & Co. Recovery, 500, Johnston, R. J. Gilman. Anna, 109, C. W. Bowra.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

- Minden, Master Commanding, Hospital and Store Ship. H. M. S. Iris, Capt. Mundy. H. M. S. Str. Prosperine, Com. Hough, R. N.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

- Defiance, 511, Hall, Jardine Matheson & Co. Madras, 624, Flack do. Queen Victoria, 548, Brooks do. Fort William, Hogg do. Edmonstone, 624 do. Marchs of Douro, Woodnorth do. Surge, Burnett do. Scalesby Castle, 1603, Lemon do. Malacca, 523, Shelter do. Earl of Balcarras, 1488, Baker do. Loujce Family, 925, Ayers, Dent & Co. Tory, 608, Johnston do. Patna, 363, Clarke do. Medusa, 339, Purdie do. Hindostan, 780, Bowon do. Charles Grant, 1400, Wyld, Macvicar & Co. Lady, 316, Marshall do. Frances Burn, 261, Edington do. St. Lawrence, Newlands, Russell & Co. Duchess of Buccleugh, 350, Straker do. William Prowse, Thomson, Dirom & Co. Royal Albert, 407, Balderstone, Bell & Co. Sophia Fraser, 293, Williams do. Spec. 119, Cole, Jamieson How & Co. Sir E. Ryan, 320, Anderson do. John Wickliffe, 662, Daly, Turner & Co. Marquis of Bute, 545, Bannatync do. Oriza, 633, Christian do. Sanderson, Bushby, 309, Kennedy & McGregor. Penang, 389, Hawkins, Lindsay & Co. England's Queen, James, Nye Parkin & Co. Earl of Liverpool, Wilson, Fox Rawson & Co. Maia, 350, Spronle, Holliday Wise & Co. South Stockton, Hitchens, W. & T. Gemmell & Co. Bahamian, Pearson, Gibb Livingstone & Co. Jamsctjee Jejeebhoy, 535 Campbell, D. & M. Rustomjee. Earl Clare, 910, Scott do. Caledonia, 710, Burn, S Rustomjee. Prince of Wales, 826, Jones Dadahoy Rustomjee. John Laird, 276, St. Croix. Fattel Mombarrat, 1036, Moore, S. T. Mahomed. Sultana, 305, Wadge, Dadahoy. Statkart, 560, Dixon, H. Framjee. Favorite, 529, Scadder. Coromandel, 754, Cuningham, Order. Rohomany, Kinsey, Rustomjee & Co.

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.

- Corair, Fraser, Rustomjee & Co. Anna Eliza, 254, Grainger do. Black Dog, 140, Barret, Dadahoy Burjorjee. Lord Goderich, 361, Cook, V. D. Cook. Anglona, 103, Linn, Macvicar & Co. Jovia Corina, Dring, Gibb Livingstone & Co. Mermaid, 55, Gill, A. A. de Melo. Royalist, 140, Sebore do. George Hallett, Knapp, Wainmore & Co. Isabella Robertson, 250, Kelly, J. Hudson.

Linnet, 100, Phillip. J. Smith.  
 Pryde, 202, Monkhouse. A. Latellade.  
 Ruyarrell, 318, Dean. A. D. Furdomejce.  
 Tyrone, 154, Ogle. Boustead & Co.  
 Wild Irish Girl, 197, Jamieson. J. A. Vegis.  
 Isabella Thompson, Kitton. P. Merwarjes & Co.  
 Lady East, 600, Goldsmith.

**AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO.**  
 U.S.F. Brandywine, Commodore Parker  
 U. S. S. St. Louis, Cap. McKeever.  
 Eagle, 328, Sherman. Russell & Co.  
 Ann McKim, Vasmor. do.  
 Paul Jones, Watkins. do.  
 Moslem, French. do.  
 Paulina, Swedelin. do.  
 Montauk, McMichaels. Wetmore & Co.  
 Wisahickon, Webber. do.  
 Onida, Tripp. Nye Parkin & Co.  
 Henry, Salher, Olyphant & Co.  
 Belvidera, Easterbrook.

**FRENCH.**  
 H. M. F. S. Cleopatra, 50 guns, Capt. Cecille  
 H. M. F. S. Syrene, 50, Capt. Chamier.  
 H. M. F. S. Alceme, 32, Capt. Duplar.  
 H. M. F. S. Victorieuse, 20, Com. Guiselle.  
 H. M. F. Str. Archimede, Com. Paris.

**TO BE SOLD BY  
 Public Auction.  
 BY C. MARKWICK.**

ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER THE 4TH AT NOON



ALL the Materials of the Bungalow late the Property of R. Edwards Esq., situated south of the Queen's Road and West from Magistracy Street.

The Purchase Money is to be paid on the day of sale, and the Materials of whatever description are to be removed from the ground within one week from that period.

By Order,  
 (Signed) F. W. A. BRUCE,  
 Colonial Secretary.

Victoria, Hongkong,  
 29th, August 1844.

**FOR SALE**

BY the undersigned Bass's India Ale in bottle and Hogsheads, Porter in do., superior Pale Sherry, Port Champagne, Claret, Champagne and other Brandy. Grable and Podmore's, Vinegar in 25 gall casks, Manila Cheroots, Coffee, Hams. A small quantity of excellent Stockfish, and a few tins of Gingerbread Nuts, &c. &c. &c.

A. L. HODGES.  
 Chinam's Hong, 29th August, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**

SUPERIOR Doe Skin for Trowsers, and Cashmere for Waistcoats of various Patterns. Also some very light Black Beaver and Velvet Hats. Curtis's and Harvey's Diamond Grain Gun-Powder and Walkers Percussion Caps.

FRYER and LANE.  
 Victoria, 30th August, 1844.

**CURRIE & Co.**

CABINET MAKERS, UPHOLSTERERS,  
 AND  
 BILLIARD TABLE MANUFACTURERS.



**CALCUTTA.**

(THE OLDEST ESTABLISHMENT IN THE PRESIDENCY.)  
 BEG respectfully to intimate that with a view to reduce the expence of Freight for conveying large articles from Calcutta to China, they are now completing every requisite in Furniture of a novel and portable description, by which much more than half the expence hitherto incurred will be saved. The appearance of the Furniture when put together will be equally handsome, it's substantiality will not be in the slightest degree affected, and the arrangement of the different parts will be so clear and distinct that the most inexperienced will be enabled to put them together.

Currie & Co. venture to think that this will form a great desideratum and tend much to remove the objection to ordering Furniture in Calcutta for China. They therefore venture to solicit the patronage of the Community, and any orders with which they may be entrusted, will meet with the most strict and punctual attention.

The new Improved Slate Top Billiard Tables with Indian Rubber Spring Cushions prepared and despatched upon one week's notice.

**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, so commonly used. Those Gentlemen are referred to 114 Regent 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 Irvine'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 floatable 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.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

McEWEN & Co. will sell by Auction on Monday next September 2nd (for behoof of whom it may concern) a quantity of Cheese in cases.

Also  
 Hams, Sherry in bottle, Beer in do., Champagne, Perfumery, Long Cloths, Indian Rubber Braces Ladies Stockings, Pistols and several other articles too numerous to detail.

Victoria, Hongkong, August 30th, 1844.

**FOR SALE AT MACAO.**

AT LOW PRICES

AMERICAN Mess Beef, Flour, Cheese in tins. Raisins in half boxes packed in casks. Butter in small kegs. Just landed from ship Mjntauk from New York.

W. P. PEIRCE.  
 August 22nd, 1844.

**C. MARKWICK.**

WILL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION.  
 WITHOUT RESERVE,

ON 7TH SEPTEMBER AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

17 LOTS of Land, Situated on the N. W. of Major Cairns Residence, The Dimensions of the Lots are made to suit, small Capitalists, frontage 18 Feet, depth 64 feet. The lots will be staked off, and numbered, in English, and Chinese and will be known by 4 Red flags, placed at the extremity of the lots.

Terms of Sale, will be made known by the Auctioneer, on Day of Sale.  
 Hongkong, 21st August, 1844.

**LONDON MONTHLY MAIL.**

ANNUAL Subscriptions received at this Office. A few extra copies, by each overland, for sale. Office FRIEND OF CHINA, 23rd August, 1844.

**OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China are prepared to grant Policies payable here, in London, Calcutta, Singapore, Madras, Colombo and Mauritius.

(signed) MURROW & Co.  
 Canton and Macao, 15th August, 1844.

**NOTICE.**

OUR FIRM IN ENGLAND from this day, is FARBRIDGE & CO.  
 HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
 Hongkong, 1st August, 1844.

THE GUNROOM Mess of H.M. Ship *Agincourt*, will not be responsible, for any debts contracted by John Dawe their messman, from 1st August, 1844.  
 Hongkong, August 9th, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**

At the Godowns of the undersigned, the following Goods, lately arrived, warranted of good quality, and at moderate prices, viz. —

Singapore Masts, from 60 to 75 feet, by 18 to 24 inches; Baltic Top, Top-gallant, and Royal-masts and Yards, from 30 to 60 feet, by 7 to 16 inches; Baltic Planks for House-building, 16 to 22 feet, by 7 to 1 1/2 inches, by 7 inches; Teak Planks for House-building, 20 to 26 feet, by 3 to 1 1/2 inch, by 12; Oars Ash, 14 to 20 feet; Handspikes, Mast-hoops, and Blocks; Anchors, from 1 to 20 cwt.; Cables from 3 to 1 1/2 inches.  
 A Patent Pumping Windlass, for a Vessel of 400 tons, and Iron Bolts; Copper Sheathing, from 16 to 26 ounces; Copper Nails; Bolts, from 3 to 1 1/2 inches diameter; Pump Jacks; Sheet Lead, of sizes Navy, Pilot, and Cabin Biscuits; Beef and Pork; Tongues; Hams; Rice; Dholl; Peas; Flour; Ghee; Butter; Cheese and Pickles; Jams and Jellies; Manila Sugar and Coffee.  
 Black, White, Blue, Green, Yellow, and Red Paints, in Tins and Iron Cans; Boiled and Raw Oil, in 3 and 5 Gallon Tins; Body, Japan, and Chrome Varnish, in Tins. Stockholm, Coal, and American Tar; American Pitch and Rosin; Tar and Paint Brushes.  
 ROPE AND CANVAS—Europe Rope, from 1 to 8 inches; Spun yarn; Marline; Hawslime; Oakum and Loglines; Manila Rope, 1 to 5 inches; English Navy Canvas, No. 1 to 6; Russian Canvas; Ravens' Duck, Roping and Sewing Twine; Palms; Needles, &c., &c.; Dutch Bunting, Red, White, and Blue; Thread.  
 Beer in Butts, Hogsheads, and Bottles, Alsop, Basses, and Saunders.  
 Wines—Madeira in Quarter, Half, and Whole Pipes, and in Cases of 3 to 6 dozen; Sherry in Pipes, Hogsheads, and Quarter Casks; and Octaves of Dark, Brown, Gold, and Straw Colours; and Bottled in 3 and 6 dozen Cases; Spanish White Wine; Dry Lisbon; Tinto in Quarter Casks; Port in 3 and 6 dozen Cases; Champagne in 3 dozen Cases; Rhenish Wine in 1 and 2 dozen Cases; English Claret in 3 and 6 dozen Cases; French in 1 dozen Cases.  
 Spirits—Brandy, 1st and 2nd qualities in Hogsheads; Cognac in 1 dozen Cases; Old Manila Rum in Casks of all sizes; Superior Hollands Gin in Cases of 15 bottles; Old Tom in 1 dozen Cases; Danish Cherry Brandy in 2 dozen Cases; Anisette in 1 dozen Cases.

N. DUUS.  
 Victoria, 13th August, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**

A Lithographic Press complete, Theodlight, a couple of Azimuth and Steering Compasses, Quadrants, Spy Glasses, and other Nautical Instruments, Two patent Water Closets for Upper and Lower Stores, apply to

N. DUUS.  
 Victoria, Aug. 13th, 1844. 18 Queen's Road.

**WANTED,**

for the Ward Room of H.M.S. *Agincourt*, a Steward or Messman. For particulars apply on board.  
 P.S. None need apply who cannot give the most respectable references.  
 Victoria, June 25th, 1844.

**F. FUNCK has for Sale.**

The following Goods all warranted of the very best quality. —

A large consignment of Boots & Shoes from M'Laren and Son London; Jewellery, Military Shoulder knots, Hosiery consisting of Ladies Silk embroidered, Mitts, Ladies Stockings, childrens cotton Stockings, Gents Silk Cotton and worsted Socks, Stationery, playing Cards, Lavender Water, Bears Grease, Peppermint Lozenges, Counterpanes, Towels, India Rubber Braces, English Waistcoats, Hooks and Eyes, Shirt and Coat Buttons, Patent Corkscrews, Wine Decanters, Mathematical Instruments, Jams and Jellies, Tait Fruits, Cheese, Pickles, Yarmouth Herrings, Sauces, Butter, Oatmeal, Split Peas, and a variety of other articles.

Victoria, August, 16th, 1844.

JUST received ex Patna and on sale at the Store of the Undersigned, a quantity of Hams and Cheese's of a Superior quality and in good condition; Also a Stock of Beer in Wood and bottle ex Marquis of Bute.

C. W. BOWRA.  
 Queen's Road.

**JUST IMPORTED,**

A QUANTITY of Schweppe's superior Lemonade and Soda Water, and ready for sale, at the Store of the undersigned.

C. W. BOWRA.  
 Queen's Road.  
 Victoria, 16th August, 1844.

JUST RECEIVED:—A few Bags of Gram and for Sale at the Godowns of the undersigned

C. W. BOWRA.  
 Queen's Road.  
 Victoria, 17th Aug, 1844.

**ON SALE AT PHILLIPS MOORE & Co's.**

18 QUEEN'S ROAD.  
 An assortment of Superfine Black Blue and other Colored Cloths and Kersemeres, also a few pieces of very Superior Flannel.

Victoria, 10th August, 1844.

**TO LET.**

A Bungalow, Apply to,  
 RICHARD OSWALD.  
 Victoria, 7th August, 1844.

MESSRS EMERY & FRAZER, inform the public that they are now ready to attend to the repair of Vessels and will furnish at their yard all the Materials necessary for that purpose. They offer for sale.

White Pine Lower masts from 16 to 22 in, Pitch pine topmasts all sizes; Pitch pine Bowsprits 21 in. and under, Yards of all sizes, White and pitch pine and oak plank from 2 to 5 in, White pine inch boards, Hard pine flooring boards, Oak knees for boats and ship, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Oakum, Spikes and Nails, Grindstones, Oars.  
 Iron work of all kinds made and repaired by experienced workmen. All orders left with C. W. Bowra, Esq. Victoria or Wm. P. Pierce, Esq. Macao, executed with dispatch.  
 Victoria, August 2nd, 1841.

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

**NOTICE.**

WE have this day commenced business here and in Canton, in connection with Messrs. Eglinton, Maclean and Co., of Bombay.

MACLEAN, DEARIE & CO.  
 Hongkong, 1st August, 1844.

**IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.**

The Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above Company are prepared to accept Assurances in Hongkong.

1st. On Buildings of Brick or Stone, altogether detached from any other, covered with Tile, Slate, Metals or other incumbrable materials; together with their contents, except Cotton or other hazardous goods. Rate of Premium 3 per cent per annum.  
 2nd. On Buildings of the foregoing description when adjoining to others, in which no hazardous goods are housed. On such the premium will be 1 per cent per annum.  
 3rd. On Buildings of the latter description, but containing hazardous goods, premium 1 1/2 per cent per annum.

Of the first Class Assurance will be accepted to the extents of £ 10,000, on one risk. Of the second & third Class „ 5,000.

A Building and its contents taken together form one Risk, and the above mentioned amounts may be insured either on the building alone or the contents alone, or part on each.

No Assurance to be considered in force until the premium be paid.

The Undersigned are also authorized to grant policies on Buildings and their contents at Macao and Manila.

Parties applying for Insurance will be pleased to send in full particulars of the risk, any deviation from which, without the consent of the Company will vitiate the policy.

MACVICAR & Co.  
 Agents in China.  
 Macao, 27 July, 1844.

**FOR SALE.**

Bills on London at 6 months by NYE PARKIN & Co.  
 Canton, August 10th, 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.**

CHEAP for Cash. Hanging and Astral Lamps, just landed.

P TOWNSEND.  
 Victoria, 20th August, 1844.

NOTICE.—The interest and responsibility of Mr. William R. Lejee, and Mr. William Couper, 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.

**ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION OF LONDON.**

ESTABLISHED BY ROYAL CHARTER, A.D., 1720.

The Undersigned having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the said Corporation, is authorized to accept Assurances on Stores or Godowns and their contents, and also Private Dwelling Houses and their contents as follows, viz. :—

1st—Built of Brick or Stone, and covered with Tiles, Slate, or Metal, when isolated.  
 RATE OF PREMIUM, 20s. PER CENT. PER ANNUM.  
 2nd—Built and covered as above, not isolated, but divided from the adjoining buildings by entire walls of Brick or Stone to and above the Roof,

RATE OF PREMIUM, 25s. PER CENT. PER ANNUM.  
 Assurances as above, for six months, three-fourths, and for three months, one half of the annual rate of premium will be charged.

Of the First Class, Assurances to the extent of £5,000 only will be accepted on one risk; and of the Second Class, £5,000 only on one risk.

A building and its contents form one risk; thus the above sums may in either case be declared all on the Building or all on the contents; or part on the Building and part on the contents.

No Insurance is in force until the Premium is paid.

W. BELL,  
 Agent for Hongkong.  
 Victoria, Hongkong,  
 24th July, 1844.

**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.

JUST received by the undersigned A few superior No. 3 Manila Cheroots, of 1842 manufacture.

ROBERT LOWRIE.  
 Victoria, 2nd July, 1844.

**WATER BOAT.**

Captains and Agents of ships were 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.

**AGENTS for the "Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette".**

BATAVIA—Alcorman and Co.  
 CALCUTTA—Hyde, Gardner & Co.  
 BOMBAY—J. W. Bell, Esq.  
 MACAO—John Smith, Esq.  
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Sa. Miguel, June 12th, 1844.

**To the Editors of the SEMANARIO FILIPINO.**

Gentlemen:

The greater part of the most useful discoveries and improvements in science and art have been due to accident, which at once disclosed an important fact or directed the mind of the observer to an idea which had not occurred previously to others; the inventors or discoverers having in many cases no other merit than that of their own good luck although they may have earned the gratitude of the community they have benefited; in which case I may probably find myself if, I am able to carry out an idea which occurred to me the day before yesterday, there result from it those great advantages which you may deduce from the hints I now give you.

Being unable to find a spar of 60 feet in length of small diameter and of a light kind of wood which I required for the mainboom of a brig which I am rigging as a *polacre*, a vague idea occurred to me that it might be made of bamboo. At the moment I did not consider it seriously; but afterwards on reflection, I have begun to think so feasible a thing and one exempt from material objections, the making of the whole or the greater part of the spars of a ship of any size from the kind of bamboo which is here called *cana espina*, that I cannot resist the desire to make public this project, in order that, being well considered and examined by competent persons, I may be convinced that I am in error (of which so far I confess I am by no means persuaded) or that adopted as eligible, the marine of every country may profit by the advantages of this invention. Although enthusiastically fond of every thing relating to the sea, but not sufficiently informed to sustain upon scientific principles the opinion which I have just expressed, I have consulted several Spanish and Foreign commanders of ships who have made no objections to this project which I have not been able to answer satisfactorily; but as in matters of the kind practice frequently overrules theory, as well as that many prove by irresistible argument that such and such a practice is prejudicial or dangerous notwithstanding that it may have been adopted and followed for a length of time, I shall immediately construct a bamboo the mainboom of the *Polacre "Afortunada"*

In order to make the necessary experiments on the resistance, flexibility weight and other qualities which are indispensable to a good spar.

I invite, therefore, the commanders of the Military and Commercial Marine, naval constructors, officers, and all other persons, competent to judge of the proposed idea, to have the goodness to communicate the improvements or objections which present themselves, and to visit the Brig "Antenor" now lying in the river, to examine the boom which is being made, when I shall explain to those who may do me this favor, the principles and reasons upon which I found my project and they may there inspect the mechanism of the spar itself.

Pray have the goodness to publish as a supplement to your valuable paper the present article in Spanish and English by which you will much oblige.

Your Obedt. Servant, Lorenzo Moreno Conde. Sn. Miguel, 3rd July, 1844.

The publication of the preceding article having been delayed from various causes, it has appeared to me more proper to append to it the reasons upon which my opinion is supported; for although, as I have said before, I am not able to sustain it by scientific demonstration, it will give an opportunity to others to make the experiments which I point out, and offer an open field for the discussions to which the project may give rise.

The spars are not to be made of any kind of bamboo indifferently, but only of those known to the natives as *pisig* and *batibog* which are straighter, of less diameter in proportion to the length, and consequently less flexible and more solid than others; and when such canes are crooked, it is remedied with little trouble, by means of a slow fire, an operation familiar to every native sailor.

Having chosen this description of bamboo for the proposed object, I suppose as a fundamental principle of any theory that one of them is tougher and less flexible, or at least not less so than a pine or other light wooden pole of an equal diameter and this may be readily proved by experiments upon poles of wood and bamboos of equal diameter. No one will deny that if a spar of any kind of wood, and of 10 inches diameter for instance, possesses a certain strength, that ten poles of the same wood each one tenth that diameter, (in the present case one inch each) well lashed together, will be stronger; a fact easily proved by mathematical demonstration. The collection of rods which were bound around the axes of the Roman Lectors were an emblem of force, and these are still used as its symbol.

I do not suppose that it will be necessary to make the bamboo spars thicker than those of wood, but of the same diameter or perhaps even less, and their weight will undoubtedly be less than that of the lightest pine, in as much as the canes are hollow. The duration of these latter cut at a proper season (which is indispensable to those which are to be used as spars) and protected from the effects of the weather, or even exposed to it and only preserved by the natural varnish or glazing, which should on no account be removed, is very great, say 50 or 60 years, even longer, and it would not be easy to find a wood which might resist so long the effects and injuries of the weather, especially in a tropical climate. A bamboo I think would outlast a man's life.

These are the fundamental reasons which induce me to believe my project both feasible and advantageous. I shall now reply to some objections which have been made, and to some which have occurred to myself; after which I shall explain the mechanism of the spars of bamboo and point out other benefits which must result from their adoption.

That the yards will not be of a less diameter at the arms, as they are at present, is one of the objections. In the first place there is no reason why they should not be precisely similar in form to those of wood, but were it necessary to make them cylindrical throughout their whole length this would be a matter of little importance, and only offensive to the eye, which would soon become accustomed to it, and the novelty might even be thought a beauty, because the diminution from the middle of the yard to the extremities is only intended to reduce the weight and make the form more elegant.

Second objection: That it would not be possible to cut mortices for sheaves, to which I reply that if it should be impossible to make them securely, they might be replaced by blocks; a small and not a permanent offence to the eye of a sailor would be the only inconvenience resulting from this change.

Third objection: That canes are so flexible as to be improper for the extensive use to which is it proposed to apply them, which I am persuaded is not the case, for I believe that a bamboo of the kind above mentioned, is not more, or very little more flexible than a wooden pole of equal dimensions; and with regard to spars made from a number of bamboos lashed together, I am inclined to think that they will be less flexible than similar ones of wood. But even if they should be more flexible, this would be the sole defect, against other great advantages; and it might be remedied by means of a brace at about the third of the length of the mast, topmasts or yards, without this addition to the standing rigging in this case being an objection.

Fourth objection: That yards or topmasts of bamboo being very light would not run down easily. Upon this point I have some experience, from which I conclude that the weight of bamboo spars would be sufficient to make topmasts strike by their own weight, and prevent the yards from scraping against the mast and it would be easy to make experiments to confirm my opinion and do away with this objection if it existed by attaching a rope to the heel of the mast or the slings of the yard to aid its descent.

Fifth objection: That it would not be possible to make lower masts for vessels having tops from the difficulty of fitting the cheeks for the trussel trees. This objection, if good in this case, is none against having this kind of spar where the above is not necessary. In addition to which I cannot see why an apparatus of wood might not be fitted to the mast heads to support the trussel trees, for bamboos are not weaker in a vertical than in a horizontal position and should my plan be adopted I could exhibit a mode of fitting which appears to me pro-

per of the purpose, without preventing the masts from having their tops of bamboo.

No other objection against this plan has been made, nor does any occur to me at present, and I now pass on to the consideration of the other points above referred to.

The plan which I have for making spars of bamboo is singularly simple. The length and diameter of the spar being determined upon, five small bunches of proportionate length and breadth are arranged, one in the slings if it is intended to make a yard, two on each side of this at a third of the length, and two at the ends of the arms. In order to get the diameters correct five rings are to be made of flexible wood, rattan or hoop-iron (I am using the latter) and they are to be fixed vertically on each of the bunches. This simple arrangement being completed the core of the yard is to be put in position, this is composed of two of the largest canes, straight solid and placed together at the butts with a small pin of wood, the thickest part being in the middle of the yard diminishing to the ends of the yard arms. These are to be tied to the rings in such a manner as to be in the middle of them all. Around this core are to be adapted circularly the rest of the canes necessary to complete the thickness of the spar which is marked by the circles, uniting them always by the thicker ends alternately a long and short one, that is, in the way stones are laid in a wall.

The interstices between the pieces are to be filled up by thin strips of bamboo, or bands such as are used for hoops for casks, barrels and in order that the whole may form a mass as solid as possible, and finally strong straps of rattan, cane or hoop-iron are to be placed on this bundle of canes at all the butts in order to render it as firm as possible, and in case the spar is a large one, frapping these straps, or using some mechanical contrivance in case the former simply be insufficient. The yard being finished, it is to be covered with a tarred canvas coat with eyelet holes upon the edges underneath through which a line passed, draws the coat tight and protects the spar from the effect of the weather, and contributes to the perfection of its shape, and which being painted black will give it the appearance of a wooden spar. Respecting the construction of lower masts, topmasts, and smaller spars the process is similar to the above. One of the greatest advantages which I attribute to my proposed plan is the diminution of weight aloft which causes vessels to labor so heavily in bad weather and which is the principal cause of the damage to masts. In addition the trifling cost of materials, (for even doubling the price of bamboos when most in demand, I do not think it could equal that of wooden spars of similar size) an economy in cost much increased by the greater durability of bamboo masts, and which will be the means of avoiding the labor and delay necessary to replace the condemned spars. Damages will consequently be much less frequent and repairs as easy; for by carrying in each vessel a quantity of spare bamboos, a yard, a topmast and indeed the greater part or even the whole of the spars might be replaced on board in a few hours, I have been assured by a commander of an English vessel now in Manila who assumes me that he was a witness in the last Burmese war, at the siege of Rangoon, that the British artillery made but a slight impression on that part of the fortifications of the besieged which were of bamboo, for the balls penetrated slightly and fell back as if repelled by the elasticity of the canes as projectiles are repelled by bundles of hides or bales of cotton, a fact which if true as there is little doubt, it becomes interesting to vessels of war from the great advantages which may accrue to them by adopting spars of bamboo. The simple fact that they make no splinters, which would be fatal, nor inflict serious wounds when pierced or torn by balls is worthy from its importance of the deepest and most serious consideration. But all the conveniences and advantages which the adoption of my plan presents, are as nothing compared with those of an idea which has been suggested to me by a friend a Spanish Officer in the merchant service, who lately commanded one of my vessels; a happy and sublime idea which I am tempted to call romantic; which cannot fail to be generally noticed and gratefully appreciated. As some times after a wild dream of imaginary happiness we are tempted to exclaim "Is it a dream?" so the consideration of the incalculable advantages to the human race, resulting from the realization of this idea, have almost induced a suspicion in my mind that so great a benefit will prove a mere paradox or illusion of a heated imagination. A cool and dispassionate judgment, which alone is the source of all that which is good great or heroic tells me after mature reflection nevertheless the contrary. Let then this idea be judged by those skilful in these matters, and let its value be estimated by those capable of feeling it.

Let every vessel carry a supply of spare bamboos large in proportion to her tonnage, which may be arranged as two large bundles firmly bound with iron hoops or straps, lashed securely under the channels. To this recourse may be had in case of shipwreck without the delay and trouble which it costs to make rafts, and the crew might easily save themselves by means of these floats. Secured to the sides of the vessels they will prevent her being crank and prevent, should she be forced down upon her beam ends, that she become the coffin of her crew, as no wind how strong soever could cause a vessel so prepared to heel over sufficiently to make it necessary to cut away her masts. Childless mothers! widowed wives! unhappy orphans! whose support whose happiness, whose protectors have perished in the fathomless deep, receive a sad consolation! Hence forward we shall not see repeated in its present horrid frequency these catastrophes which affect humanity and humble human pride!

I have not said all which might be said nor can I aspire to exhaust this subject; but satisfied with having opened the door to a discussion, in a matter which cannot fail to offer a vast field for observation to some more able than myself, I conclude by declaring that from the moment this idea occurred to me I deemed it my duty to make it public. In judging this article then I have accomplished the duty of an honest man, and those who may attribute to me other motives will be very much mistaken.

I have already made the fore yard of the *polacra*

*Afortunada*, which will be followed by the spanker boom and gaff and also the other spars for my vessels which will be at all times ready for exhibition in my house for those persons who may be pleased to examine them.

I am Sirs, your obedient servant. LORENZO MORENO CONDE.

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION.

The statements from the Treasury, required by law to be made periodically, of the commerce and navigation of the United States, were transmitted to Congress on Tuesday. They comprise the period of nine months ending June 30, 1843, and are, as usual, full of interest for all persons engaged in mercantile pursuits.

We avail ourselves of an abstract, which we find in the Spectator, to place the general results of these statements before our readers, as follows:

The Exports during the nine months ending the 30th June, 1843, amounted to \$34,346,480, of which \$77,793,783 were of domestic, and \$6,552,697 of foreign articles. Of domestic articles \$60,107,819 were exported in American vessels, and \$17,685,964 in foreign vessels. Of the foreign articles \$1,945,317 were exported in American vessels, and \$1,606,830 in foreign vessels.

The Imports during the nine months ending the 30th June, 1843, have amounted to \$64,753,790, of which there was imported in American vessels \$19,971,875, and in foreign vessels \$14,781,924.

Of the \$77,793,783 of Exports, the growth and produce of the United States, there from the:

Table with columns: Fisheries, Forest, Agriculture, Animals, Vegetable food, Tobacco, Cotton, Manufactures, etc. Values in dollars.

Of the domestic produce, \$37,720,951, or about half the entire amount, was exported to England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Of the foreign goods imported, there were:

Table with columns: American, Foreign, Total. Lists cities like Boston, New York, New Orleans.

Table with columns: Registered, Enrolled, Fishing vessels. Values in dollars.

CANTON PRICES CURRENT.

26th August, 1844.

IMPORTS.—DUTY PAID.

Table listing import items like Ale, Amber, Betel Nut, Canvas, etc. with prices per unit.

Table listing cotton types like COTTON, Bombay, sh. ps. etc. with prices.

Corrosive—Extensive sales have been made in Canton of the old crop, but at low prices. For the new crop the market is dull.

COTTON GOODS. White Shirtings, 40 3 50 " 3 80 per piece. Grey ditto ditto, 2 50 " 3 40 "

Yarn, Nos. 18 to 30, 24 0 " 27 50 per picul. Nos. 39 to 42, 29 0 " 30 0 "

Table listing Chintz Furniture, METALS, Tin, Banca, Plates with prices.

Table listing Iron, Nail, Hoop, Bar, Steel, Lead Pig, Quicksilver with prices.

OPPIUM, Patna, new, 775 0 " 0 0 per chest. " old, 0 0 " 0 0 "

Table listing Rattans, Sandalwood, Malabar, Timor, S. S. Isl. with prices.

Woolleens. Spanish Stripes, 1 0 " 1 25 per yard. Long Ells, scarlet, 8 50 " 8 80 per piece.

EXPORTS.—ON BOARD. Alum, \$1 75 to 2 0 per picul. Anniseed, 10 50 " 11 0 "

There is reason to believe that part of the large purchases lately made consisted of the old crop. The silk was of a good quality, but had lost the lustre which always appears on it when new.

TEA. Congou old, Tls. 12 0 " 16 0 ". Congou new, 39 0 " 43 0 "

EXPORT OF TEAS FROM 1ST JULY TO 17TH AUGUST. Green, 1,140,486 lbs. Black, 3,085,225 "

COTTON REPORT. Canton, July 1st to 31st, 1844. Deliveries, Stock.

PRICES OF BULLION. Sycee Silver, large, 2 1/2 per cent. premium. Small, 1 to 2 ditto.

EXCHANGE. Bills on London at 6 months sight, 4s. 3d. to 4s. 4d. Navy Bills, 4s. to 4s. 1d.

FREIGHTS. To London or Liverpool, £1 per ton of 50 lb. To On-ports, 10s. per ton additional.

SHIPS LANDING AT WHAMPOA. Sanderson, William Prowse, South-Stockton, Earl Liverpool, Englands Queen.

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