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 **THE SULIMANY**, Capt. Monk, now at Whampoa, will load for Calcutta and be dispatched from Macao, touching at Hongkong for any Cargo, that may offer on 1st Nov. Apply to
DENT & Co.
Victoria, 11th Oct., 1844.


 **THE A 1**, ship **HINDOSTAN**, Capt. Bowen, will load at Whampoa for London with all despatch, she has good poop accommodation and carries an experienced Surgeon.
For Freight apply to,
DENT & Co.
at Canton, Macao, and Hongkong.
Canton, 28th August, 1844.


FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
 **THE NEW A. 1**, fast sailing Ship **CO. ROMANDEL**, Capt. Chas. Cunningham, 765 tons per Register, and now lying at Whampoa. Apply to
DENT & Co.
Victoria, 26th September, 1844.


FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
 **THE A. 1** Bark **CHRISTINA**, Capt. Primrose, 351 tons per Register, now at Whampoa. Apply to
DENT & Co.
Victoria, 26th September, 1844.


FOR THE STRAITS AND MADRAS.
 **TO** sail immediately the Bark **DEFIANCE**, Captain Hall. For freight or passage apply to Messrs. **JARDINE MATHESON & Co.** or on board.
Victoria, 22nd October, 1844.


FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
 **THE A 1** Barque **PAMPERO** Capt. John Roberts, 267 tons per Register. Apply to
LINDSAY & Co.


FOR LONDON, FOR PASSENGERS ONLY.
 **THE A. 1** Ship **PERSIA**, Captain Morris, having fine accommodations for Passengers, will leave Whampoa for London on or before the 1st proximo. For Passage apply to
Messrs **MACVICAR & Co.** Macao & Hongkong, or **RODNEY FISHER**, Esq. Canton.
N. B. Passengers to join the Ship at Whampoa or Macao.

FOR SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.
 **THE Resolution**, Captain Wood, will be despatched for the above Ports, about the 30th instant. For freight apply to
MURROW & Co.
Canton and Macao, or
JAMIESON HOW & Co.
Hongkong.
Macao, 2nd October, 1844.


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.


FOR SINGAPORE.
CALLING AT WHAMPOA,
 **THE Barque CACHQUE**, Captain Eldred, will leave for Whampoa to-morrow evening and will sail from thence for Singapore a few days after her arrival there. For freight apply to
Capt. **ELDRED**, or board
or **N. DUUS**,
18 Queen's Road
N. B. Dead weight will be taken only for Singapore at a moderate freight.
Victoria, October 29th, 1844.

FOR SINGAPORE AND CALCUTTA.
 **THE Ship RUSTOMJEE CO. WASJEE**, Captain Hill, and **COWASJEE FAMILY**, Captain Durham, will have immediate despatch. For freight or passage apply to
D. & M. RUSTOMJEE & Co.
Macao, 10th October, 1844.

FOR SALE.
 **THE New American Clipper Ship Houqua**, built in New York by Messrs. Brown and Bell (Builders of the Schooner Mazeppa) in the most substantial manner, under the immediate inspection of Captain Palmer. Of Live Oak, Locust, Cedar and white Oak.
Length 142.4 inches.
Breadth 30.4 "
Depth 16.10 "
Registering 582-52-95 Tons.

This ship is one of the fastest vessels in China, with a half poop cabin; having superior accommodation for passengers, and is in complete order for any voyage, is now lying at Whampoa where she can be examined. For terms apply to
RUSSELL & Co. Canton, or
WARREN DELANO JUN. Macao.
25th October, 1844.

TO LET.
 Bungalow, Applto,
RICHARD OSWALD.
Victoria, 7th August, 1844.

TO LET.
 **THE** commodious Bungalow at present occupied by Framjee Jamsetjee Esq.—The situation is healthy; the house is in a perfect state of repair, having a large compound, and has a fine view of the harbour and shipping.
Apply on the premises.
Victoria, 22nd October, 1844.

FOR SALE.—A Lithographic Press complete, Theodolite, 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.
18 Queen's Road,
Victoria, Aug 13th, 1844.

NOTICE.—The undersigned is authorized by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of H.M. 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 merchandise of all descriptions received and carefully stored in spacious airy and secure Brick Godowns Insured from fire can be sold upon Commission or forwarded to Canton and Macao by Insurable Lorchas.
apply to
N. DUUS.
Victoria, October 5th, 1843.

FOR SALE.
A SUPERIOR six Octave Piano, by Broadwood and a select assortment of new and fashionable Music. To be viewed at
N. DUUS.
Victoria, 4th October, 1844.

JUST ARRIVED AND FOR SALE, at the Godowns of the undersigned—Cocoanut Oil, and Java Coffee, (of excellent quality) Apply to
BURD, LANGE & Co.
Victoria, 29th 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 30, 60 and 90 days, and at 6 months sight, under letters of credit, for sums to suit purchasers.
Bills on the Bengal Government by the Hon. Court of Directors, accepted and payable on presentation. Apply to
RUSSELL & Co. Canton, or
WARREN DELANO JUN. Macao.
October 2nd, 1844.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned have taken the portion of Chinam's Hong fronting the sea, next Mr. Duus's wharf, and will remove there on the 1st proximo.
LATTEY & Co.
Chronometer Makers.
Victoria, 27th September, 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.—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.

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. GEMMEL & Co.
Victoria, 17th May, 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. GEMMEL & Co.
Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

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

ADVERTISEMENT.
THE Undersigned beg to notify that they have authorized Mr. JOHS. LEFFLER, and Mr. CHARLES W. MURRAY, to sign for their firm by procurement in Hongkong and Macao.
MURROW & Co.
Canton, 1st June, 1844.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE OF CALCUTTA.
THE undersigned having been appointed Agents in China, prepared to receive all insurances payable here, in Canton, Bombay and Calcutta.
MURROW & Co.
Canton & Macao, 10th July, 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.

FOR SALE.
ALLSOP'S Calcutta bottled Beer, a small batch, warranted in the finest order. Clarets—highly esteemed Lafitte, Chateau Margeaux, La Rose, Podesclann 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 Jerry, 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.

FOR SALE.
MADEIRA in Pipes from the house of Scott, Penfold & Co., Madeira.
Apply to,
BELL & Co.
Victoria, 2nd October, 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.

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.

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 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 Montauk from New York.
W. P. PEIRCE.
August 22nd, 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.

FOR SALE.—Just arrived ex "Royal Albert" a Superior assortment of Oilmen's Stores—from the well known House of Crosse & Blackwell—Consisting of Hams, Cheese, Wilts Bacon, Tart Fruit, Jams, Jellies and Pickles and Sauces of all descriptions. Also, Shortly expected per Foam a quantity of Gentlemen's Wearing apparel (not slop made, but of first quality) consisting of Dress, Frock and Great Coats, Waistcoats, Trowsers, Hats, Boots, and Shoes &c.
Tongues and Buer,
FRYER & LANE.
Victoria, October, 8th, 1844.

JUST received by the undersigned. A few superior No. 3 Manila Cheroots, of 1842 manufacture.
ROBERT LOWRIE.
Victoria, 2nd July, 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.

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.
A SMALL supply of Diaper Towelling, Table Napkins, Shawls, Ladies Stockings and Capes.
MC EWEN & Co.
Victoria, 3rd October, 1844.

FOR SALE.
FINE Old Port and Sherry, superior Cognac, Claret, Scotch Whiskey, Beer and Porter in 4 doz packages, Salmon in tins and kegs, patent Barley and Oatmeal, Jams and Jellies, bottled Fruits, Pickles and Sauces, dried Herings, &c. &c.
MC EWEN & Co.
Victoria, 3rd October, 1844.

FOR SALE.—A small quantity of Cumberland Hams (newly landed), and Gloucester Cheese, A select batch of Barclay and Perkin's, best Porter, in quarts and pints.
MC EWEN & Co.
Victoria, September 2nd, 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 24 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, 1844.

GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION.

Notice is hereby given to all persons in this Colony holding property under the Crown, and who have been required by Notice in writing to pay up the arrears of Rent due by them for the same, that, if the above requisition is not immediately complied with, the necessary legal steps will be taken against them by the Attorney General to compel payment.

By order, FREDERICK W. A. BRUCE, Colonial Secretary.

Victoria, Hongkong, 24th October, 1844.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Government having with ease suppressed the only seditious riot that has occurred with reference to the Registration Ordinance, and secured the offenders, is now ready to attend to any respectful as well as peaceable representations on the subject of the said Ordinance.

With this view its operation is for the present suspended, and the Government will always be prepared on this as on every other occasion to modify or even abrogate its enactments in consideration of reasonable and proper representations, though seditious movements must be met with the severity they merit.

By order, ADOLPHUS E. SHELLEY, Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st Oct., 1834.

ADVERTISEMENT.

WANTED a passage to Norfolk Island or Van Diemen's Land for nine Convicts sentenced at the last Criminal Sessions. For Terms and Particulars apply to Lt. Pedder R. N. Harbour Master's Office.

By order, FREDERICK W. A. BRUCE, Colonial Secretary.

Victoria Hongkong, 31st October, 1844.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The annexed Regulations established at Amoy are published for general information. By order of H. E. Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Superintendent of British Trade.

ADAM W. ELMSLIE.

Victoria, Hongkong, 29th October, 1844.

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSULATE. AMOY REGULATIONS.

1st. The Consulate will not be open on Sundays.

2nd. All British Subjects residing in Amoy at this Consulate on or about the 1st of January describing the Houses Hong they rent from the Chinese, the names and occupation of all Europeans connected with their establishment as well as the natives employed either as shoofis servants, &c.

3rd. The limits of the port extend to the six Islands on the East side, to the Pagoda Island at the mouth of the Western river; the Island of Koolungsoo and the inner waters.

4th. All British Ships are required when discharging or taking in cargo to anchor off the Town of Amoy.

5th. British Ships driven in by stress of weather or coming within the meaning of the 5th regulation are to anchor inside the 200 gun Battery or abreast of the North East point of Koolungsoo.

6th. All British Ships driven in by stress of weather or calling for letters treasure or provisions are exempt from port dues. If Bulk is broken the ships are liable to the usual port dues. The Captain will deliver his papers according to the 3rd article the general regulations within twenty-four hours.

7th. British Ships are allowed to call at this port to "try the market" the Captain will deliver his papers as before and the Consignee is to declare his intention of either taking delivery of cargo or otherwise within forty-eight hours after the ships has anchored. Any ship exceeding the time specified viz. (forty-eight hours) will be liable to the usual port dues.

8th. The rates at which payments for duties are to be made either in Syce or Coined money have been settled on the same footing as at Canton.

For refining T. m. Syce at par of a 100 touch. Syce of inferior touch is to be made equivalent to 100 touch.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Rs., T. m. c. c., For refining T. m. Includes Rupees for 100 add, Peruvian dollars, Mexican do., Spanish do., and Cut money to be tested by fire.

Should any dispute arise on the difference of touch of Syce it is to be tested by fire.

9th. All cargo is to be shipped off between sunrise and sunset and from the undermentioned

水仙宮路頭島

loading places Chic-Lean, Kang-Tow Poo, Poo

美路頭港仔口路頭新路

Bee - Keang à Kow, Tow, Pow Sai Low

頭大史巷路頭

Tow, Ty Wong Low Tow.

10th. Pilotage is charged at the rate of 50 cents per foot from or to the Ghaw Chat Rocks and one dollar for Teutea or Chapel Island, or in a line from that Island to Paekta on the North and Lamtea on the South.

11th. Persons wishing to visit the surrounding country are allowed to go the distance of one days journey they are to be accompanied by a Police-

man and if proceeding in a boat are to carry a distinguishing Flag.

Attention is particularly directed to a notification issued at Amoy (see notification at foot) on the 2nd of December 1843 with reference to the before mentioned regulation.

12th. Sailors on liberty are to be attended by an officer or responsible person and if disorderly or riotous the full amount of \$10 will be awarded for each offence.

13th. Rice Ships are admitted free of ports dues but if they take away an export cargo they are liable to one-half the present port dues or 2 1/2 per register Ton.

14th. Ships laden with Rice arriving in port with a considerable portion of general cargo on board intended for another port are exempt from duty.

15th. Ships partly laden with Rice and general cargo are to be charged full Tonnage dues if any of the general cargo is sold and discharged.

16th. A Custom House officer will attend at the landing places from sunrise to sunset to examine and pass all cargo and his chop is to be placed on goods either imported or exported.

17th. Many difficulties having arisen in the difference of weights it is requested that the standard sanctioned by the Tariff be adopted and should there be any dispute it must be referred to the Import Department in the Consulate.

18th. The Chinese not being acquainted with the usual terms "demurrage," "laydays" &c., it is recommended that all parties should make agreements upon these and similar points.

19th. Fourteen working days (unless there is a specification on the Bill of Lading) may be considered as an equitable limit in a port offering so many facilities for the discharge of a ship or taking delivery of a portion of the cargo.

POST OFFICE REGULATIONS MAY BE SEEN AT THE OFFICE.

20th. All firing from ships in the harbour is strictly prohibited without permission from the Consul. Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate Amoy.

HENRY GRIBBLE, H. M. Officiating Consul Amoy.

N. B. 21st. All ships are exempt from Tonnage dues provided the Consignee can produce the grand chop from the Chinese authorities and port clearance from any of the Consular ports.

22nd. Ships are allowed to remain in port for warehouse purposes six months before the tonnage dues are demanded.

All cargo transhipped is to be duly noted and entered both at the Consulate and Custom House. When delivery is taken the mode of proceeding is precisely similar to the general regulations of Trade.

HENRY GRIBBLE, H. M. Officiating Consul Amoy.

True copy, ADAM W. ELMSLIE.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.

In making Public the following clause of "The Supplementary Treaty" Signed by their Excellencies Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart. G. C. B. Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary and the Imperial Consul has to inform Her Majesty's Subjects residing at or visiting the Port of Amoy that the Chinese authorities do not consider themselves authorized to grant permission to persons or Parties to visit the surrounding Country.

The said authorities however have intimated their wishes that no limits should be fixed for restraining respectable persons from taking exercise or recreation, trusting to their own discretion that no disputes or quarrels should take place between them and the Natives.

The Officiating Consul therefore urgently enjoins all persons desirous of extending their excursions into the Country the absolute necessity of compliance with these wishes and to remark the confidence shewn by the authorities.

The things most likely to produce complaint and dispute, are, the indiscreet use of Fire-arms, visiting the houses of the Natives against their will and passing through their Towns and Villages.

It is requested therefore these acts may be abstained from and all walled Towns or fortified places be avoided, and it is advisable that all parties should be accompanied by an intelligent Chinese conversant with the English as well as the Chinese languages.

Should any cause unfortunately occur that may give rise to collision with the Natives, the Officiating Consul in virtue of his instructions and in compliance with the Government Notification issued at Victoria under date the 22nd of July 1843, will hold the parties implicated amenable to the penalties therein mentioned.

Article 6. Provides that English merchants residing at or resorting to the five Ports shall not go into the Surrounding Country beyond certain distances (to be fixed by the local authorities and Consuls) "and on no pretence for purposes of traffic" and that any person whatever his rank, station, or calling disobey this article and wander away into the Country he shall be seized and handed over to the British Consul for suitable punishment.

"Supplementary Treaty."

Amoy Consulate, December 2nd, 1843.

Persons proceeding into the Country are limited in distance to one days journey from the Consulate. The latter limit has been affixed subsequent to the framing of the regulations above.

(Signed) HENRY GRIBBLE, H. M.'s Official Consul at Amoy.

True copy, ADAM W. ELMSLIE.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China, &c., &c., is pleased to direct that the following order in Council be published for general information.

By order, ADAM W. ELMSLIE.

Victoria, Hongkong, 31st October, 1844.

At the Court of Buckingham Palace, the 17th of April, 1844.

PRESENT: THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intitled, "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Subjects resorting to China," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders made, with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, to ordain, for the government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the coast of China, any law or ordinance which to Her Majesty in Council may seem meet, as fully and effectually as any such law or ordinance could be made by Her Majesty in Council for the government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the Island of Hongkong: And whereas, by a certain other Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden as aforesaid, intitled, "An Act to remove Doubts as to the exercise of Power and Jurisdiction by Her Majesty within divers Countries and Places out of Her Majesty's Dominions, and to render the same more effectual," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it is and shall be lawful for Her Majesty to hold, exercise, and enjoy, any power or jurisdiction which Her Majesty now hath, or may at any time hereafter have, within any country or place out of Her Majesty's dominions, in the same and as ample a manner as if Her Majesty had acquired such power or jurisdiction by the cession or conquest of territory: And whereas Her Majesty hath power and jurisdiction in the dominions of the Emperor of China; Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above-recited Acts, or either of them, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Her Majesty's Consuls and Vice-Consuls resident within the said dominions, or such other persons as by warrant under the hand and seal of the Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China for the time being, shall be appointed to act provisionally as Consuls or Vice-Consuls, shall severally in the districts within which they may respectively be appointed to reside, have and hold all necessary power and authority to exercise jurisdiction over British subjects within such districts as aforesaid, for the repression and punishment of crimes and offences by them committed within the dominions of the Emperor of China, and for the arrangement and settlement of all and all manner of differences, contentions, suits, and variances that may or shall happen to arise between them or any of them; and shall moreover have power and authority, as far as in them lies, to compose and settle all and all manner of differences, contentions, suits and variances that may or shall happen to arise between British subjects and the subjects of the Emperor of China, and between British subjects and the subjects of any foreign Power, and which may be brought before the first-recited Act, it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Commission or Commissions under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or by any instructions under Her Majesty's Signet and Sign Manual, accompanying and referred to in any such Commission or Commissions, to authorize the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China (so long as such Superintendent shall be also Governor of the Island of Hongkong), to enact with the advice of the Legislative Council of the said Island of Hongkong, all such laws and ordinances as may from time to time be required for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the coast of China, and to enforce the execution of such laws and ordinances by such penalties and forfeitures, as to him, by the advice aforesaid, shall seem fit: And whereas Her Majesty has been pleased to grant such Commission as aforesaid, to John Francis Davis, Esq., appointed by Her Majesty Superintendent of the Trade of Her subjects in China, or the Superintendent for the time being of such trade; Now therefore Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Her Majesty's Consuls and Vice-Consuls in China, or any persons acting provisionally as such Consuls or Vice-Consuls as aforesaid, shall in the exercise of the jurisdiction granted unto them by this present Order, be governed by such laws and ordinances in that behalf as may be enacted in the manner and form aforesaid, by the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China for the time being, being the time Governor of Hongkong: And in further exercise of the powers in Her Majesty vested by the above-recited Act for "Removing Doubts as to the exercise of power and jurisdiction by Her Majesty within divers places out of Her dominions, and for rendering the same more effectual," Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to appoint the Colony of Hongkong as the British colony, wherein crimes and offences committed by British subjects within the dominions of the Emperor of China, which it may be expedient shall be enquired of, tried, determined and punished within Her Majesty's dominions, shall be so enquired of, tried, determined, and punished, and that Her Majesty's Consuls, Vice-Consuls, or other persons provisionally acting as such under warrant from the Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China, as aforesaid, shall have authority to cause any British subject, charged with the commission of any crime or offence, the cognizance whereof may at any time appertain to them, or any of them, to be sent for trial to the said Colony of Hongkong: And it is further ordered, that the Chief Justice of the Colony of Hongkong for the time being, or other person provisionally acting as such, shall, when duly required by the said Superintendent, proceed to the dominions of the Emperor of China, and shall have power and authority within the said dominions to enquire of, try, determine, and punish

any crimes or offences committed by British subjects within the said dominions. And the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen, and the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

(Signed) C. C. GREVILLE.

BUILDING CONTRACT.

NOTICE is hereby given, that tenders will be received at this Office until the 12th November at noon, from such persons as may be willing to contract for Building two ranges of Barracks near the East Battery at this place.

Separate Tenders are to be made for each range, and no tender will be entertained except from a Builder of known experience, or capable of producing respectable testimonials from Europeans, either of Canton, Macao, or Singapore, shewing that they are duly qualified as Builders. Security will also be required for the performance of the work according to the plans and specifications, which may be seen at the Office of the Commanding Royal and Superintending Engineer, on and after the 28th Instant.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G. Commissariat, Victoria, 25th October, 1844.

NOTICE.

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

LATEST DATES.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Date, Location, Date. Includes ENGLAND, UNITED STATES, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, SYDNEY, MADRAS, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE, MANILA, CHUSAN, SHANGHAI, FOO-CHEW-FOO, AMOY.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 2ND 1844.

NOTICE.—In consequence of the repairs, which are being carried forward on the building used as the Colonial Church, there will be no Service until further notice.

VINCENT STANTON, Colonial Chaplain.

We are obliged to defer, until next issue any special notice of the Memorial and correspondence, which we publish in a supplement. We would in the meantime direct attention to the public meeting to be held to-day, and we sincerely trust that, all classes of the community, will avail themselves of this opportunity, of expressing their sentiments on a question of great importance.

The vigilance of the police has been rewarded by the discovery and capture of a band of daring ruffians, belonging to the secret association of triad, which is so much dreaded by the Government of China. The members of this association, profess to be opposed to all Government, and no doubt the band to which we refer, has exercised an evil influence over the minds of their countrymen in this colony.

Correct information of their abode having been received, Captain Bruce, and a body of police, at midnight on Thursday, proceeded to the house which was surrounded and the whole (seventeen in number) captured. They made a stout resistance, and the humanity of the officer in charge of the police, inducing him to forbid the use of arms, it was sometime before they were all secured. When the police broke in upon them, they were engaged smoking opium in the company of some abandoned females. On reaching the premises documents were discovered, which clearly prove the character of these people, who we may add were men of no ostensible calling, yet they lived well and were decently clothed from unknown sources.

The following communication, refers to a poor creature, whose deformity has shocked many of our readers: This institution,—the one with which the Reverend Operator is connected—must exercise a powerful influence over the minds of the Chinese.—The circumstance of professional men coming from a distant land, to heal the wounded, and cure the sick gratuitously, must strike the acute minds of the Chinese, and induce them to enquire further into the opinion of such benevolent people. We anticipate that the best results will follow the establishment of Medical Missionary institutions at the five free ports. Next to education no better plan could have been devised for preparing the minds of the Chinese, for a reception of those important truths, which the Christian charity of England and America sends so freely to every land;

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

On Wednesday the 16 ultimo, an operation of an interesting nature was performed at the Hospital, Canton, by the Rev. Dr. Parker; your readers will remember a Chinese coolie who for several years has been well known at Macao, afflicted with a tumour of vast dimensions, extending from the right ear down the check to the upper region of the neck. For some time past he had subsisted on the alms of the charitable, and it was supposed by many, that this tumour was the source of too much profit, to render him willing to submit to an application for its removal. In this respect he was unfairly judged, as from his first arrival, all the moment of his being subjected to the knife of the operator, he betrayed no unwillingness, but on the contrary, indicated the utmost anxiety to have the humour removed. Dr. Major's banks and Dr. Kane rendered their assistance, and several other gentlemen were present. The tumour was removed in the short space of four minutes, and in half an hour he was safely lodged in bed, and almost immediately called for some cinjee, so little was the patient weakened by the loss of

blood. The wound has already closed up and almost healed so that in a few days the same individual, who in former times was an object of such deformity and commiseration, will be seen at large, rid of an encumbrance which would ere long have proved fatal. Great interest has been excited in the minds of the native patients, and the occasion is another recurring instance, and of the utility and benefit of this benevolent institution, presided over by the excellent Missionary, who at present has the charge of it. The tumour measured two feet six inches in circumference, and on being weighed, was found to exceed eight and a half pounds.

Canton, October 26th, 1844.

Yesterday, a deputation of the Chinese, waited on His Excellency to present a petition on the registration act. They were very properly told that no petition could be received, until the shops were opened, and the people returned to their labour. To-day, (Saturday) we anticipate that business will be resumed, though from the number who have left yesterday and the previous evening, labourers may for a short time, be difficult to procure.

The Registration Ordinance, which it was intended should have passed into law this day, has in the mean time been suspended and probably will be cancelled. The ostensible motive for this vacillation on the part of Government may be understood by a perusal of the Notification which appears in this paper. We regret extremely, that on this occasion, the Executive have not shown more firmness and determination. They have allowed themselves to be intimidated by the passive resistance of the Chinese to an obnoxious act, and they talk of a "seditious riot" as if their had been a bold attempt at an insurrection. Right or wrong the Ordinance was once passed, and published in the Chinese language, and it ought to have been enforced. We fear that, the lack of firmness, which is in this instance so observable in our Rulers, will only encourage the Chinese to other attempts at opposition to laws which do not happen to meet their approval, and the supremacy of British authority will suffer in their estimation.

Before entering upon a minute consideration of the Ordinance in question, we must inform our readers, who do not happen to be on the spot that, the enactments regarding the registration of the inhabitants came into force on the 1st (Friday) on Thursday the Chinese labourers employed by Government as well as those employed by private individuals struck, and works of every description are for the time stopped. Yesterday (on Thursday) a meeting of the compradores was held, and they resolved to leave the island if the ordinance was not abrogated. To-day (Friday) the shops are all closed, the market people have ceased to bring in provisions, the boatmen talk of leaving the harbour and there is a disposition to starve us into compliance with their wishes, but there are no "seditious riots," nor do we apprehend any. Such is our present position; there is a passive resistance, but the town is perfectly quiet, nor have we heard of any greater disturbance, than the seizing by some coolies of a baker's boy, with two baskets of bread, and the refusal of another party of the same fraternity to carry down provisions to the barracks or commissariat. A few brick bats were thrown on the occasion, and about a dozen of the "seditious rebels" captured, and we understand flogged.

Of the Ordinance itself we have already expressed our opinion. It provides for the establishment of a system of registration which is not only called for, but absolutely necessary, if we would wish to see a respectable Chinese populace, and if we would expel from the island the felons who have violated the laws of their own country. To this extent the ordinance has our entire approbation and it will be with extreme regret that we hear of the intention of His Excellency to cancel it, unless at the same time we are told that another ordinance is preparing, equally efficacious as protective of life and property, but denuded of some obnoxious parts to which we must again refer.

In a former paper we remarked that in legislating for this colony, we have no precedent by which we can be guided. The place is an anomaly in our colonial history, and from the desperate character of the native populace, and the facilities for the arrival and departure of thousands of the outcasts of the Chinese empire, it is absolutely requisite that our Government should use the most stringent measures, to restrict the influx of disreputable characters, and to scrutinized those who are on the island. Such inquisitorial proceedings are un-English, unconstitutional and it may be somewhat tyrannical, but they are imperatively called for, and in as much as they are intended for the natives they are, in our humble opinion, unexceptionable. But we ask, why embrace the small but respectable body of European and Indian inhabitants of the colony in this ordinance? Are they fit objects for the inquisitorial researches of a Registrar General? Are they men of whom our paternal Government know nothing? and is it necessary that their character should be substantiated by the possession of a bit of paper describing their persons, occupations, &c. &c. &c., signed by a Registrar, entered in a certain folio of his record book by his deputy, and for which degrading permit to reside in a colony, nominally under the free laws of England, they have to pay five dollars. The including of European Merchants, European Shop-keepers, European Mechanics, or even European domestics in an ordinance, the declared intent of which, is to protect the colony from the outrages of disreputable Chinese, is an insult to which we would

not have been subjected had there been one man in the Council to represent the feeling of the European community.

The third point which we notice, with reference to the registration, is the poll tax, and on this there is some difference of opinion. We are perfectly well aware of the necessity which exists in every colony, for raising revenue to pay the local expenses, and in calling in question the propriety of this peculiar kind of taxation, we admit that considering this is a free port, and that we enjoy the privileges of a free port, revenue, which otherwise would have accrued from the Customs, will require to be raised from some other source. On a first perusal of the Ordinance we were not unfavorable to the poll tax, so far, as the Chinese are considered, but Europeans, we submit, have a right to demand that they be taxed after the manner of civilized countries. On more mature consideration, we are in great doubts as to whether the poll tax should be levied at all. The burden is a greater one than is apparent. When we consider that a coolie's wages is from \$2 to \$3 per month—that they are liable from disease and other causes to be unfit for labour, or if fit that at times they cannot procure employment, that many of them have wives or parents to support on the mainland, and that few of them remain long on this island, then we perceive that the tax is a heavy one. Not one coolie in a hundred, when he arrives in the colony, has a dollar with which to pay for registration, and many, we may say nearly all will endeavour to evade the law, and the consequence will be penalties and vexations which will keep the native populace in a continual state of excitement and turmoil. The Chinese do not object to the registration system, it is the poll tax which they dislike. So far from opposing registration many are favorable to it. They—that is Shop-keepers and dealers—are as desirous for tranquility and security as Europeans are, and would gladly see the registration carried into full effect, provided it is separated from taxation.

We have repeatedly expressed our opinion upon the exclusion of the inhabitants from the Legislative Council, and the present unfortunate Ordinance, is but another proof that, until a few of our influential men have seats at the Council board, there will be a want of that unanimity of feeling which is every where so desirable, but particularly is in a small community. We cannot discover one good reason why this concession—or rather this right is withheld, though there are many potent arguments for its being granted immediately. Admitting the Gentlemen, who at present form the Legislative Council, are each and all proper members of that Council, it is but too evident that they want that local experience which is indispensable. This is a commercial colony, and there is not one Merchant in the Legislature—the incongruity is too great to require argument to point it out more clearly. We have recently seen two instances in which the local government have roused the entire community—the first instance was too ridiculous to make any lasting impression, but the last error is stamped on our recollections, and the feeling that, the Ordinance, in its present form, is insulting to us as free men is universal.

Had His Excellency received the memorial, and acting upon its suggestions, had he declared that in the meantime the Ordinance should be suspended—that it should be again brought before Council—and that he would recommend a new Ordinance enacting the simple registration of the Chinese without taxation, then we would say, he acted with magnanimity. But unfortunately he has conceded to the threats of an ignorant rabble, what he would not grant to the petition of intelligent and influential men. No man is above conviction, and he who comes forward in a frank manner, and confesses that he was wrong, will always secure our esteem and respect. This fatal error of hasty legislation has we fear lowered the English character in the estimation of the Chinese. They will on some future occasion attempt to starve their rulers into a compliance with their wishes, and it will require some wholesome discipline to convince them that Government are not always to be intimidated.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

OCTOBER 30—Kelpie Sime, Calcutta.
30—Vizen, Minn, Chusan.
30—Avalanche, Murray, Macao and Philadelphia.
31—Orestes, Fenwick, Madras
31—Charlotte, Carter, Liverpool.
31—Mor, Baxter, Calcutta.
31—Thomas Fieldin, Blackstone Liverpool.
31—Lady, Adams, Hale, Whampoa.
NOVEMBER 1st.—Dulius, Underhill, Madras and Singapore.

SAILED.

OCTOBER 30—Posthumous, Milner, Macao.
31—Dhur, Cumberland Whampoa.
31—Lord Petre, Lukey, Manila.
31—Fanny Connel, do.
31—Cacique, Eldred, Whampoa.

UNDER DESPATCH.

For Manila, Charlotte, and H.M.T.S. Alligator.
Bombay, Earl of Balcarras, Good Success, and Corcyra.
London, Hindostan and Persia.
Singapore, and Calcutta, Edmonstone
Covassee Family, Rustomjee Covassee Sulimany, and Resolation.
Singapore, Cacique.
Sydney, Spy.
Passengers per Thomas Fieldin from Liverpool. Robt. Calvert Esq.
The Mor left Calcutta on 2nd Oct. and Singa-

poro 19th. Spoke the brig Anonyma in Lat. 5° 30' North.

The Orestes, from Madras spoke the Dutch Barque Gower Sun off Vampang Island on 23rd October.

The Avalanche spoke No. 20 Transport with rudder damaged, lay by her all night next day she bore away, 14th August, Lat. 38° 53' South and Long. 64° 41' East.

Passengers per Ship Dulius from Madras Mr. R. Martin.

The American Ship Paragon, Captain Curtis from Manila bound to Amoy with a cargo of Rice was abandoned about 150 Miles North of this, on Sunday last, the Mate and fourteen men arrived here on Thursday in the ships Gig. The Captain, his wife, and remainder of the crew arrived yesterday in a native boat.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

Defiance 511, Hall, Jardine Matheson & Co.
Gazelle (Am.), 115, Chase, do.
Kelpie, Bellamy, do.
Stork, 329, Miller, do.
Sylph, 303, McDonald, do.
Ariel, 102, Macfarlane, do.
Bombay Castle, 609, Fraser, do.
Charlotte, Liebschwager, do.
Mer, 264, Baxter, do.
Vizen, 106, Miln, do.
Yonge Quene, 85, Fletcher, Larkins & Co.
Shepherdess, 295, Poole, do.
Coquette, (Am.), 457, Eldredge, Russell & Co.
Sappho, 446, Dunlop, do.
John O'Giant, 489, Robinson, Turner & Co.
Erin, 285, Maine, do.
Margarette (Brm.), Kennedy McGregor & Co.
Visct. Sandon, Lancaster, Gibb Livingstone & Co.
Cursajee Covasjee, 535 Campbell, D. & R. Rustomjee.
Hersey, Easterby, Anderson, Chalmers & Co.
Royal Albert, 650, Scanlan, Macvicar & Co.
Kelpie, 264, Sime, do.
Linnet, 100, Phillip, E. F. Frazer.
Covassee Family, 430, Durham, do.
Aurora, 104, Gray, J. Hudson.
Times, 156, Grizwold, Murrow & Co.
Ronaldson (Am.), Drew, Olyphant & Co.
Spy, Hart, Order.
Anna, 109, Duins, C. W. Bowra.
Avalanche, 396, Murray, J. A. Lewis.
Orestes, 440, Fenwick, Dent & Co.
Charlotte, 540, Carter, Fox Rawson & Co.
Thomas, 465, Fieldin, Maclean Dearie & Co.
Lady Adams, 272, Hale, W. Buckler.
Dulius, 328, Underhill, Wetmore & Co.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

Minden, Master Commanding, Wellington Hospital and Store Ship.
H. M. S. Castor, Capt. Graham.
H. M. T. S. Alligator, Master Com. King.
H. C. Str. Proserpine, Com. Hough, R. N.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

Edmonstone, 624, Jardine Matheson & Co.
Surge, 574, Burnett, do.
Scalesby Castle, 1603, Lomon, do.
Malacca, 523, Shelter, do.
Earl of Balcarras, 1493, Baker, do.
Mayaram Dayram, Pidcombe, do.
Good Success, 545, Leslie, do.
Dunfries, 468, Thompson, do.
Castle Eden, 883, Beade, do.
Charles Forbes, 969, Methven, do.
Hindostan, 780, Bowen, Dent & Co.
Duke of Bedford, 720, Thornhill, do.
Coromandel, 754, Cuningham, do.
Sulimany, 784, Monk, do.
Aden, 339, King, do.
Christina, 351, Primrose, do.
Robert Pulsford, 545, Robinson, do.
Charles Grant, 1400, Wyld, Macvicar & Co.
Lady, 316, Marshall, do.
Persia, 658, Morris, do.
Castle Huntley, 1500, Brake, do.
Circassian, 220, Hore, Dirom & Co.
Royal Albert, 407, Balderstone, Bell & Co.
Lady Leith, 153, Wollaston, do.
Eagle, Rapson, do.
Tuscan, 181, Blackett, do.
John Wicliffe, 662, Daly, Turner & Co.
Corcyra, 124, Maclean, do.
Marquis of Bute, 545, Bannatyne, do.
Penang, 309, Hawkins, Lindsay & Co.
Forfarshire, 615, Symons, do.
Pampero, 268, Roberts, do.
Greyhound, 348, Hutchinson, do.
Dhur, 300, Cumberland, do.
Mercury, Lawson, Fletcher Larkins & Co.
Albert Edward, White, Gibb Livingstone & Co.
Chatham, 354, Gifford, Jamieson How & Co.
Euphrates, 630, Wilson, do.
Earl Clare, 910, Boustead & Co.
Black Dog, 140, Barret, S. Rustcmjee,
John Laird, 276, St. Croix.
Buckinghamshire, 1500, Rustomjee.
Uruguay, 340, Kelso, Oswald Disand & Co.
Lysander, 475, Sangster, W. & T. Gemmill & Co.
Gilbert Henderson, 517, Tweedie, R. J. Gilman.
Wanderer, 400, Smith, do.
Cacique, 171, Eldred, Fearon & Co.

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.

Little Catherine, Rigby, Jardine Matheson & Co.
Anna Eliza, 254, Grainger, do.
Anglona, 108, Lain, Macvicar & Co.
Jovin Corina, Dring, Gibb Livingstone & Co.
Mermoid, 55, Gill, A. A. de Mello.
Isabella Robertson, 350, Kelly, J. Hudson.
Pryde, 202, Monkhouse, A. Lataellade.
Ruparrell, 318, Dean, A. D. Furdomejee.
Plancius, Rotgans, B. J. Gilman.
Ellen Rodger, do.
Arin, 320, Dare, do.
Resolution, Wood, Murrow & Co.
Rustomjee Covasjee, Hill, Rustomjee.
Posthumous, 400, Milner, Turner & Co.

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO.

U.S.F. Brandypine, Commodore Parker
U.S.F. St. Louis, Capt. McKeever.
Pioneer, Clark, Russell & Co.
Heber, Porter, do.
Howqua, Palmer, do.
Rouble, Proctor, do.
Grand Turk, Williams, do.
Sarah Abigail, 210, Prescott, do.
Engle, 328, Sherman, do.

Montauk, McMichaels, Wetmore & Co.
George Hallett, Knapp, do.
St. Paul, Allen, do.
Hannah, Chuyor, do.
Carolina, Brown, do.
Aldebaran, Webb, do.
Onida, Tripp, Nye, Parkin & Co.
Mary Ellen, Dearborn, Ar. Heard & Co.
Cincinnati, Wilson, do.
Valparaiso, Engle, A. A. Ritchie,
Coheta, Hepburn, J. N. A. Griswold,
Belvidere, Easterbrook, C. S. Schofield,
Danish Oak (Dan.), Paulson, Russell & Co.
John (Swed), 430, Osterberg, Jardine Matheson & Co.

The Undersigned beg leave to give notice, that on the 14th of last June they formed a Copartnership under the Firm of Wolcott, Bates & Co. for the transaction of a general Agency and Commission business, both at the Ports of Ningpo and Shanghai.

(Signed) HENRY GRISWOLD WOLCOTT, EDWARDS, WHIPPLE BATES, JOHN HETHINGTON, Shanghai, Oct. 14th, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON THIS Day, 2nd November, will be sold at the Sale-Rooms of the Undersigned, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Glass ware, Window Glass, Tobacco, and Oilman's Stores, as Pickles, Sauces, Jams and Jellies, Champagne, Claret, and Sherry, Beer in bottle and in cask, Gingshams, Raisins, Preserved Salmon in tins, and Sundry other articles.

P. TOWNSEND, Auctioneer.

FOR SALE.

A fine fast sailing LORCHA, suitable to run between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao; She is about two years old, and has recently been thoroughly repaired; is well found in appurtenances of every description.

She is 78 feet long, by 21 Broad, and will carry about 300 Bales of Bengal Cotton, or from 1100 to 1200 piculs of Rice.

The above will be put up for Sale by Auction on a day to be hereafter named, if not sold by private bargain. Particulars may be learned, and arrangements entered into by applying to

McEWEN & Co.

Victoria, Nov. 1st, 1844.

JUST IMPORTED AND FOR SALE.

BY C. MARKWICK.

ALLSOP'S English Bottled (India Ale) in cases of three dozen.

Also,

Bottled Scotch Ale in Casks.

Victoria, Nov. 1st, 1844.

NOTICE.

"CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE."

A General meeting of the Shareholders of the "Canton Insurance Office," will be held at the Office of the Undersigned, at eleven o'clock of the forenoon of Saturday the 2nd day of November 1844.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

East Point,

Hongkong, 25th Oct. 1844.

BILLS on London at 6 months sight. For sale by

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 10th October, 1844.

BILLS on Bengal at 30 and 40 days sight. For sale by

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 10th October, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE decease of Mr. WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE having caused a vacancy in our Firm we have associated Mr. SAMUEL B. RAWLE with us as a Partner.

Signed WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 1st October, 1844.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of the late Mr. WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE, or having claims against the said Estate, are hereby requested to send their accounts to the Subscribers for advertisement.

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 23rd September, 1844.

JUST arrived and For Sale at N. DUUS Queen's Road.

100 Hhds Pilot Bread	per lb.	05
100 Barrels Navy do.	"	06
200 Do. Kiln-dried Flour	" Brl.	08
100 Saled Hams	" lb.	08
50 Boxes Tobacco	"	08
100 Do. Malaga Raisins	" Box.	1 5
50 Do. Sperm Candles	" lb.	30
Salt Beef and Pork in Barrels 200 lbs.	10,	
Salt Tongues in Kegs (20 each)	6,	
Superior Am. Cheeses	" lb.	10
Pine do.	each	75
A few Barrels Dried Apples	" lb.	10
Ladies and Gentlemen's Saddles, Fire Stoves for Offices &c. &c.		

Victoria, Oct. 29th, 1844.

ARCHITECTS are invited to offer designs, estimates and terms of superintendance for a Church. The building to be superintended by the Architect whose design is selected. Offers to be forwarded on or before November 9th, to A. FLETCHER, Esq., on application to whom particulars may be obtained.

FOR SALE.

WINEs of the following descriptions, all of the most choice quality. Champagne, Claret, Hock, Port, Sherry, Madeira, Sercial, and Malmsey Madeira,

JAMIESON HOW & Co.

Victoria, 8th October, 1844.

NOTICE. BILLS on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., London—Drawn by D. M. F. Thornton Esq., Purser of the U. S. Frigate, Brandywine at 60 days sight, and endorsed by Commodore Parker. For sale at Macao.

PROFESSOR FIEBIG of Gottenburg, recently arrived in China, and should any encouragement offer, he will settle in Hongkong, giving instructions in Music, Drawing and the modern languages.

McEWEN & Co., beg to announce that they have on Sale a quantity of superior Port and Sherry, the property of a gentleman leaving the colony.

FOR SALE. A few of Ritchie's patent Copying Machines, of various sizes. Apply to McEWEN & Co.

JUST Received ex Viscount Saulon and for Sale by the Undersigned, a quantity of Gentlemen's wearing apparel of the first quality, consisting of Dress, Frock and Great coats, Waistcoats and Trowsers.

CURRIE & Co. CABINET MAKERS, UPHOLSTERERS, AND BILLIARD TABLE MANUFACTURERS.

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.

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.

Agents for Irvine's Patent Water-tight Trunks and Packages, which possess the great advantage of preserving from damp the most delicate materials.

JUST IMPORTED the undermentioned Goods of the first quality, and for Sale at the Store of the undersigned, German Silver Soup Ladles, Tea and Coffee Pots, Percolators, Hot-water, Plates, Double Dishes, Dishes and Covers, Dishes and Warmers, Dish covers, Soap Tureens, Cruet Frames, Liquor Frames, Chamber Candlesticks, Pewter Measures, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks, and Patent ditto.

FOR SALE. VERY superior London bottled Sherry. EDWARD NEWMAN, Victoria, 8th October, 1844.

JUST arrived ex Robert Pulsford Firegrates, Fenders, and an assortment of Plated goods consisting of Cruet Liquer & Egg Frames, Savers Waiters & also—an assortment of Calcutta Table Linen.

PHILLIPS MOORE & Co. have this day removed to the premises formerly in the occupation of Mr. Pain. Queen's Road, Victoria, 1st October, 1844.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned has this day established himself as Underwriter's & General Auctioneer & Commission agent & solicits the patronage of parties transacting business in Hongkong.

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J. ROWE, begs to inform Ship Captains, &c. resorting to Whampoa, that he carries on his business of SHIP-WRIGHT, BOAT-BUILDER, & JOINER, in the entrance of Bombay Creek, Whampoa Reach, and will be glad to receive orders for executing all sorts of repairs, & furnishing vessels with everything that may be required, in his line.

J. EDWARDS, Pastry Cook and Confectioner, No. 1, New China Street, Corner of Magistracy Street, begs to inform the gentry and inhabitants of Hongkong, that he has commenced in the above line, and hopes by strict attention to business, to merit a share of their patronage and support.

N.B.—A constant supply of Haberdashery, Perfumery, and Oilman's stores on hand. Victoria, October 15, 1844.

EXCHANGE ON LONDON. BILLS on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. London, at 6 mos sight—against Letters of credit. For sale by W. P. PEIRCE, Macao, October 12th, 1844.

SHEATING COPPER AND NAILS, just arrived, for sale at the stores of P. TOWNSEND, Vintorir, 17th September, 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.

FOR SALE. FRESH American Flour, just landed.—Also, a few packages of Mustard in 1/2 lb. lead Cases at 75 cents each, just landed ex "John O'Gaunt" from London. Apply to D. HUME, Baker, Oswald Row, Queen's Road, Victoria, 25th October, 1844.

THE Undersigned returns her thanks to the Ladies of Victoria for their Patronage since she commenced business here as a Dressmaker, and has much pleasure in soliciting their attention, and that of the Gentleman, to a splendid assortment of Fashionable Goods, received direct from Glasgow, consisting of Tartans, viz: Victoria, Queen's own, Prince Albert, Eglinton, Meg Merlees, Napier, Argyle, Robert Burns, 42nd, Wellington, Gahenbruzie, Clunie, Royal Stewart, McDonald, and a variety of other fancy Tartans, Also a superior assortment of Scotch Tweeds, Silk Umbrellas, Navy Caps, Gentlemen's shooting Coats, superfine Blue cloth, and superior Drab Hats of the latest fashion.

LONDON MONTHLY MAIL. ANNUAL Subscriptions received at this Office. A few extra copies, by each overhaul, for sale. Office FRIEND OF CHINA, 23rd August, 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.

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

AGENTS for the "Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette": BATAVIA—Moorman and Co. CALCUTTA—Hyde, Gardner & Co. BOMBAY—J. W. Bell, Esq. MACAO—John Smith, Esq.

ART. VI.—1. Le Journal des Debats, 26 Mai, 1144. 2. La Révue de Deux Mondes, 1er Mai, 1844. SEPOY'S LOVE OF HIS OFFICER.—The libel, equally injurious to the English and the Hindus, that the sipahi is not attached to his commander, is so absurd as to be scarcely deserving of refutation.

A thousand anecdotes, some of which we shall by and by relate, might be adduced in disproof of this falsehood. In fact, no army in the world supplies more numerous examples of the affectionate attachment of the soldier to his leader than that of the British in India. But, notwithstanding all this, the English officer, stationed in distant cantonments, experience necessarily a feeling of solitude, beholding, as he looks around him, nothing but men of another race, and a country differing in every feature from his own, covered with rank tropical vegetations and quickened or scorched by the rays of a burning sun.

Witness the trophies erected by the wisdom and valour of our countrymen in the heart and at either extremity of Asia. The bones of our soldiers lie in almost every part of that vast continent, but they have not, like those beheld in the prophet's vision, been dry bones. They have been converted into the seeds of empire, and a power has gone forth from them, the duration of which must be measured by after ages. Wherever we have buried our dead, we possess a claim upon the country. The sepulchres of our brothers are there, and if we be repulsed for a time, we shall assuredly afterwards return and assert our right.

It is not enough to have planted laurels on these mountains; we must be there to water them, to watch over their growth, and protect them for posterity. The echoes of our victories may still be said to reverberate among the peaks of the Sulimani range, and the snows of the Hindu Koosh. Every remarkable spot in the country is associated with some English achievement. The occupation of Kandahar, the storming of Ghuzni, the battle of Tezeen, the destruction of Kabul and Istalif, the forcing of the Khyber, and every other most difficult pass in the land, are still fresh in the mouths of the inhabitants of Central Asia, and will be so a thousand years hence.

CANTON PRICES CURRENT. 16TH OCTOBER, 1844. IMPORTS.—DUTY PAID. Ale (best brands) \$25 0 0 per hhd. Amber 10 50 " 11 0 per catty. Betel Nut 4 0 " 0 0 per picul. Canvas—Eng. and } 8 0 " 9 0 per bolt. Scotch } Cochineal 15 0 " 0 0 per picul. Copper, sheathing 32 0 " 0 0 " S. Am. 20 0 " 0 0 " Cordage, European 8 0 " 9 0 " COTTON, Bombay, } 5 0 " 7 5 " sh. ps. Is. } " Madras 7 0 " 8 8 " New Timmerly 8 4 " 9 7 " Bengab 6 0 " 8 2 "

COTTON GOODS. White Shirtings, 40 3 20 " 3 50 per piece. Grey ditto 3 15 " 3 30 " Yarn, Nos. 18 to 24. 25 0 " 0 0 per picul. Nos. 18 to 32 25 0 " 0 0 " Nos. 28 to 42 27 0 " 0 0 " Chintz Furniture 2 0 " 3 0 per piece. Corros Goods and YARN—Gray shirtings are wanted; in bleached little is doing. Yarns continue very dull. For Chintz there is no demand.

METALS. Tin, Banca 18 0 " 18 60 per picul. Straits 15 50 " 16 0 " Plates 6 0 " 0 0 per box. Iron, Nail 2 20 " 0 0 per picul. Hoop 2 20 " 0 0 " Bar 2 01 " 2 0 " Steel 4 0 " 4 50 "

OPIMUM, Patna, new 785 0 " 0 0 per chest. " old 0 0 " 0 0 " Benares, new 720 0 " 0 0 " " old 0 0 " 0 0 " Dull. Malwa, new 720 0 " 0 0 " Turkey 500 0 " 0 0 per picul. Pepper 4 40 " 0 0 "

Rice, cargo quality 1 80 " 2 30 " Rattans, Banjermassan 4 0 " 0 0 " In demand at price quoted. Sandalwood, Malabar 5 12 " 13 0 " Timor, & S. Isl. 4 0 " 7 0 " Saltpetre 7 0 " 7 50 "

WOOLLENS. Spanish Stripes 1 0 " 1 30 per yard. Long Eils, scarlet 8 50 " 8 30 per piece. " assorted 7 50 " 8 50 " Camlets, English 20 0 " 23 0 " " Ach. 28 0 " 30 0 "

WOOLLENS.—We can notice no improvement in woollens. The market is excessively dull at quotations. It is possible that the approach of winter, may enable holders to clear off present stocks; but as large shipments are known to be on the way out, we doubt whether there will be much, or any rise in price.

EXPORTS.—ON BOARD. Alum \$1 75 to 2 0 per picul. Anniseed 10 0 " 0 0 " Camphor 20 0 " 0 0 " Cassia 9 50 " 0 0 " " Buds 17 0 " 18 0 " China Roots 2 50 " 3 0 " Galangal 2 40 " 0 0 " Musk 90 0 " 0 0 per catty. Rhubarb 30 0 " 60 0 per picul. SILK. Tsatlee 510 0 " 540 0 " Taysaan 450 0 " 0 0 " Canton 280 0 " 350 0 "

TEA. Congou old T's 12 0 " 16 0 " Congou new 30 0 " 45 0 " Caper, new 17 0 " 24 0 " Souchong new 30 0 " 54 0 " Orange Pekoe 22 0 " 24 0 " " fine scented 50 0 " 53 0 " Twankay Canton 15 0 " 18 0 " " Hyson 0 0 " 0 0 " Young Hyson Canton 20 0 " 36 0 " Hyson Skin Canton 00 0 " 00 0 " Gunpowder Canton 37 0 " 34 0 " Imperial Canton 27 0 " 34 0 "

EXPORT OF TEAS FROM CANTON TO UNITED KINGDOM FROM 1ST JULY TO 16TH OCTOBER 1844. Green, - 2,472,831 lbs. Black, - 9,278,844 " Total 11,746,677 lbs. in 25 ships. Cargo "John Dugdales" included.

COTTON REPORT. Canton, September 1st to 30th, 1844. Deliveries. Stock. Twist, bales.... 934 4,325 Deliveries. Stock. Bombay, " ... 22,674 ... 120,553 Bengal, " ... 7,154 ... 11,713 Madras, " ... 40,300 ... 14,986 Total 41,128 147,252 Including "Stock"

PRICES OF BULLION. Sycee Silver, large, 2 1/2 per cent premium. " small, 1 to 2 ditto. Spanish Dollars, Ferdinand. par. Carolus, 5 per cent. for selected. Republican ditto, 4 to 5 per cent. discount.

EXCHANGE. Bills on London at 6 months sight, 4s. 3d. to 4s. 4d. Navy Bills, 4s. to 4s. 1d. H.M. Plenipotentiary on the Bengal Govt., Treasury 213 Rupees per 100 Mexican dollars. Court of Directors, accepted on ditto, 60 days, have been offered at 226 Rs. per \$100. Difficult of Sale. Unaccepted 230.

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COPY OF MINUTES OF MEETING.

October 28, 1844.

At a Meeting held at the residence of Augustus Carter, Esq., 28th October, 1844, to take into consideration the propriety of addressing His Excellency the Governor and the Legislative Council of Hongkong, and the manner in which the same is to be carried into effect, upon the subject of an Ordinance for Establishing a Registry of the Inhabitants of the Island of Hongkong and its Dependencies, passed the Legislative Council, the 21st day of August last.

1st.—It was proposed by T. W. L. Mackean, Esq., and seconded by Sam. Rawson, Esq., that T. A. Gibb, Esq., do take the chair.

2nd.—It was proposed by Pat. Dudgeon, Esq., and seconded by John Holliday, Esq., that Augustus Carter, Esq., act as Secretary to this meeting.

3rd.—It was proposed by R. Strachan, Esq., and seconded by Donald Matheson, Esq., that a committee be formed for the purpose of framing a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, by way of a protest or otherwise against the Ordinance in question as being arbitrary and unconstitutional.

4th.—It was proposed by John Holliday, Esq., seconded by T. W. L. Mackean, Esq., that T. A. Gibb, Esq., Donald Matheson, Esq., Sam. Rawson, Esq., Pat. Dudgeon, Esq., Augt. Carter, Esq.,

form the Committee for preparing the memorial, obtaining signatures and making arrangements for the presentation of the same.

5th.—It was proposed by D. Matheson, Esq., seconded by Sam. Rawson, Esq., that with reference to the present act considered as an infringement upon the rights and privileges of British subjects, that measures should be taken for the appointment of a permanent committee of three or more individuals to represent and watch over the interests of the merchants and others of the community of this Colony.

6th.—It was proposed by Pat. Dudgeon, Esq., seconded by Augt. Carter, Esq., that the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the local papers for insertion.

(Signed.) T. A. GIBB, Chairman.

7th.—It was proposed by John Cairns, Esq., and carried by acclamation, that the thanks of this meeting be given to T. A. Gibb, Esq., for his able conduct in the chair.

(Signed.) AUGT. CARTER, Secretary.

Agreeable to which resolutions the Committee framed a Memorial, preceding it with the following letter to A. E. Shelley, Esq., Clerk of the Councils.

COPY OF LETTER FROM COMMITTEE TO A. E. SHELLEY.

October 29, 1844.

Sir,—In pursuance of a proposition made at a meeting held yesterday, by R. Strachan, Esq., seconded by Donald Matheson, Esq., that a committee be formed for the purpose of framing a memorial for the signatures of the inhabitants of the Island of Hongkong, to His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council respecting Ordinance No. 17, of 1844. We, the Committee appointed at the said meeting request that you will ascertain from His Excellency and the Honorable Members, what hour they will be pleased to receive the Deputation to deliver the said Memorial, or that you will make arrangements otherwise for its presentation.

As the said Ordinance comes into operation the 1st proximo, we hope that it will be found convenient to His Excellency and the Honorable Members to name some hour to-morrow.

We are, Sir,
Your obedient Servants,
(Signed.) T. A. Gibb,
Donald Matheson,
S. Rawson,
Pat. Dudgeon,
August. Carter.

To A. E. Shelley, Esq.,
Clerk of the Councils.

To the above letter the following reply was received,

COPY OF A LETTER FROM A. E. SHELLEY.

Audit Office, Victoria,
30th October, 1844.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from several gentlemen who formed themselves into a Committee, amongst whom I observe your signature, and as it reached me too late yesterday evening to submit it then to His Excellency the Governor, I have this morning done so, and have received his commands to intimate to you on behalf of the Committee, that he will be happy to receive the Deputation, whose object is to present a Memorial to His Excellency respecting the "Registration Ordinance," (a copy of which I enclose) at four o'clock this day.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
A. E. SHELLEY,
Clerk of Councils.

Augustus Carter, Esq.,
&c., &c., &c.

And the Committee accordingly accompanied the following Memorial as a Deputation on behalf of the community.

COPY OF MEMORIAL.

To His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

HONORABLE SIRS,—We respectfully beg to

address you with reference to Ordinance No. 17 of 1844 entitled "An Ordinance for Establishing a Registry of the Inhabitants of the Island of Hongkong and its Dependencies."—passed the Legislative Council the 21st August last and published for the first time in the Friend of China of the 19th October to come into force the 1st November.

Tho it may not be strictly within our province to question the Policy of the publication of any ordinance, whether urgent or unimportant its principles and details, not taking place until within the short space of twelve days of the period of its coming into operation we cannot but express our regret that an Ordinance so materially affecting both public and private interests, which appears to have been passed so far back as the 21st August last, should not have been made known to us until within so short a period of our being called upon to acknowledge it as law—thus depriving as the opportunity of making that due representation of our opinions against such enactments as may appear to us to bear hard upon our interests; a privilege, which as being unrepresented in the Legislative Council, we think is our due considering the important interests we have at stake in the Colony. To these circumstances we pray you to attribute the lateness of our present address and not to any indifference to the subject at issue. With these preliminary observations, we desire, therefore to represent to you Excellency and the respective Honorable Members of your Council the unfeigned, and extreme repugnance with which we have read the Ordinance in question and to enter our formal and declared Protest against the Principles that it involves.

Principles.—We do not hesitate to say as unjust as they are arbitrary and unconstitutional taxing British subjects unrepresented in the most iniquitous of forms, authorizing the most unheard of inquisitorial proceedings, without appeal or remedy, and placing the very power of residence to British subjects whose name may have hitherto been unsullied and unsuspected in the hands of any one individual.

Further.—We consider that the Law in question is opposed in its details to one of the great objects struggled for during the late war with the Chinese Empire, and against which special provision was made in the Treaty of Nankin—namely, the unchristian principle of holding one men responsible for the acts of another.

Again.—We would represent that the effect of this enactment if carried out will interfere with the labor and consequent prosperity of the Colony—inasmuch, as many of us have entered in contracts upon the faith of purchases made from your Government at enormous rentals, which must now either be broken or delayed from the demur that the contractor will make to introduce laborers for their fulfillment whilst the despotism that is apparent in this act, will induce many respectable Chinese who have now sufficient difficulty in paying the heavy house rent in this Colony entirely to abandon the place, and deter others from taking up their residence amongst us. And, Moreover.—We give it as our unqualified opinion—that the carrying out of the details of this Ordinance will be found impracticable, as well as inefficacious for the object sought to be attained, that the principle that it involves is even more stringent than has ever yet been applied to a penal settlement and we confidently assert is repugnant to the feelings of every Honorable British subject.

With the above representation of our views and Protest against this Ordinance, we would pray your Excellency in Council either to modify its details so as to remove the intolerance of the principles that it gives law to, or to cause the operation of it to be suspended until reference can be made to the Home Government as we cannot suppose that such a measure can receive the sanction of Her most gracious Majesty.

We have the honor to be,
Honorable Sirs,
Your most obdt. Servants,
(Signed.) J. A. GIBB.

- T. A. Gibb,
- Alexr. Matheson,
- Dond. Matheson,
- Wm. Stewart,
- John B. Compton,
- H. Bowring,
- Wm. W. MacIver,
- J. M. de Outoiro,
- J. Goddard,
- Joao Ant. Barretto,
- A. da Silveira,
- F. A. Rangel,
- C. F. Still,
- Wm. Matheson,
- Joseph Jardine,
- Augus. Howell,
- James Grant,
- A. W. MacPherson,
- Ths. W. L. Mackean,
- Pat Dudgeon,
- Duncan Jas. Kay,
- W. H. Wardle,
- Alex. Aba. Small,
- S. Rawson,
- G. R. G. Jones,
- Thomas Longshaw,
- James Smith,
- G. R. Winslow,
- J. W. Vesey,
- Richd. Oswald,
- Dan. Disant,
- D. Hume,
- Anton Cacho,
- N. Boule,
- Martin Ford,
- M. Gabriel,
- J. P. St. George,
- Jos. Collins,
- Jas. M. Murray,
- Saul Coher,
- Thomas Roskelly,
- H. J. Carr,
- H. Clarke,
- Augt. Carter,
- Angus Fletcher,
- Dun. Fletcher,
- Alexander McGregor,
- Geo. Findlay,
- Robert Strachan,
- F. Woods,
- Adam Scott,
- H. Dundas,
- N. Duus,
- F. Funck,
- Crawford Kerr,
- D. Lapraik,
- John Burd,
- Danl. S. Proctre,
- F. Saunders,
- John Holliday,
- M. Fischer,
- Thos Kirby,
- H. B. Braham,
- R. Bremridge,
- Chas. Bowra,
- W. A. Bowra,
- Thomas Bridseye,
- A. H. Fryer,
- T. A. Lane,
- P. Townsend,
- James Welch,
- C. E. Stocker,
- R. Barrett,
- M. W. Pitzer
- A. Melville,
- Tarion Dde,
- Y. J. Murray,
- Wm. Henry,
- Jas. Walker,
- Jas. Brimlow,

- Char. Markwick,
- G. N. Norris,
- W. Henry,
- Framjee Jamsetjee,
- Jno. Cairns,
- W. Scott,
- A. Maclean,
- R. Hunte,
- K. McKennedy,
- Jno. Carr,
- E. Farncombe,
- M. McEwen,
- J. Phillips,
- E. Cohen.

Previous to receiving a reply to the above Memorial, the position of affairs having assumed such an alarming state, the Committee deemed it well to send in the following second Memorial.

COPY OF MEMORIAL.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1844.

To His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

HONORABLE SIRS,—It is with extreme regret that we the Committee appointed at a meeting held the 28th instant for the purpose of taking into consideration Ordinance No. 17, of 1844, have to call the attention of your Excellency and the Honorable Members to the present alarming state of affairs in this Colony, and to request that immediate steps may be taken to suppress the agitation that exists amongst all classes in consequence of the publication of said Ordinance.

We beg to point out to your Excellency and your Honorable Members that for the present all business is completely suspended; no boats can be procured for discharging or loading the numerous vessels at present lying in the harbour; communication between this and Canton is stopped; the workmen engaged on the various buildings now in the course of erection have struck work; the markets are already closed, and there is no doubt but that means will be taken to prevent supplies from being brought to the island, instances having already come to our knowledge of parties in charge of provisions having been stopped on the way.

If, as we were led to suppose from your Excellency in our conference with you yesterday, the Ordinance in question is not intended to come into force for a period of two or more months, and then only to be carried out but partially; we pray that some official notification may be promulgated at once, in order to allay the excitement that prevails amongst all classes, but especially that amongst the native population, as we have every reason to believe that a great part of them are prepared to quit the island, a step that if taken will involve the whole British community in enormous pecuniary losses and inconvenience, and we much fear that great difficulty will be experienced in inducing their return.

In confirmation of the views expressed in the Memorial we had the honor to present to you yesterday, as to the extreme repugnance with which this Ordinance is viewed, we beg to state that, numbers of the most respectable Chinese have represented to us that they were induced to leave their friends and their homes and settle amongst us, to evade the arbitrary measures imposed upon them by their own government, out of many of which, none was more repugnant to their feelings and their interests than the principles contained in the Ordinance in question, and they declare that had it not been for the expectation of enjoying that freedom and protection, that they understood all living under British Rule have hitherto possessed, they would not have made the sacrifices they have. Again, therefore praying your reconsideration of the enactment,

We have the honor, to be,
Honorable Sirs,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed.) T. A. Gibb,
Donald Matheson,
S. Rawson,
Pat. Dudgeon,
Augt. Carter.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1844.

Sir,—I have the honor to hand you the accompanying Memorial to His Excellency the Governor and Honorable Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, and to request that you will cause the same to be presented with as little delay as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
AUGT. CARTER.

A. E. Shelley, Esq.,
Clerk of the Councils.

Subsequently the following reply to the first Memorial was received.

LETTER FROM A. E. SHELLEY.

Audit Office,
Victoria, Hongkong October 30, 1844.

GENTLEMEN,—I have received the instructions of His Excellency the Governor and Members of Council to acquaint you that on perusing your Memorial, herewith returned, the language of it has been found so objectionable, and so little in accordance with the respect due to the constituted authorities of the Colony that it is impossible to receive it.

The Governor and Members of Council are anxious at the same time to observe a moderation in their proceedings on the present occasion which they do not discover in the document before them, and being ready to entertain the excuse already suggested by yourselves of the very hurried manner in which this Memo-

rial has been prepared, desire me to say that they are willing to afford you an opportunity of making any alteration and amendments which, they feel persuaded, your own sense of propriety will on reconsideration dictate and supply.

I have only to add, that independent of the above considerations which weigh so imperatively on the Governor and Council in declining the reception of your address, in its present form, the standing instructions of Her Majesty's Government expressly require that all Representations made to the Governors of Colonies should be "properly and respectfully worded."

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
A. E. SHELLEY,
Clerk of Councils.

To T. A. Gibb, Esq.,
Donald Matheson, Esq.,
Augustus Carter, Esq.,
Patrick Dudgeon, Esq.,
Samuel Rawson, Esq.

COPY OF LETTER TO A. E. SHELLEY.

October 31, 1844.

Sir,—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 30th instant, and regret to learn that His Excellency the Governor and Honorable Members of the Legislative Council have deemed it necessary to disapprove of, and return the Memorial which we yesterday presented to them, from the European inhabitants of the island of Hongkong respecting the Ordinance No. 17, of 1844.

Though it is true that the language of the Memorial is strong, it but represents the sentiments with which we were then actuated and what we still feel was imperatively called for by the urgency of the occasion, and which we may add subsequent circumstances have fully borne out; at the same time we beg distinctly to disavow the remotest intention of addressing His Excellency and the Honorable Members in any other than the most respectful terms.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed.) T. A. Gibb,
Donald Matheson,
S. Rawson,
Pat. Dudgeon,
Augt. Carter.

To A. E. Shelley, Esq.,
Clerk of the Councils.

And before an answer could be sent in to the above, the following reply to the second Memorial was received.

LETTER FROM A. E. SHELLEY.

Council Chambers, 31st October, 1844.

Gentlemen,—I have received the commands of His Excellency the Governor and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your second letter of this day's date. The Governor and Council will be always ready to receive and to take into favourable consideration all communications properly and respectfully worded, and I have it in command to inform you that as all seditious rioting on the part of the Chinese population has been easily suppressed the Governor and Council are now prepared to reconsider the provisions of the Registration Ordinance, and with this view to receive all suggestions properly addressed to them either as regards the qualification of this measure or its ultimate abrogation if found necessary.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
ADOLPHUS E. SHELLEY,
Clerk of Councils.

To Messrs. T. A. Gibb,
Donald Matheson,
S. Rawson,
Pat. Dudgeon,
Augt. Carter.

In reply to the above two communications, the Committee sent in the following replies.

COMMITTEE'S REPLY TO A. E. SHELLEY'S

LETTER.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1844.

Sir,—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date conveying to us the reply of His Excellency and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council to our Communication of this morning and we have to request that you will tender to His Excellency in Council our best thanks for the courtesy and attention with which the same has been received and the gratifying promises which are held out.

We would earnestly pray that His Excellency may take the earliest steps, not only to calm the present excited feelings of the Chinese populace, but also to remove the causes of the personal deprivations and general stagnation of business from which we are now suffering.

We would also hope that the propriety of the ultimate abrogation of the Ordinance in question, the possibility of which is contemplated, will meet with His Excellency's most favorable consideration, feeling confident that it will be productive of universal satisfaction to all classes in the Colony.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
(Signed.) T. A. Gibb,
Donald Matheson,
S. Rawson,
Pat. Dudgeon,
Augt. Carter.

To A. E. Shelley Esq.,
Clerk of the Councils.

At a Meeting of the Committee, appointed the 28th instant, it was resolved that, steps be taken to call a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of Hongkong, to submit to them the correspondence relative to the Memorials presented to His Excellency the Governor and Honorable Members of the Legislative Council.

(Signed.) T. A. Gibb,
Donald Matheson,
S. Rawson,
Pat. Dudgeon,
Augt. Carter.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1844.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of the Island of Hongkong, will be held on the premises of Messrs. Fletcher, Larkins and Co., this day, Saturday, at half past two o'clock to take into consideration the correspondence that has passed between the Committee appointed the 28th ultimo, and His Excellency the Governor in Council.

Considering the importance of the subject, it is desirable that all interested will give their punctual attendance.

(Signed.) T. A. Gibb,
Donald Matheson,
S. Rawson,
Pat. Dudgeon,
Augt. Carter.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1844.



GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, by certain Colonial Regulations it is provided that no Memorials can be received by the Governors of Her Majesty's Colonies unless couched in proper and respectful language, and **WHEREAS**, a Memorial has been sent in of a character directly opposed to respect for the constituted Authorities of this Colony it has been returned to the Memorialists.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, that all Memorials or Petitions properly and respectfully worded will be received by the Governor and Council, and full consideration shall be given to the same.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

J. F. DAVIS.

Government House, Victoria,
Hongkong, the Second day of November, 1844. }

Council Chamber,
Victoria, 2nd November, 1844.

GENTLEMEN,—Your letter of the 31st ultimo having failed to be delivered till the 1st instant and consequently not till after your second Memorial (in which no reference whatever, was made to it) had been replied to, the Governor and Council have only this day had an opportunity of considering it.

I am directed on this occasion to acquaint you that the Governor and Council see with surprise and regret a re-assertion on your part of the sentiments contained in your former letter and which has already met with the strongest mark they could possibly affix to it of their reprobation.

Could the Governor and Council have foreseen such an unbecoming persistence in the expression of your opinions however veiled by your disavowal of intentional disrespect the Governor and Council would most assuredly have abstained from paying the smallest attention to your second Memorial.

Under these circumstances the Governor and Council deem it right you should know that all further communication must cease between the Government and yourselves while such sentiments continue to be maintained by you, and that you are indebted wholly to the ignorance of the Governor and Council occasioned by the delay of your letter of the 31st ultimo, for any answer whatever to what now appears to be in fact your third communication.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
ADOLPHUS E. SHELLEY,
Clerk of Councils.

MESSRS. F. A. GIBB,
D. MATHESON,
S. RAWSON,
P. DUDGEON,
AUGS. CARTER.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor regrets to have received, in an official Report from the Assistant Magistrate of Police the following communication with reference to the suppressed riot.

“My information leads me to believe that other than Chinese influence has been exerted to mature the late movement. The leading part taken by the Compradore of an English Firm; the meeting of Chinese held at the house of that Firm; the intimate knowledge displayed by the Chinese of the proceedings of certain English regarding the Registration; and their adoption of precisely similar language; would seem to mark most clearly the assistance and co-operation of one or more Englishmen.”

His Excellency the Governor would fain hope, for the sake of the British Character, that none could have been found capable of thus tampering with the Chinese population; but, as the subject has come officially before him, he deems it necessary to take this public notice of it, and to draw the attention of any who could descend to such unworthy practices to the consequences entailed on the ignorant and unfortunate Chinese, who have been necessarily subjected by the Magistrates to severe punishment.

By order,

ADOLPHUS E. SHELLEY,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Room,
November 2nd, 1844.