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THE DUKE OF BEDFORD 900 tons Capt. Robert Thornhill will leave Whampoa for London, not later than the 1st proximo. For Passage only apply to DENT & Co. or Capt. R. THORNHILL. 11th November, 1844.

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 SALE, FREIGHT, OR CHARTER TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD. THE Swedish Clipper Schooner BULL, of 180 Tons burthen, Capt. Werngen. Apply to JARDINE MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, 8th Nov., 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 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 SHANGHAI. THE THOMAS CRISP, will sail for the above Port in a very few days. For Passage only apply to N. DUUS. Victoria, 8th Nov., 1844.

FOR LIVERPOOL. THE JOHN O'GAUNT, Capt. John Robertson, will be dispatched for the above port on 1st proximo, and has very Superior accommodation for passengers. For passage only, apply to TURNER & Co. Hongkong, 4th Nov., 1844.

FOR LONDON. THE JONH WICKLIFFE, Capt. Daly, 682 Tons Register, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will leave Whampoa for the above port on the 1st of Dec., and has very Superior accommodation for passengers. For freight or passage apply to TURNER & Co. Hongkong, 8th November, 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 Howqua, 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 582-82-95 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.

CAPTAINS and AGENTS of Ships are respectfully informed that Two Boats have been fitted with Tanks (containing each thirty Tons) and Patent Force Pumps; Hose &c. for the delivery of Water to the Shipping in Harbour. Apply on board or at the Godowns of N. DUUS. Where Marine Stores of every description can be obtained at the lowest price. Baltic Spars Topmasts and Topsail Yards. Singapore Spars for Lower Masts &c. &c. Victoria, November 9th, 1844.

TO LET. Bungalow, Apply to, RICHARD OSWALD. Victoria, 7th August, 1844. WANTED TO RENT. A China House in the vicinity of the Queen's Road. Apply at this Office. Office Friend of China, 8th Nov., 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.

TO BE LET OR SOLD. A Cottage or Bungalow with stabling and out Offices complete situate on the Queen's Road near the Artillery Barracks. For further particulars apply to HOLLIDAY WISE & Co. Queen's Road, 9th Nov., 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.

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 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.

FOR SALE.—The under Wines just received from Alexander Black London. Fine old Pale and Brown Sherry. Fine old Port. Champagne. HEGHESDON, 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. 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.

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.

FOR SALE.—From 16 to 32 oz. Sheathing Copper, and Nails, Bolts, Rings, Butt Bolts and Spikes. Also, Canvas, from No. 1 to 6. Apply at the Godowns of W. & T. GEMMELL & 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. GEMMELL & 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 authorised Mr. JOHNS LEFFLER, and Mr. CHARLES W. MURRAY, to sign for their firm by procuration 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.

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. 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 authorised 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.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned has this day established himself as Underwriter's & General Auctioneer & Commission agent & solicits the patronage of parties transacting business in Hongkong. EDWARD NEWMAN. Victoria, 8th October, 1844.

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

NOTICE. THE Undersigned has taken a godown adjoining the Store of C. W. Bowra Esq., where he will in future carry on his business. EDWARD NEWMAN, Auctioneer.

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

FOR SALE AT MACAO. AT LOW PRICES AMERICAN Meats 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.

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. SUPERIOR Doe Skin for Trowers, 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, Trowers, Hats, Boots, and Shoes &c. Now on hand a few Kegs of very Superior, Tongues and Butter, and a few Bags of Shot. FRYER & LANE. Victoria, October, 8th, 1844.

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. Mr. Fiebig's expectations of success are confined to earning a respectable livelihood, and at the same time having an opportunity of studying the language of China, which is his chief object in visiting the east. Communication addressed to Mr. Fiebig, and left at the office of this paper will be attended to. Victoria, 30th October, 1844.

JUST Received ex Viscount Sandon 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 Trowers, Also A few very superior French Shawls. F. FUNCK. Victoria, 25th October, 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 NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Superintendent of British Trade &c., is pleased to direct the following Circular Letter to the address of Her Majesty's Consuls in China be published for general information.

By order,

ADAM W. ELMSLIE.

Victoria, 15th November, 1844.

Circular No. 19

Victoria Hongkong, 14th Nov., 1844.

Gentlemen,

Having learned that inconvenience has been experienced at Canton from the circumstance of a Ship, which had already paid her Tonnage dues at a previous port in China, not having this fact duly noted on her Grand Chop, I have to request that you will impress on the Superintendent of Customs the necessity for this formality, and not receive the Grand Chop of a Ship which clears out for another Port in China without its being observed.

Where duties have been paid on any portion of the Cargo re-exported, this circumstance should also be noted by the Superintendent of Customs, and he should not omit to specify the particulars of the goods which have paid duty. The necessity for the latter precaution is suggested by the information conveyed to me in the following extract of a despatch from Mr. Consul Macgregor.

"It is objected by the Hoppo that Vessels from the Northern Ports, instead of proceeding direct to Whampoa, call continually at Hongkong and remain there for the purpose of loading or discharging goods, and that the practice is liable to serious abuse, such as the exchange of the Merchandize for other which may not have paid duty."

It is clear that the multiplication to any extent of this description of fraud must tend ultimately to the limitation, and perhaps final abrogation, of the privileges so recently obtained.

I have the honor &c. &c.
(Signed) J. F. DAVIS.
True Copy.

ADAM W. ELMSLIE.

To, Her Britannic Majesty's Consuls in China.

NOTIFICATION.

WITH reference to the Notification published in the Friend of China on the 14th of July 1843. Notice is hereby given that the Chinese Inhabitants of Hongkong will be permitted from this date to remain out at night until 11 P. M.; but it is indispensable that they carry with them a large lantern and light.

By Order,

W. CAINE.

Chief Magistrate of Police.

Police Office,

Victoria 8th Nov., 1844.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Bills drawn by His Excellency the Governor on the Supreme Government of India, and by the undersigned on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, can be obtained at this Office until further notice, on written applications in the usual form; and that the rates of Exchange fixed for the present month (November) are the following viz:

BILLS ON CALCUTTA, Two hundred and twenty (220) Company's Rupees for One hundred (100) Mexican Dollars, and

BILLS ON LONDON, Forty nine pence, (49d.) Sterling for one Mexican Dollar,

the value payable in Mexican Dollars or Rupees at the option of the purchaser,

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.

Commissariat Victoria,
1st November, 1844.

WITH reference to the Advertisement from this Office dated 25th ultimo insting Tenders for building two Ranges of Barracks near the East Battery; Notice is hereby given that none of the Tenders were approved of, and that Tenders for the performance of the same work will continue to be received until the 23rd. Instant at noon under the conditions formerly announced.

Commissariat Office 15th Nov., 1844.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

SIR—Every friend of the colony must rejoice at the spirited manner in which the various improvements of road making draining &c., &c. are being carried on in all directions.

I am told however that these are not done by contract & if so, they are likely to turn out very expensive from the following circumstance viz: the slow careless manner in which the men work, and the consequently small amount of labor performed by the individuals per day.

I allude more especially to the road making portion of them, having an opportunity of daily witnessing several gangs of them at work.

Their system is, to go dawdling along with a few pounds, I had almost, and with truth in many instances, said ounces of earth in their baskets, and having thrown this out, they saunter back again as slowly as they possibly can prevail on themselves to walk. Were even this kept up throughout the day, some little appreciable work would be done by each, but almost invariably as soon as their baskets are emptied they sit down in knots and chat away for some ten to fifteen minutes, or they stop and talk with each other as they meet on their way back. If carrying a stone, some 8 or 15 bear slowly along a piece of 50 or 100 lbs. which they set down even and anon and gossip over, and in twenty other ways manage to shirk their duty, and I speak within bounds where I say that dozen on dozen of them do not perform during the day three hours' proper labor. There are

plenty of overseers with them, but they are as lazy as the men, and are either asleep under their umbrellas, or if awake seem perfectly indifferent whether the laborers work or not, unless one of the Government Europeans makes his appearance, then all is bustle till he is past, when a general grin takes place, and a "strike" for the next five minutes to make up for it, in fact the amount of labor performed by a coolie working on the roads compared with that of another of the same class working for a private contractor is quite contemptible, and doubtless Governor pay as well if not better than he does, indeed a lazier or more useless set than most of those the overseers collect together cannot be conceived, and I have seen many of them getting tickets who were physically incompetent to do a day's work. The stone cutters have also their own peculiar mode of killing time, but in fact the point striven for with them all is the minimum of labor to be performed. Could those having authority over these things see what is easily noticed by others, they would doubtless have them done in a juster manner, but as already mentioned the moment they make their appearance, all is cut and come again and work goes on a pace till their departure.

Would it not be well then Sir for Government to place some sepoy, or other natives of India, if Europeans may not be had, along the various lines of road to see that something like a reasonable daily amount of labor is executed, and I am certain that any extra pay to them on this account would be more than saved by the increase of labor performed? if the improvement are being done by contract it is of course of less moment to us, as far as expense is concerned, whether they work fast or slow but I oh! doubt it, for I never saw a Chinaman allow a person to work for him as those do who are engaged on the roads.—I am Sir your obedient Servant;

VIATOR.

Victoria, 11th November, 1844.

SIR,—I notice with much pleasure in your valuable columns that suggestions have been made by Captain Cleverly of the "Wm. Hughes" for erection of a beacon on the North Land at the entrance of the Yeng-sze-kiang.

I trust this matter by the notice of our Consuls &c. &c., will be sufficiently brought before the Chinese, not only showing them the utility, but the absolute obligation they lie under, to render their ports as easy of ingress and egress as possible. The merchants in China think but little of the port charges on their vessels, as amongst their princely transactions they form a mere bagatelle in their ship expenses, the same with merchants in England who pay, but once or less per annum, but they bear hard upon a trade opening (and capable of much extension) by private individuals on the Coast. In all parts of the world (I believe) the port charges on a vessel are loved not simply as in China a bonus for permission so enter, but to render the port as facile and safe as possible.

Taking into account that scarcely a vessel has yet gone to Shanghai, without grounding and several total losses taken place, it would have been cheaper for the merchants and Insurers to have built beacons &c. at their own expense and thus saved the particular, and general averages and losses by a very small outlay.

I am far from selfish in this matter as a few years hard work and experience on the coast of China has acquainted me with most of its features, but I can assure you, Sir, that many thousand dollars to owners of property, and many sleepless and anxious hours to others considering their responsibility property would be saved by the following simple measures viz:—

Erection of a beacon or a floating light vessel on or near the North Land, Yang-tze-kiang.

The Min River may be rendered comparatively safe of entries by erection of plain beacons for leading and thwart marks on the adjacent Islands and points.

Ningpo River (as a secondary consideration) by a beacon on the Island or Rocks in the clear entrance north of the Lieangles.

Amoy, by a conspicuous beacon on the rock at the right of the entrance of the outer harbour, and especially by an ostensible beacon or light-house or Chapel Island.

Hongkong, by a ditto on the Island of Waglan for the Ly-lee-moon passage.

Lights will be objected to on the score of expense. The sites of beacons might be improved by suggestions of men more acquainted, or more experienced, but I feel confident, Mr. Editor, that measures of this kind are now absolutely necessary and that practical men would gladly bear part of the expense, if the matter cannot be brought to its proper bearing on the truly responsible parties viz the Chinese.

I can assure you that although caring less about this than many, I alone have paid in eighteen months more than sufficient (in port charges) to erect the beacons I have proposed (except in the Yangtze Kiang) and they alone with sufficient publicity would have saved severe losses.

This matter, Sir, is I think worth the attention of our Consuls &c. at the different ports certainly much more so, than the appointing (and rendering compulsory the taking or paying) a class of pilots who are known merely by the Consuls licence and by the certificates of different masters of vessels, which licence and certificate are passed from hand to hand as it suits the pilots convenience.—In a few months alone I have seen four or five different men bearing the same consuls pilot certificate, with my own indorsement of capability on it, although given by me to one man only, and generally they are more calculated to lead a vessel into trouble than to assist her.

Apologizing for intruding on your valuable time.—I remain Dear Sir yours truly,

PRACTICO.

NOTE.—Practico, much good sense in his letter, and we trust his suggestions will not escape the observation of His Excellency; who, we fear, in negotiating with China, will require to undo, much that has been done badly by his predecessor.

EDITOR F. OF C.

DEAR SIR—Allow us to acknowledge through the columns of your paper, the receipt of six hundred and seventy eight dollars, and fifty six cents, as

contributed by various individuals for the erection of a school house and the support of the school under our care. Of this sum, three hundred and forty nine dollars and nineteen cents have been expended for the first half year's support of the school, two hundred and thirty dollars, have been paid toward the erection of the school house and the balance, ninety nine dollars and thirty seven cents, have been paid over to the Rev. Dr. Devan, the present treasurer.

The names of the donors with the amount of their several contributions will appear in the Report at the close of the year.

W. DEAN, Ex-Treasurer.

J. LEWIS SHUCK, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1844.

NOTICE.

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

LATEST DATES.			
ENGLAND	Aug. 8	SINGAPORE	Oct. 19
UNITED STATES	July 1	MANILA	Oct. 15
CALCUTTA	Oct. 2	CHUSAN	Oct. 8
BOMBAY	Sept. 10	SHANGHAI	Oct. 4
SYDNEY	July 17	FOO-CHOW-FOO	Oct. 28
MADRAS	Sept. 1	AMOI	Oct. 25
BATAVIA	Sept. 4		

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VICTORIA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 16th 1844.

NOTICE—The Mail for England via Singapore and Bombay per clipper "Mor," will close this day Saturday, 16th instant at 4 P. M.
Post Office, Victoria,
15th November, 1844.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Capt. Thomas Maitland Edwards, Assistant Adjutant General to the Forces in China.

This lamented Officer was universally esteemed by all who knew him, and his loss, we are assured will be long felt, as well by those professionally connected with him, as by the general circle of friends and acquaintances, from whom he has been thus suddenly snatched in the prime of manhood and spring tide of hope.

CANTON.

Letters dated the 13th, represent the market as being unusually dull for this season of the year. The heavy stock of teas in England, and the uncertainty of the consumption's being increased, by any modification of duty, at least for some time, makes Merchants cautious in purchasing. The tea men are also unreasonable in their demands, preferring shipping to England on their own account, to reducing the present rates. This has of course a considerable influence on the demand for manufactured goods, and the market for every description is represented as languid. The teas now being shipped on Chinese account, will probably be forced into the market, and for a time reduce the very low quotations by the last mail.

The wall which is to surround the new factories has been commenced, and it is said several firms intend building immediately. In the neighbourhood all is quiet.

The British community of Canton have also memorialized His Excellency and Council on the Registration question. The memorial, and His Excellency's reply, through the Consul at Canton, appear in our paper of to-day. We cannot avoid expressing our deep regret that, a more courteous acknowledgment was not made to the memorialists. With every desire to respect the representative of our Gracious Queen, we submit that, in replying to the memorial of a community of Gentlemen, of equal standing with His Excellency, in his private capacity, an equally dignified, but more appropriate tone might have been assumed.

It is now thirteen months, since the supplementary treaty regulating our commercial operations with China, was signed by their Excellencies Sir Henry Pottinger, as representative of H. M. the Queen of Great Britain, and by Keying as representative of the Emperor of China. By this treaty the Chinese inhabitants of the five ports of Canton, Amoy, Foo-chow-foo, Ningpo and Shanghai are permitted to visit the port of Hongkong for commercial purposes. Such at least is the general impression, and a mere glance at this treaty will lead to the conclusion that such is really the case—but we deny that the Chinese at the ports we have named have the privilege of trading with Hongkong. A cunningly drawn up document, which displays penetration, foresight, and experience on the part of one of the contractors, and reckless indifference to the commercial interests of this colony on the part of the other contractor, has virtually placed the prosperity of Hongkong in the hands of the Chinese Authorities. We will not accuse Her Majesty's representative of having been induced to conclude this treaty through any improper motives—we give him the full benefit of the plea of ignorance on subjects connected with commerce; and are willing to offer our testimony that it was to his lack of personal knowledge, and abundant stock of pride which would not stoop to consult with those who had the required knowledge, that all the infirmities of this singularly unfortunate national compact of commerce, are to be ascribed. The evil influences of this treaty is now an old subject, but it is one that cannot be too often impressed upon our readers, at least until the colony is relieved of the shackles which the treaty has laid upon it and, she is, what she is destined to be, one of the great commercial emporiums of the east. We need not offer any

apology for again opening up the subject, it is one which directly or indirectly has an influence over the welfare of us all, and one which must not be allowed to rest until it is brought before the legislative wisdom of our native land. We would be rejoiced to hear that, His Excellency and Council, would cheerfully co-operate with the inhabitants of Hongkong in the attempt to break the bonds, which tie down the efforts of a young settlement, to struggle into the active existence, of a British commercial colony. Personally unacquainted with these Gentlemen, or their sentiments upon the existing state of affairs, we yet confidently anticipate that their aid will not wanting, when the question is brought before the notice of Her Majesty's government. From the energetic manner in which they are carrying on the much called for internal improvements, we judge that once fully impressed with the desirableness—the absolute necessity—for an abrogation of several clauses of the Supplementary treaty they would say with us—let it be done, but let it be done honourably. We would urge upon them, an attentive perusal of all the proclamations, ordinances &c. &c., which have been passed since Hongkong was officially declared a British colony in our columns of the 30th of June 1843. Prudent men do not form their opinions either of individual character, or of important questions affecting the prosperity of a community hurriedly; it may be also that, the establishing of the various branches of the public service, which they control, has drawn so largely on the attention, of the acute minds of some of those Gentlemen, who have now seats at the Legislative board that they have not yet had leisure to enquire fully into the present state of the colony, or the causes, which deprives a free port, favorable situated for commerce, of all trade further than the transhipping of goods, and a supply of articles for local consumption, the commissions upon the whole amount of which, would barely pay the expenses of a first class mercantile establishment. We would now draw the attention, of members of the Legislative Council, to one or two portions of this treaty, which we think will bear out our assertion, that the Chinese Authorities have a complete control over the prosperity of Hongkong; and that until the power, which now exercises such a malign influence, is destroyed, this colony cannot prosper.

We premise our observations upon the 13th and 14th articles of the Supplementary treaty, by reminding our readers, of the jealousy of the government of China—the dread of foreign knowledge, and of foreign arms—at the very threshold of the capital of the southern portion of the empire, they have been compelled to cede to a foreign power, an island insignificant in itself, but from its position, enabling that foreign power, to command the navigation of the Canton river, and even to hold the city of Canton itself, a guarantee of the good faith of the Celestial government. The prosperity of that small community of "western barbarians" is gall to the bigoted rulers of China, who dread a free intercourse, between their own servile and ignorant people, and the intelligence of those, who were happily brought into being under a milder sway, and have been educated in the knowledge of those valuable privileges to which every man is entitled, as a member of the social community, which forms itself into a government, whether republican or monarchical. That the Chinese Government, fear the influence of European education and intelligence, is sufficiently proven, by their whole line of conduct for two hundred years; and if it is true that the guns of a British fleet, and the bayonets of a British army, wrung from them an unwilling assent to the residence of foreigners at five of their ports, and permission for the inhabitants of these ports to have a direct commerce with Hongkong, it is also true that, every obstacle has been thrown in the way of those who have settled at the new ports, and the Chinese inhabitants are prohibited from visiting Hongkong, by virtue of powers placed in the hands of the local Mandarins, by the British Plenipotentiary in his treaty with Keying.

The 13th article stipulates that, natives of China who may wish to convey goods to Hongkong for sale shall be at liberty to do so, on obtaining a pass at the Chinese custom house of one of the five ports. This part of the treaty, enables the Chinese Authorities, to prevent all intercourse between their countrymen and Hongkong; by refusing to issue these passes, but to give them a more complete control in this respect, the 14th article stipulate that, an English officer will be appointed at Hongkong, one part of whose duty it will be, to examine these passes, and if any vessels should arrive without one she is not to be allowed to trade, and information of the circumstance, must be lodged with the Chinese Authorities. This is one of the most beautiful pieces of celestial cunning that is on record. Not only did poor Sir Henry Pottinger agree that no Chinese vessel should visit the free port of Hongkong without a special permit—which permits were to be issued for each voyage, and a refusal of them at once stops all native merchants from coming here either to buy or sell—but he further agreed that, an English officer should be appointed whose duty it should be to assist in strangling the young commerce of Hongkong, by seizing any inoffensive junk that, should enter the harbour without a pass and handing the crew over to the Mandarins at Cowloon, who if they could not purchase their acquittal, would torture them after the cruel custom of China. This is no exaggerated view of the question; it is not many months since a junk, without a pass, was captured in this bay, and

sent over to the authorities at Cowloon for adjudication: fortunately however for her crew, she proved to be one of His Imperial Majesty's vessels of war (H!).

We have thus briefly shown that, it is impossible for the interprising merchant of these ports—who trades with Japan, Formosa, Singapore, and most of the islands of the Indian sea—to send a single junk to Hongkong, without an especial permission from the custom house where he is resident, and a refusal of that permission, at once closes our port to his vessels, but it is also clearly evident that, in addition to being restricted from sending his own vessels, he is also restricted from purchasing goods and shipping in British bottoms. The official translation of the supplementary treaty, makes it doubtful, whether natives of China purchasing goods in Hongkong, are compelled to ship them in native vessel or not, but two translations, which have been made by gentlemen unconnected with government, render that part of 13th article which bears upon the subject thus, "natives of the five ports purchasing goods at Hongkong must ship them on board native vessels."

The case then, as regards our commerce is precisely this, in defiance of all the established laws of navigation, we have entered into a compact, by which we bind ourselves, that no vessels shall visit our port unless sanctioned by a special passport from the Chinese Custom-house; and that no Chinese merchant, may ship goods purchased in Hongkong, on board any other than a Chinese vessel. The consequence is, permission is refused to native vessels—if they come without which we seize them—we have no native merchants settled in the colony—neither produce, is imported nor goods exported, to any of the five ports, except it be on British account, and all mercantile transactions are concluded at these ports, whilst the harbour of Hongkong, one of the finest in the world is completely deserted.

The north east monsoon has again set in. Junks from the northern ports, are steering off before the wind, loaded with produce for barter or sale; they will find their way to Batavia to Singapore, and to a hundred ports among the Indian islands of which we know nothing. Even to the neighbouring settlement of Macao, they will carry produce to barter for British goods, but not an anchor is dropped in the bay of Hongkong. They flee from it as a man would from a pestilence—it is a forbidden spot—the anathema of their rulers is upon it—and the "barbarians" to whom they could carry wealth and prosperity, were they to enter the harbour, would not hesitate to seize, and hand them over to the Mandarin at Cowloon, for decapitation.

To His Excellency,

JOHN FRANCIS DAVIS, Esq.
Governor of Hongkong &c. &c. &c.
Canton, 6th Nov., 1844.

SIR,—We the undersigned British Subjects, presently residing in Canton, have the honour to address Your Excellency on occasion of an Ordinance of the Legislative Council, No. 17 of 1844, "Establishing a Registry of the Inhabitants of the Island of Hongkong;" which Ordinance, to our extreme surprise, was promulgated but a few days prior to the period of its coming into operation.

In intruding the subject matter of this Ordinance upon the attention of Your Excellency, (which or do with great reluctance) we beg you will believe, that, disclaiming all motives of factious opposition to the constituted authorities of the Island, and presuming not to offer any opinions or suggestions as to the course it may be necessary to adopt, in the present crisis, for allaying the excitement which the publication of this Ordinance has created amongst all classes of the Inhabitants; a sense of duty, and of respect for ourselves, alone calls us to come forward on this occasion, and record our respectful but firm remonstrance against the measure in question; a measure unexampled, we believe, in modern British Legislation; fraught with great and certain mischief; calculated in no ordinary degree, to interfere with and restrict, the rights and liberties of Her Majesty's subjects; and, utterly subversive of that confidence, cordiality and co-operation which ought to subsist alike between Governors and the Governed, and are so essential to the tranquility and prosperity of every Colony; and which, if forced into operation, will reduce, apparently, the Island of Hongkong to the level of a Penal settlement.

We have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

(Signed)

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| John Butt, | William Bell, |
| J. Caldecott Smith, | Charles S. Compton, |
| James Trubshaw, | W. F. Gray, |
| George C. Bruce, | Chas. Saunders, |
| S. E. Pattullo, | Alfred Welkinson, |
| James MacDonald, | Jos. Mackrill Smith, |
| R. Browne, | Richard Gibbs, |
| R. J. Gilman, | David Jardina, |
| J. H. Vacher, | Benj. Gray, |
| J. S. Anderson, | D. Sillar, |
| Pat. Chalmers, | C. Ryder, |
| Fr. Fryer, | J. Ellis, |
| Fras. Buxton, | J. Gibbons Livingston, |
| Francis B. Birley, | Joho Silverlock, |
| Philip W. Ripley, | J. F. Edger, |
| Edward H. Lewis, | F. Chapman, |
| John Shepard, | Alexander Walker, |
| Rd. Aspinall, | Stephen Ponder, |
| A. Bourne, | William Melrose, |
| | Charles Board, |

British Consulate, Canton.
13th November, 1844.

Gentlemen,
I am directed by His Excellency Her Majesty's Superintendent of Trade to acquaint you and the other Gentlemen whose names are appended to an address sent from this Place to His Excellency, as Governor of Hongkong, on the subject of a Registration ordinance for that Colony, that the said address has been received by His Excellency; but that all future Documents of the kind must, in accordance with the rule of Her Majesty's Government, be forwarded to His Excellency through me, as Her Britannic Majesty's Authority on the spot.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient, Humble Servant,

FRANCIS C. MACGREGOR,

To
W. Leslie, Esq.
W. Bell, Esq., and others

FROM THE PEKING GAZETTE.

Kokonor.—The government on account of the last depredations has felt the necessity of appointing a very considerable force to guard the frontiers of Szechuen. To effect this purpose a new corps has been enlisted, and the neighbouring Mougul tribes are called upon to furnish a contingent to aid in this design, for which service they are to receive a small sum of money and to enjoy exemption from taxes.

Loungaria and Torkenton.—These territories were conquered by a Mantchoo Chinese army, not exceeding 10,000 men, and amongst the submissive tribes there were nations as brave as the Affghanians, embued with all the aversion and religious hatred against idolaters. The forces had to march over a desert as extensive as the Arabian, to endure hunger and thirst, and on arriving at the place of their destination were without any intercourse or supplies from their native country. In spite of all these obstacles they proved victorious and gained an extensive territory for their sovereign, part of which was subsequently incorporated with China. So far the political events. The Celestials not being great warriors hastened to these new colonies with an ardent desire to extend their conquest, viz agriculture, and hence the most barren tracts by dint of perseverance and attention were changed into fertile fields. Government did wisely not interfere in these enterprizes; but as now extensive tracts are cleared and produce a rich harvest, some propositions have been made by the Ministry of foreign affairs to make the peasantry pay the land tax and to define the possessions of each individual. The acres now cultivated are very considerable, and nothing could prove so much the industry of the Chinese character, than the converting of the most ungrateful soil into flourishing corn fields.

The Astronomical Board.—This institution has long been celebrated in Europe by the Jesuits of old, for its antiquity and correctness. If it had been denominated an Astrological board, the title would have been more appropriate, because the members after a great deal of discussion determine upon lucky days and hours, and this is one of the principal part of their functions. At the present instance the president of the Board, Chingking an assistant Minister, has after deep consultation and drawing of the horoscope determined, that a certain day would be most propitious for the Emperor to burn incense and worship the idols.

The Navy.—After much discussion and a great many most sagacious proposals, the maritime force of China remains in statu quo. The Governor of Fookien and Chekeang recommends, that about forty junks be sent for the protection of the Coast of Chekeang from Fookien, because the former province is in capable of furnishing the number of vessels required for the extermination of piracy. An officer of the Navy is recommended for promotion by the same Governor, for having successfully repulsed the Barbarians at the Pescadores, which were never attacked.

Law-Yunko, the Governor General of Fokien and Chekeang reports the dreadful ravages occasioned by the flood, in the neighbourhood of Fuhchoo, and wishes to distribute 27,000 ships of rice, amongst the suffering multitude. The calamity which befel the inhabitants of the plains, who cultivate the most fertile field, appears to have been terrific, and the promised help very opposite. The result of the examination of the interpreters has proved very unfavorable, for amongst a crowd of candidates, there were only very few, who proved their ability in composing essays in Mongul and Mantchoo, and shewed that they were able to write in these languages. They are therefore admonished to exert themselves in order to acquire greater proficiency and to become worthy of the office, that await them, if they are not unskilful in foreign literature.

During the late severe weather, many criminals escaped from the prisons, and to remedy in future the evil, the officers appointed as their keepers are either to re-apprehend them within a certain space of time, or lose their rank for ever.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

- NOVEMBER 12—Ariel, Burt, Chusan.
12—Royal Exchange, Hubertson, Macao.
12—Maingay, Townsend, Chusan.
14—Zenobia, (Sweed), Birkman, Whampoa.
14—Mor, Thomas, Macao.
14—Warlock, Jauncy, Namoa.

SAILED.

- NOVEMBER 13—H. E. I. Co. Str. *Prascripse*, Canton.
13—Red Rover, Mc. Murdo, Whampoa.
13—Edinburgh, Mc. Donnell, Calcutta.
13—Maingay, Townsend, Macao, and Singapore.
14—Ariel, Burt, Macao.
14—John O Gaunt, Robinson, Whampoa.
14—Royal Exchange, Hubertson, East Coast.
14—Yuen, Carr, Chusan.
14—Coryra, Hazlewood, Bombay.
15—Pathfinder, Whampoa.
15—Cowanjee Family, Calcutta.

UNDER DESPATCH.

For Bombay, Mor, Earl of Balcarras, and Cursetjee Cowasjee.
Singapore, and Calcutta, Sulimany, Rustomjee Cowasjee, and Red Rover.
England, Hindostan, Aden, Castle Eden, Euphrates, John O Gaunt, Uruguay, John Wickliffe and Marquis of Bute.
South Seas Lady Lieth.
Madras Defiance.
Sydney, Spy.
Amoy, Cordelia.
Passengers per Ariel from Chusan F. G. Braine Esq.—Mr. Fortune and A. F. Araujo.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

- Defiance 511, Hall, Jardine Matheson & Co.
Warlock, 100, Jauncy, do.
Mor, Thomas, do.
Zenobia, (Sweed), 391, Birkman, do.
Gazelle (Am.), 115, Chase, do.
Ariel, 102, Macfarlane, do.
Yonge Quene, 85, Fletcher, Larkins & Co.
Coquette, (Am.), 457, Eldredge, Russell & Co.
Marquis of Bute, 545, Bannatyne, do.
Erin, 285, Maine, Kennedy Mc. Gregor & Co.
Margarette (Brm.), do.
Cursetjee Cowasjee, 535, Campbell, D. & MRustomjee.
Linnit, 100, Emery & Frazer.
Aurora, 104, Gray, J. Hudson.
Ronaldson (Am.), Drew, Olyphant & Co.
Spy, Hart, Order.
Anna, 109, Sutherland, C. W. Bowra.
Marie, 133, Drisdale, Dent & Co.
Sulimany, 784, Monk, do.
Charlotte, 540, Carter, Fox Rawson & Co.
Thomas Fieldin, 465, Maclean Dearie & Co.
Bull, (Swed.), 150, Vangrain, Order.
Kestrel, 325, Beauvois, Boustead & Co.
Wanderer, 400, Smith, R. J. Gilman.
Thomas Crisp, Metcalf, N. Duus.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.

Minden, Master Commanding, Wellington, Hospital and Store Ship.
H. M. S. *Custor*, Capt. Graham.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

- Bombay Castle, 609, Fraser, J. Matheson, & Co.
Surge, 574, Burnett, do.
Red Rover, 253, Mc. Murdo, do.
Scalesby Castle, 1603, Lemon, do.
Malacca, 523, Shetler, do.
Earl of Balcarras, 1498, Baker, do.
Dumfries, 468, Thompson, do.
Castle Eden, 888, Reade, do.
Charles Forbes, 969, Methven, do.
Hindostan, 780, Bowen, Dent & Co.
Orestes, 440, Fenwick, do.
Duke of Bedford, 720, Thornhill, do.
Coromandel, 754, Cunningham, do.
Aden, 339, King, do.
Christina, 351, Primrose, do.
Robert Pulsford, 545, Robinson, do.
Regina, Quinton, do.
Charles Grant, 1400, Wyld, Macvicar, & Co.
Royal Albert, 650, Scanlan, do.
Lady, 316, Marshall, do.
Castle Hunley, 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 Wickliffe, 662, Daly, Turner & Co.
John O'Gaunt, 489, Robinson, do.
Penang, 369, Hawkins, Lindsay & Co.
Forfarshire, 615, Symons, do.
Pampero, 268, Roberts, do.
Greyhound, 348, Hutchinson, do.
Dhur, 300, Cumberland, do.
Shepherdess, 295, Poole, Fletcher Larkins & Co.
Albert Edward, White, Gibb Livingston & Co.
Vick-Sandon, Lancaster, do.
Chatham, 354, Gifford, Jamieson How & Co.
Euphrates, 630, Wilson, do.
Earl Clare, 910, Boustead & Co.
Blade Dog, 140, Barret, S. Rustomjee, John Laird, 276, St. Croix.
Uruguay, 340, Kelso, Oswald Disandt & Co.
Lysander, 475, Sangster, W. & T. Gemmill & Co.
Clarissa, 323, White, do.
Gilbert Henderson, 517, Tweedie, R. J. Gilman.
Sappho, 446, Dunlop, Russell & Co.
Hersey, Easterby, Anderson & Co.
Duitius, 328, Underhill, Wetmore & Co.
Sidney, 184, Scholefield, C. S. Compton.
Pathfinder, Burton, Order.

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.

- Little Catherine, Rigby, Jardine Matheson & Co.
Anglona, 108, Lain, Macvicar & Co.
Jovin Corina, Dring, Gibb Livingston & Co.
Mermoid, Gill, A. A. de Mello.
Isabella Robertson, 350, Kelly, J. Hudson.
Pryde, 202, Monkhouse, A. Lataglade.
Ruparrel, 318, Dean, A. D. Furlongjee.
Plancius, Rotgans, R. J. Gilman.
Rustomjee Cowasjee, Hill, Rustomjee.
Ariel, 371, Burt, Dent & Co.

DIED.

At Victoria, Hongkong 13th November 1844, Captain Thomas Mailaud Edwards 93th Reg. Assistant Adjutant General, aged 36.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER TO THE COAST OR ANY PART OF THE WORLD.

THE Swedish Clipper Barque ZENOBIA, of 391 Tons burthen. Captain Beckman. Apply to JARDINE MATHESON & Co. Victoria, 14th November, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between the Subscribers under the firm of Bush, Halsted & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, in consequence of the ill health of J. S. Halsted Jr. F. F. Bush assumes the settlement of the business, and will continue on his own account under the style of Bush & Co.

F. F. BUSH.
J. S. HALSTED Jr.
Victoria, October 1st, 1844.

NOTICE.

MR ALFRED LEWTON HODGES having taken his departure for England by the Marquis of Bute has authorized the Undersigned to transact his affairs in China.

E. FARNCOMB,
Solicitor.

Victoria, 16th November, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

EDWARD NEWMAN will sell by Public Auction at his sale room, On Monday the 18th instant,—A quantity of Damaged Raw silk, for the benefit of the concerned.

Victoria, 14th November, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MARKWICK will sell by Public Auction, on this day, 16th November, at 11 o'clock, A. M. at his Auction Godown, No. 3, Chinam's Hong, on account of whom it may Concern,—Reams of Paper; Salad Oil; Fringe; Camlet Coats. Cutlery, consisting of Razors, Scissors, Penknives, Cockscrews, &c. Also, a quantity of Hardware, consisting of Brass Pans, Patent-spring Gilt Candlesticks, with shades, Chamber Lamps, Brass Wire, and sundry other articles too numerous to detail.

Terms of Sale—Cash before delivery, and all Lots to be cleared before Four o'clock the same day. Rupees taken only at 227 to 100 Mexican Dollars.

Victoria, 16th November, 1844.

MARKWICK, will sell by Public Auction on Tuesday next the 19th inst. at 11 o'clock A. M. at his Auction Godowns No. 3 Chinam's Hong the Effects of the late Lt. A. M. Cleghorn 4th Regt. M. N. I. consisting of—

Wearing Apparel, Military Accoutrements Jewelry, chest of Drawers, Crockeryware, German Plate, (consisting) Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons & Forks, Writing Desk &c. &c. and a handsome Gun in case complete,—

At the same time will be sold a small quantity of Furniture, Tea poyes Couches, Tables &c. a very handsome Dessert Service, (Wild rose pattern) Jugs with metal Tops & a Patent Fowling Piece (with Nipple in the Breech) with various other articles too numerous to detail

Victoria, November 15th, 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 adjustment.

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 23rd September, 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 2 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 extent 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.

THE undersigned requests all parties, who may have in their possession registers and other papers of Dutch Vessels sold in this country since the year 1840, and not delivered at the time of Sale of the vessel to deliver the same to him.

M. J. SENN VAN BASEL.

Macao, 2d Nov., 1844. Netherl. Consul.

FOR SALE.

BILLS on Messrs. Baring Bros. & Co. London at six months sight. Also large coast Sycee.

Apply to

AUGUSTIN HEARD & Co.

Canton, 1st November, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have taken the portion of Chinam's Hong fronting the sea, next Mr. Duns's wharf, and will remove there on the 1st proximo.

LATTEY & Co.

Chronometer Makers.

Victoria, 27th September, 1844.

NOTICE.

Mr R. R. CALVERT is authorized to sign our Firm by procuration. MACLEAN DEARIE & Co. Victoria, 4th Nov., 1844.

RICE just received per Kestrel and for Sale in Fine Table and Cargo Rice. BURDLANGE & Co. No. 1 Wellington Terrace. Victoria, November 5th, 1844.

FOR SALE BY MACLEAN DEARIE & Co. Pass of E. I. Pale Ale in casks of 4 doz. Barclays Extra double Stout in do. of 4 doz. Beer and Porter in Butts and Hogsheads, Bleached Canvas Nos. 1 a 7 and Sheathing Copper 18 a 26 oz. Queen's Road, 11th November, 1844.

JUST arrived and For Sale at N. DUUS Queen's Road. 100 Hhds Pilot Bread per lb. 06, 100 Barrels Navy do. 05, 200 Do. Kiln dried Flour Brl. 8, 100 Salted Hamis lb. 08, 50 Boxes Tobacco 08, 100 Do. Malaga Raisins Box. 1, 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. 20th, 1844.

NOTICE.

An English Lorch commanded by an European with partly European Crew will be dispatched every third day for Canton. N. B. Goods can be Insured from Total loss by this conveyance For freight or passage apply to N. DUUS.

FOR SALE.

A few Bales of Tsaltee and Taysam Silk. Apply to N. DUUS, Victoria, 8th Nov., 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.

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. Application to be made to D. M. F. THORNTON, or W. P. PEIRCE, Macao, October 11th, 1844.

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 HETHRINGTON. Shanghai, Oct. 14th, 1844.

EDUCATION.—Young Ladies are received as Resident Boarders by the Misses Norgate at their residence, No. 3 Tavistock Villa Tavistock Square London. Board including Music, Dancing and French by a Resident Lady, Fifty Pounds per annum. Professors of eminence attend the Establishment to instruct in the various accomplishments necessary to complete the education of a young lady when she has reached the age of ten years. An extra charge of 8 guineas for remaining the vacation.

ADVERTISEMENT.

JUST received ex "Sappho" an assortment of Cut and Plain Glass, consisting of Decanters, Water Crocks, Tumblers, Wine, Liqueur and finger Glasses, Water Jugs, Cream Ewers, Sugar Bowls, Dishes, plates &c. &c. Also a quantity of Woollen Druggat for floor Cloths in a great variety of patterns. at PHILLIPS MOORE & Co. Victoria, 6th November, 1844.

NOTICE.

McEWEN & Co. have just received ex "John O'Gaunt," a choice collection of the under-mentioned goods, viz:— Superior Parlour and Drawing Room Solar Lamps, Cambridge Reading do., Suspending Solar Globe do. Chandeliers, Three Branched Candelsticks, Plated, and Bronzed, An elegant assortment of Clocks, fifteen day's movement, striking hours and half hours, Double and single Barrelled. Pistols of every description by first rate makers Felt, and drab Hats, Stationery consisting of Overland and other paper, Patent bound account Book, of various sizes, Letter Clips, Ritchie's patent Copying Machines, with copying paper, Books &c complete, Duffier, and Desert Services, A few Silk Umbrellas, and patent Boots, Superior English Butter, and Cheese, York Hams, and a Batch of very fine Cognac. Victoria, 4th November, 1844.

FOR SALE.

A few of Ritchie's patent Copying Machines, of various sizes. Apply to McEWEN & Co. Victoria, 18th October, 1844.

WINES FOR SALE.

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. The wines are in excellent condition and may be had on moderate terms, by early application. Victoria, 25th October, 1844.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION BY C. MARKWICK.

ON Thursday 21st November 1844 at 11 o'clock A. M. at his Auction Godown No. 3 Chinam's Hong on account of the Underwriters, ex schooner Maria the undermentioned condemned Spars and Rigging, viz:— 3 of a 7 Inch Coir Hawser, 7 do. do. Fore Rigging, Fore Mast & Top Gallant Rigging, Jib & Flying Jib-boom Gear, Running Rigging (fore part of the above) Main Boom 49 feet [Pine Spar], Fore Topmast, do. Top Gallant mast, do. Topsail Yard, And several other articles belonging to the above. Terms of sale—Cash, before the Goods are delivered.

JUST IMPORTED AND FOR SALE BY C. MARKWICK.

ALLSOPS English Bottled (India Ale) in cases of three dozen. Also, Bottled Scotch Ale in Casks. Victoria, Nov. 1st, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned has this day Commenced business as Auctioneer and General Commission Agent on the premises situated on the lower part of Chinam's Hong Fronting the sea. W. H. FRANKLYN. Victoria, Nov. 12th, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THERE will be Sold by Public Auction on Wednesday the 20th instant, at the Godowns of N. Duus 18 Queen's Road. Sale to be commenced at 11 o'clock.

American Flour in Barrels, Pilot and Navy Bread in Hhds and Barrels, Beef in Barrels, Canton Flannel, American Sheeting, Salted Hams, Cheese, Preserved Hams in Tin, Dried Apples in Barrels of 70 lb. each, Tobacco, (American) Tar, Pitch, Irish Beef and Pork in Tierces and Barrels Cheese in Tins, Gin, Brandy, Vinegar, and Liqueur, in Demojohn, Cognac in 1 dozen cases, Port, Sherry, Claret in 1 a 3 dozen cases, Cherry Cordial Anisette, Old Tom, Champagne, Sperm Candles, Ghee, Raisen, Oatmeal, fresh Haddock's, fresh Herrings and Salmon in Tins, Muscatel Raisins, Jams and Jellies, assorted cases of Oilmen's Stores Anchovy, Salmon in Jars, Congreve Matches, Cutlery consisting of Scissors, Pen and Pocket Knives, Razors, Steel in Tubs, Fire proof Boxes, Boots and Shoes, Glazed Caps, Saddles, Empty Bottles, Ballast Shovels, Breakfast sets complete. W. H. FRANKLYN, Auctioneer.

There will also be Sold two Lorchars both have lately undergone thorough repairs and are in excellent order, one is fitted up as a Water Boat with force Pump, Hose &c. and will carry about 35 Tons Water, and is ready for immediate work, the other would suit as a pleasure Boat, is well found and has Canvas sails. Also a Long Boat coppered, with masts, sails &c. complete. A China Sanpan, with four Oars and in good order. The above are ready for inspection any day previous to the sale.

FOR SALE.

Wardell & Co's, superior Old Port per doz. \$9.00 do. do. do. 8.00 do. do. Sherry do. 9.00 do. do. do. 8.00 London Ale & Porter Bass's do. 2.50 Apply to W. H. FRANKLYN, Chinam's House, Victoria, 11th November, 1844.

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, Perculators, Hot-water, Plates, Double Dishes, Dishes and Covers, Dishes and Warmers, Dish covers, Soup Tureens, Cruet Frames, Liqueur Frames, Chamber Candelsticks, Pewter Measures, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks, and Patent ditto,—

Cutlery, Buffalo, Pearl and Ivory-handle Penknives, Sets of Ivory-handle Table Knives and Forks, Sets of Desert Ditto, Carvers, Razors in Cases, and a variety of Oilman's Stores, Hams in Tins, Yarmouth Herrings, &c. &c. C. W. BOWRA. Queen's Road, October 15.

SHEATING COPPER AND NAILS, just arrived, for sale at the stores of P. TOWNSEND. Vintory, 17th September, 1844.

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 enjoyment 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. He can always be seen at his residence, as above-mentioned. Victoria, October, 21st, 1844.

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.

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.

E. K. KANE, M.D. Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Resident Surgeon, Whampoa, 3rd February, 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.

SHIP BREAD AND BAKING ESTABLISHMENT.

Mc Murray Brimelow & Co. beg leave to inform Captains of Vessels trading to China that they have commenced business as Bakers of Ships Bread &c., in Victoria Hongkong, and are making arrangements for carrying on that branch of business in a vessel to be moored in Whampoa Reach. In the meantime they are enabled to supply Ship biscuit of the best quality on application at the premises of Mr. McMurray Queen's Road Victoria, and any orders with which they may be favored, the parties may rest assured will be attended to faithfully, and with despatch. Victoria, 4th Nov., 1844.

CURRIE & Co.

CABINET MAKERS, UPHOLSTERERS, AND BILLIARD TABLE MANUFACTURERS.

COSSOTADAH 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. N. B.—Application to be made to Mr. C. W. Bowra, where plans may be seen and information obtained.

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.

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.

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.

Compagnies 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. The "Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette" is published every Wednesday and Saturday. Subscription—\$12, per annum payable in advance.

CANTON PRICES CURRENT.

13th November, 1844. IMPORTS.—DUTY PAID. Ale (best brands) \$16 0 vs \$15 0 per hhd. Difficult of sale. Amber 10 50 " 11 0 per catty Betel Nut 3 60 " 0 0 per picul Canvas—Eng. and 8 0 " 9 0 per bolt Scotch

Cochineal 140 0 " 0 0 per picul Copper sheathing 24 0 " 0 0 " S.A.M. 20 0 " 0 0 " Cordage, European 8 0 " 9 0 " COTTON, Bombay, 6 0 " 7 5 " sh. ps. 1's. Madras 7 0 " 8 8 " Bengal 6 0 " 8 2 " No improvement in price, though the delivery of Bombay staples has been considerable.

COTTON GOODS: White Shirtings, 40 3 20 " 3 50 per piece Grey ditto ditto. 2 90 " 3 20 Yarn, Nos. 18 to 24. 25 0 " 26 50 per picul Nos. 18 to 32 25 50 " 27 0 " Nos. 38 to 42 27 50 " 28 0 " Chintz Furniture 2 0 " 3 50 per piece Overstocked and little demand.

METALS. Tin, Banca 18 0 " 19 50 per picul Straits 15 50 " 16 0 " Plates 6 0 " 0 0 per box Iron, Nail 2 25 " 0 0 per picul Hoop 2 35 " 0 0 " Bar 2 20 " 2 0 " Steel 4 0 " 4 50 " Lead Pig 4 80 " 0 00 "

Quicksilver .117 OPIUM, Patna, new. 660 0 " 670 0 per chest Quotations from Macao 720, and Whampoa 730, being a very sudden advance. old. 0 0 " 0 0 " Benares, new. 620 0 " 0 0 " old. 0 0 " 0 0 " Dull.

Malva, new good 670 0 " 680 0 " Quotations from Whampoa for best quality 720. Turkey 500 0 " 0 0 per picul Pepper Market bare. Rice, cargo quality 1 80 " 2 30 " Rattans, Banjermassan 4 0 " 0 0 " Sandalwood, Malabar. 5 12 " 13 0 " Timor, & S. S. Isl. 4 0 " 7 0 " Saltpetre 7 0 " 7 50 "

WOOLLENS. Spanish Stripes 1 0 " 1 30 per yard Long Ells, scarlet 8 50 " 8 60 per picul assorted 7 50 " 0 0 " Camlets, English 22 0 " 24 50 " Dutch. 28 0 " 30 0 "

EXPORTS.—ON BOARD.

Alum \$1 75 to 2 0 per picul Annised 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. Tsaltee. 510 0 " 540 0 " Taysaan. 450 0 " 0 0 " Canton 280 0 " 350 0 " Stock of Tsaltee about 700 bales.

TEA. Congou new, 18 0 " 36 0 " Caper, new 17 0 " 24 0 " Souchong new 30 0 " 50 0 " Orange Pekoe 22 0 " 24 0 " Very few remaining. " fine scented. 50 0 " 53 0 " Twankay 28 0 " 38 0 " Hyson 44 0 " 70 0 " Young Hyson 36 0 " 70 0 " Hyson Skin 19 0 " 36 0 " Gunpowder. 51 0 " 63 0 " Imperial. 48 0 " 60 0 "

The new green teas are arriving, and are held at high rates, about 10 tials above the prices of last year. The crop is an average one. About 60 choos of black teas have been shipped on Chinese account.

EXPORT OF TEAS FROM CANTON TO BLACK KINGDOM FROM 1ST JULY TO 31ST OCTOBER 1844.

Green, - - 2,313,361 lbs. Black, - 10,263,871 " Total, 12,577,232 lbs. in 27 ships.

COTTON REPORT.

Canton, September 1st to 30th, 1844. Deliveries. Stock. Twist, bales.... 934 4,225 Deliveries. Stock. Bombay, " 22,674 120,553 Bengal, " 7,154 11,713 Madras, " 10,300 14,986 Total 41,128 147,252 Including "Stork"

PRICES OF BULLION.

Sycee Silver, large, 2 1/2 per cent. premium " small, 1 to 2 ditto. Spanish Dollars, Ferdinand, par " Carolus, 6 to 7 per cent. for selected. Republican ditto, 4 to 5 per cent. discount.

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London at 6 months sight, 4s. 4d. to 4s. 5d. Money being in demand for the purchase of Tea on American account, exchange on London has advanced to 4s. 5d., at which rate it is firm in Canton. Navy Bills, 4s. 2d. to 4s. 3d per Mexican dollars. H.M. Plenipotentiary on the Bengal Govt., Treasury 220 Rupees per 100 Mexican dollars, Court of Directors accepted on ditto, 60 days, have been offered at 220 Rs. per \$100. Difficult of Sale. Unaccepted 230.

FREIGHTS.

To London or Liverpool, £3.10 a £3.15 per ton of 50 ft. An abundance of tonnage; Freighters have rather given way. To Out-ports, 10s. per ton additional. To Amoy, \$6 per ton of 40 feet To ports north of Amoy, \$10 to \$12.50 SHIPS LOADING FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM. Hindostan, Penang, Malacca, Castle Eden, Albert, Edward, Uruquay, Gilbert Henderson, John Wickliff, Christina, Tuscan, John O'Gaunt, Duke of Bedford, Sappho, Charlotte.

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