

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Publication of the Registration Ordinance, No. 18, is to be considered as the official one; the former not having been duly authorized.

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

Victoria, Hongkong, 23rd November, 1844.

HONGKONG,

ANNO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, No. 18 of 1844.

By His Excellency JOHN FRANCIS DAVIS, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to repeal the Ordinance No. 16 of 1844, and to establish a Registry and Census of the Inhabitants of the Island of Hongkong.

WHEREAS, it is expedient and required by Her Majesty's Government, that a Census should from time to time be taken of the population of the Colony of Hongkong, in common with other parts of Her Majesty's Dominions, and whereas to secure tranquillity and good order in the said Colony and its Dependencies, consideration being had of the migratory habits of a portion of the population, and to prevent the resort thereto of abandoned characters and of persons without any ostensible means of subsistence, it is also expedient that a registry be established of persons resident and sojourning therein, and whereas also it is further deemed fitting to repeal the Ordinance No. 16 of the 21st August, 1844, passed for the purpose of such registration.

1.—Be it therefore enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof for the several purposes aforesaid that the said Ordinance No. 16 of the year 1844 be hereby repealed and that there be established in some convenient locality in Victoria an office to be entitled "The Census and Registration Office," and that the duties and business of this office be discharged by a Registrar and such other officers and assistants and at such salaries as the Governor in Council may be pleased to appoint subject to Her Majesty's pleasure.

2.—And be it further enacted and ordained that from and after the 1st day of January next, all male inhabitants of the age of 21 years and upwards, or capable of earning a livelihood, resident in the Colony of Hongkong, with the exception of persons employed in the Civil, Military, or Naval Services of Her Britannic Majesty, or the Honorable East India Company, Members of the Learned Professions, Merchants, Shopkeepers, Householders, and tenants of the Crown paying an annual rent of not less than \$250 for houses or lands or persons possessing a means of livelihood amounting to the annual sum or value of not less than \$500 a year shall be required once in every year to appear personally at the said office or at such branch offices as may be from time to time established by the Governor and Executive Council, to be there registered in manner hereinafter mentioned unless where it shall appear advisable to the said Registrar-General to dispense with the said personal appearance of anyone hereby required to be registered.

3.—And be it further enacted and ordained that if upon enquiry it shall appear to the Registrar-General or such other officers so to be appointed as aforesaid that the said applicant is a fit and proper person to be permitted to reside in the said Colony it shall be lawful for the said Registrar-General or such other officers to be appointed as aforesaid to grant him a Registration Ticket without any fee or charge whatsoever: Provided, also, that if upon enquiry it shall appear to the said Registrar-General or such other officers so to be appointed as aforesaid that the said unregistered person is a vagabond or bad character or without visible means of subsistence the said Registrar-General or such other officers as aforesaid shall have full power and authority to prohibit him from residing in the said Colony, unless such person shall have been born within the Colony in which case he or they shall be dealt with according to law provided in such cases.

4.—And be it further enacted and ordained that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Registrar-General, for the more effectual discharge of his duty, by and with the direction of the Governor in Council, to divide the said island into districts for the one or more at the purpose of Registry and to different periods, proceed to register one or more of such districts on such days and at such hours as shall appear fitting for such purpose.

5.—And be it further enacted and ordained that the said Registration Ticket shall contain the name of applicant and the number of the Ticket and the date at which it is granted and such other particulars as to the aforesaid Registrar-General may seem fit, and that in the exercise of such discretion the said Registrar-General shall have regard to the particulars requisite to the formation of the returns of population required from the Colonies of Great Britain by the Home Government: Provided always that as regards persons of Chinese origin or extraction the name of the applicant shall be in the Chinese character also.

6.—And be it further enacted and ordained that the said Registration Ticket shall continue in force for the period of one year from the date thereof and no longer, and that on the expiration thereof any person who shall not forthwith apply to be again registered and obtain a fresh Registration Ticket

shall be liable to the penalties inflicted by the provisions of this Ordinance on persons residing in the said Colony without being registered.

7.—And be it further enacted and ordained that no person being a headman, contractor, or other shall hire any or other persons coolies or workmen, not being previously resident in the Colony for the purpose of executing any work or service in the said Colony, unless such person or coolie or workman not hereinbefore excepted shall have previously obtained a Registration Ticket and shall produce the same to the person so hiring him or them.

8.—And be it further enacted and ordained that if any person shall knowingly retain in his or her employment or harbour or suffer to reside in his or her house or on his or her premises any person hereby required to be registered who shall not be duly registered according to the provisions of this Ordinance, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding 20 dollars.

9.—And be it further enacted and ordained; that if any person neglecting to be registered under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be found residing in the said Colony for the space of twenty-four hours without having been registered he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding 20 dollars:

Exemptions. Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to persons employed on board vessels of war or government transports under any circumstances, nor to officers or seamen belonging to merchant vessels lying in the harbour or roads of Victoria who previous to lading shall obtain from the master or officer in charge of the said vessel leave to go ashore in writing under his hand.

10.—And be it further enacted and ordained, that all headmen or Tepos shall be bound to give a return when called upon by the said registering officer of the boundaries of their districts, of the names and occupation together with the particulars hereinbefore set forth of all persons residing in their respective villages or districts and an account of the sex, ages and country of all such persons and shall specify in the said return the number of the house according to the Register and the number of persons residing in each house and every such Tepo shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding 20 dollars for each and every person hereby required to be registered found residing within their respective villages or districts without being duly registered as aforesaid or whom they shall not have reported to or caused to be brought before the said registering officer, or who shall fail after due requisition to make every such return as is hereby required.

11.—And be it further enacted and ordained, that for the purposes of the Census the said Registrar-General or such other officer so to be appointed as aforesaid shall when and so often as he may be directed by the Governor and Executive Council cause to be delivered or left at the residence or place of business of any householder or householders a blank return to be filled up before a certain day to be therein named with the names and numbers of persons in his or their employment or residing within his or their house or houses or on his or their premises and shall in every such return distinguish and describe the sex country and occupation of every person so resident as also whether any and which of them be either aliens or resident strangers and that on or after the said day named in the said blank return the said householder or householders is or are hereby required to transmit the said return or deliver the same on demand within 5 days after its being left at such residence or place of business as aforesaid so filled up to the said Registrar-General or such other officer so to be appointed as aforesaid and on failure to do so the said householder or householders shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding 50 dollars each.

12.—And be it further enacted and ordained that all lighters bumboats ferryboats and other vessels plying for hire within the harbours and waters of this Colony shall be duly registered with the number and description of the crew and of the persons living therein by the said registering officer or such other officer so to be appointed as aforesaid the said particulars to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose and a certificate of such Registry shall be given to the master or headman of such lighter bumboat ferryboat or other vessel the number of such registry to be legibly painted on each side and on the stern of such lighter bumboat ferryboat or other vessel.

13.—And be it further enacted and ordained that if any person not having previously obtained such certificate of Registry, and not having painted the number on such lighter bumboat ferryboat or other vessel as is hereinbefore provided shall let or hire or cause to be let or hired any such lighter bumboat ferryboat or other vessel within the waters of the said Colony or shall show a false certificate of registry or one granted for another vessel or shall permit or connive at the said certificate being made use of for another vessel, or shall paint or exhibit a false number on the said lighter bumboat ferryboat or other vessel he shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding 25 dollars, and be liable to confiscation of the boat on non-payment of the fine.

14.—And be it further enacted and ordained that all masters of Chinese Vessels frequenting the waters of this colony shall report themselves immediately upon their arrival in such waters and previous to their departure to the Registering Officer

who shall grant them a certificate of entry or clearance or if he see cause to withhold the certificate of clearance, he shall report the same to Government.

15.—And be it further enacted and ordained that every master of a Chinese vessel who shall not conform to the provisions of the section herein before last mentioned shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding 20 dollars.

16.—And be it further enacted and ordained that if any person shall wilfully conceal or falsify the particulars of any information required of him for the purposes of this Ordinance or shall on applying to be registered give a false name or description or shall transfer or lend his registration Ticket to any other person or shall wear or show the Registration Ticket of another as his own for the purpose of evading the provisions of this Ordinance, or shall refuse or fail to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance he shall where no other penalty is hereinbefore specially provided be liable to a penalty not exceeding 50 dollars.

17.—And be it further enacted and ordained that in order to provide for the changing circumstances of the said colony it shall and may be lawful from time to time for the Governor and Executive Council by Proclamation made in the usual manner to alter or vary the several provisions of this Ordinance.

18.—And be it further enacted and ordained that all penalties enforced by this Ordinance shall be recovered in a summary manner before any Police Magistrate and, that one moiety thereof shall go and be paid to the informer and in default of payment and on failure of any sufficient distress the party shall be liable to imprisonment with hard labor for any time not exceeding two calendar months. Provided always that the penalty of imprisonment shall not in any case attach to the violation of any of the provisions hereinbefore contained respecting the returns to be made by any householder for the purpose of any Census, so required as hereinbefore mentioned and it is hereby further ordained and provided that in the interpretation of this Ordinance every word importing the singular number only shall extend and be applied to several persons as well as one person and every word importing the masculine gender only shall extend and be applied to a female as well as a male unless when such rule of interpretation shall be inconsistent with the context of this Ordinance.

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Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 13th day of November 1844.

JOHN FRANCIS DAVIS, Governor, &c., &c.

A. E. SHELLEY, Clerk of the Councils.

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.

BUILDINGS REQUIRED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

The Respective Officers of the Ordnance Department, are still open to receive TENDERS from Merchants or others; for the hire of Buildings for Military purposes, both as regards QUARTERS FOR OFFICERS and STORAGE FOR PUBLIC STORES; and comprising Buildings which are now to let, or which may become available for occupation within a short period.

Office of Ordnance } 23rd October, 1844.

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

Table with columns: LATEST DATES, SINGAPORE, MALACCA, CHUSAN, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW-FOO, AMOY. Includes dates for various locations.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 27th 1844.

NOTICE—The Mail for England via Singapore and Bombay per clipper "Sir Herbert Compton" will be closed at this Office at 5 P. M. This day, Wednesday, 27th instant.

A Mail for Singapore and Calcutta per clipper "Coquette" will be closed at 5 P. M. Saturday 30th instant.

A Mail for Amoy and Chusan by H. M. Steamer "Vixen," will be closed at 10 A. M. Tuesday 3rd December. Post Office, Victoria, 26th November, 1844.

By the Vixen from Chusan we have dates to the 15th. H. M. ship Iris had arrived in 19 days from Hongkong, having succeeded in beating through the Formosa channel against a strong monsoon, and a heavy sea.

By the Ardaseer, at Macao, we have Bombay papers to the 5th of October. The September mail was expected in Bombay on the 6th, or 7th, and is now hourly looked for. It is quite possible that the Ardaseer, may have brought London dates to the 7th of September, and we hear rumours to that effect; if such is the case the news will only be known those interested in the ship. The mail will probably be brought on in the Hellen, that vessel being under dispatch when the Ardaseer sailed. The Steamer Nemesis sailed for Surat on the 2nd October from which we presume it was intended that the mail should not be sent on by her.

Sir Henry Pottinger left Bombay on the 27th of August, for England, by Egypt. His Excellency embarked under the salutes to which his high rank entitles him, and will, we trust have a prosperous voyage to his native land.

In our last issue we made an important mistake in referring to the exports of Silk from Shanghai. For the three months ending with June, the export was 100, not 1,000, Bales. In the export of Alum there is evidently a clerical error: for 96 piculs at \$4.50, we presume it should read, 336 piculs at \$1.20.

The late government establishment of this colony, was peculiarly characterised by the incivility of its subordinate officers. In what degree their incivility injured the Chief of that government in our good opinions it is impossible to tell, but we know it was to some extent. His Excellency invariably treated those who were brought into contact with him politely—and if favors were refused, the refusal who couched in a strain suited to the position he held as a public servant, representing Her Majesty, and the standing and respectability of those he was addressing. However objectionable Sir Henry Pottinger's measures may have been,—and however much we have denounced them, and will continue to denounce them, until they are repudiated by our country—it is at the same time undeniable that His Excellency in communication with the Merchants of China, as a body, or individually, never forgot that he was a Gentleman, and that he was addressing Gentlemen. This principle unfortunately did not extend to all the branches of the public service—the "Jack in office feeling" operating upon men of weak minds and essentially vulgar feelings, induced them to treat with superciliousness—impertinence? men infinitely their superiors in every respect who were brought into contact with them. His Excellency may not have been aware of what we now state, though there are those in the colony who will attest to the truth of our assertion; that the behaviour of many of the subordinate officers of his government, and the disposition which they displayed to disoblige and to annoy the inhabitants, tendered in no small degree to make his government an unpopular one. The feeling, that the public servants of a government, must be opposed to those who are governed is a very mistaken one. The fundamental principle of all governments, is to protect the interests of the governed—this principle is never lost sight of by our best colonial Governors; as witness Sir Charles Metcalf in Canada; the Earl of Elgin in Jamaica; and formerly Sir Richard Bourke, in New South Wales. It is not enough that such a principle should regulate the proceedings of the head of the government, it must descend step by step to the lowest grade of the public service. In a British colony the interests of the colonists must be the interests of their rulers—this in the guiding principle of a good government. It leads the colony to prosperity—it enables the government to overcome all difficulties—it promotes that happy unanimity of feeling which is ever so much to be desired, but especially in a small community. Let the colonists once be impressed with the belief that such are the sentiments of their rulers and it smooths many difficulties—differences of opinion upon points not of great importance in themselves, are not blown up by angry feelings, into an unsubstantial magni-

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FROM 18th NOVEMBER TO NOVEMBER 27th 1844. Table with columns: Chinese day of Month, Day of the Week, Bar, Thermometer, Wind, Remarks.

ture, which forms itself into a barrier between the ruler and his people. As we have already observed, it is the prominent exhibition of this feeling on the part of their respective Governors, which in Jamaica, and in the Canadas, has led to that happy unity which is too often a desideratum. The people of Jamaica, of all British tropical colonies are characterised by a superabundance of the fiery spirit, which is supposed to be generated in the glowing breasts of the inhabitants of the torrid zone, and which leads them to fierce civil conflicts with their rulers. Under the mild sway of the Chief of the ancient family of Elgin, they are however placable and confiding as children. His Lordship has identified himself with their interests, and knowing that such is the case, the impetuous, but generous colonists, place their interests, and the prosperity of their beautiful island in his hands, satisfied that they are in the custody of one who will not abuse the trust, but will co-operate with them in every measure which will tend to restore prosperity to Jamaica. In Canada, Sir Charles Metcalf (among a very different people from the inhabitants of Jamaica), affords us another proof that a Governor, to govern well, must identify himself with the interests of the people. In lower Canada a large proportion of the inhabitants are of foreign extraction, speaking a foreign language and having a different form of worship from that of England. Though born British subjects they retain the recollection that their forefathers were a conquered people, and on all occasions their dislike to their Governors has been marked. Even over these men, Sir Charles Metcalf has in a short time obtained a wonderful influence; and why? They know that he identifies himself with the interests of the colony.

We have diverged from the object which we have at present in view. In laying the following correspondence before our readers, and in respectfully drawing the attention of His Excellency to the letter from the firm of Lindsay & Co. and the reply from the Surveyor General, we would submit that the latter is not a suitable reply to the former, and that the referring to the stringent regulations of a very illiberal lease, is not paying that regard to the interests of the colonists, which we feel assured, it is the wish of His Excellency that all heads of branches in the public service should display. We really hoped that, the urbanity which is now discernable in the principals of many departments, would extend itself to all, and that there should be that desire to oblige—when no interest is injured by it—which comes so well from those who hold official appointments.

The purport of Messrs. Lindsay & Co's letter will be better understood when we mention that, at the land sales of last January they purchased certain suburban allotments. Through these lots there runs a ravine, part of which they filled up at great expence previous to building the Bungalow which now stands on the ground, but all of which it is necessary should be leveled before their plans of improvement can be carried out. Contiguous to the ravine, and upon their own land there stands—or stood—a mound of earth, the leveling of which would enable them at comparatively a small expence to fill up the ravine. Unfortunately for the owners of the ground this mound catches the eyes of the Gentlemen connected with the survey department, and as they require material of a similar description to level part of a road which is in the course of formation, they instruct their coolies to carry it away, perfectly regardless of the injury they are doing to the property of the firm in question. We do not mean to assert that, legally speaking the Surveyor General has overstepped the lease, within whose boundaries he seeks a shelter; but we aver, that had that part of his letter, which we have printed in italics, been as follows, it would have been in much better taste, more in keeping with the office he holds, and we trust more satisfactory to His Excellency.

Gentlemen,—I regret to hear that in carrying away part of the earth from your allotment I am putting you to inconvenience or expence. I assure you that at no time would I in the slightest degree injure private property, by carrying out to the letter, the regulations of the land lease, and I will instruct the overseer employed on that section of the road to take materials for raising his levels, from the unsold Government property, or from lots which will not be injured by its removal.—I am, &c. &c.

This we submit is the tone and the spirit which ought to be displayed by the Surveyor General, when a similar application is made, supposing that legally speaking he is entitled to injure private property, under the pretence that it is for the public benefit. In the present instance the taking away of this earth, was not for the public benefit, as it could of been had elsewhere, where no man's property would have been injured, and we think a liberal interpretation of that clause of the lease which reserves to Her Majesty all Mines, Minerals, Quarries &c. &c. with such material as may be required for the making of roads, and which concludes with the words, "thereby doing as little damage as possible to the said" proprietors, would scarcely warrant the injury which has now been inflicted.

We have fortunately little knowledge of law; we place the matter on the solid principles of equity, to which according to our limited comprehension it is utterly opposed. There is yet another reason why we disapprove of the tone of the Surveyor General's letter. That Gentleman is of course aware that, recent events have to some extent raised feelings of enmity among us, and we hold it is the duty of every man, who has the interest of the colony at heart, to endeavour to reconcile all differences—to avoid every action which can in any degree check the establishment of mutual confidence, between the rulers and the ruled, and their hearty co-operation in the arduous task of breaking the shackles which have been placed upon the prosperity of Hongkong. The destruction of private property by a public servant, and his pettish, if not impudent letter, can in no degree tend towards that happy unity of action and of interest, which is so much required, and in as much as it has a contrary tendency, we think it highly censurable, imprudent, and altogether unbecoming.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1844.
Charles St. Geo. Cleverly, Esq.
Land Officer.
Sir—We were a good deal surprised to find a number of Coolies, superintended by Government Officers cutting and carrying off from one of our lots of ground on the hill, quantities of earth, which necessarily renders the lots less valuable to us, and as this had been done, without your assent having first been asked and granted, we beg that you will inform us upon what authority you have given permission for the workmen thus to infringe upon our lots. Begging the favor of an early reply. We have the honor to be,—Sir your obtd.
LINDSAY & Co.

No. 53 At Land Office, Victoria, 22nd November, 1844.
Gentlemen,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday relative to the Coolies employed in the construction of the Roads removing Material from one of your lots.
In answer I beg to inform you that the Work in Course of execution is for the express purpose of rendering your Lot more accessible than it has hitherto been. And that I should be exceedingly sorry to injure the property of another in the remotest degree even for the formation of a New Road but I cannot see that by removing the ground you complain of your Lot is rendered less Valuable.
As for the Authority, on which I act, I beg leave to refer you to the terms of your Lease for information on that Subject and you will therein perceive that it is not necessary for me to "ask and obtain permission for the Workmen this to infringe on your Lot."
As a quantity of large stones have been thrown by your Workmen from the Eastern boundary of your Lot on the Public Road adjoining thereto I request the same may be removed as expeditiously as possible and in support of my Authority for that request I refer you to Sec. 1, Ordinance No 5 of 1844.
I have the honor to be.
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient humble Servant,
CHAS. ST. GEO. CLEVERLY,
Act. Surveyor General.

Messrs. Lindsay & Co.
Victoria.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.
NOVEMBER 22—Tiger (Am.), Cooke, Macao.
23—Possidone, Valentine, Namoa.
24—Pantolon, Porter, Chusan.
24—Eleanor Russell, Jeffries, Chusan.
26—H. M. Str. Vixen, Com. Giffard, Chusan and Amoy.
SAILED.
NOVEMBER 24—Warlock, Jauncy, Amoy.
24—Thomas Crisp, Metcalf, Shanghai.
24—Coquette (Am.), Eldredge, Whampoa.
25—Pantolon, Porter, Macao.
26—Earl of Balcarras, Baker, Bombay.
26—Zenobia (Swede), Beckman, Whampoa.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For England, Hindostan, Aden, Castle Eden, Euphrates, John O'Grunt, John Wickliffe, Duke of Bedford, and Dumfries.
New York, Howqua.
Sydney, Spy.
Bombay, Cursetjee Cowasjee.
Singapore and Calcutta, Rustomjee Cowasjee, and Coquette.
Singapore and Bombay, Sir Hebert Compton, and Dullins.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.
Ariel, 102, Macfarlane. Jardine Matheson & Co.
Gazelle (Am.), 115, Chase. do.
Possidone, 395, Valentine. Dent & Co.
Marie, 133, Drisdale. do.
Maid of Athens, Hews. do.
Tiger (Am.), 312, Cooke. Wetmore & Co.
Yonge Quene, 85. Fletcher, Larkins & Co.
Erin, 285, Maine. Kennedy Mc. Gregor & Co.
Margarette (Brm.) do.
Cursetjee Cowasjee, 535 Campbell, D. & MRustomjee.
Linnet, 100, Emery & Frazer.
Aurora, 104, Gray. J. Hudson.
Eleanor Russell, 306, Jeffries. Fox Rawson & Co.
Charlotte, 540, Carter. do.
Sam, Taylor. do.
Thomas Fieldin, 465, Maclean Dearie & Co.
Jerh. Garnett, Davis. do.
Kestrel, 325, Beauvois. Boustead & Co.
Wanderer, 400, Smith. R. J. Gilman.
Spy, Hart. Order.
Bull. (Swede) 150, Vangrain. Order.
Monarch, Robertson. Order.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS.
Minden, Master Commanding, Wellington, Hospital and Store Ship.
H. M. S. Castor, Capt. Graham.
H. M. Str. Vixen, Com. Giffard.
H. C. Str. Proserpine, Com. Hough, R. N.

MARRIAGE.
At the British Consulate at Ningpo on Friday the 15th November, 1844 by the Rev. W. S. Parish M. A. Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge, and Chaplain of Her Majesty's ship "Agincourt." Frederick Lewis Heststet, Esq. late of the Foreign office, London and of the British consulate at Ningpo, to Charlotte, daughter of the late Richard Kepps Browne, Esq., of Fulmodestone Hall in the county of Norfolk.

FOR SINGAPORE & CALCUTTA.
The Clipper Barque, Coquette, Capt. Eldridge, will be despatched from Macao on the 1st December.
For freight or passage apply to RUSSELL & Co., Canton, or WARREN DELANO Jr. Macao.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, & BOMBAY.
The Dullius Capt. Underhill will be dispatched for the above Ports on the 1st proximo. For freight apply to WETMORE & Co.

NOTICE.
M. MANACKJEE NANABHOY has been admitted a Partner in our establishment from this date and our business in future will be carried on under the firm of Pestonjee Framjee Cama & Co.
PESTONJEE MERVANJEE & Co.
Canton, 11th November, 1844.

NOTICE TO SHIPS BOUND TO ENGLAND.
TENDERS will be received by me on board H. M. Ship Castor until the 7th of December inclusive, for conveying 3 military Officers and about 150 Invalids to England.
The Officers will require cabins and the men a space of 6 feet by 4 each, and the Ship must be properly ventilated. They will be ready to embark on or about the 16th of December. Provisions will be furnished by Government, also water and extra casks if required.
Further particulars may be known by applying on board the Castor between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock A. M.
C. GRAHAM, Captain, Senior Officer.

H. M. ship Castor, Hongkong, November, 25th, 1844.

LOTTERY.

OF a beautiful and sweet-toned Davrainville's Self-performing Organ, fitted in a handsome French polished case, having a esortito and drawer on the top, with a marble slab; and has thirteen Barrels, playing the following admired tunes:
No. 1.—1 Overture de l'Opera d'Otello Rossini.
2 Gavatine de l'Opera de la Dame du Lac ditto.
No. 2.—1 Overture du Mariage de Figaro Mozart.
2 Air: Voi ché Sapete ditto.
No. 3.—1 Overture du Siège de Corinthe, Opera Rossini.
2 Air du même Opera ditto.
No. 4.—1 Overture de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche Boildieu.
2 Choeur d'Avenel du même Opera ditto.
No. 5.—1 March et Duo de l'Opera de Moise Rossini.
2 Autre Duo du même Opera ditto.
No. 6.—1 Grand Air de Figaro de l'Opera du Barber de Seville Pussini.
2 Duo de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche Boildieu.
3 Duo du Barber de Seville Rossini.
No. 7.—1 Overture de la Gazz Ladra Rossini.
2 Cavatino du même Opera ditto.
No. 8.—1 Overture de l'italienne à Alger Rossini.
2 La Trompette Guerriere de l'Opera Robert-le-Diable Meyerbeer.
No. 9.—1 Overture de Tramerdi Rossini.
2 Di Tanti Palpiti, Cavatine du même Opera ditto.
No. 10.—1 Overture de Fra Diavolo Auber.
2 Cœstie Poredonce du Comte Ory Rossini.
3 Que les Destins Prospère, idem ditto.
No. 11.—1 Overture du Califé de Bagdad Boildieu.
2 Pensa alla Patria Rossini.
3 Overture de Robert-le-Diable Meyerbeer.
No. 12.—1 Contredances ditto.
2 " " ditto.
3 " " ditto.
4 Valse ditto.
5 " " ditto.
6 " " ditto.
No. 13.—1 La Marseillaise Auber.
2 Air du Fra Diavolo ditto.
3 Le Gondolier Fidèle, idem Rossini.
4 La Prière de Moise ditto.
5 Rondo de la Migo ditto.
6 Cà Ira ditto.

Valued Spanish Dollars Twelve Hundred, and divided into sixty Chances, at Twenty dollars each.
The sixty Chances are divided into ten braces—first: Nos. 1, a 10; second; Nos. 11 a 20; third; 21 a 30; fourth: 31 a 40, and so on to 60. Any Subscriber of the first, second, or other braces, winning the Prize, will have to pay twenty dollars for each number, to the other Subscribers in the same brace.
Parties in Canton or Hongkong desiring to become Subscribers will please to send to the undersigned their names, with reference for payment, and will at the same time appoint a person, (whose name must be given to the undersigned), to attend the Drawing, which will take place at Captain Pprouval's Hotel, so soon as the Scheme is filled.
The Organ may be inspected at Mr. Just's premises.
JNO. SMITH.
Macao, 20th November, 1844.

FOR SALE.
WHITE Rice, Java Coffee, Ghee, Cocoa Nut Oil, Sheathing Copper, and Cherry Cordial.
Apply to BURDLANGE & Co., No. 1, Wellington Terrace.
Victoria, November 23d, 1844.

ON SALE.
50 Boxes, best transparent Sperm Candles, 26 doz. Burgundy wine, 70 Jars Dutch Boiled Paint Oil.
A few Kegs Superior fresh Dutch Butter in 12lb. kegs. Apply on board the American ship Tiger direct from Rotterdam.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
ON Friday 29th inst., will be sold by Public Auction in the presence of His Neth Majesty's Consul, in the Gamboa at Macao by W. Lane, the Hull of the condemned Dutch ship Vasco de Gama, now lying in the Typa and in separate lots the Masts, rigging, Sails, yards, provisions, and a very superior eight day chronometer by Parkman and Frodsham.
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.
Macao, November 21st, 1844.

MARKWICK will sell by Public Auction on Thursday, 28th November, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at his Auction Godown No. 3, "Chinams Hong" (on account of the concerned). A quantity of Cotton Yarn, Grey and White Shirtings, more or less damaged by sea water. And sundry other articles. Terms of Sale.—Cash in Dollars, (Rupees at 227 taking to the 100 Mexican Dollars) all lots to be cleared before 4 o'clock, P. M. the same day.

WANTED for the office of this paper, a respectable lad, who writes a good hand. One who resides with his parents would be preferred.
Office Friend of China, 28th November, 1844.

CLERK WANTED.—A respectable young man of good address as in and out door Clerk Board, lodging and medical attendance provided. One who has an interest amongst the shipping would be preferred, and none need answer this advertisement who are not of active business habits, and good references are indispensable.
Apply by letter, stating the Salary required to A. M. Z., care of the Editor.

AT THE HOUSE IN REAR OF THAT FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY LORD SALTOUN, FRIDAY November 29th at 11 o'clock by Public Auction. The Furniture, Plate and Horses, of Captain Edwards, Asst. Quarter Master General.
N. B. All persons having any claims against the Estate of the late Captain Edwards Asst. Adjutant General are requested to present them for settlement to Captain C. Edwards prior to the 30th November 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 incumbustible 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.
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, £3,000 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.

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.

FOR SALE BY MACLEAN DEARIE & Co.
Bass's E. I. Pale Ale in casks of 4 doz., Barchays Extra double Stout in do. of 4 doz., Beer and Porter in Butts and Hogsheads, Bleached Canvas Nos. 1 a 7 and Sheathing Copper 19 a 26 oz.
Queen's Road, 11th November, 1844.

NOTICE.
MR R. R. CALVERT is authorized to Sign our Firm by procurator.
MACLEAN DEARIE & Co.
Victoria, 4th Nov., 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. Application to be made to D. M. F. THORNTON, or W. P. PEIRCE.
Macao, October 11th, 1844.

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.

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.

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.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby notify that they have this day commenced Business as Commission Merchants and General Agents in China, in connection with Messrs. Bates Willis & Co. of Liverpool. FISCHER, WILLIS & Co. Victoria, Hongkong and Canton, 15th November, 1844.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

AT the Naval victualling depot, opposite the English Church, on Saturday the 30th Inst., at 11 o'clock A.M. about one hundred and twenty Casks of Flour. Samples may be seen by applying to Mr. MACKNIGHT, Agent Victualler, West point Victualling Yard.

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.

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. MACKEY, 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.

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.

WANTED as an Assistant in a Mercantile establishment, a Gentleman thoroughly conversant with books and accounts, and capable of taking charge of a correspondence. A local knowledge of the manner of transacting business in China would be an acquisition. Sealed letters addressed: Commerce, care of the Editor of this paper will receive due attention. Victoria, 18th Nov., 1844.

WANTED,--A Clerk competent to take charge of a Set of Books. To save trouble it is requested that no one will apply who is not perfectly conversant with accounts, and the routine of a merchants office. A liberal Salary will be given Address P. P. at the office of this Paper. Victoria, 18th November, 1844.

EDUCATION.--Young Ladies are received as Resident Boarders by the Misses Norgate at their residence, No. 3 Tavistock Villa Tavestock 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.

TO LET, OR FOR SALE.

A Neat convenient Bungalow, well situated in the valley S. W. of the Honorable Major Caine's Residence. For particulars apply to Mr. Spring at the Post Office. Victoria, 19th November, 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.

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

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

PUBLIC SALE.

ON Friday 29th inst. will be sold to the highest bidder the well known Cutter LAMSTON with appurtenances as per inventory. P. TOWNSEND, Auctioneer. Victoria, November 19th, 1844.

JUST IMPORTED the undermentioned Goods of the first quality, and for Sale at the Store of the undersigned,--

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.

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 days movement, striking hours and half hours, Double and single Barreled 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, Dinner, 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.

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.

NOTICE.

McEWEN & Co. have just received (from the celebrated JOHN STURT of London) the following choice assortment of Boots & Shoes viz:-- Calfskin Wellington boots with spur socket heels, Clarence lace ankle boots with spur sockets, Vamp-ple shooting boots to button at the heel, Double soled walking shoes, Light walking shoes, Japan dress pumps &c, &c. Victoria, 19th November, 1844.

FOR SALE.

A new Piano Forte in excellent condition. For particulars apply to McEWEN & Co. Victoria, 19th November, 1844.

THE Undersigned have on Sale a few Kegs of Neat's tongues, Salmon in kegs, Pickled Hermy's in do, a fresh supply of oat meal in tins of 14 lbs. each, and small invoice of English loaf Sugar. McEWEN & Co. Victoria, 19th November, 1844.

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 Drugget for floor Cloths in a great variety of patterns. at PHILLIPS MOORE & Co. Victoria, 6th November, 1844.

FOR SALE AT MACAO.

AMERICAN MEAT 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 23rd, 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.

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.

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. do. 8.00 London Ale & Porter Bass's do. 2.50 Apply to W. H. FRANKLYN, Chinan's House. Victoria, 11th November, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

W. H. FRANKLYN will submit for Public Sale at the godowns of N. Duas, Queen's Road at 11 o'clock on Wednesday 27th inst.-- Scissors, Knives, Razors, Congreve Matches, Cases of fine Pickles, Sauces, Jams, Jellies, Salmon, Paste Vinegar, Mustard, Anchovy &c. Morocco, Glazed caps, American Shirting, Flannel, Boxes of Soap, Salted Hams, Cheese, Preserved Hams in Tins, Pine cheeses, Tobacco, Chintz, Steel in Tubs Glass ware, and other articles. At 1 o'clock--Sherry, champagne, Cider, bottled Beer, New American Flour, Pilot and Navy Bread, Pitch, Tar, Writing paper, stoves, Sadlery, Europe Shoes, Brown Holland, Buses for Blocks Tart Fruits, Brandy, and Rum in wood, Sherry and Lisbon in quarter casks, Ghee in packages of two maunds. Terms of Sale. All payments in Spanish dollars 7. 2. Mexican 5 per cent discount. Rupees 227 per 100 Mexican dollars. Lots to be cleared positively before 4 o'clock the following day.

WHAMPOA HOSPITAL.

FOR the greater convenience of Vessels lying in the Whampoa and Blenheim reaches, the Hospital Vessel is moored off the Bombay Creek. M. O'SULLIVAN, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London AND E. K. KANE, M.D. Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Resident Surgeons. Whampoa, 3rd February, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

MRS HUME begs to inform the Ladies of Victoria, that she has received Berlin Wools for the worsted work of every shade and color, and various colored ditto for grounding; Canvas of various widths and qualities, and a small quantity of silk ditto, fit for working Ladies waist bands, and gentlemen's braces; Berlin patterns, Slippers with the patterns drawn upon the Canvas and Worsted Needles; Shaded netting silks of various colors, Gilt tassels and slides of the most novel designs, and some frames for the worsted work with other articles for the work table. Queen's Road, 19th November, 1844.

LONDON MONTHLY MAIL.

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

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

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

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.

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CANTON PRICES CURRENT.

13th November, 1844.

IMPORTS.--Duty Paid. Ale (best brands) \$16 0 a \$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, } 5 0 " 7 5 " sh. ps. Ts. } " Madras 7 0 " 8 8 " " Bengal 6 0 " 8 2 " No-improvement in price, though the delivery of Bombay staple 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 " 18 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 " Sales of iron and lead at prices quoted. 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. " Malwa, new good 670 0 " 680 0 " Quotations from Whampoa for best quality 720. " Turkey 500 0 " 0 0 per picul. Pepper 5 50 " 0 0 "

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 piece. " 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. Tsatlee 510 0 " 540 0 " Taysaan 450 0 " 0 0 " Canton 280 0 " 350 0 " Stock of Tsatlee about 700 bales.

TEA. Congou new, 18 0 " 24 0 " Caper, new 17 0 " 36 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 taels above the prices of last year. The crop is an average one. About 60 chops of black teas have been shipped on Chinese account.

EXPORT OF TEAS FROM CANTON TO UNITED 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 14,936 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, 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 226 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; Freight 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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