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Canton, 28th August, 1844.

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Hongkong, November 21st, 1844.

FOR MANILA & BATAVIA.

THE Dutch ship MARIA TAWBA CORNELIA, Commander D. B. Lutgens, daily expected from Batavia, will receive freight for the above places in Macao roads, and will have quick dispatch. Apply to

SENN VAN BASEL.

Macao, 7th December, 1844.

FOR MANILA.

THE Spanish Brigantine CORREO, will be dispatched in a few days. For freight apply to

C. SHAW.

Queen's Road, 10th Dec., 1844.

NOTICE.

THE Dutch ship VASCO DE GAMA, being condemned at Macao, as unseaworthy and to be Sold by Public Auction within a short time. Her crew consisting of European Sailors, prefer shipping as seamen on board of any vessel going along the coast of China or going to Europe, to be sent home as passengers. The undersigned begs to draw the attention of Masters of ships in want of European Seamen, to apply to him, for any of the crew they may wish to ship, either Carpenter, Sailmaker or seamen of the above mentioned ship.

M. J. SENN VAN BASEL.

Macao, 15th November, 1844.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.

THE Schooner Ormen formerly RO-SA. She was built at Medford in the U. N. States of America in the year 1836 of the best live and white Oak, is coppered and copper fastened up to the wales has a complete suit of Sails principally new, has carried 3,000 piculs of Rice from Java to this port sails remarkably fast drawing only 6 feet in ballast, 9 feet loaded.

This vessel upon inspection and by written Surveys will be found perfectly sound and good, and will be sold at a very low price for further particulars. Apply to N. DUUS, 18 Queen's Road, or to W. H. FRANKLYN, Chinam's hong,

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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 LET OR FOR SALE.

A N elegant and well built House Situate East of Mr. Scott's, contains Ten Rooms and a spacious Hall.

HUGHESDON CALDER & Co.

Victoria, 10th December, 1844.

FOR SALE.—Pale and Brown Sherry

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Claret

Champagne, and

Cognac Brandy.

Apply at the Godowns of

W. & T. GEMMELL & CO.

Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

FOR SALE.—From 16 to 32 oz. Sheathing Copper, and Nails. Bolts, Rings, Butt Bolts and Spikes. Also, Canvass, from No. 1 to 6. Apply at the Godowns of

W. & T. GEMMELL & CO.

Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

FOR SALE.—AT the Godowns of Messrs. Fox Rawson & Co., Burton Ale in Hhds, from Werthington and Robinson.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1844.

FOR SALE.

BILLS on London at 30, 60 and 90 days, and at 6 months sight, under letters of credit, for sums to suit purchasers.

Bills on the Bengal Government by the Hon. Court of Directors, accepted and payable on presentation. Apply to,

RUSSELL & Co., Canton.

or **WARREN DELANO JUN., Macao.**

October 2nd, 1844.

NOTICE.

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

LATTEY & Co.

Chronometer Makers.

Victoria, 27th September, 1844.

ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Undersigned beg to notify that they have authorised Mr. JOHS. 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.

CEAN 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 BY MACLEAN DEARIE & Co.

Dass's E. I. Pale Ale in casks of 4 doz., **Barclays Extra double Stout** in do. of 4 doz., **Beer and Porter** in Butts and Hogheads, **Bleached Canvas** Nos. 1 a 7 and Sheathing **Copper** 18 a 26 oz.

Oswald Hill, 30th November, 1844.

NOTICE.

MR R. R. CALVERT is authorized to Sign our Firm by procuration.

MACLEAN DEARIE & Co.

Victoria, 4th Nov., 1844.

NOTICE.

THE decease of Mr. WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE having caused a vacancy in our Firm we have associated Mr. SAMUEL B. RAWLSE 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.

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

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 10th October, 1844.

BILLS on London at 6 months sight. For sale by

WETMORE & Co.

Canton, 10th October, 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.

THE undersigned requests of 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.

Nether. Consul.

FOR SALE.

MADEIRA in Pipes from the house of Scott, Penfold & Co., Madeira:

Apply to, **BELL & Co.**

Victoria, 2nd October, 1844.

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.

IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

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

1st. On Buildings of Brick or Stone, altogether detached from any other, covered with Tile, Slate, Metals or other incumbrable materials, together with their contents, except Cotton or other hazardous goods. Rate of Premium 3 per cent per annum.

2nd. On Buildings of the foregoing description when adjoining to others, in which no hazardous goods are housed. On such the premium will be 1 per cent per annum.

3rd. On Buildings of the latter description, but containing hazardous goods, premium 14 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.

NOTICE.

MR 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.

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

(Signed) **HENRY GRISWOLD WOLCOTT EDWARDS, WHIPPLE BATES, JOHN HETHINGTON.**

Shanghai, Oct. 14th, 1844.

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.

NOTICE.

BILLS on Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., London—Drawn by D. M. F. Thornton Esq., Partner 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.

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.

LOTTERY.

OF a beautiful and sweet-toned Davrainville's Self-performing Organ, fitted in a handsome French-polished case, having a escriptor and drawer on the top, with a marble slab; and has thirteen Barrels, playing the following admired tunes:

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| 2 Cavatine de l'Opera de la Dame du Lac | Mozart. |
| No. 2.—1 Overture du Mariage de Figaro | ditto. |
| 2 Air: Voi cho Sapeto | Rossini. |
| No. 3.—1 Overture du Siège de Corinthe, Opera | ditto. |
| 2 Air du même Opera | Bouillon |
| No. 4.—1 Overture de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche | ditto. |
| 2 Choeur d'Avenel du même Opera | Rossini. |
| No. 5.—1 March et Duo de l'Opera de Moïse | ditto. |
| 2 Autre Duo du même Opera | Rossini. |
| No. 6.—1 Grand Air de Figaro de l'Opera du Barber de Seville | Rossini. |
| 2 Duo de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche | Rossini. |
| 3 Duo du Barber de Seville | Rossini. |
| No. 7.—1 Overture de la Gazza Ladra | Rossini. |
| 2 Cavatine du même Opera | Rossini. |
| No. 8.—1 Overture de l'Intérieur à Alger | Meyerbeer |
| 2 La Trompette Guerrière de l'Opera Robert-le-Diable | Rossini. |
| No. 9.—1 Overture de Truand | ditto. |
| 2 Bi Tanti Palpiti, Cavatine du même Opera | Auber. |
| No. 10.—1 Overture de Fra Diavolo | Rossini. |
| 2 Celeste Porodenza du Comte Ory | ditto. |
| 3 Quo les Desains Prospere, idem | Bouillon. |
| No. 11.—1 Overture du Califé de Bagdad | Rossini. |
| 2 Pensa alla Patria | Meyerbeer |
| 3 Overture de Robert-le-Diable | Meyerbeer |
| No. 12.—1 Contredance | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 Valse | |
| 5 | |
| 6 | |
| No. 13.—1 La Marseillaise | Auber. |
| 2 Air du Fra Diavolo | |
| 3 Le Gondolier Fiddle, idem | Rossini. |
| 4 La Prière de Moïse | ditto. |
| 5 Ronde de la Mize | |
| 6 C a Ira | |

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 Percival'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.

CUS-CUS, strongly recommended by the Faculty as a nutritious cooling food for Infants or Invalids, and excellent for thickening Broths or soups. Price, twenty cents a pound.

Apply to **JOHN SMITH.**

Macao, 3rd December, 1844.

STORAGE can be obtained in safe Granite Godowns at a very moderate rent, situated on the Queen's Road in the vicinity of a public Wharf on application to **M. FORD & Co.** Victoria, 6th December, 1844.

JUST LANDED.—A quantity of Allsops Pale Ale in bottle, and superior London bottled Sherry, for Sale by **EDWARD NEWMAN.** Victoria, 4th Dec., 1844.

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.

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

W. P. PEIRCE.

August 22nd, 1844.

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.

WANTED.—A person who thoroughly understands the manufactory and repairing of Guns, Pistols &c. Apply to **N. BOULLE,** Victoria, 25th Nov., 1844 Queen's Road

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby Notified that a Public Sale of Leases of Crown Lands, will be held at the Land Office on Tuesday the 24th December next at noon.

The lots are marked out on the ground and plans showing their position and size as also the up set annual rental with the general Conditions of Sale may be seen upon application at the Land Office, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

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

Commissariat Office,
13th December, 1844.

Required for the public service a Macao Fast-boat to engage by the month also a small boat.—Enquiry for particulars to be made at this Office.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

WITH reference to the notice dated the 1st inst. it is hereby notified that the rates of exchange for the ensuing month of December are fixed.

For Bills on India at Two Hundred and Twenty Rupees (220) for 100 Mexican Dollars; and for Bills on England, at Fifty pence Sterling, (50) for One Mexican Dollar.

EDWARD PINE COFFIN, C. G.
Victoria, November 30th, 1844.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

SIR—I observed in your last issue a short letter by "Dramaticus" in which he suggests the establishment of a Theatre in Victoria. His remarks with regard to the beneficial tendencies it might have upon the moral and physical welfare of the public I conceived just and reasonable and there are few who would withhold their assistance in supporting of such an object.

I have been informed that a Gentleman has already granted a piece of ground for the purpose of erecting a Theatre and His Excellency the Governor has expressed his approval and promised his patronage to a properly constituted management.

I would suggest that a public meeting be called and the spirit of the residents made known when a Committee of Management might be formed, a subscription list opened, and should a sufficient sum be collected a proportionate building might be erected.

The Honorable the Major General, I feel assured would heartily countenance anything having for its object rational amusement, and the Military would gladly co-operate.

A few words from yourself Mr. Editor who known much better how these things should be done would not be thrown away.

I am, Sir,
Your's
DAMON.

Victoria, 12th December, 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	Nov. 9
UNITED STATES	July 10	MANILA	Nov. 17
CALCUTTA	Oct. 14	CHUSAN	Nov. 19
BOMBAY	Oct. 6	SHANGHAI	Nov. 12
SYDNEY	Oct. 10	FOO CHOW-FOO DEC.	1
MADRAS	Sept.	AMOY	Dec.
BATAVIA	Oct. 18		

THE FRIEND OF CHINA,
AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER, 14th 1844.

NOTICE—A Mail per England, via Singapore and Bombay per clipper "Ardascer," will be closed at this Office at 5 o'clock p. m., Sunday 15th instant.

Post Office, Victoria,
December 10th, 1844.

A Mail for Singapore and Calcutta per "Chatham," will be closed at 5 o'clock p. m. this day, Saturday the 14th inst.
Post Office, Victoria,
13th December, 1844.

We hear from a friend who arrived from Canton to-day [13th], that Keying is at the Bogue on a visit to the fortifications, near which are assembled a vast number of war Junks and Mandarin boats, also the Canton built man of war, on the English model. She lost the head of her foretopmast, and her foretopgallant mast in a puff yesterday morning. She is tauntly, but slightly rigged, and proves very swift. On the ramparts of the Forts of Annunhoy and Wantung, some hundreds of handsomely dressed soldiers, and several Mandarins in war costume, were ranged with their banners displayed, the whole forming, under the bright sunshine, an animated and highly pleasing scene, with the occasional accompaniment, of course, of firing of cannon, and the martial tones of Chinese musical instruments.

This would be a favorable opportunity for impressing upon Keying the propriety of using the large force now at his disposal

in the suppression, of piracy but we fear that in this laudable endeavour the Chinese set us an example. We publish some valuable extracts translated from the Canton Gazette, from which it will be observed that, captured pirates have recently been punished with severity. The mild laws of England might not sanction such wholesale executions, but they would admit of a few examples being made, which would prove to the Chinese, that here also the guilty cannot escape with impunity.

It is neither customary nor necessary for the press to notice grievances which have been removed; and in now referring to a system, which while it existed may not have occupied our pen though it did not escape our observation, and its failings would have been exposed in our columns, we are influenced not by a desire to censure but to commend. We allude to the stopping of Europeans if found afloat in a China boat after 9 o'clock. We need not now point out the tyranny which such a regulation contained; civilians of every grade, were liable to be detained, should the most pressing emergency call for their presence on board a ship after that early hour; and in this place, where houses are so widely separated, they were deprived of the services of a boat, when visiting their friends in the evening. The regulation was tyrannical in the extreme, and the colonists have now to thank His Excellency for its discontinuance; and we feel assured that in expressing a grateful acknowledgement of this act of justice and of kindness, we only publicly express the private sentiment of our readers. The attempts which have been made at various periods by the colonial government, to coerce Europeans, and the placing them on a level with the degraded native population, were intolerable—but the iron reign is passed, and the voice of its administrators no longer controls the Legislative Council.

We look upon His Excellency's repudiation of this martial law system as an important event, and one which cannot pass unnoticed. We trust that during the few months he has been among us, much attention has been given to a consideration of the grievances which were formerly inflicted upon the colony—which have all but prostrated it—and that, in virtue of the high powers with which he is intrusted, many objectionable regulations will be set aside.

In its infancy this colony has had to struggle hard for existence. Chinese cunning has been used to blight its prosperity—nearly the entire foreign residents of China, with the exception of British subjects, have denied it any assistance—even its own rulers trampled down the tender plant, which now under the culture of an attentive husbandman, will spring into a vigorous existence, creditable to him and satisfactory to the owner of the soil.

Some of our friends accuse us of being inconsistent, in as much as in our last issue, we suggested the propriety of levying small tonnage dues upon vessels entering the five ports of China or Hongkong, for the support of a few Gun-boats to be employed in the suppression of piracy. With all due and becoming respect to the judgment of our intelligent friends, we beg leave respectfully to deny the charge as one that is unjust and frivolous. We need not now state that we disapprove of any impost, or regulation, which may in the slightest degree militate against the commercial prosperity of Hongkong; and that we would advocate any just and lawful measure, by which our commerce might be increased. This is the principle which guides our pen, and one which will never be lost sight of until Hongkong takes her proper position among the great marts of the east.

Of the impolicy of laying heavy burdens upon commerce, in any of its branches, there can be no question, yet in all ages, and amongst all nations, it has been found necessary to do so moderately, for certain wise purposes. The reef or sunken rock which render doubly dangerous the Mariners voyage, is marked out by a light, which humanity and wisdom alike suggest should be placed there, and for this beacon each vessel is required to pay a trifling sum. The most earnest advocates of a repeal of

commercial restrictions, would not propose that light houses should be destroyed or neglected, because ships are taxed for their support. In the present state of affairs, a force for the suppression of piracy in these waters, is almost as necessary for the protection of ships, as the lights in the England channel, and the penny wise and pound foolish objectors to the levying of a moderate due for that purpose may have reason to change their opinion, when lives and property are alike sacrificed by the ruffians who at present commit atrocities with impunity.

The question of levying tonnage dues upon vessels visiting the ports of China or Hongkong, does not in the most remote degree bear upon the prosperity of Hongkong. Were the tax a local one—that is only put upon ships entering this harbour—then there is little doubt ships would be deterred from entering, but if levied alike at all the ports, the ship not paying twice during one voyage, it would not have the slightest influence in her movements—if she paid dues at Hongkong she would be free at Whampoa, or if at Whampoa free at Hongkong.

But admitting the policy of levying such dues, the question arises, has the Superintendent of British trade in China power to levy a tax on British shipping for their own protection? Upon this point we are by no means certain, but that Her Majesty can do so by an order in council there is no denying.

It was not our intention in our last issue, nor is it our present intention, to advocate the impost of tonnage dues for any purpose whatever. We would earnestly call the attention of all who are interested in the colony, or in the trade of China, to the alarming extent of piracy, and the urgent necessity for the immediate adoption of measures for its suppression. That a fleet of Gun-boats is the true plan, we are well convinced, and our suggestion of raising funds for defraying the expences of these boats, is merely a suggestion which we throw out in the event of no other and better plan being devised. We would again repeat our former assertion that, so nothing must be done for the protection of shipping and of those who require to visit Canton or Macao. It is painful to think that vessels should be plundered in the immediate vicinity of a British colony, and no attempt made to bring the robbers to justice, or to check their future career of rapine. We do not assert that it is the duty of the Rear Admiral in command to protect us from the depredations of pirates and robbers—this may be a service beneath the dignity of his flag—but we do assert that it is the duty of some one, and if this duty is neglected they lay themselves open to a very serious charge.

FROM THE PEKING GAZETTE.

Some Change in the Imperial household establishment has lately quite unexpectedly taken place. The cause certainly was very trifling, but much smaller things have given rise to greater events than this. It appears that some rats in the exuberance of playfulness, had commenced gnawing on a staid on which the ancestral tablets in the palace were placed. Two of the personal attendants of His Majesty on reporting this important fact, were forthwith delivered to the tribunal of punishments and the great Eunuch moreover lost his office, being degraded from his high station, but still performing his ordinary functions. The reason for this severe judgment is because they did not prevent the evil before hand.

Since the revenue of the country, the welfare of the people and the general tranquillity of the nation depend on the speedy repair of the hydraulic works, which have been much injured by the heavy rains, orders have from time to time been issued to the local authorities in the neighbourhood of these places, where the damage was done. As the Mandarins however did not receive any money to carry on the repairs, but had to provide the means themselves, they have been very tardy in their operations. On a recent occasion the officers in charge of such an undertaking to clear themselves from any further responsibility, declared that every thing was finished. On examination it proved otherwise, and they were on that account degraded, for daring to present a false report.

According to a memorial of Peihchang, the acting Governor of Keang-nan, based upon a former representation of Keying's, the whole force, naval required for the protection of the Yangtze from its mouth to some distance above Nanking, is to amount to 13,555 men. The only difficulty that has arisen, is how to provide for these warriors, and this is not at all a trifling matter. It was at first suggested, that the interests upon some public money lent to merchants would be sufficient to furnish the requisite sum; this however has again become a matter of doubt, and the hopes of receiving patriotic gifts, which were at first enter-

tained, do not seem to rest on a solid foundation. If we take into consideration, that Keang-nan is a very fertile and productive province, rich beyond measure, and still unable to keep up an additional army, so small in numbers, we are surprised at the derangement of the financial system. A day is to be fixed upon, which all the war vessels are to take up their respective cruising grounds, and enter by turns upon the duty of guarding the Great River; the junks for this service however are not yet all constructed, and to be built according to the old model.

His Imperial Majesty has graciously been pleased, to remit the outstanding taxes of the peasantry in Keang-nan, who have suffered so severely from a series of calamities.

The Governor of the Rivers presents a list of works that must instantly be looked after, and complains of the tardy remittances, and then only of a part of the money which is absolutely necessary. The present Lord Mayor of Peking Choppingteen who held also some time ago a seat in the cabinet enumerates the various arrears still due to the Government, and concludes with a wish that the silver immediately on the receipt thereof should be sent to the districts where the repairs of rivers and canals are to be carried on, for which directions have been issued.

The grandson of the celebrated Minister Choo, has received strict orders, that if he does not pay within six months the sum of money due by his grandfather to the treasury, he will be sent to prison forthwith.

Keying has represented to the Emperor, that Woo the late Admiral at the Bogue who was last year degraded, instead of redeeming his former errors, loitered about with above, 30 warjunks under his command, for five months, without doing anything, except capturing three pirates, be brought to trial instantly.

No. 2.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CANTON
OFFICIAL REPORTER.

December 2nd, 1844.—Chin-tsun-king, officer of the ninth class, second division waited on the Governor General to inform him that he had returned from transporting military weapons to the Bocca Tigris.

December 3rd, 1844.—Sung-tseuen, Police Magistrate of the Ho-shay Division of the Lin-kaou district (in the Island of Hea-nan) waited on the Governor General to inform him that he had been deputed by the Provincial Judge to take the heads of the Pirates, Wan-tac-heang and his associates, in all 24, to the department of Keung chow (in Hae-nan) there to be publicly exposed.

Tang-ta-nee, Officer of the ninth class second division, waited on the Governor General to inform him that he had been deputed by the Provincial Judge, to take the heads of certain criminals to Sin-an (the District opposite Hongkong there to be publicly exposed.

December 4th, 1844.—The answer to the memorial of the Governor General, and the Governor requesting His Imperial Majesty to reward certain Officers for their subscriptions towards the repairing of the river embankments has been received.

The "peacocks feather" has been bestowed on eight of them and the others are to be rewarded as requested in the Memorial. Among them is Pwan-sze-ching (Pun-tin-kwa) who is entitled an "expectant Intendant" and who has now a chance of being actually employed as Intendant.

December 5th, 1844.—The Provincial Judge, the Prefect of Kwang Chow, the District Magistrates of Nan-hae and Pwan-yu, the Assistant Commandant of Kwang-chow and a Brevet Colonel of the Governors Division waited on the Governor to inform him that they had attended the execution of certain criminals.

In the Supplement it is stated that the Governor General, Ke, the Grain Collector Wan, the Commandant of Kaou-chow, Chaou, the Commandant of Nan-an (Nan-an) Tsang, the former (officiating) Prefect of Kwang-chow Lew, are all going on the 7th instant to the Bocca Tigris to inspect the forts.

December 6th, 1844.—To day the Governor General Ke, attended the Body of the Salt-Commissioners wife (lately deceased) to the Tow-moo-kung Temple at the east gate of the city where it will lie till an opportunity offers for sending it to Peking to the burial place of the Salt-Commissioners family.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

DECEMBER 12—Bombay Castle, Fraser, Whompoa.
13—Chatham, Gifford, Whompoa.

SAILED.

DECEMBER 13—Pampero, Roberts, Glasgow.
13—Island Queen, Priestman, East Coast.
13—Eria, Maine, Singapore.

UNDER DESPATCH.

For London, Hindostan, Castle Eden, Aden, John Wickliffe and Euphrates.
New York, Zenobia.
Sydney, Spy.
Bombay, Sir Eleanora Ryan.
Singapore and Calcutta, Rustomjee Cowasjee, Coquette, and Charlotte.
East Coast, Pantolon.
Manila, Bombay Castle.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR

H. M. S. *Castor*, Capt. Graham.
H. C. Str. *Proserpine*, Com. Hough.
Minden, Master Commanding, Wellington, Hospital and Store Ship.
Ariel, 102, Macfarlane. Jardine Matheson & Co.
Bombay Castle, Fraser. do.
Gazelle (Am.), 115, Chase. do.
Mazeppa, 174, Fraser. do.
Harlequin, 293, Olyer. do.
Mamodie, 300, Jones. do.
Ariel, 102, Macfarlane. do.
Chatham, 351, Gifford. Jamieson How & Co.
Marie, 133, Drisdale. Dent & Co.
Tiger (Am.), 312, Cooke. Wetmore & Co.
Yonge Queen, 85. Fletcher, Larkins & Co.
Margarette (Brn) do.
Eleonor Russell, 306, Jeffries. Fox Rawson & Co.
Pallas, 226, Nealey. A. A. de Mello.
Clarissa, 323, White. W. & T. Gemmell & Co.
Vanguard, Walker. do.
Linnet, 100. Emery & Frazer.
Aratou Apcar, Durham. Gibb Livingston & Co.
Foam, B. Pugh. Dallas & Co.
Aurora, 104, Gray. J. Huds n.
Jerk Garnett, Davis. Maclean Dearie & Co.
Pantolon, 202, Porter. Murrow & Co.
Wanderer, 400 Smith. R. J. Gilman.
Dansberg (Dan), Haberhler. Burd Lange & Co.
Correa (Spn.), Rivero. C. Shaw.
Spy, Hart. Order.
Hull (Swede) 150, Vangrain. Order.
Peter, Rodgers. Order.
Challenger.
Cleopatra, Ross. R. J. Gilman.

BRITISH SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

Surge, 574, Burnett. J. Matheson & Co.
Scalesby Castle, 1603, Lemon. do.
Malacca, 523, Shetler. do.
Castle Eden, 888, Reade. do.
Charles Forbes, 960, Mathven. do.
Hindustan, 780, Bowen. Dent & Co.
Maid of Athens, Hews. do.
Orestes, 440, Fenwick. do.
Coromandel, 754, Cuningham. do.
Aden, 339, King. do.
Robert Pulsford, 545, Robinson. do.
Rogina, Quinton. do.
Roy Albert, 659, Scanlan. Macvicar & Co.
Castle Huntley, 150, Brake. do.
Thomas Fielding, 465, Maclean Dearie & Co.
Circassian, 220, Hore. Tirum & Co.
Charlotte, 540, Carter. Fox Rawson & Co.
Royal Albert, 407, Ballerstone. Bell & Co.
Eagle, Rayson. do.
John Wickhiffe, 652, Daly. Turner & Co.
Penang, 369, Hawkins. Lindsay & Co.
Lord Elphinstone, Crawford. do.
Forfarshire, 615, Symo.s. do.
K. stel, Beauvois. do.
Shepherdess, 295, Poole. Fletcher Larkins & Co.
Euphrates, 630, Wilson. Jamieson How & Co.
Earl Clare, 910. Boustead & Co.
Black Dog, 140, Barret. S Rustomjee,
John Laird, 276. St Croix.
Lysander, 475, Sangster. W. & T. Gemmell & Co.
Lady, 316, Marsh. do.
Stapho, 446, Dunlop. Russell & Co.
Herser, Easterly. Anderson & Co.
Duilius, 323, Underhill. Wetmore & Co.
S. dney, 184, Scholefield, C. S. Compton.
Pathfinder, Burton. Order.
Monarch, Robertson. Order.

BRITISH VESSELS AT MACAO.

Little Catherine, Rigby. Jardine Matheson & Co.
Juin Corina, Dring. D. & M. Rustomjee.
Mermaid, Gill. A. A. de Melo.
Larne, 577, Wilson. Macvicar & Co.
Isabella Robertson, 350, Kelly. J. Hudson.
Pryde, 202, Monkhouse. A. Lataclade.
Ruparrell, 318, Dean. A. D. Furdomejee.
Plancius, Rotgans. R. J. Gilman.
Rustomjee Cowasjee, Hill. Rustomjee.

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO.

U S F. *Brandywine*, Commo lore Parker
Pioneer, Clark. Russell & Co.
Natchez, 560, Waterman. do.
Rouble, Proctor. do.
Sarah Abigail, 210, Sherman. do.
Eagle, 328, Prescott. do.
Glide, Waterman. do.
Boxes, Kilman. do.
Montauk, McMichaels. Wetmore & Co.
Carolina, Brown. do.
Aldebaran, Webb. do.
Mary Ellen, Dearborn. A. Heard & Co.
Cincinnati, Wilson. W. Buckler.
Avalanche, 396, Murray. J. A. Lewis.
Grafton, Gardiner. J. M. Bull.
Ronaldson, Drew. Olyphant & Co.
Heber, Porter. do.

John (Swede), Oster' erg. Jardine Matheson & Co.
Zenobia, (Swede), 391, Beckinan. do.
Danish Oak (Dan), Paulson. Russell & Co.
Schelde (Belg), Egekholl. Nye Parkin & Co.
Ternate (Dutch), Koppel.
Pollux (Dutch), Klein.
Vasco de Gama (Dutch), Bergner.
Bintanganam (Dutch), Murtur.
Goang Sur (Dutch), Lunel.

FARNER.

H. M. F. S. *Syrene*, 50, Capt. Chamier.
H. M. F. S. *Victoriense*, 20, Com, Guistielle.
H. M. F. S. *Sabine*, 36.

Nicholas Cezard, Goult. Reynvaan & Co.
Alchimedee 300. Order.

FOR SINGAPORE & MADRAS.

THE Barque - LORD ELPHINSTONE, Capt. Crawford, will sail for the above ports, on or about the 25th Instant. For freight or passage.

Apply to LINDSAY & Co.

Hongkong,
11th December, 1844.

TO LET.

A neat Bungalow situated on a convenient spot of ground and commonly known as Holliday's Bungalow. The house is well supplied with out Offices stabling and coach house and has a small compound rail in.
The Bungalow can be let either wholly or in part. For particulars apply to
Mr. E. FARNCOMB,
Solicitor.
Queen's Road,
Victoria, 13th December, 1844.

LUNN and KANE, "Whampoa."

M. R. G. LUNN, Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, Licent. Apothecaries Company, late Assistant Surgeon to the Expeditionary Force, begs to acquaint his Friends and the Public that he has resumed the Practice of his Profession in China, at Whampoa, where he is associated with E. K. Kane M. D. late Physician to the American Legation.
Residence "late Hospital Brig Luzon" off Blenheim Creek
Whampoa, December 13th, 1844.

THE Captain of the Brig *Challenger*, will not be answerable for any debt or debts contracted by the Crew while in this Port.
WALTER ARCHIBALD,
Captain.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1844.

M. R. EDWARD NEWMAN, has the honour to announce that he will submit for public competition on Tuesday next 17th Inst. at his Sale rooms at 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING A splendid Arab Horse rising fourteen hands high, a first rate buggy with harness complete & a gig.
Victoria, 13th December, 1844.

FOR SALE.

JUST received ex "Foam" (and will be open on Monday) an assortment of Gents Wearing apparel, consisting of Dress, and Frock Coats, Chesterfield Great Coats, Waistcoat, Trowsers, Black and Drab Beaver Hats, Boots and Shoes, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Marine Shirts &c. &c.
Also, Counterpanes and Quilts, a few Boxes of Ling Fish, and Jars of Tripe.
FRYER & LANE.
Victoria, 13th December, 1844.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

W. H. FRANKLYN will submit to public Sale on Monday 16th instant at Chinam's Hong adjoining the Godowns of N. Duus, Esq. - A number of Bales of Bengal Cotton more or less damaged. -

Also

A small dinner set, Tea do., Tumbler wine glasses. Knives & Forks, Decanters pair of plated curry dishes, Cruet stand and sundry other articles Pilot and Navy bread, Oilman's stores, to close an invoice, Flour barrels, stores &c. &c.

Sale to commence 11 o'clock A. M., - Mexican dollars - Rupees 225 to 100 Mexican. All lots to be cleared before 4 o'clock the following day.
Cash before delivery.
Victoria, 13th December, 1844.

M. R. P. TOWNSEND, has the pleasure to announce to the community, that on Wednesday 18th inst. he will put up for public competition at his Sale room, at 11 o'clock A. M., -

A quantity of Wearing apparel viz:
Ladies Morning & Dress Gowns,
Linen & Caps of various patterns,
French Gloves & Shoes. Socks, Stockings & Drawers & sundry other wearing apparel.
Victoria, December 12th, 1844.

THE undersigned have to announce the arrival (ex "Foam") of a small supply of *Tagioni* Coats and Shooting Jackets.
McEWEN & Co.
Victoria, 13th December, 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 Bom bay Creek in Blenheim Reach.
July 1st, 1844.

FOR SALE.

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

FOR SALE.

VIDONIA in Pipes, Hoopsheads and Quarter Casks from the house of Bruce & Co., Teneriffe.
Apply to, KENNEDY, MACGREGOR, & Co.
Victoria, 10th December, 1844.

TO BE SOLD. - A very handsome, sound grey Manila Pony, has been constantly ridden by a lady. Lowest price, \$100 Mexican.
Apply to
H. C. SIRR, Esq.
Oswald's Hill
Victoria, 10th December, 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.

COMPOSITOR WANTED.

APPLY by letter to the Editor of this paper.
Office "Friend of China"
10th December, 1844.

WANTED a few Reams of English Foolscap, for which a liberal price will be paid.
Office Friend of China, 6th Dec., 1844.

FOR SALE.

A First rate sextant by Stancliffe with gold arc, and several nautical Instruments and charts, the property of a Gentleman leaving China.

Also

A Horsburgh's Directory a late edition 1842.
Apply to W. H. FRANKLYN,
Chinam's Hong.
Victoria, December 6th, 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,
Chinam's House.
Victoria, 11th November, 1844.

FOR SALE.

A quantity of Fine Seasoned Teak Timber, Well suited for House & Ship building, viz:
124 } "Duggies" (Beams) measuring from 25
to 30 Feet long 15 to 18 inches broad, and about 12 inches thick.
388 } Arties [Smaller sized Beams] measuring
14 to 19 Feet long, 5 to 6 inches broad, and about 4 to 5 inches thick.
340 } Planks, measuring from 20 to 25 Feet
long 10 to 12 inches broad, and about 3 inches thick.
70 } Planks, measuring from 25 to 30 Feet
long inches broad and 6 inches thick,
About 100 Sheathing Boards measuring from 16 to 19 feet long, 6 inches Broad; and about 3/4 of an Inch thick.

Apply to C. MARKWICK, Auctioneer No. 5th Magistracy Street, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. & 3 P. M.

Terms of Sale - Cash, on delivery in Spanish Dollars.

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.

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 Branch'd Candle-ticks, 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 Oyer. land 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: -
Callskin Wellington boots with spur socket heels, Clarence lace ankle boots with spur sockets, Vamp-ancle shooting boots to button at the heel, Double soled walking shoes. Light walking shoes, Japan dress pumps &c. &c.
Victoria, 19th November, 1844.

Just landed one small quantity No. 3 superior 1843 Manila Cigars.

N. BOULLE.

Queen's Road.

JAMES ADNAMS, - Saddler &c. begs to return thanks to the Community of Hongkong for their Liberal Support and in again Solliciting their patronage informs them that he has removed from the Canton Bazaar to No. 3 new China Street Corner of Magistracy Street where he has commenced in the above line and has on hand a quantity of ready-made Saddlery - Horse clothing made to order &c.
Victoria, December 11th, 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.

J. EDWARDS, PASTRY Cook and confectioner will be most happy to receive orders for the ensuing Christmas. He begs to annex a few articles viz. Fruit Tarts, Mince Pies, Pound Cakes, Patties of various sorts &c. &c. too numerous to detail; all orders will be promptly and punctually attended to

N. B. - He has just received a small collection of Millinery consisting of Ribbons Lace Borders & Collars for Ladies.

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.

CURRIE & Co.

CABINET MAKERS. UPHOLSTERERS

AND

BILLIARD TABLE MANUFACTURERS.



CALCUTTA.

(THE OLDEST ESTABLISHMENT IN THE PRESIDENCY.)

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

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

The new Improved Slate Top Billiard Tables with Indian Rubber Spring Cushions prepared and despatched upon one week's notice.
N. B. - Application to be made to Mr. C. W. Bowra, where plans may be seen and information obtained.

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, Comrades' 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.

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SELECTIONS FROM THE PORT PHILIP PAPERS.

To the Editor of the *Port Phillip Patriot*.

SIR - Unacquainted with you, I am rather surprised you have lately been treating the character of Paul Pry, and treating your readers to several paragraphs, where my private affairs are brought forward in a manner at once singular and unprecedented. Conscious that, in the eyes of every manly colonist, you cut but a sorry figure at playing so mean a game, I would not have noticed your favors, were it not that your journal may circulate in England, and my relations, ignorant of your character and pretensions, may wonder how I came to deserve such a load of "slag" in the way of abuse.

Now, Sir, the accusation you bring against me is, having shipped a bale of wool. I came to this Colony with a view rather to benefit my health, than to embark in extensive trade. Since I have been here I have imported goods beyond the value

MADRAS.

STATEMENT SHEWING A NUMBER OF BRITISH MERCHANT VESSELS BURNT AT SEA AND IN HARBOUR FROM 1834 TO 1844.

Table with columns: DATE, SHIPS, CARGO, REMARKS. Lists various ships like Schooner Reliance, Earl of Eldon, etc., and their fates.

LIST OF VESSELS WHICH WERE ON FIRE AND SAVED BY PROMPT AND DECIDED MEASURES.

Table with columns: DATE, SHIPS, CARGO, REMARKS. Lists ships like London, Roxburgh Castle, etc., that were on fire but saved.

In the years 1833 and 1834, it appears by the evidence taken before the Select Committee on Shipwrecks that twelve Ships and Vessels not enumerated in the foregoing list were burnt at sea and in Harbour...

CARIS BIDEN.

Madras Spectator, September 7th.

CANTON PRICES CURRENT. 11th DECEMBER, 1844.

Table listing import prices for various goods like Ale, Amber, Betel Nut, etc., with prices per unit.

COTTON GOODS.

Table listing cotton goods prices for items like White Shirtings, Grey ditto ditto, etc.

METALS.

Table listing metal prices for Tin, Straits, Plates, Iron, Nail, etc.

STEEL.

Table listing steel prices for No market, Lead Pig, Quicksilver, etc.

OPIUM.

Table listing opium prices for Patna, Benares, Malwa, Turkey, etc.

PEPPER.

Table listing pepper prices for Rice, Rattans, Sandalwood, etc.

WOOLLENS.

Table listing woollen goods prices for Spanish Stripes, Long Eils, etc.

EXPORTS.—ON BOARD.

Table listing export prices for Alum, Annised, Camphor, etc.

Table listing prices for Galangal, Musk, Rhubarb.

Table listing prices for Silk, Tsaloo, Taysnan, etc.

No buyers, price nominal, stock about 60 bales.

Table listing prices for Tea, Congou, Caper, etc.

EXPORT OF TEA FROM CANTON TO UNITED KINGDOM FROM 1st JULY TO 11th DECEMBER, 1844.

Table showing tea export statistics for Green and Black tea.

Total 19,761,671 lbs. including the cargo of the "Pampero."

COTTON REPORT.

Table showing cotton report statistics for Canton, September 1st to 30th, 1844.

Including "Stock" Total 41,128 147,252

PRICES OF BULLION.

Table listing prices for Sycee Silver, Spanish Dollars, etc.

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London at 6 months sight, 4s. 5d. to 4s. 6d. Money being in demand for the purchase of Tea...

FREIGHTS.

To London or Liverpool, £3.10 a £3.15 per ton of 50 ft. tonnage ample.

To ports north of Amoy, \$10 to \$12.50

SHIPS LOADING FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Pinang, Hersey, Catha Eden, John Wickliffe, Lady, Lyander, John Laird, Charlotte, Royal Albert, Schuman, Royal Albert, Balderstone, Eagle.

of £3000, with my own money. I have refused several cargoes on consignment, because I did not wish my friends to be disappointed with the sale...

You farther accuse me of having written a work, "The Adventures of a Sixpence." Did you play Pful Pry in the Gazette office, or how come you to know that I wrote work?

You state the one day that I have retired from the Gazette—the next day you contradict it. Are you so much interested in my movements, that you act the spy in this manner upon them?

Your's, &c.

THOMAS M'COMBIE,

Blessings on your simple unsophisticated heart friend Silly-Billy, it needs but little acquaintance to get at the length and breadth of your comprehension.

But why should you talk of our references to you as "accusations," or "Paul Pry" dealings with your private affairs? Know you not that the most trifling circumstances connected with the every-day life of such great men as Sir Walter Scott, Lord Byron, &c., are considered as public property...

We won't have you deny "the soft impeachment" touching the "Adventures of a Sixpence," but allow us to assure you it needed no "Paul Prying" to determine the paternity of "the work."

Go on, friend Silly-billy, treat your admirers to your sixpenny tales, and "Bush Sketches," and rest assured that so far from exciting our jealousy, we will look to you and your productions as an almost inexhaustible fund of amusement.

BASTARDY.—On Saturday a female who formerly belonged to the domestic establishment of Mr. Councillor Stephen, and was then known as Mrs. Gardner, applied to his Worship the Mayor for a summons against Mr. Stephen, whom she stated to be the father of the child she held in her arms...

MUTABILITY OF LANGUAGE.—Time was when the innermost garment of a lady was called a smock, and for centuries after Shakspeare the world suggested no in delicate idea. The world became more and more refined—smock was inserted in the Index Expurgatorius, and the word shift took its place.

THE LITTLE ADMIRAL.—On Friday, there was a very numerous attendance at the Police Office, in anticipation of the fun occasioned by Mr. Horatio Nelson Carrington's application to have Alderman Kerr held to bail, as the author of an alleged libel Kerr held to bail, as the author of an alleged libel...

the intractable Alderman being left to them seemingly by general consent. The case was opened in due form by Mr. Carrington himself, who centred for the nonce in his own little person the functions of prosecutor, principal witness, and junior counsel, Mr. Stephen leading, as became a Police Office practitioner "rocked in the cradle of the law."

"From grave to gay, from lively to serene"—from the mood heroic to the mood blubberous, altogether produced an effect, particularly when contrasted with the calmness and imperturbability of his opponent, which must be seen in order to be conceived. Unfortunately, our limits will not permit of our indulging our readers with even an outline of the little gentleman's oration, or of the still more amusing examination that followed...

EDITORIAL COURTESY.—The following touch of editorial courtesy, extracted from one of the Portland newspaper, surpasses anything of the kind we have seen even in these Colonies; our friend Gobenche's little pleasantries sink into mere nothingness in the comparison.—Speaking of his brother editor, our Bay contemporary writes as follows:—"What, however, can be expected from a discarded old gate-keeper of a coal-yard, who, in early life, was a notorious libertine in every species of sensuality; who was distinguished from another of the same name by the sobriquet of 'lying Tom,' who, after the snow of old age had fallen thick upon his head, was literally kicked out of a tap-room for obscene language, and other beastly conduct; who was dismissed by his master for divulging secrets obtained by the forcing open a sealed letter, with which, as a messenger, he was entrusted; who, even after he assumed the garb of the hypocrite, fell asleep in a state of drunkenness whilst on his knees, attempting to use the language of prayer: who, in a word, has been guilty of almost every crime which can disgrace humanity, and which respect for his large family and the feelings of our readers alone prevent us from recording!!! as a warning to guard against the drunkard, the liar, and the traitor."

THE GAZETTE.—We were in error, it seems in announcing the disappearance of our friend Silly-Billy from the literary world of Melbourne; it is Mr. Strode, we understand, that goes into "trumpety retirement" from the proprietorship, until, like Mathew Clear, "he can see his way." We confess we are not sorry that the preparation for transmission to England of Messrs. M'Combie and Co.'s annual bale of wool is to be left to the junior partners of that extensive establishment, for it would have grieved us to have parted company altogether with our friend Silly-Billy's sixpenny adventures and Australian sketches.

MUTABILITY OF LANGUAGE.—Time was when the innermost garment of a lady was called a smock, and for centuries after Shakspeare the world suggested no in delicate idea. The world became more and more refined—smock was inserted in the Index Expurgatorius, and the word shift took its place. What could possibly be more pure and unsuggestive—a shift! a change—that is all. A change of linen! In time it was found that even this simple and diffused generality became offensive. A shift—a change of linen! all very well if you were thinking of men, to whom shift has stuck with the tenacity of that of Dejeanira;—why could you not say a woman's shirt? No! Delicacy forbid. Purity itself, however, could suggest nothing more in offensive than a change of linen, a shift. Bashfulness (which is not always modesty) was inexorable, and in despair, we resorted to France—the word chemise was adopted, and I now see written up in the shops a still further refinement, "chemises d'homem"—can we go further? A charitable lady visiting a child's school, asked a young sempstress if the work she was employed on was a chemise;—the girl replied, "No my lady, this is a he-mise—that there girl makes she-mises." Now, when chemise in its turn shall become suggestive, I propose the adoption of this young lady's improvement, and that we should in future talk of he-mises and she-mises.—Illuminated Magazine.

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