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

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

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THE Barque LORD ELPHINSTONE, Capt Crawford, will sail for the above ports, on or about the 25th Instant. For freight or passage, Apply to
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11th December, 1844.

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Apply to
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Hongkong, November 21st, 1844.

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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, 18th November, 1844.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.
THE Schooner Ormen formerly ROSA. 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.
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TO LET.
A Bungalow, Apply to,
RICHARD OSWALD.
Victoria, 7th August, 1844.

TO LET.
THE commodious Bungalow at present occupied by Framjee Jamsjee 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.
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 railed in.
The Bungalow can be let either wholly or in part. For particulars apply to
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Victoria, 13th December, 1844.

TO LET or FOR SALE.
AN elegant and well built House, Situate East of Mr. Scott's, contains Ten Rooms and a spacious Hall.
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FOR SALE.—Pale and Brown Sherry
E. I. Madeira
Port
Hock (Graefenberg)
Claret
Champagne, and
Cognac Brandy.
Apply at the Godowns of
W. & T. GEMMELL & CO.
Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

FOR SALE.—From 16 to 32 oz. Sheathing Copper, and Nails, 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 Worthington 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. JOHN LEFFLER, and Mr. CHARLES W. MURRAY, to sign for their firm by procurator 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.

CLEAN 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.
Bass'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 Hogsheads,
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 procurator.
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. 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.

BILLS on Bengal at 30 and 40 days sight. For sale by
WETMORE & Co.
Canton, 16th 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 all parties, who may have in their possession registers and other papers of Dutch Vessels sold in this country since the year 1840, and not delivered at the time of Sale of the vessel to deliver the same to him.
M. J. SENN VAN BASEL.
Macao, 2d Nov., 1844. Netherl. Consul.

FOR SALE.
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 1 1/2 per cent per annum.
Of the first Class Assurance will be accepted to the extent of £ 10,000, on one risk.
Of the second & third Class, 5,000.

A Building and its contents taken together form one Risk, and the above mentioned amounts may be insured either on the building alone, or the contents alone, or part on each.
No Assurance to be considered in force until the premium be paid.

The Undersigned are also authorized to grant policies on Buildings and their contents at Macao and Manila.
Parties applying for Insurance will be pleased to send in full particulars of the risk, any deviation from which without the consent, of the Company will vitiate the policy.
MACVICAR & Co.
Agents in China.
Macao, 27 July, 1844.

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.

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., 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. FERCE.**
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 5 guineas for remaining the vacation.

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OF a beautiful and sweet-toned Dagrainville's Self-performing Organ, fitted in a handsome French polished case, having a escriptoir 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 Cavatine de l'Opera de la Dame du Lac ditto.
No. 2.—1 Overture du Mariage de Figaro Mozart.
2 Air: Voi che Sapete ditto.
No. 3.—1 Overture du Siege de Cosinthe, Opera Rossini.
2 Air du même Opera ditto.
No. 4.—1 Overture de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche Boieldieu.
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 Boieldieu.
3 Duo du Barbier de Seville Rossini.
No. 7.—1 Overture de la Guzza Ladra Rossini.
2 Cavatine 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 Tranceredi Rossini.
2 Di Tanti Palpi, Cavatine du même Opera ditto.
No. 10.—1 Overture de Fra Diavolo Auber.
2 Celeste Poredonce du Comte Ory Rossini.
3 Qu'elles Destins Prospere, idem ditto.
No. 11.—1 Overture du Califé de Bagdad Boieldieu.
2 Pensa alla Patria Rossini.
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 Rossini.
3 Le Gondolier Fidèle, idem ditto.
4 La Priere de Moise Rossini.
5 Rondo de la Mige ditto.
6 " "

Value of 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 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.

CUIS-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.

NOTICE.
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.

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.

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

FOR SALE AT MACAO.
AT LOW PRICES
AMERICAN Mess Beef, Flour, Cheese in tins, Raisins in half-boxes packed in casks, Butter in small kegs. Just landed from ship Montauk from New York.
W. P. FERCE.
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. FERCE.
Macao, October 12th, 1844.

WANTED.—A person who thoroughly understands the manufactory and repairing of Guns, Pistols, &c. Apply to
N. BOULLE.
Victoria, 26th 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.

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

HONGKONG,

ANNO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, No. 19 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 Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

Title. An Ordinance for the better regulation of the Harbour and surrounding Waters of the Island of Hongkong.

[26th day of November, 1844.]

Preamble. Whereas from the vicinity of the said Island to the mainland and from the circumstance of a considerable portion of the Chinese dwelling in boats and the general necessity of introducing Harbour and Police regulations into the surrounding Waters of the said Island it is expedient and necessary that concerning the same present and future Regulations should be made.

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Governor with the advice of the Executive Council of the said Island from time to time after the passing of this Ordinance to publish and declare such laws rules and regulations to be enforced by such fines and penalties as to him shall seem fit for the better regulation of the harbour and surrounding waters of the Island of Hongkong, and that all such rules and regulations after being duly published in the Newspaper or Gazette used at the time for Government Advertisements shall respectively have the force and effect of any Ordinance which might be passed by the said Governor with the advice of the said Legislative Council.

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

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 26th day of November, 1844.

A. E. SHELLEY, Clerk of the Councils.

NOTICE.

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

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.

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.

LATEST DATES.

Table with columns for location (England, United States, Calcutta, Bombay, Sydney, Madras, Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Chusan, Shanghai, Foo-chow-foo, Amoy) and dates.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 15th 1844.

The second criminal session of the Supreme Court opened on Monday. We were prevented through indisposition from being present, but we copy the first day's proceedings from the columns of our respected contemporary.

There are several bets pending on the passages of the Dumfries, John O'Gaunt and Viscount Sandon, all of them well known ships in this trade. The vessels are built by three several builders, owned by different owners, probably equally well found, and as they all sailed within 30 hours, there will be a fair trial of speed.

Yesterday forenoon a fire broke out in the new building in the course of erection in Magistracy Street, but no further destruction was done than the burning, or tearing down, of the bamboo sheds which surrounded the walls. The fire engine of the Royal Artillery, also another engine, were immediately on the spot, and aided in quenching the fire, which was spreading rapidly along the roof, and which had there been a breeze, and no means used to arrest its progress, would have committed some havoc.

We have since heard, that the fire engine from H. M. S. Castor was lauded and ready for duty.

It has been proposed to form a dramatic company of amateurs, under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Davis, and we will be happy to hear that the proposal has been carried into effect. However opposed to the opinions of some people, we cannot see that respectable dramatic performances can tend to injure the morals of the young—on the contrary, they elevate our ideas of human nature—they call forth the most tender sympathies of our heart—and refine alike our language and our feelings.—That in populous towns theatres (in common with all other public places of amusement) are frequented by foolish and even dissolute characters, we admit, but it by no means follows that because even they appreciate the beauties of the drama, or seek the theatre to wile away an idle hour, before the debauch of the evening begins, that all the beautiful and innocent faces which are to be found within the walls of respectable theatres, are indulging in sin, or running the risk of contamination. No, the pure heart of youth of either sex, will never be corrupted by the drama. It is in other scenes where they imbibe pernicious opinions, which too often lead to vice. The habit of indulging in scandal, malice, and of hatred is not to be acquired from the works of Shakespeare, or of Sheridan—where, if such vices are brought forward, it is only to expose them—and we hold that a true admirer of the legitimate drama will never be uncharitable towards his neighbour.

One of the greatest dangers young men encounter on their first outset in life, is a superabundance of unemployed time. At home where they can find pleasant society within their own family, or in the domestic circle of their acquaintances, the danger is lessened; but in Hongkong this protection is denied to many. It is unnecessary for us to enquire, why such should be the case, as the fact will not be denied, that respectable, though uninfluential youths holding situations in this colony, are almost excluded from a participation in either the social or intellectual enjoyments to which they have been accustomed. Unable, from their limited incomes, to move in the same sphere with those, with whom in birth, education and in talent they are equal, they are thrown back upon themselves, or must seek society where

it is to be found—in the billiard room or in the Tavern. The usual refuge of books may be denied them; nor have we a library, or any place where an evening can be passed in perusing the European Journals.

There are many respectable young men placed in the very painful position, we have laid down. If they will have social intercourse with their fellows, they must seek that intercourse in scenes foreign to their tastes, and with people of different habits from those to which they have been accustomed. If they prefer solitude,—but solitude without the inspiration of intellectual pursuits—they but too often get into a state of despondency, which alike enervates the mind and the body, and they fall victims to diseases, which placed in a different position, they would not have contracted.

Morality does not suffer from the drama. Ask the poor outcasts who seek for an hour or two to soothe their sorrows by listening to its beauties, where they were first exposed to sin? and few, very few, will say within the walls of a theatre. In most cases they were ruined and abandoned before they had ever seen a theatre. Or, ask the more hardened villain of the male sex, from whence he step by step advanced on his career of vice, and he too will answer, not from a theatre. It is as a protection from vice, that we would advocate the establishment of a place for dramatic performances in Hongkong; and we doubt not that such are the views of His Excellency in giving it his countenance. There are no doubt Gentlemen in the colony, military and civilians, who would eagerly embrace the opportunity thus offered them, of wiling away, what would otherwise be tedious hours, by studying the pages of our best dramatic writers, for the amusement of their friends. Time thus occupied will not be lost—they are not only cultivating their own minds by intellectual employments, but they are charitably affording others an opportunity of participating in harmless amusement, who otherwise would be spending the evening in cheerless solitude, or in reckless pleasure. In every undertaking of this kind difficulties will have to be encountered, and as much will depend upon those, who at first are entrusted with the management, it is to be hoped that the present scheme will be aided by the advice of prudent people. There will be no difficulty in raising funds: but there will require to be some caution in the management of these funds. It will be essentially requisite to place the direction in the hands of men perfectly respectable, thus giving the whole affair a good standing at the outset—by respectable we do not mean people who are respectable in station alone—but those who also are respectable in character.

Through the vigilance of the police robberies are comparatively few on this island, but it appears that the robbers have only been driven from land to follow their pursuits by water. The Schooner Stirling, has been attacked on her passage from this port to Macao and three of her crew killed. The Schooner herself only escaped after a vigorous defence, fortunately having an extra number of men on board.

From the ordinance which appears in our columns of to-day (No. 19th of 1844), we presume that the Executive of this colony, are about to adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary, for the suppression of piracy and protection of trading vessels, and we trust that the measures which they think best to adopt, will prove effectual.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday 15th December.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR, THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

Chong Acheon Comprador, Wong Ayon Watchman, and Yeang Anan were placed at the bar, accused that they feloniously and burglariously conspired to break into the house of Henry Serr, Esq., and carry away his goods on the 31st October, 1844, and by force of arms with other persons unknown broke into the said house and carried away the said goods, entered a plea of not guilty.

A Jury being balloted for and empanelled. Mr. Serr being sworn declares he remembers that about 10 o'clock at night on the 31st Oct. last, he was disturbed by hearing a pistol fired and an alarm that thieves were coming—he got up and asked the watchman what was the matter—there were two Indian and one Chinese watchmen—he asked the Indian—who said thieves and armed men were throwing stones at him and he fired—witness heard a stone or stones falling on the road—the watchman was struck on the leg—witness then retired, seeing no one—spoke to the Comprador who was up and dressed—identifies him—said he saw no persons about—a second alarm occurred after a time and several shots were fired by the watchman—witness got up again—called the Comprador who came immediately—said the noise was caused by the horses in the stable—the watchman said there were three or four armed men whom he had seen enter the Comprador's room and converse with him and the second prisoner Yeang Anan, a stranger who was found in the house, they again left the Comprador's room and the 2nd prisoner threw stones at him, he fired upon them and called the other Indian watchman who also fired—witness saw several shots fired going up the hill, as if by policemen—witness became alarmed and ordered all his servants into the drawing room—discovered there were two strangers present, one of whom is the 3rd prisoner—had given orders before that no strangers should be allowed in the house—kept them with the servants in the drawing room till morning and sent the strangers and comprador to the Chief Magistrate—the Comprador gave different accounts of the stranger at the bar—the Chinese watchman was not present, but came from the front of the house where he said he had seen nothing, although

the other watchmen said they must have come past him—the comprador placed the silver articles in daily use upon a chair close to a window where the thieves came down though he was never accustomed to carry them away.

The Indian watchman being called and not appearing the Attorney General applied to have his recognisance declared forfeited; his security appeared and declared he had escaped, and the recognisance was forfeited.

The second Indian watchman being examined declared he entered Mr. Serr's employment that night—went on watch at 7 o'clock, was called by the other watchman at 11 who said stones had been thrown at him—corroborates Mr. Serr's evidence—saw the thieves running up the hill, followed them with Musdeen the other watchman and fired at them.

The Judge having read over the evidence to the Jury they returned a verdict of not guilty and the prisoners were discharged from the bar.

Michael Travers, Corporal and John Hunt, private of H. M.'s 98th Regt., were accused that on the 12th Nov. last, they did steal and take 5 Dollars and one Rupee of the property of Kok Ayung

The prisoners pleaded not guilty.

Kok Ayung examined is a shopkeeper in the lower bazaar, remembers the 12th Nov. last, was weighing some money a little after 7 o'clock in the evening with his door closed but not bolted—one soldier came into the shop, and another stood at the door—recognises John Hunt as one of them—it was he that entered the shop—he picked up three or four of the Dollars witness was weighing—there were Rupees and Dollars mixed—witness went for a policeman, when he returned he found his door broken and his partner and the soldier had been fighting—his partner is Ceon Afat—it was the same soldier—he went out of the shop by a back way—the money had been received in his shop during the day by himself and his partner—witness did not strike the prisoner—his partner declared on weighing them again there were 3 1/2 taels wanting—saw his partner weigh them again

The partner of the preceding witness being called and sworn corroborated this testimony—identifies John Hunt—there were about 20 dollars in the scale, from 4 to 6 Rupees and about the same number of half Rupees—cannot tell what coin Hunt took, but on weighing again 3 1/2 taels were wanting—there were 14 taels and 3 to 4 mace in the scale at first—and 10 taels and 7 or 8 mace afterwards—Witness closed the door and kept his back to it while his partner called the Police—Hunt struck and cut him on the head, with his belt—and called to another man outside who broke the door open—the Police then came and took both into custody—cannot say who the other person was, it being dark—did not strike the prisoner.

Mr. Caldwell sworn, about half past 7 was walking through the lower bazaar, heard a noise at a Chinaman's door, came up and saw two soldiers trying to push the door open—identifies Travers as one of them, the other went away—both burst the door open—saw the corporal take two parts of the door and throw them into the street; the police then came—witness then saw the other prisoner coming out of the shop with the last witness whose face was bleeding—both were taken into custody. Hunt's dress was disordered, and blood on his face.

Serjeant Shelley of the Police also corroborates the foregoing evidence—a Chinaman came and desired assistance—it was the first witness—said there were soldiers robbing his house—went with him and found the prisoner Travers outside the door—the door was lying in the street—found private Hunt inside the house surrounded by 4 or 5 Chinamen and trying to get away from them—the second witness's face was all over blood—brought out Hunt—a Chinaman followed him and told him he had got 5 Dollars and a Rupee in his possession—prisoner admitted he had—witness then sent for more policemen and took the two off to jail—Serjeant Collins searched them and found 38 2Rs. and a 4 Anna piece in possession of the private and 5 Rs. on the Corporal which was give back as belonging to his pay.

Serjeant Collins, searched the private Hunt and the Corporal, produces the money found on Hunt.

The Prisoners wishing some witnesses to be called in defence the court adjourned for some time to allow them to be sent for.

Serjeant Averil being called and sworn declares he saw the prisoner private Hunt have money in his possession the night he was put in confinement—knows he had rupees but does not know if he had dollars—does not know how many he had—after he was taken into custody witness searched his box and found ten rupees in it—the corporal is a well conducted regular soldier—the prisoner Hunt is a clean regular soldier but witness has little acquaintance of him.

Robert Davidson being sworn—knows Hunt had dollars in his possession when he came out—he saw him take both dollars and rupees from his box and put in his cartouche box—does not know how much but it was a handful—had the money in his hand the night before but does not know how much it was—it was taken from his box.

The Chief Justice remarked that it appeared from the evidence that it was not the hand of Serjeant Travers which took the money but if the jury were satisfied that he was aiding and abetting his guilt was the same—He then recapitulated the evidence and the Jury after a short consultation returned a verdict of guilty against private Hunt and of not guilty in the case of Michael Travers who was discharged from the bar. The Chief Justice addressing the Prisoner sentenced him to be imprisoned in Her Majesty's Jail for three months.

Leong Chan-shing accused that on the 25th Oct. last at Victoria he did steal and carry away one piece of hina crape pleaded not guilty.

Lu Tai Shong called and sworn declared ho

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE FROM 3RD DECEMBER TO DECEMBER 15th 1844.

Meteorological table with columns for Chinese day, Day of the month, Day of the week, Mts, Barometer, Min, Mean, Max, Thermometer, Wind, Remarks. Includes data for days 1-6 and 9-15.

especially exhibit those qualities which demand the reverence of mankind. An elective assembly will be pardoned for breaches of propriety which in the superior Chamber would provoke derision or contempt.

"The Earl of Minto rose to order. The Noble Marquis made his speech on the intimation that he was about to move.—(A laugh).

"The Lord Chancellor: Let the noble marquis make his motion. (Hear, hear).

"The Marquis of Londonderry: I beg leave to withdraw my motion. (Much laughter).

"The Lord Chancellor: I rise to order. The noble marquis not having yet made his motion cannot withdraw it, undoubtedly. (Laughter) It was only a promise of a motion. (A laugh). It has not been made, I cannot put a nonentity. (A laugh)."

Now, all this may be very good fun; it is, doubtless, as an after-dinner amusement, highly diverting, excellent for the digestion. But we protest most earnestly and emphatically against the perversion of the House of Lords, into a pantomime exhibition, even when that pantomime is set off by the humorous extravaganzas of Lords Brougham and Campbell.

that remedial alternative which is afforded by the provisions of the Septennial. [Britannia].

THE POSTAGE LABELS AND ENVELOPES.

The following facts relative to the manufacture of our present postage labels and envelopes may not be uninteresting to the reader. They are gleaned from a paper by the Rev. J. Barlow, on the Chemical and Mechanical Processes, and the Social Influences of the Penny Post, read at a recent meeting of the London Royal Institution.

PARLIAMENT.—The performances of Parliament have consisted of odds and ends—motions which nobody would attend to earlier in the session, yet have escaped the doom of being deferred till "next session;" the later stages of bills which have to be huddled through by the grouse-season; some "mas-

have not neglected that subject; though what they have really done is nearly as obscure as their assailant's notion of what they ought to do: diplomatic etiquette, as usual, ties their tongues till all the mischief, if any, shall have been accomplished; just as Lord Palmerston used to claim exemption from interference so long as it could be of any use.

CANTON PRICES CURRENT. 11th DECEMBER, 1844. IMPORTS.—DUTY PAID. Ale (best brands) \$16 0 0 15 0 per hhd Amber 10 50 11 0 per catty Beet Nut 4 0 0 0 per picul Canvas—Eng. and S. 8 0 9 0 per hhd Scotch

Cochineal 140 0 0 0 per picul Copper, sheathing 24 0 0 0 " S. Am. 20 0 0 0 " Cordage, European 8 0 9 0 " COTTON, Bombay, sh. ps. Ts. 5 0 7 5 " new 6 5 0 0 " Madras 8 1 0 0 " Bengal 7 5 0 0 "

Highest net prices for best quality, dull but disposable at quotations and stocks reducing.

COTTON GOODS. White Shirtings, 3 0 3 20 per picul No demand. Grey, ditto ditto, 2 75 3 20 Wanted. Yarn, Nos. 18 to 24, 23 0 0 0 per picul Nos. 26 to 36, 25 0 0 0 " Nos. 38 to 42, 29 0 0 0 "

METALS. Tin, Banca, 18 0 18 50 per picul Straits, 15 50 16 0 " Plates, 6 20 0 0 per box No demand. Iron, Nail, 2 20 0 0 per picul Hoop, 2 10 0 0 " Bar, 2 0 2 0 "

Steel, 4 0 4 50 " No market. Lead Pig, 4 80 0 00 " Saleable. Quicksilver, 120 "

OPIMUM, Patna, new, 725 0 775 0 per chest " old, 0 0 0 0 " Benares, new, 610 0 000 0 " old, 0 0 0 0 " Malwa, new good, 740 0 0 0 " Turkey, 500 0 0 0 per picul Pepper, 5 00 0 0 " Rice, cargo quality, 1 60 0 0 " Rattans, Banjermessan, 4 0 0 0 " Sandalwood, Malabar, 5 12 13 0 " " T'nor. & S. S. Isl. 4 0 7 0 " Saltpetre, 7 0 7 50 "

WOOLLENS. Spanish Stripes, 1 0 1 20 per yard Long Ells, scarlet, 8 30 0 0 per picul well assorted, 8 20 0 0 " Camlets, English, 22 0 24 50 " " Dutch, 28 0 30 0 " All woollens extremely dull, and very few sales effected.

EXPORTS.—ON BOARD.

Alum, \$1.75 to 2 0 per picul Annised, 10 0 0 0 " Camphor, 22 0 0 0 " Cassia, 11 0 0 0 " Considerable arrivals expected here shortly. Buls, 17 0 15 0 " China Roots, 2 50 3 0 " Galangal, 3 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 " No buyers, price nominal, stock about 600 bales.

TEA.

Congou, 17 0 33 0 " Caper, 17 0 21 0 " Souehong, 25 0 38 0 " Orange Pekoe, 21 0 26 0 " " fine scented, 49 0 54 0 " Twankay, 19 0 44 0 " Hyson, 43 0 95 0 " Young Hyson, 28 0 80 0 " Hyson Skin, 18 0 36 0 " Gunpowder, 40 0 83 0 " Imperial, 37 0 80 0 "

EXPORT OF TEAS FROM CANTON TO UNITED KING-

DOM FROM 1ST JULY TO 11TH DECEMBER, 1844. Green, 3,424,525 lbs. Black, 16,337,146 "

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

COTTON REPORT.

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

PRICES OF BULLION.

Sycee Silver, large, 3 per cent. premium Spanish Dollars, Ferdinand, par " Carlos, 6 to 7 per cent. for selected. Republican ditto, 4 to 5 per cent. discount.

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London at 6 months sight, 4s. 5d. to 4s. 6d. 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. Consular Agent 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. tonnage ample. To Out-ports, 10s. per ton additional. To Amoy, 36 per ton of 40 feet. To ports north of Amoy, 310 to 312 50

SHIPS LOADING FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Pinang, Hersey, Castle Eden, John Wickliffe. Lady, Lyander, John Laird, Charlotte, Royal. Albert, Scanlan, Royal Albert, Balderstone, Eagle.

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