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FOR THE STRAITS AND MADRAS.

THE Barque TEAZER, Capt. Budd, will have quick despatch for the above places, and has good accommodation for passengers. For freight apply to **JARDINE MATHESON & Co.** Victoria, 21st December, 1844.

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

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

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

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURGH.

THE Bremen brig MARGARETHE, Captain J. G. Klencke, will have early despatch. For freight apply to **KENNEDY MACGREGOR & Co.** Victoria, 19th December, 1844.

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.

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 despatch. Apply to **SENN VAN BASEL.** Macao, 7th December, 1844.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE A. 1. Clyde Built Brig CHALLENGER, 228 Tons Register, Capt. Walter Archibald. Apply to **FISCHER WILLIS & Co.** Victoria, OSWALD'S BUNGALOW, 16th December, 1844.

NOTICE.

THE Dutch ship V. SCO 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, preferring to go 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 19th 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. 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.

TO LET.

THE commodious Bungalow at present occupied by Franjee 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.

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 railled 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.

TO LET.

A Bungalow, Apply to, **RICHARD OSWALD.** Victoria, 7th August, 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

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, Bolts, Rings Butt Bolts and Spikes. Also, Canvas, from No. 1 to 6. Apply at the Godowns of **W. & T. GEMMELL & Co.** Victoria, 17th May, 1844.

FOR SALE.—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 procuration in Hongkong and Macao. **MURROW & Co.** Canton, 1st June, 1844.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE OF CALCUTTA. **THE** undersigned having been appointed Agents in China are prepared to Grant Policies payable here, in London, Bombay and Calcutta. **MURROW & Co.** Canton & Macao, 10th July, 1844.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY. **THE** Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China are prepared to grant Policies payable here, in London, Calcutta, Singapore, Madras Colombo and Mauritius. (signed) **MURROW & Co.** Canton and Macao, 15th August, 1844.

FOR SALE.

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

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

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of **Mr. Josiah McGregor,** in our firm, ceased on the 1st December, 1843: on which day **Mr. Alfred Wilkinson,** and **Mr. Joseph Mackrill Smith,** were admitted Partners. **BELL & Co.** Canton, 1st December, 1844.

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 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 Franjee Cama & Co.** **PESTONJEE MERVANSEE & 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. MACKEY.** **Y. J. MURROW.** Canton, 1st June, 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.

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.

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.

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

TO Sale by the Undersigned a Persian Carpet measuring 35 by 20 feet. **EDWARD NEWMAN.** Victoria, 20th Dec. 1844.

LOTTERY.

OF a beautiful, and sweet-toned **Davainville's** Self-performing Organ, fitted in a handsome French polished case, having a cressitoir 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'Orfeo Rossini ditto.
2 Cavatine de l'Opera de la Dame du Lac Mozart ditto.
No. 2.—1 Overture du Mariage de Figaro Rossini ditto.
2 Air: Voi che Sapete ditto.
No. 3.—1 Overture du Siege de Corinthe, Opera Rossini ditto.
2 Air du meme Opera ditto.
No. 4.—1 Overture de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche Boieldieu ditto.
2 Choeur d'Avenel du meme Opera Rossini ditto.
No. 5.—1 March et Duo de l'Opera de Moise Rossini ditto.
2 Autre Duo du meme Opera ditto.
No. 6.—1 Grand Air de Figaro de l'Opera du Barber de Seville Rossini ditto.
2 Duo de l'Opera de la Dame Blanche Boieldieu ditto.
3 Duo du Barber de Seville Rossini ditto.
No. 7.—1 Overture de la Gazza Ladra Rossini ditto.
2 Cavatine du meme Opera Rossini ditto.
No. 8.—1 Overture de l'italienne a Alger Rossini ditto.
2 La Trompette Guerriere de l'Opera Robert-le-Diable Meyerbeer ditto.
No. 9.—1 Overture de Traceredi Rossini ditto.
2 Di Tanti Palpiti, Cavatine du meme Opera ditto.
No. 10.—1 Overture de Fra Diavolo Auber ditto.
2 Celeste Paredance du Comte Ory Rossini ditto.
3 Que les Destins Prospere, idem Rossini ditto.
No. 11.—1 Overture du Cable de Bagdad Boieldieu ditto.
2 Pensa alla Patria Rossini ditto.
3 Overture de Robert-le-Diable Meyerbeer ditto.
No. 12.—1 Contredance Rossini ditto.
2 Valse Rossini ditto.
3 Valse Rossini ditto.
4 Valse Rossini ditto.
5 Valse Rossini ditto.
6 Valse Rossini ditto.
No. 13.—1 La Marseillaise Auber ditto.
2 Air du Fra Diavolo Rossini ditto.
3 Le Gondolier Fidele, idem Rossini ditto.
4 La Priere de Moise Rossini ditto.
5 Rondo de la Mize Rossini ditto.
6 a Ira Rossini ditto.

Valued Spanish Dollars Twelve Hundred, and divided into sixty Chances, at Twenty dollars each. The sixty Chances are divided into ten braces—first: Nos. 1, a 10; second; Nos. 11 a 20; third; 21 a 30; fourth: 31 a 40, and so on to 60. Any Subscriber of the first, second, or other braces, winning the Prize, will have to pay twenty dollars for each number, to the other Subscribers in the same brace.

Parties in Canton or Hongkong desiring to become Subscribers will please to send to the undersigned their names, with reference for payment, and will at the same time appoint a person, (whose name must be given to the undersigned), to attend the Drawing, which will take place at Captain **Pepe van'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.
OS-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.

THE undersigned have to announce the arrival (ex "Foam") of a small supply of **Tuglioni** Coats and Shooting Jackets. **McEWEN & Co.** Victoria, 13th December, 1844.

THE Undersigned have on Sale a few Kegs of **Fine's** do, 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.

WINE 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. **McEWEN & Co.** Victoria, 19th November, 1844.

McEWEN & Co. have just received (from the celebrated **JOHN SMITH** of London) the following choice assortment of Boots & Shoes, viz. Calfskin Wellington boots with spur socket heels, Clarence lace ankle boots with spur sockets, Vamp-ance shooting boots to button at the heel, Double solid walking shoes, Light walking shoes, Japan dress pumps &c. &c. **McEWEN & Co.** Victoria, 25th October, 1844.

THE undersigned have on Sale, a quantity of **English and Holland's Gin, Liqueurs, Superior Scotch Whisky, Light Cognac, Beer, and Porter** in Bottle, Preserved Fruits, Smoked Salmon in tins, &c. Also, just received a quantity of Letter Clips various sizes. **McEWEN & Co.** Victoria, December 20th, 1844.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, &c., &c., is pleased to direct that the annexed despatch from the Imperial Commissioner Keying, announcing the condign punishment of the Cheek-choo pirates, be published for general information.

By order, ADAM W. ELMSEIE.

Victoria Hongkong, 21st December, 1844.

Keying, High Imperial Commissioner, Member of the Imperial Clan, and Governor General of Kwangtung and Kwangse &c., &c., sends the following reply.

I just received from you the Honorable Envoy a despatch respecting the Pirate Chinatae and others (here is the recapitulation of the communication dated 6th Instant) and find on examination, that the Singan military division seized the principal criminals Chin-mang-new, Chinatae and Too-atik, three in number, and their accomplices Chin-peatsae, Chin-a-gne and Lin-foo-tsae, also three. And as the Great Minister took into consideration, that this was an important case, and it would therefore not be proper long to delay their execution; I ordered the local Mandarins to send them up to the Provincial City, that they might soon be tried. Both the criminals Chin-mang-new and Chin-pea-tsae however died in prison of disease, whilst Chinatae Too-atik, and the others, four altogether, were again put on their trial and confessed, before the Provincial Judge. I the Great Minister in conjunction with Ching the Lieutenant Governor, having the Treasurer, Judge and Inspectors under our direction, then judicially ascertained, that Chin-mang-new was the criminal who originated the piracy, and although he had died in prison, his corpse ought nevertheless to be cut into pieces. The crime of the leaders Chinatae and Too-atik who both boarded the boat and committed piracy and murder being of the deepest die, so that no law could respite them, we therefore requested respectfully a death warrant, and directed the Provincial Judge to take the two criminals Chinatae and Too-atik, and send them bound to the place of execution, there to be decapitated and their heads to be exposed; whilst Chin-mang-new's body, he being the author of the piracy, should at the same time be cut to pieces, and their heads be stuck up on a pole, at the place, where the crime was committed, as a warning to the multitude and to deter others.

The two accomplices Chin-a-gne and Lin-foo-tsae, who though being forced on board the boat, and shared in the plunder, still did not assist personally in the robbery, ought also as accomplices of pirates, according to law, be sentenced to decapitation, wait now an answer from the Board of punishment.

Whilst reporting this to the Throne, I have given strict orders to all the military and civil authorities to apprehend with the utmost severity the missing criminals, and having endeavoured to seize them, again institute a trial.

Thinking it my duty to state to you the Honorable Envoy, the particulars of the judicial proceedings, in my official reply, I wish you increasing happiness, and this is the principal object of the communication addressed to.

His Excellency, Her Britannic Majesty's Plenipotentiary, Governor of Hongkong, Commander in Chief of the Forces and Superintendent of Trade, DAVIS, &c., &c., &c.

Tawkwang, 24th year, 11th Month, 8 Day, 17th December, 1844.

Received 20th December, True Translation, (Signed) Charles Gutzlaff, Chinese Secretary.

True Copy, ADAM W. ELMSEIE.

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.

POST OFFICE REGULATIONS.

TO COME INTO FORCE ON THE FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT.

Mails are sorted immediately on their arrival at the Post Office and Deliveries are made to Subscribers. Deposit accounts may for the present be kept with all persons who desire it. They are however required to furnish a book in which the amount of Cash deposited and of postage due by them is entered by the Postmaster. This book is sent round occasionally and always upon application or when the credit account is nearly drawn out. Mercantile houses subscribe \$2 per month, mercantile men \$1 per month and private individuals \$5 per month for which copies are provided the letters and papers regularly delivered at the houses and a Pigeon hole or private box in the Office is devoted to the separate use of each Subscriber. This defrays the expense of the extra Post Office Cooks Establishment. Letters from one house to another in the Town of Victoria are for the present delivered free. Immediately on the receipt of Authentic or Cf-

ficial information of the departure of any Steamer or other quick vessel for the more important Ports. Notice is given of the same by Circulars and when there is time to do so it is inserted in the Gazette, and is sent to the British Consul at Canton, the British Consular Agent at Macao and to the Officer Commanding at Chek-cho.

Mails can be sent every evening closed at 5 p. m. to Chek-cho forwarded by the Mess Com-prador. Great care is taken to have all Letters delivered as early as possible and no trouble is spared in finding out the parties to whom they are addressed every enquiry being made relative to doubtful Letters and from our knowledge of the shipping generally and of the Inhabitants of China very few letters are at present in the Post Office for delivery. The following is a List of the undelivered Letters now lying in the Post Office:—

List of unclaimed Letters at the Post-Office, Victoria.

- 4 Anchant R. W.
1 Bridgman J.
1 Brooke Samuel Assistant Surgeon.
1 Brien John.
1 Bennett Mr.
1 Brunt Wm
3 Blackwell Ed.
2 Case J. S.
1 Cumont & Co.
1 Corlett J. J. M.
1 Durgee Rd.
1 Dalein John.
1 Ewart W. Henderson.
1 Fraser Wm.
1 Goff Robt.
1 Goodale Mr.
2 Golding Mr.
1 Hay J. C. D.
1 Hadgson Thos.
1 Hyde J. P.
1 Hunter W. G or W. C.
1 Harris Mr.
1 James Ensign Hy.
1 Lind Hy.
1 Lepry
1 Lewis R.
1 Lopes J. I.
3 Lopes B. C.
2 Lee Fred.
2 Lee Hy.
2 McIntosh C. C. or C. E.
1 Mumby Sack.
1 Murdock Mr.
1 Miller Wm.
1 Merritt R. W.
1 Morrison John.
1 McRo. Stephen.
2 Newton W. H.
2 Pike Capt. N.
1 Peterson Mr.
1 Poleixen Ensign J. J.
8 Smith Ed. Maher.
4 Smith Abraham.
2 Shover S. C.
1 Soames Wm.
1 Skinner & Co
1 Savell Antoux.
4 Underwood Wm.
1 Wood J.
1 Weiss C.

SHIPS.

- 1 Admiral Mogson, Capt. Mc-Knight.
1 Advocate, Mr Wm. Termon.
1 Aurora, W. W. Stacepole.
2 Bligh, Alfd. Burgess.
1 Bincoken, Robt. Smyth.
1 Calnee Castle, Capt. Lemon.
1 Emard, Capt. J. S. Field.
1 General Hewitt, Capt. John Hart.
2 Hugh Jones, Mrs. J. Jones.
1 Hygea, D. Lewis.
1 Julia, Capt. H. Jones.
1 Janet, Capt. Dring.
1 Julius, P.-M. Fairweather.
1 Lady Leith, Capt. J. W. Lewis.
1 Merchant, Capt. Murphy.
1 Martha, J. Gilchrist.
1 Nukut, A. Skilly.
1 Paragon, Capt. W. H. Curtis.
4 Queen Victoria, Mr. Sedwich.
1 Recovery, Eck Johnson.
1 Roseberry, W. Isbister.
2 Stalkent, Capt. A. R. Disison.
1 Syria, Mr. Macaleister.
1 Success, L. H. Ross.
1 Stah Aleum, Capt. J. T. Page.
1 Unicorn, W. T. Muleous.
1 Wiggon, Capt. Cofes.
1 Wm. Russell, J. P. Miller.
1 Walmer Castle, H. W. Pope.

Victoria, 15th December, 1844.

For the better security of Letters for members of H. M. Government or of Letters supposed to be of greater importance than usual, they are entered in a delivery book for signature which is checked by the Postmaster himself after each delivery.

On the arrival of the Overland Mail notice is sent round stating at what hour the delivery will be made all parties being required on this occasion and only for the first day, to send for their Letters; the members of H. M. Government excepted.

The Dollar is for the present taken at 4s. 4d. The following Table of Postage Charges is published for General Information to take effect on and after the 5th day of January next.

The Regular Mail between the United Kingdom and Hongkong consists of two portions the General Mail by Marseilles and the Supplementary Mail by Southampton all letters to go by the latter route must be addressed "via Southampton."

Postages on letters via Marseilles to or from the United Kingdom cannot be paid here.

Postages on letters hence "via Southampton" to the United Kingdom &c. prepayment optional.

Postages on letters and Newspapers hence for Foreign Countries (France and Holland excepted) must be prepaid.

No Postages upon Stamped British Newspapers from Great Britain "via Southampton" nor upon Hongkong newspapers hence "via Southampton" to the United Kingdom, but if "via Marseilles" subject in the United Kingdom to the charge of 3d. Rates upon ship letters and Newspapers properly

forwarded to and from the United Kingdom not collected here.

From Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Bermuda, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Dominica, Antigua, Nevis, St. Kitts, Tortola, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Tobago, Grenada, Trinidad, Barbice, Demerara, Bahamas, Carriacou, Montserrat, Malta, Gibraltar, and New Zealand not collected here.

Rates upon Ship Letters properly forwarded from British Colonies and not under the control of the Postmaster General subject to 4d. per half ounce &c. and to gratuities.

Rates upon Ship Letters hence to British Colonies and Foreign Countries not through the United Kingdom subject to 4d. per half ounce &c.

THE BRITISH SCALE.

For charging, Postage of letters above 1/2 oz. and not exceeding 1 oz. 2 rates " " " " " " 2 " 4 " " " " " " " 3 " 6 " " " " " " " 4 " 8 "

and for every ounce above four ounces two additional rates and every fraction of an ounce will be charged as one additional ounce.

SCALE OF POSTAGES.

Table with columns: Countries to which prepayment is compulsory in Hongkong, Letters, Newspapers. Includes Spain, Portugal, Madeira, Brazil, United States of America, Panama, Honduras, Foreign West Indies, etc.

All Letters for the Interior of India must be prepaid and the Colonial rate upon Letters to India from the Consular Ports must be paid in advance.

Countries to which prepayment is optional in Hongkong.

Table with columns: Countries to which prepayment is optional in Hongkong, Letters, Newspapers. Includes Canada, Prince Edwards Island, Nova Scotia, British West Indies, Jamaica, Gibraltar, Bremen, Hamburg, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, France.

The Foreign rate of 5s. is chargeable on a letter under a 1/2 oz. in weight and an additional rate of 5s. for each 1/2 oz.

All newspapers to pass under these Regulations must be sent without a cover, or in a cover free and open at the sides. No sign of communication to be written or printed upon the paper subsequent to publication nor upon the cover beyond the necessary address of the person to whom sent nor to contain any inclosure.

The attention of the Public and particularly of Merchants, Masters of and Passengers in Vessels is directed to the provisions of the Acts 1 Vic. C. 36. and 3. and 4. Vic. C. 95. prohibiting the delivery and sending of letters by Vessels excepting through the Post Office under heavy penalties, making it incumbent upon all Masters of Vessels to deliver all letters to the Post Office and prohibiting Vessels from being reported and from having bills broken till a declaration by the Master of the faithful delivery of letters has been made and signed before the Postmaster. The provisions of these Acts extend to Passengers in vessels delivering or having in their possession Letters that ought to have been delivered to the Post Office.

After the 5th of January next a Mail will be made up and closed daily at the Post Office at 9 o'clock p. m. for Canton & Macao to go by Fast Boat. The Fast-boat-man will call at the Post Office for this Mail and will receive daily a fresh pass or Certificate from the Post Master with the date Stamp of the office attached which will enable him to pass the Guard-boats in the Harbour as late as 10 o'clock at night without this pass the Boat will be stopped and should any Letters be found on board which have not gone through the Post-office the above recited Provisions of the Post-office Act will be strictly enforced.

A Box will be fitted into the office window for the reception of these Letters upon which the words "Canton" & "Macao" will be printed in English and Chinese, and prepayment to or from these two Ports is optional To all other Consular Ports prepayment is compulsory and Letters from those other Ports to Hongkong, Canton or Macao are not to be prepaid.

Table with columns: The Charge on, A letter per Fast Boat under 1/2 oz. to or from Canton 16 cts, Do. per Mail, Do. do. Shanghai 60, Do. do. Amoy 15, Do. do. Foochow 15, Do. do. Canton 15.

Letters from Seaman in H. M. Navy Soldiers and Sepoy Letters if franked by the Commanding Officer.—Free.

No letter can be given back when once posted on any pretence whatever.

No Letter can be received after the hour named for closing the Mail.

The Post-Office is open from 7 A. M. till 5 P. M. and on Sunday from 9 to 10 A. M. and 4 to 5 P. M.

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FRANCIS SPRING, Acting Deputy Post-master.

NOTIFICATION.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the Hon'ble the Governor in Council intends to despatch the monthly Mail Steamers to Suez during the ensuing Season, on the dates specified below, viz:—

Table with columns: The Oct. Steamer, on Tuesday the 1st Oct., Nov. on Friday the 1st Nov., Dec. on Monday the 2nd Dec., January on Wednesday the 1st Jan., February on Saturday the 1st Feb., March on Saturday the 1st March, April on Tuesday the 1st April, May on Thursday the 1st May.

By order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council,

P. M. MELVILLE, Lieut. Col. Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 21 September, 1844.

POLICE OFFICE.

Victoria, 2nd November, 1844.

BEFORE THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE.

CASE No. 477.

Chang Achong Comprador, and Wong Aym Watchman to Mr. Sirm charged with disobedience of orders in permitting two Strangers to sleep in the house, as well as neglect of duty.

Mr. Sirm being sworn states. On Thursday night last about 10 o'clock I was twice disturbed by noise, and upon inquiring of the native Watchmen what it was they told me that it was of thieves, but they had fired shots at them, and that they ran up the hill round my house. I heard stones thrown; one broke a lamp in a mat room and one of the native Watchmen was struck, I heard both shots fired, I was much annoyed at my Watchmen, and ordered all my servants into the drawing room, when I found two men (prisoners now here) not belonging to my establishment. On questioning the Comprador who they were, he gave me three distinct descriptions of them, I had also given my Comprador orders always to let me know before any servant left the house, and I found this night that the Cook had left.

Regarding the watchman he denied all knowledge of the thieves, and said that he had heard nothing of them.

Shah Moosdeen native of India states, I am Watchman to Mr. Sirm, on the night of Thursday last, some time after the firing of the Gun, I cannot say exactly how long after, but about two hours, we were attacked by thieves 4 in number with spears, they held a consultation with the servants inside of the house, I saw them speak with the Comprador, the Comprador saw the prisoner Yaong Anasa strike me on the thigh with a stone, he and the prisoner Laong Ahew were inside the house with the Comprador, when the thieves attacked, the watchman had just beaten his Bimboo, and gone into the place where he slept, and sat there in a chair, and after a short time I saw him lay down on his bed. When Mr. Sirm called his servants out, the Comprador had only a pair of trousers on, his boxes were under his bed locked, the bed clothes were spread out and the curtains up. The witness cannot write. The evidence is explained to him by the Chief Magistrate; he confirms it and puts his mark.

Case postponed until Monday next for further evidence.

5th November, 1844.

Before the Chief Magistrate.

Continuation of Case No. 477.

Mogul Chuan native of Bengal sworn, about 5, or 6 nights ago, I was hired to watch at Mr. Sirm's house, about 11 o'clock at night I was alarmed by the report of a pistol from Moosdeen another watchman, I went round to him and he told me that thieves were about the house. I saw 5 men with spears about the door of Mr. Sirm's house, in conversation with the servants who Moosdeen told me were Mr. Sirm's men. I cannot recognize any of the prisoners in Court, as I only went to Mr. Sirm's house that evening at 7 o'clock, Moosdeen told me that some of the thieves had thrown stones at him. The thieves with spears on seeing me ran away up the hill, and the other men went into the servant's room of Mr. Sirm's house, Moosdeen then showed me a mark on his thigh which he told me had been caused by one of the thieves throwing a stone at him, about an hour or two after this there was another alarm of thieves, Moosdeen called me to his assistance, I went round to his side of the House, Moosdeen fired two shots at the four thieves, and I fired one. They threw stones at us, and one fell on the roof of Mr. Sirm's house, I did not see Mr. Sirm's servants this time, but Mr. Sirm and another Gentleman ordered them out of their room, and locked them up in Mr. Sirm's house, shortly after this an armed body of Police, (10 in number) came to Mr. Sirm's house who went in search of the thieves, but without being able to apprehend any.

The above evidence is explained to witness by the Chief Magistrate, who confirms it, being unable to write, makes his mark.

Mr. Sirm adds his evidence as follows.

On one of the occasions of the Indian Watchmen firing after the alarm of thieves, I saw the prisoner Chang Achong my Comprador standing outside of the window, and on my asking him the cause of alarm he told me it was nothing but a noise made by the horses in the stable. After I had taken all my servants into my own house, I went into their rooms, and found most of their boxes, and some of their bedding ready packed up. The Cook did not appear until next forenoon, he has since been discharged, and I do not know where he is.

Signed H. C. SIRM.

DEFENCE.

Chong Acheong denies having heard anything of the thieves, never had any conversation with them, that his master had given him orders not to allow strangers into the house, that one of the two men found with him was assistant to the cook, the other a man who he intended to take the situation of watchman the next day, did not tell Mr. Sirr that these men were in the house, nor does not know whether Mr. Sirr knew they were there, that no preparation was made in the servants' rooms for leaving the house. The cook being absent his bedding was rolled up, all the other servant's bedding was spread out. Heard shots fired by the Indian watchmen, but did not see any thieves, never saw the Indian watchman before that day, one was hired at six o'clock, and the other at 7. That he was not dressed, had been making up his accounts, and had only gone to bed when he was called up with the alarm of thieves. The watchman, Moosdeen, asked Anam to let him have the half of his bed to smoke Opium; Anam refused to let him; and he was annoyed. Did not see Anam strike Moosdeen with a stone.

(Signed.) CHONG ACHONG.

Mr. Sirr being questioned by the Chief Magistrate, "States" that after the first alarm of robbers, the Comprador to the best of his knowledge had his stockings and garters on; but that he had not, on the 2nd alarm being given.

(Signed.) H. C. SIRR.

Wong Ayun "States" that he heard an alarm of thieves but saw none, heard shots fired by the Indian watchmen, never went into the Comprador's room that night, the Comprador had not got his stockings on when called into the house by Mr. Sirr, did not bear any stones or anything broken one of the two men found in the house is assistant to the cook—the other is a Shroff a friend of the Comprador's.—Did not see Anam strike the Indian watchman.

His mark. +

Laong Ahew, heard the alarm of thieves, was called up by the Comprador but did not see any thieves, heard the report of firing, did not hear the Comprador speak to any person that night—Is assistant to Mr. Sirr's cook has lived in the house about a month, Comprador had no stockings on, when called by Mr. Sirr, did not see Ayun go into the Comprador's room; did not hear any stones thrown, or anything broken, did not see Anam strike the Indian watchman with a stone.

His mark. +

Yaong Anam, came from Macao to visit the Comprador, has been living with him more than twenty days—heard an alarm of thieves but did not see any, did not hear the Comprador speak to any person that night, heard report of fire arms, never spoke to the Indian watchman, never quarrelled with them, did not throw a stone at any of them, did not hear any stones thrown, or anything broken—Ayun does not sleep in the same room with him that he did not go to sleep as he heard the watchman keeping watch. Has visited Mr. Matheson's Comprador, never was in service.

(Signed.) YAONG ANAM.

Shaikh Moosdeen, is again called into Court "States" that when he saw the Comprador and the other two men speaking to the robbers, the watchman was not with them.

The prisoner Wong Ayun is released and to given security for his appearance before the next sessions if required.

The evidence of the two Indian witnesses are so strong against the remaining three prisoners that I deem it proper to commit them for Trial.

(Signed.) W. CAINE, Chief Magistrate of Police.

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)

Sir—I saw your paper of the 17th inst. in which you assert that the "Starling" under my command was attacked on her last passage and three men killed now you will oblige me by contradicting that report on the said vessel, because she has never been attacked nor as yet any design whatever. Farther you will please state I thought it necessary to ship a double crew for the safety of the vessel & cargo and am now well prepared with a stout & well disposed crew to resist any piratical attack.—I am your very obt. Servant, GEO. CHAPE.

NOTE.—It is rather singular that several parties have received letters from Macao giving the particulars of an attack on the Starling, that vessel not having been attacked at all. Our contemporary, as well as ourselves, received the information from those who could not for a moment be supposed to have invented the story, and who would only believe it true from advices received from what they considered authentic sources.

We are bound to believe the statement made by the Master of the Starling, viz: that she has never been attacked, though he has found it necessary to ship a double crew as a protection; and we trust that should a defence of his vessel be necessary, it will be as gallant a one as has been erroneously ascribed to him.

EDITOR F. OF C.

NOTICE.

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

Table with columns: LATEST DATES, SINGAPORE, MANILA, SHANGHAI, FOOSHOW-FOO, ANOY. Includes dates for England, United States, Calcutta, Bombay, Sydney, Madras, Batavia.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA, AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 25th 1844.

AMERICA.

By the ship Loo Choo, we have a copy of the New York Weekly Express of the 26th July, from which we take a few extracts.

As usual at that season of the year business in New York was dull, but it was anticipated that "the fall" trade would be a large one. Shipments of produce to some extent are being made to England, where it is admitted at a reduced duty since Sir Robert Peel's alteration in the tariff. It is also stated that the imports from England will be larger than usual. The Tea market was quiet.

The Republic is evidently in a prosperous condition—the corps are good—the money market is easy—and we presume the national credit restored, as we observe, that the state of Illinois was about to borrow money in London.

In politics, the annexation of Texas, naturalization of foreigners, and the election of a President and vice President, are the chief subjects of discussion, but none of them can be of much interest here, except to our American friends, who are doubtless supplied with papers and better qualified to judge of the merits of the respective questions than we are. Were we an American however, we would stoutly oppose the naturalization of foreigners. Upon this point our ideas may be old fashioned, but we are clearly of opinion that no man can change his fealty as he would a garment. The allegiance which we owe to the country where we were born and educated is inalienable either by any act of our own or of others; and morally speaking a man owes the same duties to his country that he does to his parents, and is as culpable in renouncing the first as he would be in renouncing the latter. To an American born citizen, it must be unpleasant to see Emigrants, many of them the offspring of Europe, exercising the privileges of citizens after a few years, (and in some states months) residence, and turning elections for the highest offices in the Union. This amalgamation of refugees all claiming to be Americans, although they may not be able to speak the language of the country, has unquestionably an injurious influence on those who form their opinions of American character, from the observations made during a hasty run through the country, and weakens our ideas of American nationality and the dignity of the privilege of citizenship. We are sure that Englishman, who value their birth right, would regret to see it conferred on any alien who applied for it. Similar feelings are entertained no doubt by a large body of the native Americans, and but recently led to serious riots in the city of Philadelphia when several lives were lost and property destroyed.

CLAY AND FRELINGHUYSEN.—If these candidates of the Whig party are elected to the offices of President and Vice President, among other important results of that event may be mentioned the following:—

1. As far as their influence extends, the annexation of Texas will not be accomplished. There is very little probability even if another treaty were to be formed during the short-lived reign of President Tyler, that two-thirds of the Senate would advise its ratification. Still less probability is there, that such a thing would occur with Mr. Clay at the head of the Government. Indeed, no such treaty will be negotiated under Mr. Clay; and, of course, no advice from the Senate for its ratification will be necessary.

But Mr. Secretary Calhoun and Mr. Senator McDuffie are of the opinion that Texas may be incorporated into the Union by a joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress, without any treaty. Should such an absurd as well as unconstitutional attempt be made by the South Carolina politicians, and it should happen that the Senate are equally divided on the question—a thing certainly not very probable, but possible—in that case the President of the Senate will have the casting vote, which Mr. Frelinghuysen will give against South Carolina.

2. Under the administration of Mr. Clay, the Tariff policy, and the system of Protection to American Industry, will be perfectly secure, as far as their influence will go.

3. The Distribution of the avails of the Public Lands, as fast as they are received from the States, will be distributed among the several States, in just proportions. This plan originated with Mr. Clay; after a long course of vigorous exertion and perseverance, he succeeded in carrying it through Congress; and for a short time, the State had the benefits of it. But between political and land speculators, and a miserable administration, the system was defeated and overthrown, and the individual States, for a number of years past, have been defrauded, by interested and dishonest politicians, of their just, legal and constitutional rights. Under an administration headed by Clay and Frelinghuysen, the Executive influence will be exercised in favor of that great national measure, and the vast property which the people own in the new States and territories, will be faithfully divided among those to whom it rightfully belongs.

POLK AND DALLAS.—But if these persons are elected, what will be the consequences? As far as their influence and exertions will accomplish, such an object, Texas will be brought into the United States, with all its debts, embarrassments and liabilities. In the first place, Texas will share off from her own shoulders an enormous debt—estimated to amount to at least twenty millions of dollars, which the people of this country will be obliged to pay. If any good reason can be given for loading this nation with such a burden, we should like to hear it. We believe it will be difficult to persuade those who will have to pay it, that there is either justice or reason in such a measure. In the next place, as far as their influence and exertions can accomplish such an object, the system of Protection to National Industry and the Tariff laws will all be abolished, which will reproduce the disastrous scenes which the country exhibited before the Tariff law of 1842 was passed, and under which the people are experiencing their present prosperity. The Distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, as far as it depends on them, will be prevented, and the States will lose their right to them, and the property will either be wasted through the national treasury, or squandered among speculators.

This will be the exact difference, as it regards these great national questions and interests, between an administration headed by Henry Clay, and one led by James K. Polk. The people must decide which they will prefer. The two cases are here stated in the plainest and most concise manner. No man can mistake them; and, we think no friend of his country will, for a moment, hesitate between them."

It is gratifying to learn from Keying's despatch to His Excellency Mr. Davis, that several of those concerned in the atrocious Chuchoo piracy have been convicted and executed. The Chinese government are evidently exerting themselves to suppress this horrid system, and to punish those who are rendering a trip to Canton a perilous undertaking; but we trust the lives and property of British merchants is not to be left solely to the protection of the Chinese. Let us hope that the Executive of this colony, are organising measures for striking deeply at the root of a system of spoilation and robbery which has become such a glaring evil. It is rather a singular state of affairs that, a British colonial harbour should be blockaded by pirates, but strictly speaking such is the case with Hongkong at present. Seldom a day passes that we do not hear of boats and vessels having been attacked and chased, and it is but a few weeks ago, that, on two successive nights, a piratical vessel entered the harbour, the first night almost within hail of a vessel of war the crew landed, plundered and burned a house; the second night, actually within hail of the said vessel, they robbed a boat wounding one of the two Europeans on board severely, and but for the noise having been heard on board of the ship of war, and a boat despatched to their relief there is little doubt that both of the Europeans would have been thrown overboard. Such a state of affairs cannot continue to exist—the most apathetic must feel the necessity of immediate measures being taken to afford that protection to the mercantile community which as British subjects they can demand.

Early on Sunday morning, while two Gentlemen were passing through the gap, one of them was wounded by a bullet which passed through his leg. At the time, there were three Chinamen near them, and though no report was heard, the friend of the party wounded imagined that he saw smoke near where the Chinamen stood, and an attempt on the part of two of them to screen the person of the third by standing before him. On making towards the men, they ran away, but pursuit being given one was captured. No fire arms were found upon him, nor on his examination before the Chief Magistrate was there any evidence to criminate, further than the suspicious circumstance of his attempting to escape, and the smoke seen, which however very possibly was imaginary as on those occasions, people are a little confused. The man has been let out on bail until the Chief Magistrate can make further enquiries.

It is quite possible that the bullet may have come from a distance, having been fired from a rifle or pistol while practicing, or from fire arms which are so universally kept loaded in houses. Should such be the case, it is to be hoped that

the person who has accidentally wounded this Gentleman will come forward candidly and acknowledge it. A disagreeable feeling of insecurity may be raised, if it is believed that the Chinese have got into the habit of carrying fire-arms and of making such bold attempts at assassination; confession on the part of him who fired the shot (supposing it to have been purely accidental) thus becomes a duty which should not on any consideration be neglected.

The second criminal session of the Supreme Court closed on Saturday. Rated in proportion to the population the calendar has been heavy, but when we consider the character of the natives, it is less than might have been anticipated. In the greater number of cases the guilt of the criminals was clearly proven; much care having evidently been taken in their previous examinations before the Magistrates to ascertain that the charges upon which they were apprehended, were not frivolous or vexatious. Two men, formerly in the employ of Mr. Sirr, were found not guilty, there being a lack of proof, one of the principal witnesses, having forfeited his surety, by not appearing. We publish the previous proceedings in this case before the police Court, from which it is evident, that the Magistrate, was fully justified in sending it before a jury.

The result of the land sales yesterday, gives further evidence of the confidence which is placed in the future prosperity of the colony. Many of the lots brought forward, (all of which were sold) are in situations which though they may become valuable are scarcely so at present, in as much as they will not give an immediate return for money invested in building. We apprehend that some of the purchasers, forgot the obligation to build within one year, to ten times the annual ground rent, or if it was remembered they probably relied upon the clemency of government in not enforcing this condition of sale.

The ground rent will now be a considerable sum, and we trust soon to see it laid before the public, with the revenue and expenditure of the colony.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have Sydney papers, by the Annie, to the 26th October, and letters to the 30th. On a cursory glance over the file we observe little that is worthy of notice. The colony is said to be improving, but stock of all kinds continues low.

The quotations of Indian and Chinese produce are.

Table with columns: TEA AND COFFEE, SUGARS. Lists prices for Mysonskin, Gunpowder, Congou, Souchong, Pekoe, Coffee, Java, Manila, Bourbon, Siam, etc.

PARTICULARS OF LOTS SOLD 24TH DECEMBER, 1844.

Table with columns: No. of Lots or Plan, BOUNDARIES, Area of, Per 11,025 ft. Class, Upset or an rant, Knocked down at an advance of. Lists lots for Dr. Hologate, Mr. Lecgett, Mr. Henry, Mr. Oswald, Mr. McSweney, Chan Wan, Mayor Caine, Mr. Clerk, Chung Sang, Mr. Duell, Mr. Stevenson, Ditto Ditto, Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Hologate, Dr. O'Sullivan.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED. DECEMBER 21—Lady, Marshall, Whampoa. 23—Java, Parker, Deptford. 23—J. Christian, Thomas, Liverpool. 23—Cordelia, Hughes, Amoy. 24—Annie, Potter, Sydney. SAILED. DECEMBER 23—Tazee, Ball, Whampoa. 23—Elephant, Ross, Whampoa. 23—Pallas, Nealy, Macao. 23—Vanguard, Walker, Manila. 23—Coroon, (Sp) Rivero, Manila. 23—Mazappa, Frasc, Chusan. UNDER DESPATCH. For London, Hibernia, Cutler, Ellen, Adam, John Wolfe, Pathfinder and Forfarshire, Sydney, Sny. Bombay, Sir Edward Ross. Singapore and Calcutta, Ratanjee Coocajee, and Charlotte. Singapore, Brig Pantolon, and Sydney.

Passengers per Java Lt. Innie R. N. Agent Capt. & Mrs. Bain 18th R. I., Mrs. McNight, Miss Hickson 2 Mixes Mc Knight Mrs. Smith and a Maid servant, one Staff Surgeon and 4 Assistants, 3 Officers, 331 men of 18th R. I., 3 Officers, 134 men of 9th several women & children all in excellent health. She lost the head of her rudder and was obliged to put into the Mauritius. Ship Jean Christian Capt. Scott did on the 16th September at sea Mr. Thomas the Chief officer has at present charge. Annie from Sydney reports 22 Dec. having seen a three masted Schooner supposed to be a steamer as the funnel was visible, also a Ship and Brig bearing to windward.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR. H. M. S. Cochrane, Capt. Graham. H. C. S. Cochrane, Comd Hong. H. C. S. Major Commaning, Wellington, Hospital and Store Ship.

Warlock, Janncey. Jardin Matheson & Co.
 Gazelle (Am.), 115, Chase. do.
 Harlequin, 293, Oliver. do.
 Mamodie, 300, Jones. do.
 Ariel, 102, Macfarlane. do.
 Julia, 400, Herring. do.
 Pathfinder, 302, Bruton. do.
 Forfarshire, 615, Symons. Lindsay & Co.
 Lochoo, (Am.), Crooker. Russell & Co.
 Sir E. Ryan, 320, Anderson. Murrow & Co.
 Lady Adams, 275, Hall. do.
 Yonge Queen, 85, Fletcher, Larkins & Co.
 Margarette (Brm.), Kennedy Mc Gregor & Co.
 Eleanor Russell, 306, Jeffries. Fox Rawson & Co.
 Clarissa, 323, White. W. & T. Gemmill & Co.
 Lady, 316, Marshall. do.
 Linnet, 100, Emery & Frazer. do.
 Foam, B. Pugh. Dallas & Co.
 Aurora, 104, Gray. J. Hudson. do.
 Pantaloon, 202, Potter. Murrow & Co.
 Spy, Pain. Hawkins & Co.
 Bull (Swede) 150, Vangrain. Order.
 Petrel, Rodgers. Order.
 Challenger, Archibald. Fischer Willis & Co.
 Java, Parker. do.
 Christian, Thomas. Dirom & Co.
 Cordelia, Hughes. Gibb Livingston & Co.
 Sydney, 180, Schofield. do.
 Annie, Poteo. Holliday & Co.

DIED

At Macao on 23rd inst. Mr. Robert McNally late of schooner "Yonge Queen" deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

FOR SINGAPORE & BOMBAY.

THE SCALEBY CASTLE now loading at Whampoa, to sail about the 10th of January next; for passage, having spacious accommodations. Apply to Capt. W. N. LEMON on board, or BURDLANGE & Co., Hongkong.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER. THE A. I. Brig ANNIE, Capt. Potter 177 tons N. M. Apply to Messrs. HOLLIDAY WISE & Co. Dec. 24th, 1844.

FOR SALE.—At the Stores of the undersigned. A small parcel very Superior Golden Sherry, A do. do. Port Wine, A do. do. Bottled Beer, Bass Allsopp, in quarts and pints, in fine condition, just landed ex "Foam," Bass and Allsopp's Beer in Wood, at moderate rates to close consignments. OSWALD, DISANDT & Co. Victoria, 24th Dec., 1844.

FOR PEREMPTORY SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, On Saturday, Tuesday, Friday, and Monday, the 21st, 24th, 27th, and the 30th December, 1844. (In Sr. Carneiro's Building) JNO. SMITH, begs to acquaint the Public, that he will sell by Public Auction, in his Auction Room.

A quantity of London-bottled Beer and Porter; 200 dozens of Sherry; 9 half, and 35 quarter pipes of Fayal Wine; Jams and Jellies; square and cabinet Pianofortes; Hand Organs; Almirahs; Chests of Drawers; Bedsteads; Chairs; Toilet and Wash-hand Stands; Chamber ditto; Desks; Table Couches; Looking Glasses; fine cut Smoking Tobacco; Patent Manila Rope, of sizes; Paintings and Prints; a Pocket Chronometer, by Parkinson; a Sextant; short and long Telescopes; 4, 6, and 8 tube Musical Boxes; Thermometers; Lucifer Matches; chocolate colored Breakfast and Dinner Services; Sundry Crockery Ware; a Copying Press. Two Invoices, consisting of:—Dressing Cases; Puzzles, or Dissected Maps and Prints; Snuff Boxes; Musical Sticks; Essence Bottles; British Plate Spoons, Forks, &c; German silver; Plated Cruet and Liquor Frames; Children's Cups; Candlesticks and Bread Baskets; double and single barrelled Fowling Pieces; Children's Whistles; Fancy Trinkets; Guard Chains; Lady's Companions; silver Communion Service; Pencil Cases, Bracelets; Neck Chains; Rings; Bodkins; Buttons; Spectacles and Eye Glasses; tin Tea Kettles; brass Candlesticks; Powder Flasks; Percussion Caps, Gun Slings; diamond and emerald Rings; gold Lockets, Hoops, Pins, Brooches &c.; Chinese Razors; Pocket Knives; Hoos; Chisels; Hammers; Saws; Fish Hooks; Gouges; Trowels; Smooth, Bastard, and other Files; Foot Rules, and a variety of Household, and other useful Articles. The Sale of each day will commence at half past 10 A. M., and close at 2 P. M. Macao, 18th December, 1844.

Mr TOWNSEND has received farther instructions from H. C. SIRR Esq., to offer for public competition, on Saturday the 28th instant, — A valuable Italian painting viz. The vision of St. Jerome, by Pietro Berrettini de Cartona, painted in the 17th Century is a chef d'oeuvre of this greatly admired master, some fine oil paintings, gilt and other picture frames, with plate glass & numerous articles of taste & bijouterie and some Parisian and other Stationary. A Grey, & dark bay Manila pony with saddle of Lauries manufacture, & valuable Indian Cashmere shawls, colors black and green, & a Camels hair do., Lady's wearing apparel consisting of silk cloaks, silk, satin, & other dresses, furs, embroidered Swiss muslin Shawls, lace scarfs, French Cambrie pocket handkerchiefs, Blonde & thread lace Silks aprons & numerous other articles.

PUBLIC AUCTION. W. H. FRANKLYN will submit to Public Sale at 11 o'clock on Friday next the 27th inst. in Chinam's Hong the following — A quantity of Bags of Saltpetre; about 50 tons of Fine coals just landed, in small lots to suit private families and a small quantity of Pine Oil or Bought various small Planks and other articles. Terms of sale as per hand bills as usual.

CLERK WANTED. WHO understands books by single entry, and is willing to collect accounts. Address P. P. care of the Editor of this Paper.

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.

A CARD. DR. B. KENNY, and Dr. R. WILSON, beg leave to intimate to the Commanders of ships proceeding to Whampoa, that they have associated themselves in connexion as Medical and Surgical practitioners at that anchorage. China Vessel moored at the entrance of Bombay Creek in Blenheim Reach. July 1st, 1844.

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.

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

FOR SALE BY MACLEAN DEARIE & Co. BASS'S E. I. Pale Ale in casks of 4 doz., a 24s per doz. Barclay's Extra double Stout in do. a 24s p. do. Beer and Porter in Hogsheads—18 a 22s, Do. in Butts—34 a 40s, Bleached Canvas Nos. 1 a 7 10s per bolt, Sheathing Copper 18 a 26 oz. Oswald Hill, 16th December, 1844.

FOR SALE. VIDONIA in Pipes, Hogsheads 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 Manilla 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.

THE undersigned begs leave to give Notice that on the 1st of September last, they formed a copartnership under the Firm of TIGERS BOURNE & Co. for the transaction of a general Agency and Commission business in China. Signed C. H. TERS. H. F. BOURNE. ROBT. P. DE SILVA. Canton, December 12th, 1844.

WANTED.—A respectable female Servant to attend upon a Lady and two young Children. As liberal wages will be given, and as the situation is easy and comfortable, with other advantages, good references will be considered indispensable. Address C. M. B. Office F. of C.

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.

FOR SALE. SUPERIOR Brussels Carpets of different sizes. FRYER and LANE. Victoria, Dec., 20th 1844.

JUST LANDED ex "FOAM"—An assortment of superior Light, silk Hats, made expressly for the climate, by a first-rate London Manufacturer. A few Superior Hams & Cheese, some very fine Malaga raisins and Zante Currants in jars. A Stock of Warm Clothing and some superior Witney Blankets. C. W. BOWRA. Queen's Road, Victoria, 20th December, 1844.

FOR SALE. small quantity of superior Port and Sherry wine at a moderate price. ALSO A few first rate Yorkshire Hams. Apply to F. FUNCK. Victoria, Dec., 20th 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.

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

MR P. TOWNSEND has the pleasure to inform the Public of Hongkong that on Saturday the 28th inst. he will sell by Public Auction on the premises Oswald's Hill (unless previously sold by private contract) all the Household furniture and effects of H. C. SIRR Esq, consisting of Tables, Chairs, Almiras, Bedding, book Shelves, bed and table Linen, hanging and astra Lamps, Plated ware, Cutlery, eight day Clock, a Sedan Chair of the most expensive and best manufacture, Saddlery, a portfolio of choice English and French engravings, the newest instrumental and vocal Music, Sacred and Profane, in English French, Italian, and German, a Library of books in various languages, Glass ware, Dinner service Cooking utensils and many other articles too numerous to enumerate. Sale to Commence at 11 A. M. Terms Cash,—in Mexican dollars, and all Lots to be cleared on day of Sale. Victoria, December 16th, 1844.

FOR SALE. A quantity of Fine Seasoned Teak Timber, Well suited for House & Ship building, viz: 124 "Duggies" (Bams) 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 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.

J. EDWARDS, PASTRY Cook and confectioner will be most happy to receive orders for the ensuing Christmas. He has 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 21 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, Grin-stones, 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.

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. Compadroes cheque books. Ships Articles, with an abstract of the merchant seaman's act endorsed to 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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CANTON PRICES CURRENT. 11th DECEMBER, 1844. IMPORTS.—DUTY PAID. Ale (best brands) . 316 0 0 per picul Amber . 10 50 0 per picul Betel Nut . 4 0 0 per picul

Canvas—Eng. and } 8 0 " 9 0 per bolt
 Scotch }
 Cochineal } 140 0 " 0 0 per picul
 Copper, sheathing } 24 0 " 0 0 "
 " S. Am. } 20 0 " 0 0 "
 Cordage, European } 8 0 " 9 0 "
 COTTON, Bombay, } 5 0 " 7 5 "
 sh. ps. 1s. }
 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 piece 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 " Very dull, little enquiry. Chintz Furniture, 2 0 " 3 50 per piece

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 " Saleable at quotations. Steel, 4 0 " 4 50 " No market. Lead Pig, 4 80 " 0 00 " Saleable

Quicksilver, 120 " " OPIUM, 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, Banjeimassan 4 0 " 0 0 " Sandalwood, Malabar, 5 12 " 13 0 " " Timor, & S. S. Isl. 4 0 " 7 0 " Saltpetre, 7 0 " 7 50 "

WOOLLENS. Spanish Stripes, 1 0 " 1 20 per yard Long Ells, scarlet, 8 30 " 0 0 per piece well assorted, 8 20 " 0 0 " Canlets, English, 22 0 " 24 50 " " Dutch, 28 0 " 33 0 "

All woollens extremely dull, and very few sales effected. EXPORTS.—ON BOARD. Alum, \$1 75 to 2 0 per picul Anniseed, 10 0 " 0 0 " Camphor, 22 0 " 0 0 " Cassia, 11 0 " 0 0 " Considerable arrivals expected here shortly. " Buds, 17 1/2 " 18 0 " China Roots, 2 50 " 3 0 " Galangal, 2 40 " 0 0 " Musk, 90 0 " 0 0 per catty Rhubarb, 30 0 " 60 0 per picul SILK. Tsatlee, 510 0 " 540 0 " Taysaan, 450 0 " 0 0 " Cau on, 280 0 " 350 0 " No buyers, price nominal, stock about 600 bales.

TEA. Congou, 17 0 " 33 0 " Caper, 17 0 " 21 0 " Souichong, 26 0 " 38 0 " Orange Pekon, 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 KINGDOM FROM 1ST JULY TO 11th DECEMBER, 1844. Green, 3,124,525 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. F. Equipotentiary 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 ports, 10s. per ton additional. To Amoy, \$6 per ton of 40 feet To ports north of Amoy, \$10 to \$12.50. LOADING FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM. James, Hersey, Castle Eden, John Wickham, La. B. Lyander, John Laird, Charlotte, Royal Albert, Scamion, Royal Albert, Ballerston, Eagle. Edited, Printed, and Published by JOHN CHAN, At The Friend of China and Hongkong Gazette, Printing Office, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, 1844.