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FOR CEYLON ENGLAND AND INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

THE Steam Ship LADY MARY WOOD, Captain Cooper, with Her Majesty's Mails, will leave this for the above places at daylight on the 1st of March; 1846. Cargo will be received on board until noon, and specie until 4 P. M. on Saturday the 28th Inst. This route offers an opportunity of visiting Singapore and Pinang, remaining a few days at Ceylon, thence to Madras or Calcutta in 34 days from leaving China. Steamers are also understood to ply between Colombo and Bombay.—Specie, Silk, and other Goods, may be forwarded by this route to Madras and Calcutta, and will be retained on board the Steamer at Galle until the arrival of the Suez Steamer for those places, when they will be transhipped free of expense. Arrangements are made in the Steamers throughout for the convenience of the Native Merchants of India, proceeding as passengers and certain accommodation is reserved in those from Calcutta, for Passengers from China, joining the Suez line at Galle, to secure which it is requisite that a notice of at least two months be given to the Company's Agent here.

Information regarding the rates of freight and passage can be obtained by application at the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Comp's Office; and shippers are requested to take Notice that a Shipping order cannot be granted unless the contents and value be distinctly marked on the outside of each package for overland transit.

J. A. OLDING,
Agent.

Victoria, Hongkong, }
February 1st, 1846.

FOR SALE OR CHARTER.

TO any part of the coast of China the Schooner "STARLING," 109 Tons Register, G Chape Commander, and now lying at the Cumingmoon anchorage. For further particulars apply to **D. LAPRAIK,** 1 Wellington Terrace, Hongkong, or to the Commander on board.
Victoria, 30th January, 1846.

TO LET.

A HOUSE situated on the North Side of Gough Street. Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

TO LET.

A Commodious and well finished Dwelling House, at the corner of Peel Street and Gage street, consisting of dining and drawing rooms, four bedrooms, offices on ground floor, with servants apartments &c. For particular apply to
GEO. STRACHAN.

THE Eastern side of the large and commodious house situated in Wellington Street and now in the occupation of Messrs Gilman & Co. For particulars apply to,
Rom Cath. College's Superior.
Victoria, 2nd December, 1845.

TO LET.

TWO Convenient Houses in Gough Street, with Verandahs, each containing nine Rooms, exclusive of outhouses, enquire of
ROWLAND REES,
Pottinger Street.
Victoria, 6th December, 1845.

TO LET.

A House in Gough Street. Apply to,
JOHN CARR.

TO LET.

THE premises known as the office of the "Friend of China;" Three Houses situate in Wellington Street, commanding a fine view of the bay; a Shop and Store situate on the Queen's Road, in a central part of the town. Early possession can be given. For further particulars apply to
R. OSWALD.
Victoria, 19th December, 1845.

TO LET.

A spacious bungalow on Caines Road. Apply to
HUGHESDON & Co.
Victoria, 30th January, 1846.

TO LET.

THE HOUSE in Queen's Road lately occupied by Phillips Moore & Co. Apply to
HUGHESDON & Co.

FOR SALE.

MARINE Lot No. 64 Situated between the lots of Messrs. MACVICAR & Co. and FRAMJEE JAMSETJEE Esq., measures 200 feet sea frontage, and altogether is a very desirable lot. For further particulars apply to
FLETCHER & Co.—Hongkong.
or **DIROM, GRAY & Co.—Canton.**
Victoria, 1st July, 1845.

FOR SALE.

A T Victoria Hongkong, in a central position, a valuable water side property, consisting of wharf, spacious Godown, dwelling and out Houses; all in perfect repair, and now let on lease. For particulars, apply to
C. A. FEARON.
Macao, 1st July, 1845.

TO LET.

SEVERAL convenient tenements situated in Wellington and Stanley Streets. The terms which are very moderate, may be known by applying to
BURD, LANGRISH & Co.
Queen's Road, Jan. 30th, 1846.

TO LET.

THE upper part of a commodious and well built dwelling House containing seven rooms with servants rooms, and outhouses with stabling. For further particular apply to,
D. LAPRAIK.
No. 1 Wellington Terrace D'Aguiar Street.
Victoria, 24th October, 1845.

TO LET.

A Small House No. 2 Pottinger Street; enquire of **L. JUST** Senr., corner of Queen's Road and Pottinger Street.
L. JUST.
Victoria, 22nd January, 1846.

NOTICE.

PARTIES receiving letters directed to the late **C. LLOYD, Esq.** are requested to forward the same to the office of the undersigned at Macao. All charges or postage on the same will be paid on delivery
M. T. SENN VAN BASEL.
His Netherlands Majesty's Consul.
Executor,
Netherlands Consulate, Canton,
3rd October, 1845.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY.

MESSE DENT, BEALE & Co. are authorized to issue Policies on behalf of the Society at Shanghai, payable in Hongkong, Calcutta, Bombay, and London.
DENT, & Co.
Secs. Union Insurance Society.
Victoria, 1st January, 1846.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of **Mr. WILLIAM THOMSON** in our firm ceased on the 31st ultimo.
TURNER & Co.
Victoria, 23rd January, 1846.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have received authority from the Directors of the Imperial Fire Insurance Office of London, to issue Policies on the New Buildings at Canton.
MACVICAR & Co.
Victoria, 23rd January, 1846.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned are prepared to issue Policies at Shanghai, on behalf of the Calcutta Insurance office, payable in Hongkong, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay, and London.
MACVICAR & Co.
Victoria, 23rd January, 1846.

FOR SALE.—AT the Godowns of Messrs Eienkin, Rawson & Co., Burton Ale in Hhds, from Worthington and Robinson.
Hongkong, 15th January 1846.

FOR SALE.

A T the Godowns of Messrs Eienkin, Rawson & Co. Allsops Pale Ale in bottle; Barclay's Porter in bottle, Superior Sherry, Madeira, and Port, in wood and bottle.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1846.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS SCHAYLOR, HATHAWAY NYE has this day been admitted a partner in our Firm.
NYE, PARKIN & Co.
Canton, January 1st, 1846.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have been appointed Agents at Canton for the "Globe Insurance Office" of Calcutta, and are prepared to grant Policies payable in London, Calcutta, Bombay and Canton.
MACLEAN, DEARIE & Co.
Canton, 10th November, 1845.

FOR SALE.

THE undermentioned Wines from the House of Gledstones, King & Co. London.
Port in cases of 3 dozen
Madeira " " 3 "
Champagne " " 1 "
Apply to
LINDSAY & Co.
Victoria, 26th January, 1846.

FOR SALE.

WEBSTER, Gordon, Cossart & Co's superior Madeira, in Hhds, quarter and half quarter cases, and in cases.
FLETCHER & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1845.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of **Mr. Christopher Fearon,** in our firm ceased on the 31st December 1844.
FEARON & SON.
Macao, 1st January, 1845.

NOTICE.

THE business of the undersigned will from this date be conducted in the name of **C. S. COMPTON & Co.,** his partners being as heretofore, **EDWARD M. DANIELL,** and **WILLIAM DICKINSON** of the firm of **DANIELL, DICKINSON & Co.** in London and Liverpool.
C. S. COMPTON.
Canton, 1st January, 1845.

MR. ROGER JACSON is authorized to sign our firm by procuracy.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Victoria, 26th December, 1845.

TABULAR Statements of the Commerce of Singapore for the years 1840-41, 1841-42, 1842-43, 1843-44 with an abstract view of the same continued in 1845, (in one bound Volume) prepared under the direction of the Hon'ble the E. I. Company, and compiled from Official Documents. For Sale by **R. P. SAUL,** at Messrs. **THOS. RIPLEY & Co's.**
Price 10 Rupees each.
Victoria, 23d January, 1846.

NOTICE.

MR WILLIAM WARD BROWN is authorised to sign for our Firm by procuracy.
HEGAN & Co.
1st January, 1846.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have formed a partnership, for the transaction of a general Agency and Commission business, under the respective Firms of **RAWLE, DUUS & Co.** at Victoria, and **DUUS, RAWLE & Co.** at Shanghai.
S. B. RAWLE.
N. DUUS.
Victoria, Hongkong, 1st October, 1845.

FOR SALE.

GRATES complete with mantel pieces. Also a few handsome Stoves.
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.
Victoria, 23rd January, 1846.

FOR SALE.

BY the undersigned 26 Boxes of Turkish smoking Tobacco.
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.
Victoria, 17th January, 1846.

PIANO FORTES.

A very elegant Rosewood cabinet Piano, 6½ Octaves, with metallic plates; also a Mahogany Piano of a similar description for sale at the Godowns of,
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.

BEER AND PORTER.

AN Invoice of Beer and Porter by a late arrival for sale by,
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.

TABLE WARE &c.

A few dinner, breakfast, tea and coffee sets; also glass dinner sets complete with decanters &c. at the Godowns of the undersigned.
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.

JUST Received per late arrivals and for sale by the subscribers.
Patent Salamander Safes of various sizes warranted secure in the hottest fire.
ALSO.
Patent Weighing Machines from 700 a 2,300 pounds, which can be made to weigh peculs and cattie.
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.
Victoria, 28th October, 1845.

FOR SALE.

SUPERIOR Sherry and Madeira in wood; also a few half pipes and quarter casks Cape and Tenerife Wines. Sherry, Madeira, Port, Claret, Cognac, Cherry Brandy, in 1 2 & 3 dozen cases.
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.
Victoria, 28th October, 1845.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

AN assortment of Anchors and Chain Cables, Europe, Manila and Coir Rope, Hemp and Cotton Canvass, and several Spars for lower and topmasts.
RAWLE, DUUS & Co.
Victoria, 28th October, 1845.

FOR SALE.

TWO Ponies; one accustomed to carry a Lady. Both warranted sound. Apply to,
N. DUUS.
Queen's Road, 15 Jan: 1846.

CIRCULAR.

W. H. FRANKLYN, Queen's Road, Victoria, has removed to the above premises from Keying House, where he will in future carry on the business of wholesale and retail commission and shipping Agent, general dealer, auctioneer and Wine and Spirit merchant. Goods stored in dry and secure godowns and forwarded on the most moderate terms. The undersigned has Lorchas and a Schooner running regularly to Canton, Cumingmoon and Macao. Charges for passengers as follows:—
To Canton 80
" Cumingmoon 84
" Macao 85
These vessels are all well armed and part manned with Europeans. Every variety of goods on view at the Show rooms.

SPLENDID FURNITURE.

MR. W. H. FRANKLYN has the honor to announce to the community of Victoria that he has received instructions to submit to Public competition at an early day hereafter to be named a most unique and rich assortment of English Furniture, to which he begs to call attention, as he feels assured that nothing of the kind heretofore has been landed in the colony. Consisting of

RECLINING CHAIRS the most luxurious, in Crimson and Purple Morocco adjusting themselves to the posture and in which to sit is to repose. Superb and Costly

CABINETS AND CHEFFONNIERS Faultless.

MIRRORS in Cloth and Gold—Gold and Mahogany.

TABLES Round, Square, Oval of the highest polish in Rosewood and Mahogany, unrivaled

COUCHES, SOFAS AND OTTOMANS with spring horsehair cushions wooing balmy sleep to the fortunate possessor.

CURIOSLY ELEGANT LADIES TOILETS with handsome Mirrors above, of a late fashion. ALSO,

Rocking and Bed Room Easy Chairs, dining and drawing ditto, Washing Tables with Marble tops dressing ditto and a variety of looking glasses of every description with an assortment of Perfumery, highly ornamented Musical Boxes playing 4 and 6 tunes.

The whole to be on view from Monday next the 26th instant till the day of Sale (of which due notice will be given) at the Godowns of Messrs Hegan & Co. Spring Gardens.

Queen's Road, 24th January, 1846:

FOR SALE. SAUNDERS Pale October brewed ale in Wood, Allsops Beer in Wood, Port and Sherry, Champagne and Claret. Apply to
ROBERT STRACHAN.
Victoria, 25th July, 1845.

NOTICE. THE undersigned have this day removed their establishment to the house west side of the Ordnance Office.
PHILLIPS, MOORE & Co.
Victoria, 22nd January, 1846.

ON SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED. LOOKING Glasses in gilt frames of various sizes Toilet Bottles Plated Epergnes Gilt and Ormolu fourteen day clocks.
PHILLIPS MOORE & Co.
January 28th, 1846.

JUST IMPORTED. EX "ADEN" Superfine Blue Cloth 1st quality; Gent's superior White and Colored Silk Gloves, a small Invoice of Shoes and a few Riding Whips.
F. FUNCK.
Victoria, 9th January, 1846.

JUST RECEIVED. AND for Sale by the undersigned, a few pieces of superior Tartan suitable for Coats and Trowsers.
F. FUNCK.
Opposite the Commissariat,
Victoria, 2nd January, 1846.

CARD. THE undersigned has established himself in this place as a Commission and General Agent in connection with Messrs FOLBER BROTHERS & Co. (Speicher, Canton Appenrell) Switzerland carrying on business under this name and on account of this firm.
L. EUYSTER.
Manila, 13th July, 1845.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED. No. 3 Superior Manila Cigars. Spanish wines, Sherry, &c. in wood & bottles Manila Pine Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, and Ladies Dresses.
J. DELMAS.
Corner Aberdeen Street Opposite the Baker.
Victoria, 10th November, 1845.

SODA WATER. ON SALE,—At the Store of Mr. John Smith in Macao from Dr. Hunter's Soda Water Manufactory there.
Macao, 14th January, 1845.

FOR SALE. MEDHURST'S Chinese & English Dictionary \$ 10.00 Ditto ditto in superior binding, " 11.00 Medhurst's Dictionary of the Hok-keen Dialect, " 10.00 Medhurst's Comparative Vocabulary of the Chinese, Korean and Japanese languages, " 2.00 Medhurst's Dictionary in the Fuzhou Dialect of the Formosan language, " 2.00 Medhurst's Dialogues in the Mandarin Dialect, " 2.50 Medhurst's Notice on Chinese Grammar, " 1.50 Medhurst's State and Prospects of China, " 2.00 Collier's Translation of the four Books, " 2.00 Premare's Nostra Lingua Sinica, " 5.00 Rambles of the Emperor Ching-Tih: a Chinese Tale, translated into English by Tan-Shoo, late of the Anglo Chinese College, Malacca, " 5.00 A Lexicon of the English, Malay and Chinese languages, " 1.50 Apply at the London Missionary Society's Institution, Hollywood Road, Victoria, 26th January, 1846.

BRITISH HOTEL. M. GABRIEL has taken a commodious house situated at the Corner of Graham Street, a short distance south of the Queen's Road, which he intends to conduct as a Hotel under the above title. Gentlemen favouring him with their patronage will find their comfort strictly attended to. All the articles supplied will be of the first rate description.
A Thornton's Billiard Table as the Premier.
Victoria, 14th March, 1845.

VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

Concise Abstract of Meteorological Observations during the Month ended 31st December, 1845.

Table with 3 columns: BAROMETER, THERMOMETER, and Pluviometer. Rows show mean, highest, and lowest values for each instrument.

No. of rainy days.—Three.

Table of the Winds.

Table with 7 columns: Nly., North Ely., East, South Ely., Wly., North Wly., and a final column for frequency. Values are 6, 4, 8, 2, 5, 4.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The occasion of the Moon entering on her 2d Quarter was ushered in by a violent Thunder storm: there was also much Thunder and Lightning on the night previous.

The Market offers no variety to dilate upon differently from our last Month's remarks. Fine Large Cabbages (similar to English) grown upon the Island some this month to maturity but as yet few are cultivated.

The Green grocers will also obtain from Canton to order, magnificent Grapes, and Apples.

The decay of Nature exhibits at this period in some places the "sear and yellow" leaf: a very beautiful crimson tinted leaf is however principally observed, which interspersed with the other Foliage (mostly evergreen) has a very pleasing appearance.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER FOR THE WEEK ENDING 4TH JANUARY 1846. Table with columns for Day of Week, Day of Month, Mean of Barometer, Max. Min. Mean Thermometer, Wind, and Remarks.

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, ENGLAND, UNITED STATES, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, SYDNEY, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE, MANILA, CHUSAN, SHANGHAI.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1846.

The Steamer Corsair makes her first trip to Canton on Saturday. It is doubtful whether she will be able to get within one mile of the Consulate, passengers landing in China boats, with which, if she runs regularly, it is probable that some arrangements will be made.

The Corsair has excellent accommodations for passengers, though it is doubtful whether a vessel of her size will pay where so few people are passing to and fro. However we wish all success to the enterprise of her owner, and as the Midas is laid up for a few weeks, he will at least be able to try what can be done without opposition.

We were rather surprised at the appearance in the Overland Register of a paragraph from the weekly paper of the same name, which on HIGH AUTHORITY, contradicted flatly our exposure of the iniquities of the Military contracts, and their deplorable results. The paragraph referred to, called forth a letter from Alpha, to which it appeared that it was not convenient for the Register, or his friend who sits in high places, to make any rejoinder. Now, though we did not expect that the Hongkong Register would have had the magnanimity to admit that he was wrong, we were not prepared for the disingenuous re-publication of his unqualified contradiction to a friendly contemporary, and that in a paper chiefly intended for European circulation.

If, upon enquiry, the Editor of the Register was satisfied that his "high authority" had not deceived him, then it might have been expected that he would have attempted to disprove our report, which he was "happy to hear was entirely without foundation." Failing to do this,

he was acting unjustly to the "high authority," upon whose head he called down a multitude of facts connected with these discreditable transactions—facts which are universally believed—facts which are the cause of regret and humiliation to most Englishmen in Hongkong. If, however, the Hongkong Register was dissatisfied with that exposure—if he thought it untrue,—if he even doubted, he was bound to take some trouble in sifting the matter, and vindicating the veracity of his informant. If on the other hand he ascertained that Alpha's story was but too true, he must have felt indignant at being misled, and though he had not the courage to express publicly his contempt for the deceit which had been practised upon him, it was at least to have been expected, that the result of that deceit, would not again have been palmed off as a denial of the falsehoods of a contemporary.

In this melancholy affair, the China Mail has shown better taste. It does not suit the politics of that Journal to expose official failings—it is the duty of the Mail to vindicate when vindication is possible. In the present instance a vindication is not practicable, and the Mail prudently says nothing—in truth he does not understand what it is all about! He was present at the inquest—heard a paper read, which the suicide wrote immediately before destroying himself—he was afterward requested to append this sad document to a piece of buffoonery, bearing the superscription of Omega, and he does so, with a stale joke of his own, but he has not allowed himself to be made a Cat's paw of, so far as to give an explicit denial either to us or our Correspondent.

In this colony it has been peculiarly the duty of the public press to protect the inhabitants from oppression and wrong, in so far as protection may be obtained by an exposure of such acts of injustice as are brought before the observation of those who are connected with the press. This is at the best a disagreeable duty; but it is a duty. We trust we will not be considering as arrogating that to which we are not entitled, when we say that we have endeavoured to perform that duty, as one which we owe to the public. If in the performance of it we are led into errors, we are at all times willing to admit them, when either of our contemporaries point them out, but we submit that in the present case, there has been no mistake, and we look upon the obstinate behaviour of the Register, in again publishing his paragraph intended to accuse us of falsehood, after the full particulars are before him, as, to say the least of it, exceedingly ungracious.

We—that is the public—are at length favored with the revenue of Hongkong for 1845. We are further favored with a skeleton of the expenditure. What Mr. Hume calls the "total of the whole" of each department are before us—the details have been deemed unnecessary.

The first item of the revenue is Police Assessment £529, 6s 3d, or as near as possible 5 per cent upon £10,600. Now, there must be something wrong in this; as the rents assessed at the valuation of the government assessors amount to a much larger sum, even admitting that the Executive lopped 40 per cent from the nominal rents affixed by those extremely liberal Gentlemen. We therefore conclude that a portion of the assessment will be carried to the credit of 1846. 1845 was only benefited by six months of the property tax, which at the rate published would amount to £1,059, 12s 6d per annum. The next item is land rent £12,067. A contemporary appears at a loss to account for the insignificance of this sum, the nominal rent according to the land sales being £18,000. There is no mystery in the matter at all. In consequence of the unfair way in which public land was offered for competition at the first sale, men of straw bid and raised the lots to an absurd price. There was no penalty—no forfeiture of they failed to take up their leases, and they have only taken up such as suits their convenience or they could sell at a profit. The bona fide purchaser, who either bid for the lot he had already built upon, or that upon which he intended to build, was thus fleeced in a wholesale manner by this parental government. The iniquities of that sale have often been pointed out by the local papers; we now see the result. Conspicuous on the rent roll is, FOR FISHERY, 17s 4d—seven teen shillings and a groat, extorted from the pauper population for permission to fish off the rocks of Hongkong! We have often said that nothing was too small for this Executive, we now behold the proof. The next item is Licenses. The opium farm, which is driving the native shopkeepers from the colony and reducing the value of property, amounts to £2,384 15s 2d. Of the other licenses, selling wines and spirits, and billiard rooms may be permitted to pass; but auctioneers, salt brokers, serangs, and pawnbrokers are all objectionable as tending to check local trade. The licenses from Chinese pawnbrokers alone amount to £464, 19s 3d. It is painful to think what a degree of extortion, misery, and crime, must be caused by a tax which draws such a sum from the impoverished natives of the colony. The other items of the revenue appear to us to be reasonable enough.

We turn to the expenditure. Civil Government £14,457, 5s, 10d. This includes His Excellency's very handsome salary of £6,000, which it may safely be predicted will be reduced ere many years pass. The whole table of expenditure is ridiculously drawn up. Nothing is specific; we have under this head (that of Civil government) ordinary contingencies £1,016, 19s 1d and special dis-

bursements £706, 19s 2d, and in all the other departments, with exception of the Ecclesiastical Establishment and the Medical department, they make a most conspicuous figure. The gross amount of these ordinary contingencies and special disbursements is £9,524, 16s 6d, out of an expenditure of £39,464, 12s 9d. We pass the Ecclesiastical Establishment, which is moderate enough, and there is the Revenue Department £5,878, 17s 7d. Upwards of a fourth of the revenue is paid for disbursing it. The absurdity of this requires no comment—we would merely say to the Executive, put your money in the Bank, where it will be taken good care of, and break up your idle establishment in the Treasury office. The Judicial department is costly for this Colony, but competent men could not be got to perform the important duties for less. But the Police department is the monster—salaries £4,351, 4s 8d, ordinary contingencies £5,311, 11s 10d, special disbursements £322, 12s 1d, giving a grand total of £9,985, 8s 7d. We hear a good deal of the Schoolmaster being abroad, but it is time the Gardener visited Hongkong, and in lopping the rank growth of office, we would advise him to commence with the police.

The total expenditure for the year is £65, 726, 19s 5d. From this sum deduct £27,232, 6s 8d for public works, and there is £38,494, 12s 9d which is the annual expense of the government establishments. The revenue being £22,242, 8s 1d, there is a deficiency of £17,252, 4s 8d, to be paid by the home government, which considering that this is a military colony for the protection of a branch of commerce from which they derive a direct revenue of upwards of four millions sterling, cannot be looked upon as an excessive burden to be borne by the British government.

That the expenses are capable of being reduced, without injury to the efficiency of the Government establishments, is, we think, undeniable. We doubt however whether the revenue can be much increased. The injudicious system of licenses has driven away many of the native Shopkeepers, and the almost entire lack of trade induces some of the foreign Merchants to break up their establishments. The only true way to benefit the revenue is by the encouragement of commerce; and the first measure required, is the discontinuance of the licensing system and the removal of every restriction upon native shipping. If Hongkong ever becomes a place of trade, there will be no difficulty in raising an ample revenue. With a large influx of Chinese and Foreign Merchants there would be a demand for land, and the rent would not be nominally but actually upwards of £18,000. In the present aspect of affairs, there is no prospect of an increase to the land revenue—that can only be brought about by a sacrifice of the licensing system, and the adoption of such other liberal measures as would readily occur to clear headed practical men, had we such at the Council boards.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

- JANUARY, 30, Privateer, Martell, Cumsingmoon. FEBRUARY, 1, John Laird, Bryant, Whampoa. 2, Paul Jones, Watkins, Boston. 3, Sultana, Wadge, Bombay. 3, Syed Khan, Smart, East Coast. 3, Ardaseer, Bombay. SAILED. JANUARY, 31, Amherst, Biale, Whampoa. 31, Lyra, Grosvenor, Macao. 31, Aden, King, Liverpool. 31, Mermaid, Gill, Macao and Calcutta. FEBRUARY, 1, P & O Co.'s Str. Braganza, Lewis, Ceylon. 1, Mazappa, Macfarlane, East Coast. 1, Dart (Am), Baylis, Shanghai. 1, Carthage (Am), Fox, Amoy. 2, H.M.S. Agincourt, Capt. Johnstone, Whampoa. 2, H.M.S. Vixen, Com. Gifford, Whampoa. 2, Audax, Oliver, Whampoa. 3, John Laird, Bryant, London.

REPORTS.

Royalist, Riddles, Amoy. William Jardine, Small, Whampoa. Paul Jones on the 16th January in Dampier Straits spoke the Mary Ann of Glasgow from Liverpool for this Port.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

- H. M. S. Dardanus, Captain McQuhae. H. M. S. Hazard, Captain Egerton. H. M. S. Vestal, Captain Talbot. H. C. Str. Pluto, Com. Airy. H. M. Tr. S. Alligator, Com. King. H. M. S. Minden, 2nd Master in charge Osmer, Hospital and Store Ship. Anglona, Lane, Macvicar and Co. Ardaseer, ———— Bonanjee Hormasjee, Coates, J. Matheson and Co. Calcutta, Osborne, Russell and Co. Congaree (Am), Doane, Russell and Co. Corsair (steam), Soames, J. Matheson and Co. Emma, Fraser, Captain Youngusband and Co. Gazette (Am.), Chase, J. Matheson and Co. Jane (Dut), P. Berg, Macvicar and Co. John Barry, Clarke, Dent and Co. Linnet, ———— Mides (Am. str.ahr), Poor, Youngusband and Co. Natchez (Am), Waterman, James P Sturgis. Paul Jones, Watkins, Bush and Co. Privateer, Martell, Bush and Co. Royalist, Riddles, Marrow and Co. Startling, Chape, Marrow and Co. Sultana, Wadge, ———— Syed Khan, Smart, ———— Theres, ———— Wm. Jardine, Small, William Lane. W. J. Jardine, Small, Elanin, Rawson and Co. Wisahickon (Am), Webber, Wetmore and Co. Zephyr, Mann, Dent and Co.

SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

- H. M. S. Agincourt, Captain Johnstone, Flag of Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane. H. M. Str. Vixen, Commander Gifford. Amherst, Biale, A. A. de Mello. Atlet Rohoman, Row, J. Santum. Audax, Oliver, J. Matheson and Co. Devil, Furley, Hansen. Giraffe, Robinson, Russell and Co. John Christian, Thomas, Dirom, Gray and Co. Joven Corina, Dring, D. & M. Rustomjee and Co. Justina (Dutch), Rash, J. M. S. Van Basel. Lady Amherst, Thompson, Lindsay and Co. Nymph, Horsburgh, Dent and Co. Pearl, Morrison, D. & M. Rustomjee and Co. P. Adler (Prussian), Schutt, Russell and Co. Prius Carl (Swede), Molien, Russell and Co. Roseanna, Crighton, Turner and Co. Titania, A. F. Anson, Fletcher and Co. Victor, Morgan, Dent and Co. Wild Irish Girl, Buckton, Captain

VESSELS AT MACAO.

- Fatal Hair (Dut), Ingals, J. M. S. Van Basel. Harrier, ———— C. Saporjee Langrah. Isabella Robertson, Kelly, F. J. de Paiva. John (Swede), Olterberg, Cumsingmoon J. M. & Co. Lady Hayes, Langley, J. Matheson and Co. Lyra, Grosvenor, J. A. Durran. Mermaid, Gill, A. A. de Mello. Preciosa (Sp), Pardo, Captain. Pylades (Dut), Tholen, Turner and Co. Snipe, Endicott, A. Heard and Co.

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO.

- U. S. S. Columbus (74), Com. Biddle, Bogue forts. U. S. Corvette Vincennes, Captain Paulding. Anna Maria, Millett, Wetmore and Co. Congress, French, Russell and Co. Coquette, Eldridge, Russell and Co. Lochoo, Hatch, Russell and Co. Medora, Cooke, Wetmore and Co. Yumchi, Steele, Wetmore and Co.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

WILL be sold on Friday 6th Inst., at 11 o'clock A. M. on board the Barque "CALCUTTA", the Sails, Spars Rigging, Cables, Anchors &c. &c. belonging to said Barque, as also the Hull, as it now lies in Hongkong Bay.

Sale Positive. W. S. HEYL.

Boats will be in readiness to convey purchasers on board at 10 o'clock A. M. at the Bowra's Wharf.

NOTICE.

THE Firm of FEARON & SON, Macao, is this day dissolved; and the undersigned has removed to Nos. 2 & 3, Wellington Street, Victoria; where he will be happy to attend to the adjustment of average claims as usual.

C. A. FEARON.

Victoria, 1st February, 1846.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

SODA WATER, AERATED LEMONADE, Aerated Chalybeate Water, (highly recommended, on account of its tonic properties). Hongkong 23rd January, 1846.

JUST IMPORTED,

AND For Sale by C. MARKWICK, Auctioneer, Puttinger Street. A few Hogsheads of Abbotts' Pale Ale. Victoria, February 4th, 1846.

VALUABLE ESTATE

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. FRANKLYN has been favored with Instructions to put up to the Public competition on the 25th proximo, the whole of the Valuable property in one lot comprising:

That commodious and well built Dwelling House now occupied by Messrs MURROW & Co. containing large and well lighted Offices and Godowns, Servants Rooms, Stables, and every other convenience with Granite Treasury on ground floor; on the first floor large Drawing room and Five Bed rooms, with Five Grates in excellent repair.

Those Two Houses immediately below the above occupied by J. POPE Esq, and R. KANGEL Esq, containing large Offices Godowns, Servants rooms, Treasuries, Stables etc. etc. on Ground floor, and on First Floor, Drawing rooms, Three Bed rooms, Dressing rooms, with large Verandahs to each; together with.

That highly valuable Piece of Ground adjoining, and fronting Aberdeen and Wellington Streets. The Above Houses were carefully built, regardless of Expense, under the Superintendance of European Architects, they are well drained, in excellent repair, and situated in one of the most healthy and respectable parts of the Town being in and adjoining one of the most fashionable Streets.

They are formed for a refreshing coolness, not to be found in less elevated and more crowded localities. The whole are tenanted for this year certain, and produce a yearly Rental of about \$2,500, which will revert to the Purchasers from 1st proximo.

TO THE CAPITALIST.

This presents a safe and rare opportunity for investing money which will continue to yield a high rate of Interest, as the situation will always insure Tenants, and become more valuable from year to year. To those requiring a residence an opportunity now offer itself of procuring one delightfully situated, dry and well aired—no small consideration in this climate—and which will readily realize its value at any future period.

The Piece of Ground fronting two of the leading thoroughfares, (dimensions of which will appear hereafter) is admirably calculated for a large Dwelling or House of Business, and is worthy the attention of Builders and others.

MR. FRANKLYN confidently invites Inspection of this Estate. Full particulars can be obtained on application at his Office, Queen's Road. Victoria, January 25th, 1846.

LAND AND HOUSES.
FOR Sale Inland lot No. 124 situate west of the Hon. Major Caines late residence. Measures on North side on a Public Road 173 feet, South 205 feet. East on Road 120 feet, West on ditto 115 feet. The whole contains 21,735 square feet and can be disposed of with those two neat and well built European Bungalows there on standing, or in portions if not less than 2000 square feet to suit purchasers.

The Houses are in a remarkably dry and healthy situation, and command a fine view of the Bay. Apply to

Mr FRANKLYN.

Land Agent &c. &c.

Queen's Road, February 3rd, 1846.

CURIOSITIES.

ON view and for sale at Mr FRANKLYN'S Show Rooms Queen's Road. A small but neat assortment of Chinese Curio's in carved Bamboo, Wood and Copper.

Also, an invoice of Brass Musical Instruments consisting of French Horns, Key Bugles, Trumpets and Ophicleids:

HOUSES.

FOR private sale that unfinished house situate in Wellington Street and facing the one occupied by Mon's Dupuig, French Tailor. Apply to

W. H. FRANKLYN.

Land Agent &c.

Queen's Road, February 3rd, 1846.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON Thursday, the 5th Inst., at 11 o'clock A. M. the undersigned will sell by Public Auction, at *Chinam's Hong*, an assortment of Glass ware; a lot of Fancy Trowsering and Welch Flannel; Pott Wine in Bottle; Gin in Demijohns, and Hams Dried and Pickled; and other articles.

Terms, Cash in Mexican Dollars.

McEWEN & Co.

Auctioneers.

Victoria, 3rd February, 1846.

NOTICE.

ARRANGEMENTS, having been completed for the erection of an Ice House, for a regular supply of Ice. Parties who may be desirous of adding their names to the list of Shareholders will be pleased to communicate with Mr L. A. Stone No. 2 Gough Street, who is authorised by the Ice committee to receive and register applications for shares.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1845.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

THE following are for Sale and Recommended. **HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES.** Speed's Arrow-Root, Robinson's Patent Groats and Barley, Seidlitz Powders, Essence of Ginger, Syrup of Raspberries, Furniture Oil, French Polish Salt of Lemons for removing Ink and other Stains from Linen, &c.

PATENT MEDICINES.

Murray's Fluid Magnesia and Acidulated Syrup, Shepherd's Ipecacuanha Lozenges for Coughs, Labarraque's Disinfecting Solution of Chloride of Lime and Soda.

Gotthelm's Gelatine Capsules of Copaiba, Planten's Concentrated Capsules of Castor Oil, Frank's Specific Solution of Copaiba.

PERFUMERY.

Bear's Grease, Cold Cream, The True Eau de Cologne, Hair Oil different sorts, Lavender Water, Lip Salve, Pomade Divine, Pungent Salts, Low's Perfumed Soaps, Tooth Powder different varieties, Compound Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla, (prepared at Dispensary).

Ship Medicine Chests all sizes, and replenished at moderate rates.

Patent Enema Syringes, with the latest improvements.

Small Pewter and Bone Do.

Surgical Instruments, Pocket Cases,

STETHOSCOPIES, HERNIA TRUSSES, &c.

Chemical Apparatus and Tests,

Horse Medicines.

Victoria, 23rd January, 1846.

PORTO NOVO IRON WORKS.

THE INDIA IRON and STEEL COMPANY, have again blown in their Furnaces, and are now ready to execute orders for Pig Iron and Iron Castings of every description.

From improvements in the Manufacture of their Iron, they are now capable of making Castings of the softest description and malleability, and of great strength which can be filed, turned and bored with ease.

The uniform and excellent strong quality of their Pig together with the superiority of their Castings, give them confidence in the perfect certainty of executing any orders they may receive to the entire satisfaction of those who may employ them.

The arrangements to complete their Forge are nearly finished, and they hope by the beginning of the year to supply Bar Iron of all sizes, uniform in quality and equal to the best European Marks.

Castings of the following description may be procured:—

Large Castings:—Columns or Pillars, Beams and Pipes, for Buildings, &c.

Small Castings:—Plain and Ornamental Brackets, for Wall Shade, Lamps, Shelves, &c.

Do. Do.—Railways and Balusters.

Do. Do.—Bedsteads with and without Posts.

Hinges and Bolts for large Gates and Doors

Castors for Beds, or for Tables or Boxes.

Pestles and Mortars of large and small sizes, and many other Castings of the like description too numerous to mention.

Order or Letters of enquiry addressed to their Agents:—

Messrs BAINBRIDGE & Co., Madras.

" TULLOCH & Co., Calcutta.

" REMINGTON & Co., Bombay, or

to the Managing Director at Porto Novo, shall be immediately attended to.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims upon the undersigned are requested to send in their accounts for adjustment; and all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment to.

JOHN KAINS,

Victoria, 6th January, 1846.

NOTICE.

JUST opened and for Sale at the stores of the undersigned.

A large assortment of Carpeting all patterns, Hearth Rugs &c. Tartan and Check Cloths, Drills and White Cotton and worsted Hoes, Ladies Musline De Laime and Printed Dresses, Lace and a large assortment of Perfumery, stationary Table linen and Oilman's Stores of all descriptions Candles &c.

D. CHISHOLM.

Queen's Road.

Victoria, November 21st, 1845.

THE undersigned has just received from England by the "William Jardine" the following articles expressly ordered for this market of a superior quality.

Foolscap, Letter and note Paper, together with Envelopes and other stationery.

Mirrors, Hair, Tooth, and Nail Brushes, Complete Breakfast, Dinner and tea services, Good pickled Butter in Jars, Sauces of all kinds, Assorted Pickles, Fruits, Currants in Jars, Anchovy, Sauce and Paste, Mustard in lbs. and half pounds, Curtis and Harvey's Diamond grain powder, Old dark Brandy in cask.

C. W. BOWRA.

Victoria, 28th January 1846.

FOR SALE.

ANCHORS, Chains, Europe and Manila Rope, Navy and bleached Canvas, Navy Cuck, Bunting, Paints, Oil, Salt Provisions, Bread, Flour and Marine Stores of all descriptions, Wines, Spirits, Beer and Porter in wood and bottle, Iron and Lead Water pipe, Sheet Lead, Solder, Ceres, Plaster of Paris and Stencelling Patterns, Stoves, Grates with Fenders &c. to match. Nautical Almanacs for 1846, and Manila Cheroots No. 3 and 4.

HUMPHREYS & Co.

13 Queen's Road,

Victoria, 1st December, 1845.

SMITH & BRIMELOW.

Ship Chandlers, Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Commission Agents &c. No 1 & 2 WOOSNAM'S BUILDINGS.

HAVE for sale all kinds of Stores suitable for Ships; such as Canvas, Blocks, Rope, Twine, Beef, Pork, &c. &c. Also Stores suitable for families, Double Gloster Cheese, Butter in small Kegs and Jars, York hams, Coffee, Chocolate, Preserved Meats and Soups, Sauces and Pickles assorted, Sardines, Prunes, Bloom/Raisins, Pearl Barley, Jams and Jellies, Tea in small packages, superior Bristol Tripe, Salmon, Tongues.

ALSO

Beer and Porter in Cask, Barclay and Perkins Stout in bottles, Allop's Beer.

Superior Port and Sherry, Madeira in wood and bottles, Vidonia, old Cognac, Whiskey in cask and bottle, Cask Brandy, Cherry Cordial, and a variety of other articles.

Victoria, 20th December 1845.

SODA WATER

AND
ERATED LEMONADE,

TO be obtained at the manufactory of the undersigned.

SMITH & BRIMELOW.

No 1 and 2 Woosnam's Buildings, corner of Pottinger Street.

L. CHRISTOPHER begs to inform the Ladies of Hongkong that he has just received by the "Braganza" a splendid assortment of ladies French Silk and Gauze dresses, Barege cachemire, Glacé broché, Barege satin, Labrador, Veloutine fleurie, and other robes; Ladies plaid Silk shawls and Scarfs, Cravates goulées, and Mille raies, of the latest style, which he offers with confidence as being the newest and most distinguished lot of goods that has yet been received in Hongkong. Also gentlemen's Black Silk and Satin Cravats and Waistcoatings of superior quality.

NOTICE.

MRS CHRISTOPHER respectfully begs to acquaint the Ladies of Victoria, that she has received a large assortment of Childrens clothing of different patterns and quality, suitable both for summer and winter, from the ages of six months to ten years inclusive. Also a lot of Childrens habit Shirts and Collars; Ladies and Gentlemen's Blond and Cambric Handkerchiefs; Gentlemen's Gloves of different color; Ladie's Boots and Shoes.

Victoria, December 26th, 1845.

MR CHRISTOPHER respectfully begs to inform the inhabitants of Hongkong, Masters of Vessels &c. that he has this day opened Refreshment Rooms next to Mr Just's in the Queen's Road.

A printed scale of charges for Breakfasts, Tifins, Dinners &c. which will be at extremely moderate charges, will be hung up in the premises. The English and Local Newspapers to be had at all times.

Victoria, 23rd December, 1845.

JUST ARRIVED.

AND for Sale at the Stores of the Undersigned, A superior Invoice of Oilman's Stores consisting of Pickles, Bottled Fruits, W. W. Vinegar, Sauces of sorts, Cherry, Strawberry and Raspberry Juice for making Ratafia, Jams and Jellies, Currants and Raisins in Tins, Macaroni and Vermicelli in Tins, preserved meats and Soups of sorts, Berkeley, Cheddar and pine Cheeses, Smoked Wild Bacon in Tins, Pickled Ox Tongues, Prime Salt Beef (Leadsball), Fine York Hams Best Dutch Butter &c. &c. Also Flannel, Wrappers, Taglioni's Cotton Socks and Stockings, Thread Gloves, Scotch Tartan plaids, Corkscrews, Tape measures, Sail needles, Letter Clips, Brass Taps, Satin Stocks, White and Black Beaver and Silk Hats, Felt Hats, and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.

McMURRAY & Co.

Victoria, Aberdeen Street and Queen's Road, 23rd January, 1846.

McEWEN & Co.

GENERAL Commission and Shipping Agents Wine Beer and Spirit Merchants.

And Auctioneers Queen's Road & Chinams Hong. Supply Ships, Families and foreign residents at the consular ports, with all descriptions of Stores, Salt provisions, Wine, Beer and Spirits upon moderate terms.

Also dry and convenient storage for goods.

Victoria, 1st January, 1846.

FOR SALE.

A Lot of Prime Champagne just landed; also dried Plums and Figs in Tins, Pearl Barley, Wine and Beer Corks.

McEWEN & Co.

Victoria, Queen's Road, 30th Jan'y., 1846

FOR SALE.

JUST landed a few Hogsheads Superior Dark Colored Brandy. Also, Dark and Pale Colored Cognac in bottle, of first quality.

McEWEN & Co.

Victoria, 20th Jan'y., 1846. Queen's Road.

FOR SALE. By the undersigned.

Champagne, Hock, Beef, and Stout, all of the first quality.

EDWARD NEWMAN.

Victoria 7th October, 1845.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having succeeded Mr. P. Townsend, as Auctioneer and Commission Agent, respectfully solicits the patronage of the Merchant and foreign Residents in Hongkong and China, and hopes by a prompt attention to business, to merit a continuance of the patronage bestowed upon his predecessor.

WILLIAM S. HEYL.

At the Old Stand Queen's Road

Victoria, 2nd December, 1845.

FOR SALE.

ONE Complete Copy of the Chinese Repository.

Apply to,

W. S. HEYL.

FOR SALE.

ON the Store of the Subscriber. Sherry and Madeira Wine in Wood and Bottles; Port Wine in Cases; Peppermint Cordial; Ale in Wood; Porter and Cider in Bottles; Superior American Butter; Corn meal; Family Beef in 4 Bbls; Neals Tongues; Rounds; Tobacco; Segars No 3 and 4, Manila Cheroots in 1000 and 500 Boxes; Oats in Bbls; Russia Canvas; Twine; Paint Oil and Turpentine; Bright Varnish.

W. S. HEYL.

Queen's Road, Victoria, 5th December, 1845.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

P. TOWNSEND begs to intimate that he will have "Another" sale on this day the 4th February at 6 30 P. M. of an extensive collection of Engravings handsomely got up on stretchers, embossed gilt frames.

The subjects are numerous and suitable for every description of apartment from the cell of the anchorite to the saloon of the sportsman, from the gairret of the Author to the dressingroom of the "Lukutiest"; (N. P. Willis); from the fore-castle to the Cabin, something for all.

Also, an Invoice of Gilt and Bronzed Clocks, silver handled Knives and Forks, and Middletons drawing Pencils.

NOTICE.

P. TOWNSEND, having resigned his business, of Auction and Commission Agent in favour of Mr. WILLIAM S. HEYL, begs to return his thanks to the Merchants of China, for their very liberal patronage during his residence in the Country, and would at the same time solicit the continuance of the same favour for his successor, Mr. TOWNSEND will remain with Mr. HEYL, until March 1846, as salesman and can promise the usual punctuality in business.

Victoria, 2nd December, 1845.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims upon the undersigned are requested to send in their accounts for adjustment, and all parties indebted are requested to make immediate payment to.

P. TOWNSEND.

Victoria, 2nd December, 1845.

FOR SALE.

BY the undersigned a few Jars of superior English Paint Oil.

C. MARKWICK.

Auctioneer.

Pottinger Street.

Victoria, 19th November, 1845.

BILLS OF LADING FOR THE OVERLAND ROUTE.

FOR sale at this office, four forms of bills of lading for goods or specie shipped by the P. & O. Company's Steam packets. 1st for goods deliverable at London; 2nd for goods deliverable at Southampton; 3rd for goods deliverable at Suez; 4th for goods deliverable at intermediate ports. They are printed after the Company's forms on Bank post.

Office "Friend of China" }
 25th October, 1845. }

SHIPPING ARTICLES, according to the recent act (Victoria 7 & 8) for sale at this office.

Office "Friend of China," }
 Victoria, 10th October, 1845. }

LINGUISTS REPORTS AND NAVY BILLS for sale at this Office.

Office Friend of China, 28th Dec., 1844.

FOR SALE.—At the office of this paper.

Comptroleres cheque books. Ships Articles, with an abstract of the merchant seaman's act endorsed on the back. Charterparties, after forms by Chitty. Powers of Attorney, after forms by Chitty. Bills of Lading. Chinese Tariff of imports, and exports. counting houses.

CLOSE OF THE THIRD SESSION.

The third year's labours of our Colonial Legislature were yesterday brought to a close. The session began two months later than was necessary, and has therefore necessarily extended full two

months beyond the period at which the convenience and the pecuniary interests of many honorable members require that it should terminate. In both these particulars, the present year's session has been made the victim of an innovation upon long established usage... an innovation so daring, so injurious, and so utterly indefensible on the ground of necessity, that we earnestly protest against its being erected into a precedent.

The prorogation speech, like most orations of the kind, is very smooth and complimentary. To use a homely phrase, His Excellency endeavours to "put the best face" on the state of affairs between the Council and himself. Judging from the speech alone, one would suppose that nothing could be more harmonious in temper, word, and work, more loving and true "each to other," than the two branches of the Legislature of New South Wales. Nobody would for a moment suspect that between these co-ordinate powers there had been several sharp contentions, and almost a total want of sympathy; the one being, in all its aims and objects, in all its prepossessions and antipathies, essentially colonial, and the other essentially British, one studying, as its paramount duty, the interests of the country placed especially under its charge, and the other the good graces of the Minister in whose smile it officially exists.

"I have had much pleasure," quoth the speech, "in being able to co-operate cordially with the Council in the passing of some measures, from which results may be expected of much importance to the colony," and from which, His Excellency might have candidly added, I do not think any offence can be taken by my masters in Downing-street. We firmly believe that this mental reservation in favour of Westminster is coupled, and has been coupled from the first day of his administration, with all the measures, executive and legislative, of Governor Sir George Gipps. Westminster first—New South Wales last. At any price, at all hazards, Westminster must be satisfied and gratified. And if, consistently with that grand and overruling preliminary, the interests of New South Wales can be promoted, well and good; so let it be: but rather than provoke a censure or a frown from the Right Honorable personage whose hands grasp the colonial seals, New South Wales may go to the bottom of the ocean!

The first measure to which the speech deigns a specific reference, is the reduction of duties on the importation or manufacture of spirituous liquors; concerning which His Excellency indulges a hope that it will be "sufficient to render unprofitable the fraudulent practices of lawless men," meaning, in plainer English, smuggling and illicit distillation. This hope, may possibly be destined to a bitter disappointment. The concurrent testimony of the witnesses who were examined at the bar of the Council on this point, was certainly not such as to justify the Governor's calculations. Taking that evidence as our guide, we should be rather disposed to the opinion that the measure to which the speech assigns so prominent a place, and upon which it pronounces so high an encomium, will prove about the least profitable of the session.

The best part of the Speech is contained in the last three paragraphs; the Port Phillip people will say that the best of all is the last last of all. These paragraphs are literally true. There is nothing political about them. In decanting on the prosperous state of the colony, the Governor can afford to speak out. He has no fears as to Westminster consequences. And we must do Sir George the justice to say, that in this respect he has always been a friend to the colony. In her darkest hours of embarrassment and alarm he has firmly stood by her; and whilst others, even "the sages of the land," were calumniating her as a pauper and a beggar, whom fortune had abandoned for ever, he indignantly repelled the slander, and maintained that she still possessed true wealth and inexhaustible resources, and would ere long rise superior to all the calamities of her evil day. His Excellency has now the pleasure of seeing these hopes brilliantly realised, and he does well to dwell with emphasis upon so delightful a result.

(Sydney Herald, 14 Nov.)

CROWN REVENUES OF PORT PHILLIP.

Since writing the article that appeared in our paper of Tuesday, headed 'Port Phillip and the Immigration Loan,' we have received a copy of the Return moved for by Dr Nicholson on the 14th ultimo, and laid upon the table and ordered to be printed on the 30th. The document is entitled, 'A Return of the Revenue from all sources derived from the District of Port Phillip, and of the Appropriation of the same, for each year, from 1st January, 1843, to 31st December, 1844, distinguishing the General and Crown Revenues and the expenditure chargeable on each respectively.'

Before we proceed to notice this paper, we must object, in limine to the insidious purpose for which it was called for. The object cannot be mistaken. It was to furnish materials for another claptrap argument in favour of "separation"—that absurd chimera which seems to have driven some of the Port Phillipians crazy. The constituencies of the colony are distributed into sixteen electoral districts; and we contend that it would have been quite as proper for the representative of each or any of the other fifteen constituencies to move for a similar return for his own district. Indeed, once admit this principle of dissecting the consolidated fund of the colony into topographical fragments, with a view to its rateable distribution under a sort of agrarian law, and it is impossible to say where its consequences will stop. Each county, each hundred, each parish—each borough, each ward, each street—and possibly each family too—may put in its claim to its own infinitesimal share. Port Phillip has no claims peculiar to itself—no claims which may not be urged with equal justice by every other district. Concede to Port Phillip, and you must concede to all.

But to return to the Council Paper. The insinuations to which we referred in our article of Tuesday, were to the effect, that the Sydney district was supplied with immigrant labour at the expense of the Port Phillip land fund; in other words, that in the disbursement of that fund, the Executive did not expend upon Port Phillip the proportion to which its contributions to the fund entitled it. The return before us shows, that not only is the imputation untrue, but the very opposite of the truth. The Port Phillip Crown Revenues, for the year

1843, amounted to £12,068, and the expenditure chargeable thereon to £11,399; leaving unexpended the trifling balance of £664.

But the Crown Revenues of the year 1844 amounted to £11,160, and the expenditure chargeable thereon to £28,518, being an excess of expenditure over revenue, of £17,358 or more than 155 per cent.

The excess for the two years was £16,695, or more than 71 per cent.

It will doubtless be urged by the Separationists, that although there was an excess of expenditure with regard to Crown Revenue, yet with regard to the General Revenue the reverse was the fact. The same fact would doubtless be found to exist in the debtor and creditor account of the county of Cumberland, and other parts of the colony. But the plea of the querulous Port Phillipinas is well

anticipated and met by a note subjoined to the Return. "This Return," observes the Auditor-General, "comprises the expenditure strictly belonging to Port Phillip, as already given in the printed statements for 1843 and 1844, submitted to the Legislative Council. Several other expenses have, however, been incurred for that district, which do not admit of being readily stated with any degree of exactitude; such as the cost of horses, and equipments for the Mounted Police: of clothing, stores, and stationery forwarded from the depot of the Colonial Storekeeper; the proportion of the expenses of the Colonial Secretary and other departments in Sydney, and of the Colonial Agent General in England, employed in services connected with Port Phillip; and various other expenses of a similar nature."

(Sydney Herald, 22 Nov.)

REPORTS BY THE COLONIAL SURGEON FOR 1845.

TABLE I.—An Abstract of Sickness and Death among the Civil Government Officers &c., in the Island of Hongkong, from 1st January to 31st December, 1845.

Table with columns for months (January to December), Govt. Officers, Police &c., Prisoners, and Remarks. Includes data on sickness and deaths for each category.

TABLE II.—The Actual number of Cases and different Diseases among the Government Officers, &c., in each Month throughout the Year 1845.

Table with columns for Diseases (Ague, Remittent Fever, Diarrhoea, etc.) and months (January to December), showing the number of cases for each.

TABLE III.—The Number of Prisoners and the proportion of Deaths in the Year 1845.

Table with columns for Europeans, Indians, Portuguese, Chinese, Total number, and Number of deaths.

TABLE IV.—The Number, Proportion of Deaths, &c. of all those under the Medical Superintendance of the Colonial Surgeon during the Year 1845.

Table with columns for Government Officers, Police, Wives and Children of Police and Overseers of Roads, Prisoners, and their respective numbers and proportions of deaths.

* The difference between this Table and the one above is owing to one prisoner who died in the Seaman's Hospital not being included in the Table above.

TABLE V.—The Population of Hongkong and the Proportion of Deaths during the Year 1845.

Table with columns for Population, Number of Population, Number of Deaths, and Proportion of Deaths.

REMARKS.

In Table No. 1.—We discover that the list of sick is smaller in March than in any other month throughout the year, while on the other hand it is greater in November, although it must be recollected that it is not actually the most unhealthy month. The reason there assigned for the increased sickness in November, is the circumstance of the number of Indians, who usually suffer most from the setting in of the low range of temperature at that time. It will be observed that there

have been no deaths during January and February, with the exception of one woman who died in childbirth. The months of July and October shew the greatest mortality; still we are not to consider the month in which the greatest mortality appears, to be the most unhealthy, as the cases that prove fatal have generally been taken ill in the previous months; and this statement is besides corroborated by what is observed in Britain, where nearly 100 more die of Phthisis in Spring and Summer than in Autumn and Winter, and yet these are certainly not the most unhealthy periods. The most unhealthy months in this Island or rather the months in which the most fatal diseases have their origin, are July, August, and September, the three hottest months.

In Table No. II.—The most prevalent diseases are clearly shewn to be Ague, Diarrhoea, Remittent Fever, and Dysentery. But though Ague stands at the head of the list in respect to the number of cases, yet by looking over the causes of death as laid down under the head of "Remarks" in the Table No. I. it will be seen, that while out of 27 deaths that occurred last year, there were 6 of Fever and 9 fatal cases of Dysentery, thus proving the latter to have been most fatal. Now by referring to the Colonial Surgeon's report for the six months ending December 1844, it will be found that fever was then the most fatal malady. The reason for this change cannot at present be satisfactorily accounted for.

In Table No. III.—We see the number and proportion of deaths among the prisoners, which shews the mortality in the prison to be very small, being about 1 1/2 per cent. The chief causes of the mortality are Ulcers. These occur among the lowest class of the Chinese, and are owing to their unexcitable or non-inflammatory temperament, their spare diet, consisting of rice and salt fish, their filthy habits, and a wish on the part of the patients to prevent the Ulcers healing so as to avoid work. These Ulcers are often induced by the clains on their limbs, which may be said to act as the immediate exciting cause. Epidemics have been unknown in the Jail.

In Table No. IV.—We find the deaths among the Government Officers to be small, only amounting to 1 in 66 of the whole, that is 1 1/2 per cent, or a little more than 1 per cent among all the cases that have been under treatment in 1845. But in the Police Department, including Overseers of Roads, we find a much greater mortality, being 1 in 14 of the whole number of persons, that is 7 per cent, or among those who have been under treatment, 1 in 19.5, that is, about 5 1/2 per cent. This mortality is owing to the constant exposure to the vicissitudes of the climate, the intemperate habits of the individuals, the deleterious nature of the spirits they imbibe, and further, to the Road Overseers living in temporary dwellings erected on the damp soil.

Table No. V.—Shews the European and Portuguese population in Hongkong for 1845, and the number and proportion of deaths to the population, which we discover to be 1 in 18.3 or nearly 5 per cent.

The past year appears to have been much more healthy among the civil community than the years previous, which is to be accounted for by the improved state of the Colony, improvements in draining, in roads, and in dwellings more adapted to the country, also from the deleterious nature of the climate being better known, and therefore more care taken to avoid the causes which promote disease; and it is hoped that disease will now continue to diminish as the improvement of the place increases.

F. DILL, M.D., Colonial Hospital Surgeon.

Victoria, Hongkong, January 17th, 1846.

REVENUE of the Colony of Hongkong, received during the Year 1845.

Table showing Revenue details: TAXES, DUTIES, RENTS, LICENCES, FEES, FINES, and Total Revenue in £ sterling.

FREDERICK W. C. BRUCE, Colonial Secretary.

Victoria, Hongkong, January, 9th, 1846.

EXPENDITURE of the Colony of Hongkong, for the Year ended 31st, Dec. 1845.

Table showing Expenditure details: CIVIL GOVERNMENT, ECCLESIASTICAL ESTABLISHMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENTS, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, Public Works and Buildings, and Total Expenditure in £ sterling.

FREDERICK W. A. BRUCE, Colonial Secretary.

Victoria, Hongkong, January 9th, 1846.