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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 2 P. M. 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 MANILA.

**THE Spanish Bark "PRECIOZA,"** daily expected from Macao, will have immediate despatch for the above port. For Freight, Apply to

GILMAN & Co.

Victoria, 6th February, 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.

## FOR SALE.

**MARINE Lot No. 64** Situated between the lots of Messrs. Macvicar & Co. and FRANKER 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.

## 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.

## FOR SALE.

**AT** 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.

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

HUGHESDON & Co.

## TO LET.

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

## TO LET.

**SEVERAL** convenient tenements situated in Wellington and Stanley Streets. The terms which are very moderate, may be known by applying to

BURD, LANGE & Co.

Queen's Road, Jany, 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.

Nethlds. Consulate, Canton, 3rd October, 1845.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY.

**MESSRS 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.

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

Hongkong, 15th January 1846.

## FOR SALE.

**AT** the Godowns of Messrs Blenkin, 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, Cosart & Co's superior Madeira,** in Hhds, quarter and half quarter casks, and in cases.

FLETCHER & Co.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1845.

## NOTICE.

**MR F. H. TIEDEMAN** is authorized to sign for our firm by procuration.

VANDERBURG ROMSWINCKEL & Co.

Canton and Macao, 31st January, 1846.

## 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 Firm of FERRIS & Son,** Macao, in 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.

**MR. ROGER JACSON** is authorized to sign our firm by procuration.

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 procuration.

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 cwt's.

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 Teneriffe 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 . . . . . \$6

" Cumingmoon . . . . . \$4

" Macao . . . . . \$5

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 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:

**VALUABLE ESTATE** BY 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. PONS Esq., and R. RANNEY 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 Superintendence of Europeans, they are well drained, in excellent repair, and situated in one of the most healthy and respectable part 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 29th, 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 two or three 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 Carvings in carved Lacquer, Wood and Copper.

Also, an invoice of Brass Musical Instruments consisting of French Horns, Key Bugles, Trumpets and Ophicleides.

**HOUSES.**

**FOR** private sale that unfinished house situate in Wellington Street and facing the one occupied by Moa's Dupuy, French Tailor. Apply to W. H. FRANKLYN, Land Agent &c. Queen's Road, February 3rd, 1846.

Table with columns for Day, Month, Mean, Max, Min, Wind, Rain, etc. for the week ending 18th January 1846.

Under these circumstances we have the honor to request for mutual accommodation, you will have the goodness to discharge the rate already levied, as well as that which will be shortly made for the current quarter on the premises hired of you by the Respective Officers of the Ordnance Department.

We have also to state that the Respective Officers have always considered that the Rent paid for the premises held, was to be in full of all claims to be made upon them for the occupancy, and we beg to observe that no renewal of the properties now held, can take place, nor will the Rent on account thereof be paid, without the production of the Collectors' Receipts for the last assessment.

This is rather an important document, as it places on record the opinion of the framers of Ordinance No. 2, that the assessment provided for by that ordinance is a direct tax upon property, payable by the landlord and not by the tenant.

The Ordinance itself, is so vague and loosely worded, that it is difficult to tell whether the tenant or landlord is the party responsible. Whether this obscurity arises from the natural incapacity of the Council, and their ignorance of their own language; or whether it is intentional, that the law may be twisted to suit circumstances, it is difficult to determine.

In the opinion of her Majesty's Law Officers in this colony, the rate is primarily payable by the tenant, though as regards the public it is ultimately a charge on the landlord; but in cases where the agreement for occupancy has been made by a military Officer, the rent being payable out of government funds, the landlord may be applied to in the first instance.

In plain English their sophistical doctrine amounts to this. When government are tenants, the landlord is made to pay the tax; but when civilians are tenants, the tenant is made to pay. To give a case in point, the Major General rent's a house, paid for by Government, at the rate of £1,000 per annum, the assessment upon which may be £30 or £40. It would not do to trouble that distinguished officer about such a paltry matter as a police assessment, the landlord is therefore applied to in the first instance and compelled to pay, or the amount is deducted from the rent.

It is clear that Government look upon the police assessment as a direct property tax, though when they are not themselves the tenants, they first hold the party who rents the house responsible, leaving him to litigate the matter with the landlord should the latter deny his liability. This is contrary to usage elsewhere, and will require to be provided for in future when houses are rented.

As a specimen of the perspicuity of the Legislative Council, we append that clause of the Ordinance which refers to the mode of payment. III.—And be it further enacted and ordained, that for the purpose of levying the said rate, a percentage at such an amount in the hundred as may annually be determined on by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council not exceeding such a sum as shall be equal to the expenses of the Police establishment, shall be assessed and paid in respect of every such valuation by the occupier or owner of each parcel of ground, house, or building, within such time and times as

the said Governor, with the advice of the said Council, shall direct, or as is hereinafter provided. In the absence of such direction and in default of the same being so paid, it shall be lawful for any person appointed to collect the said tax to apply to the Chief Magistrate of Police of the Island, who shall, on satisfactory proof of the same having been duly demanded and being due and unsatisfied, grant his Warrant to levy the same by distress of any goods on or in the lands houses, or premises so rated; and that any such rate, while unpaid, shall be a lien on the property so assessed, or charged therewith. Provided always that when and so often as any assessment shall be made on any such valuation, the particulars and nature of such assessment shall be published in one or more public newspapers of the said Colony.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. ARRIVALS.

FEBRUARY, 7, Greyhound, Hutchinson, Tutocorin. 8, Sil (Spanish), J. G. Espejo, Manila. 8, Kelpie, Sims, Chusan.

PASSENGERS. Per Paul Jones—Mrs Forbes, 2 Children and Servant; Mr and Mrs Watkins. Per Sil—Sr Jesus.

SAILED. FEBRUARY, 7, William Jardine, Small, Whampoa. 7, Ardaseer, Evans, Whampoa. 7, Good Success, Cowie, Whampoa.

PASSENGERS. Per Nymph—Sirs —, and Mr E. Gutierrez. Victor; Morgan, London. Sil (Spanish), Espejo, Macao. Jane (Dutch), P. Berg, Macao and Java.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

H. M. S. Dardalus, Captain McQuhae. H. M. S. Vestal, Captain Talbot. H. M. S. Hazard, Commander Egerton. H. C. Str. Pluto, Commander Airy. H. M. Tr. S. Alligator, Commander King. H. M. S. Minden, 2nd Master in charge Osmer, Hospital and Store Ship.

Anglona, Lane, Macvicar and Co. Bonarjee Hormasjee, Coates, J. Matheson and Co. Calcutta, Hawkins. Emma, Frasar, Captain. Gazelle (Am), Chase, J. Matheson and Co. Jane (Dutch), P. Berg, Macvicar and Co. John Barry, Clarke, Dent and Co. Kelpie, Sims, Macvicar and Co. Lancel, Youngusband and Co. Lord Althorp, Elliott, J. Crooke & Massey. Midas (Am. st. shr), Poor, James P. Sturgis. Natchez (Am. st.), Waterman, Bush and Co. Paul Jones, Watkins, Bush and Co. Pearl, Smardon, Bush and Co. Privateer, Martell, Order. Sil (Span), Espejo, Captain. Starling, Chape, Gilman and Co. Syed Khan, Smart, William Lane. Theresa, Dent and Co. Victor, Morgan, Wetmore and Co. Wissahickon (Am), Webber, Dent 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. Ardaseer, Evans, Macvicar and Co. Audax, Oliver, J. Matheson and Co. Corsair (steam), Soames, J. Matheson and Co. Deril, Furley, Hansen. Fliberty, Grierson, Fletcher and Co. Good Success, Cowie, J. Matheson and Co. Greyhound, Hutchinson, Lindsay and Co. John Christian, Thomas, Dirom, Gray and Co. Joren Corina, Dring, D & M Rustomjee and Co. Justina (Dutch), Rush, J. M. S. Van Basel. P. Adler (Prussian), Schutt, Russell and Co. Rosanna, Crighton, Turner and Co. Sultana, Wadge, D. & M. Rustomjee and Co. Titania, A. F. Anson, Fletcher and Co. Will L is Girl, Buckton, Captain. W. Jardine, Small, Blenkin, Rawson and Co.

VESSELS AT MACAO.

Fatal Hair (Dut), Ingals, J. M. S. Van Basel. Hurrie, C. Sapoorjee Lungrah. Isabella Robertson, Kelly, F. J. de Paiva. John (Swede), Oherberg, Cumsingmoon, J. M. & Co. Lady Hayes, Langley, J. Matheson and Co. Lyra, Grosvenor, J. A. Darran. Preciosa (Sp), Pardo, Captain. Snipe, Endicott, A. Heard and Co.

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO.

U. S. S. Columbus (74), Com. Balle, Bogue forts. U. S. S. Corvete Vincennes, Captain Paulding. Lochoo, Hatch, Russell and Co. Medora, Cooke, Wetmore and Co. Tartar, Lockwood, Olyphant and Co. Yuzuki, Steele, Wetmore and Co.

FOR SALE. MADEIRA in Pipes, Hogsheds & quarter Casks from the well known House of Stoddart & Co. Port and Sherry in Cases of 2 dozen each. Hodgson and Abbotts Pale Ale in Hogsheds.

Apply to DENT & Co.

ROMAN CEMENT. FOR sale at the Godown of the undersigned a consignment of Roman Cement.

Apply to RAWLE, DUBS & Co. Victoria, Queen's Road, 5th Feby. 1846.

WANTED. A BAKER One who understands his business in all its branches, and of steady habits.

Apply to J. MILLER, No. 1 & 2 Oswald's Buildings, 11th Feby. 1846.

SMITH & BRIMELOW have for sale a Choice lot of Goldner's Preserved Meat and Soups just arrived viz:

- Vegetable Soap, Hare Do., Mock Turtle Do., Concentrated Gravy, Soup and Bouilli, Minced Veal, Roast legs of Lamb, Stewed Veal and Green Peas, Ox Cheek and Vegetables, Stewed Lamb and Do., Ragout of Lamb, Spiced Beef, Green Peas, Tripe and Onions, Irish Stew &c. &c.

Feb'y. 10th, 1846, No. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Hall.

PUBLIC AUCTION. ON this day the 11th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M. at the sale Room of the undersigned a large quantity of Old Copper and Sails, Bronzed and Gilt Time pieces, an Invoice of stationery, consisting of Blank Books, Footscap and Letter Paper, Quills &c. &c. Cutlery, Iron Window Sashes, Tongues and Beef in Casks, Sherry and Port Wine in Cases, Beer and Stout in Bottles, Beer in Cask, Soap in Boxes, Segars, Tea, a lot of Cheese &c. &c. Also, One Poney, one Mare and Foal.

W. S. HEYL, Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION. ON Wednesday, and Thursday, the 11th and 12th instant, the undersigned will sell by Public Auction, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., at Chinam's Hong, formerly Her Majesty's Ordnance Office:—

- 200 Barrels Byass's Beer } in Lots. 50 " " Porter } Port and Sherry wine in wood & bottle, Brandy in bottles, and old superior "Old Tom" in Bottles, excellent Butter in kegs, Pickled Hams in barrels, Portugal Dried Fruits in Tins, Olives and Dried Apples, Remainder of Glass-ware and Cloths, Corks Assorted, and a variety of other articles; ALSO WITHOUT RESERVE. A quantity of Salt Beef in Barrels, and Water-proof Glazed Hauls.

Terms, will be named preceding the Sale. McEWEN & Co. Auctioneers. Victoria, 11th February, 1846.

PUBLIC AUCTION. W. H. FRANKLYN, will sell on Thursday the 12th instant, at his sale Rooms at 11 o'clock A. M. without reserve, the following

- Butter in kegs, Cheese, Salad oil, Soap, Starch, American Crackers, Eau de Cologne, Beer, Havannah Cigars, and a few boxes of Perfumed and fancy Soaps, Preserved provisions. ALSO Grey Shirtings and other Cotton goods. Saturday 14th at 11 A. M. the following. Cotton blankets, Colored counterpanes, Velveteens for shooting Jackets, Plain and embossed Velvets, Mackintosh, Capes, and Cloaks, Britannia metal Tea pots, and sundry other articles. Saturday evening at 8 P. M. The residue of the Books and Prints, a few cases of superior Wines, Cherry brandy, Cutlery and a variety of fancy goods.

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, 1846.

ORIENTAL BANK. NOTICE.—Is hereby given that Messrs JAMES STENCLAIR and JAMES MACKENZIE are appointed Joint Managers ad interim of the China Branch of this Bank.

By order of The Indian Board of Directors. S. J. D. CAMPBELL, General Inspector of the Oriental Bank. Victoria, Hongkong, 27th January, 1846.

FOR SALE. CLAUDERS Pale October brewed ale in Wood, Allsops Beer in Wood, Port and Sherry, Champagne and Claret. Apply to ROBERT STRACHAN. Victoria, 25th July, 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 Hakkeen Dialect, " 10 00. Medhurst's Comparative Vocabulary of the Chinese, Korean and Japanese languages, " 2 00. Medhurst's Dictionary in the Fooking 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. Premier's Souta Language Spoken, " 5 00. Rembles of the Emperor Ching, Fih, a Chinese Tale, translated into English by T. S. H. H. H., " 5 00. A Lexicon of the English, Malay and Chinese Languages, " 1 50. Apply at the London Missionary Society's Institution, Healy and Bond. Victoria, 26th January, 1846.

NOTICE. A number of Sup. Dinner and Dessert plates (patron Blue and White flowers) belonging to the Mess of the 42nd Regiment N. I. having been sent to the Fancy Ball at the New Hospital on the 15th of January last, and not having been received since, it is requested that any Gentlemen to whom the same may have been brought by mistake will return them to the Mess House of that Corps.

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

LATEST DATES. ENGLAND Nov. 24 BATAVIA Dec. 31. UNITED STATES Oct. 1 SINGAPORE Jan. 11. CALCUTTA Dec. 9 MANILA Dec. 20. BOMBAY Dec. 13 CHUSAN Jan. 31. MADRAS Dec. 16 SHANGHAI Jan. 28. SYDNEY Dec. 28.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE. VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 1846.

We beg to intimate to our Subscribers in Canton and Macao, that accounts to the end of 1845 are about being forwarded to the Gentlemen who kindly act as our Agents at these places; and we will be obliged by their being paid when presented. A large number of accounts, individually small, are the cause of some trouble to those who look after their collection, which may readily be obviated by a settlement when called for. In Hongkong it is less necessary to give this intimation, as the duty of collection falls upon those employed for the purpose.

SHANGHAI. Our dates are to the end of last month, and the intelligence is not of a very agreeable nature. Sales of imported British goods are readily made against produce and raw silk. It appears that the rate at which the goods are taken in barter, is merely nominal, as the persons who buy first from the Importer, re-sell them at a reduction of from 15 to 30 per cent. Opium, bartered for silk, has also been realized in second hands at an apparent loss of 10 per cent. This appears to be a very unsatisfactory way of doing business, and some apprehension was felt, lest there should have been a crash among the native Merchants at the new year. The teaman, however, showed much forbearance in not pressing for settlements.

The cold weather continued, with a hard frost. The arrivals from England were the Glentamer, Benz, Annie, Marmion, Matilda, Mary Ann Webb, and Gardner. The Glentamer imported a cargo of salt from Liverpool, which caused much perplexity to the Toutai, as well as to the British Consul, salt being a government monopoly. It was expected that permission would be granted to land the salt, and that it would be sold at a remunerating price, though for much less than its value in an open market.

THE PROPERTY TAX. We have been furnished with the copy of a Circular from the Ordnance Office addressed to the proprietors of Buildings rented for Military purposes, which it as follows.—

CIRCULAR. Office of Ordnance, Victoria, 1846.

With reference to the assessment, made under Ordinance No. 2 of 1845, upon the premises hired of you for military purposes; We have the honor to inform you that the opinion obtained from Her Majesty's Law Officers in the Colony on this Subject, is to the effect that:—

- 1st The rate under Ordinance No. 2 of 1845, though primarily payable by the Tenant as regards the public is ultimately a charge on the Landlord.
- 2nd In cases where the agreement for occupancy has been made by a military Officer, the rent being payable out of Government Funds the Landlord may be applied to in the first instance.

III.—And be it further enacted and ordained, that for the purpose of levying the said rate, a percentage at such an amount in the hundred as may annually be determined on by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council not exceeding such a sum as shall be equal to the expenses of the Police establishment, shall be assessed and paid in respect of every such valuation by the occupier or owner of each parcel of ground, house, or building, within such time and times as

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
POTTINGER STREET.

Is constantly supplied with Medicines of all kinds, which are for sale at moderate prices. Particular care is taken in the selection and preservation of those articles, the Chemical nature of which is liable to change in a warm climate.

SODA WATER AND LEMONADE OF SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Handsome Mahogany Family Medicine chests. Ships Medicine Chests replenished, Patent Enema and Elastic Urethra Syringes, Double and Single Trusses for Inguinal Hernia,

THE FOLLOWING PATENT and PROPRIETARY MEDICINES &c.

Murray's Fluid Magnesia and Acidulated Syrup, Dakin's Family Pills, Digestive pills, Ethereal Essence of Ginger, Camphorated Chalk and Rose Tooth powders, Compound Fluid Extract of Sarsaparilla, Frank's Specific Solution of Copaiba, Gelatine Capsules of Copaiba, Seidlitz and Soda powders.

Hendrie's Perfumed Lavender Water, Smyths Bears' Grease, Indelible Marking Ink, Tooth Brushes, Smelling Salts in cut glass bottles, Arrow Root, patent Groats and Barley, Fine Turkey Sponge, Peppermint, Cayenne & Ginger Lozenges Refined Liquorice, Pate de Jujubes, Salad Oil &c. &c.

T. HUNTER, M. R. C. S.
GEO. K. BARTON, M. R. C. S.

Victoria, February 4th, 1846.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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

DISPENSARY, 4 French Hong, CANTON.

FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING SELECT MEDICINES &c.

- BUTLERS Tasteless Seidlitz Powders. Concentrated Decoction of Sarsaparilla, of double strength, to obviate fermentation. Capsules Gelatineuses. Castor Oil Capsules. Concentrated Disinfectings. Solution of Chloride of Lime. Stomachic Bitters. Spirit of Camphor. Castor Oil, Superior Cold drawn. Lison's Healing Solution. Rose Water. Granville's Lotion. Prepared Chalk. Perfumed Chalk Balls. Lip Salve. Aromatic Syrup of Rhubarb. Tooth Powder. Hydriodate of Potash. Carbonate of Soda in Bottles. Gregory's Powder. Chalybeate Salts. Quinine in Bottle and in Pills. Turkey Rhubarb. Balsamic Paste. Suspensory Baudages. Hernia trusses. Ear Syringes. Urethra de Bone and Glass. Lavement Machines. Patent Lint. Specific Solution of Hydriodate of Potash and Sarsaparilla etc. for Rheumatism and Chronic Cutaneous affections. Spirits of Wine. Medicine Chests etc. etc. etc.

E. CULLEN, 4 French Hong, Canton.

COOK WANTED for the Mess of the 42nd M. N. I. A liberal salary will be given to a person well qualified. Apply to Captain McLeon, Mess Secretary. Victoria, 6th February, 1846.

COZINHEIRO.—Preciza-se hum para o Rancho do Regimento 42 da I. N. M. Dar-se-lhe ha hum salario liberal, sendo bem qualificado. Applique-se a Capitaõ McLEON, Secretario do Rancho. Victoria, 6 de Fevereiro, 1846.

仔時行處科地 西境萬刺吵 禮治支要一 做廚師傳係 明白急頓 過銀面議 工囉處便 是勿樣名

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.

NOTICE.

JUST opened and for Sale at the stores of the undersigned. A large assortment of Carpets all patterns, Hearth Rugs &c. &c. Tartan and Check Cloths, Drills and White Cotton and worsted Hoes, Ladies Muslin de Laine and Printed Dresses, Lace and a large assortment of Perfumery, stationary Table linen and Oilmans Stores of all descriptions Candles &c. Queen's Road. D. CHISHOLM. Victoria, November 21st, 1845.

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.

CARD.

THE undersigned has established himself in this place as a Commission and General Agent in connection with Messrs FORTER BROTHERS & Co. (Speaker, Canton Apprell) Switzerland carrying on business under this name and on account of this firm. L. EUYSTER. Manila, 13th July, 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, 23th January 1846.

FOR SALE.

ANCHORS, Chains, Europe and Manila Rope, Navy and bleached Canvas, Navy Lark, 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, Oeres, Plaster of Paris and Stencelling Patterns, Stoves, Grates with Fenders &c. to match. Nautical Almanacks for 1846, and Manila Cheroots No. 3 and 4.

HUMPHREYS & Co.

13 Queen's Road, Victoria, 1st December, 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 21th, 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.

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 Thurston's Billiard Table at the Premises. Victoria, 14th March, 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, Trawl, Beef, Pork, &c. &c. Also Stores suitable for families, Double Gloucester Cheese, Butter in small Kegs and Jars, York hams, Coffee, Chocolate, Preserved Meats and Soups, Sauces and Pickles, assorted, Sardines, Prunes, Blower Raisins, West 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, Allego's Beer. Superior Port and Sherry, Madeira in wood and bottles, Victoria, old Cognac, Whiskey in cask and bottle, Cask Brandy, Cherry Cordia, and a variety of other articles. Victoria, 26th December 1845.

SODA WATER

AND AERATED LEMONADE,

TO be obtained at the manufactory of the undersigned.

SMITH & BRIMELOW.

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

MESSRS. SMITH & BRIMELOW have just received ex "William Jardine" a choice selection of the following articles:

- Durham Mustard in pound and 1/2 lb. bottles. Assorted pickles and Sauces. Tart Fruits. White Wine and raspberry Vinegar. French Olives and Capers. Jams and Jellies assorted. Loaf and pine Cheeses. Bacon in 12 lbs. pieces, in Cloth and glaze. Prime Yorkshire Hams. Sardines in butter. Dried Apples. Prime mess beef in small barrells and Tierces. A few Casks of superior light and dark brandy.

ALSO

A small invoice of fine white Cotton Socks. The above articles are from the well known house of CHARLES, HEATON & Co. LONDON.

February 6th, 1845.

L. E. 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 rais; 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; Ladies' 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.

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.

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

McEWEN & Co. Queen's Road.

Victoria, 20th Jany., 1846.

FOR SALE.—By the undersigned.

Champagne, Hock, Beer, 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 Merchants 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 Tubs; Neat Tongues; Domestic Tobacco; Segars No 3 and 4, Manila Cheroots in 1000 and 500 Boxes; Dates in Bbls; Hudson's Conserve; Tea; Paint Oil and Turpentine; High Varnish.

W. S. HEYL.

Queen's Road, Victoria, 4th December, 1845.

NOTICE.

P. TOWNSEND, having resigned his business, as Agent 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 mentioned and can perform 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 persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment to. P. TOWNSEND. Victoria, 2nd December, 1845.

JUST IMPORTED,

AND For Sale by C. MARKWICK, Auctioneer, Pottinger Street. A few Hogsheds of Abbots' Pale Ale. Victoria, February 4th, 1846.

FOR SALE.

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

C. MARKWICK, Auctioneer.

Pottinger Street, Victoria, 19th November, 1845.

A LEGISLATIVE MISTAKE.

Another instance of the danger of hasty legislation has just occurred. On Wednesday evening, the Savings' Bank Loan Bill passed through committee, and was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on the day following. The next morning, however, it was discovered that by some most unfortunate oversight one of the enactments came into direct collision with a clause in the Friendly Societies' Act.

No time was lost in pointing out the mistake to the COLONIAL SECRETARY. But it was too late. By section 75 of the Standing Orders, it is declared "that no alteration or amendment shall be made in any bill on the third reading, the question simply being that the bill, in its then shape, be read a third time." Consequently, on Thursday evening, as reported in our paper of yesterday, the Bill "was read a third time and passed, and ordered to be carried up to the GOVERNOR for the royal assent by the SPEAKER, the ATTORNEY GENERAL and the AUDITOR GENERAL."

We must now show wherein the mishap consists. Two years ago—on the 24th November, 1843—our legislature passed that very excellent Act (7 Victoria, No. 10) entitled, "An Act to regulate Friendly Societies in the Colony of New South Wales." The object of this law was to enable those useful institutions to carry on their operations with facility, regularity, efficiency, and security; and especially to throw around their hard-earned funds every safeguard that could be applied by legislation.

Hence it is peremptorily enacted by the 13th section, that the treasurer or trustee for the time being of any such society shall from time to time invest such sums of the society's money as its exigencies do not immediately require, in the Savings' Bank of New South Wales or Port Phillip respectively. The intention of this requirement obviously was, to combine with fructification the greatest possible safety, in the investment of funds not immediately wanted. A few days previously, the Council had passed the 7th VICTORIA, No. 6, to amend the laws relating to the Savings' Banks, wherein it was stipulated, with a wise beneficence, that the repayment of deposits should be guaranteed by the Government to the extent of £50,000. Of this guarantee the Act No. 10 secured to Benevolent Societies a full proportion, thereby holding out to the number classes of our community an extra inducement to become members of such societies. Owing to that reprehensible withholding of intimation of which we have so often and so bootlessly complained, on the part of the Savings' Bank functionaries, we are quite in the dark as to the extent to which these institutions have become depositors; but as they are now pretty numerous throughout the colony, and most of them understood to be thriving, the probability is that their stake in the Savings' Bank funds is large and progressively increasing.

Nor can it be doubted, that to all the members of Benefit Societies who have become so during the last two years, that is, since the passing of the two Acts above mentioned, the faith of the Government stands solemnly pledged. And now, by a mere inadvertence, that faith, so far as one branch of the legislature is concerned has been with equal solemnity broken!

We of course have not a copy of the Savings' Banks Loan Bill as finally passed and sent up to the GOVERNOR; but we learn from the report in our own journal, that the first clauses provides that from and after the passing of the Act, £100 shall be the maximum amount of deposits, except in three classes of cases—namely, intestate estates, moneys paid into the Bank by order of the Judges, or moneys paid in on behalf of convicts. We feel quite certain, that had it occurred in time to any honorable member to propose, as a fourth exception, all moneys deposited by Benefit Societies in pursuance of the Act 7 VICTORIA, No. 10, the Council would have adopted it unanimously. But, unluckily, that Act altogether escaped recollection; and the mortifying consequence is, that not only have the Council repealed one of their own enactments without the slightest consciousness of doing so, but have unintentionally inflicted a grievous injury upon the cause of Benefit Societies, and broken the pledged faith of the Legislature of the colony!

The error is not, however, even at this eleventh hour, past remedy. One resource is left, and one only, and that is, to send the Bill back, as he has already sent it forward, for such additions or alterations as he may deem advisable. And we cannot doubt that His Excellency will at once see that in this instance the interposition of his prerogative is absolutely necessary. Some inconvenience may doubtless be caused thereby to honorable members, by reason of the advanced period of the session; but we should think all parties must see that no inconvenience can be too great to repair an error involving consequences so serious both to the character of the legislature and to the interests of the public.—Sydney Morning Herald, Nov. 3, 1847.

ALLEGED MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS. The following is a copy of an affidavit made by one of the Keestel's ship's crew, now lying in Hobson's Bay, which we extract from the Melbourne Patriot of Friday, the 12th instant.

"Peter Bauer, ship's cook on board the brigantine Keestel, now lying at anchor in Hobson's Bay, in the district of Port Phillip, being duly sworn, states.—I was hired on board of the said vessel at Manila, as cook, on or about the 10th September, last, and in about a month after, when at sea, I signed articles; on the voyage from Manila to the Island of Oahu, and when within about four days' sail after leaving the former place, the master of the said vessel ordered the boatswain of the vessel, known as the Serang, to seize a Lascar, whose name I do not know, and to him to the rigging,

which order was carried into effect; and the boatswain, by order of the said Beauvais, did inflict a severe punishment on the said Lascar, giving him 12 stripes with a thick end of a rope on the back, and in about sixteen days after the punishment, the mate, named William Dobson, did ill-use and strike the same Lascar on several parts of his body with a rope's-end, and the said Lascar being esteemed ill and not able to work, was ordered by the mate to heave round the winch, and the Lascar was so weak he could not obey the order: the said mate did then and there take out a rope, with a large knot on the end of it, and struck the said Lascar 16 times with it as hard as he could; this was about a month ago and about seven days ago, when outside the Port Phillip Heads, and I have reason to believe that the said Lascar came by his death in consequence of the severe treatment he received at the hands of the said captain and his mate, and about eighteen days since, when on our voyage from Bally, the mate, by order of the captain, pitched down the main hatchway a Lascar, whose name I do not know; I saw the said mate beat the said Lascar cruelly below deck, and having accused him of shamming, ordered him to be stripped and scrubbed in the lee scuppers, the weather at the time being extremely cold; the Lascar was accordingly scrubbed for the space of five minutes, and was then taken below deck and died three minutes afterwards, and I have no doubt that this Lascar also came by his death through the severe and cruel treatment of the Captain and his chief mate. About sixteen days since, a third Lascar, whose name I do not recollect, was ordered by the chief mate to heave in the spankers' brail, in doing this a blow was aimed at the Lascar by the mate; the ship was rolling heavily at the time, and in attempting to evade the blow, the Lascar lost his hold, and dropped overboard and was drowned.

The case having been gone into at some length on Thursday, the 11th instant, before the Mayor and Messrs. Hull, Payne and Westby, was adjourned to the following day, the Magistrates refusing bail, which was offered for any amount, for the appearance of the prisoners.

SEIZURE.—Yesterday, Mr Hunt, Landing Surveyor of the Customs, made a seizure on board the Kestrel, Capt. Beauvais, of a quantity of tobacco, chessmen, backgammon boards, and other goods, which had not been manifested. The articles so seized were forwarded from the Bay to the condemned stores in the Custom House.—Melbourne Patriot, Dec. 12.

NOTES DURING A RUN FROM PORT JACKSON TO HONGKONG, IN H. M. S. VESSEL 1845.

(From the Nautical Magazine.)

Leaving the heads of Port Jackson, on 22nd November, at 6 A.M., with a fresh southerly breeze, steered E.N.E. for Lord Howe's Islands, which were made at 10h. 30m. A.M. of the 24, bearing E.N.E. distant fifteen or eighteen leagues. From this position Lord Howe's Island makes as two rather flat-topped lumps (the southern rather the higher of the two) each with a low peaked extremity on the south side. At 5 P.M. when distant from Howe's Island about eight leagues, the junction of the two parts became visible, as also Ball's Pyramid, bearing S. 80° E. distant about forty miles; the latter is a needle pointed rock nearly perpendicular on the north side, and on the south a shoulder projects about a third from its summit. Passed about four leagues to the westward of Howe's Island with light south-west winds and clear weather.

At 5 P.M. of the 26th, having kept up N.N.E. from Howe's Island, passed about five leagues to the eastward of the position assigned (in Norie's chart) to Sir Charles Middleton's Island, described as a very high peak, but nothing was seen from the masthead of this ship, though clear weather. From this steered nearly a due north course keeping a moderate easterly breeze (occasionally E.N.E. and N.E.) until the 2nd December, when in 11° S., and 163° E., between Solomon and Queen Charlotte Islands, after twelve hours calm it again sprung up from north-eastward, light.

Steered NW. b. N. for the Stewart's Islands, which were seen from the masthead at 2 P.M. of the 4th, distant seven leagues; this group is composed of four islands and one islet, situated on one reef (apparently) common to all, of horse-shoe form open to the south, occupying a space of about six miles of longitude, and four of latitude, the south extreme being in 1° 30' S., and the west, in about 162° 53' east of Greenwich. The north island, with two smaller ones to the south of it, occupying the west side of the reef, and the eastern island, which is apparently the largest, (about 1.5 miles in length) and probably Hogan Island in Norie's chart, lies on the south-east point of the horse-shoe with an islet or small lump off its north-west side about a third the distance toward the north island. They all appeared cliffy at the base, and thickly clothed with palm-trees; table-topped and from 80 to 90 feet high; passing about two miles to the westward of the group, some natives came off in canoes bringing poultry, and a fine fat pig, but having a ten knot breeze, the time could not be sacrificed by communicating. They were understood to speak English.

From this we shaped a course for the Raven Islands about N.N.W., making them at 9 A.M. of the 12th December, having kept from Stewart's Islands a moderate north-east breeze with the exception of two days, in 4° S. of light and variable weather, during which we experienced squalls with rain. Crossed the Equator at midnight of the 9th in 160° E. with a steady north-easterly trade. It is worthy of remark, that since crossing the southern tropic the wind has never been (excepting a few hours of unsteady wind) south of east.

The Raven group is composed of four principal islands, and three small patches or islets stretching off the north point of the east island, the whole on one reef of coral formation, rather resembling a harp in shape, and in extent about ten miles of longitude, by 5° of latitude. According to three chronometers, rated at Sydney, the centre of the group is in about 157° 30' E. of Greenwich, and the latitude of the south edge of the reef 5° 45' N. To the south the longest side of the reef is presented, lying nearly east and west, with an island on each extremity, and another (the highest of the group,

but smallest in circumference) about 2.5 westward of the east island; about three quarters of a mile off the south-west end of the east island, also on the south edge of the reef is a conspicuous but small black rock, which at first was reported as a boat. From the east and west extremities the reef trends about N.W. and N. by E. apparently coming to a point, on which the north island stands, which is in the meridian of the middle island on the south edge. No opening appeared on the south side in the reef, but its continuance on either side toward the north island not being distinctly seen it is probable such may have existed between the west and north islands, being the lee side, which appears a common feature in coral structure. Approaching the group from the eastward, the western island was not seen until abreast the east island, and the reef connecting them not being visible from the deck, it had the appearance of a clear passage between the middle and west islands, so that for a stranger making them late in the day it is necessary to approach them with much caution. All the islands are low and densely wooded, chiefly palms from 30 to 50 feet high. A few canoes approached one of which reached on board, containing three natives, but bringing no articles for barter; their object appeared to be to join the ship, asking as soon as they gained the deck, "You want man?" I thought it not improbable that some European or American seamen may have been on the islands, who had been landed from whalers, and now required a ship, as I some time since heard it to be a common occurrence with the crews of whaling ships when they are, as the phrases is, "sick of the lay," or discontented, that they prefer being landed among the islands to continuing an unprosperous voyage. Another circumstance to account for this choice of the men is, that some illiterate and tyrannical men who occasionally command these ships find it to their interest to induce a portion of their crew, through exercising severe discipline, to leave the ship, when making up their complement with islanders, the lay, which would be due to the seaman, tends to augment that of the master.

These natives are a dark copper colour, and naked, excepting a short and becoming petticoat of grass: they promised to bring a pig off in the morning if we would remain, but having fitted each out with a shirt, after a social glass of grog they took their departure, it being now sunset. Making the best of our way to the N.W. by W., with light variable airs and gloomy weather for the two following days. On the 15th at 7h. 40m. A.M. saw land bearing N.W. by N., supposed to be June Island, the wind on approaching the island veered and hauled between E.N.E. and N.N.E. very squally with rain, so that no satisfactory longitude could be obtained, but as well as our means would permit, the position of the island appeared to be situated on the western extremity of an extensive reef stretching to the E.S.E. for two or three leagues, breaking heavily, and then apparently bending to the northward, in which direction (and bearing from the island we were then passing about ENE. three leagues) was indistinctly seen by the misthead-man only, another island. The western island which we passed to the westward of at a distance of two leagues or less was low, and resembled those of Raven's group. Nothing being seen to the westward I am disposed to consider that this island and one described by Horsburgh as Jane Island, are identical, although their positions do not coincide, which under the circumstances can hardly be expected, when Captain Johnson who is named as the discoverer of Jane Island, obtained his longitude by lunar, and from the state of the weather no great dependance can be placed in our observations for chronometer. The island reported to the north eastward of this island is probably Meaburn Island in Norie's chart.

It is a subject for much thankfulness to the Almighty that these islands and reefs have been made under such favourable circumstances, allowing us to clear them before night, as it would appear that the position of many that are scattered about these seas depend on rather questionable authority, and as they are so directly in the track of shipping from New South Wales to China during the north-east monsoon, a correct survey of the New Caroline Islands is very desirable. Until that is obtained, this neighbourhood should be approached with much caution, endeavouring to pass their respectively assigned positions during daylight. Leaving Jane Island at noon 15th, with a moderate trade at north east, shaped a course for Rota Island, which we sighted at 11h. 43m. A.M. of the 18th, bearing NW. b. W. distant five leagues, with a fresh trade wind at N.N.E. and misty weather. At 1h. P.M. passed the meridian of the north-east point (which is a low sloping extremity) placing it by chronometer in 145° 35' E., and at 2h. P.M. passed the south-west extremity of the island distant seven or eight miles, which is in about 14° 10' N. and 145° 25' E. It is an isolated cliffy lump, about 300 feet high, remarkably level in the centre, with perpendicular cliffy sides for several feet from the summit having the appearance of a fort, and sloping off towards the base; it is connected to the main part of the island by a low neck, which is not visible from a ship's deck until within a few miles, the main portion of Rota is also rather tabled towards the south-west, about 800 or 900 feet high, with bluff projections extending from it towards the south-east shore. The eastern or weather side appeared very sterile and only scantily sprinkled with vegetation.

Steering W. b. N. from Rota for the Bashee Islands, passed on the following noon along the north edge of the shoal, marked in the chart doubtful, but without seeing anything, and during the night our track was directly over the position assigned to these islands called "Spanish Islands," in Norie's chart, which was also not seen. A moderate trade from the north-east and east carried us within 200 miles of the Bashee Islands, by the 24th, when after twelve hours light and variable wind, it freshened up at north with equally weather. At 10h. A.M. December 25th, made the Bashee Islands from north-west to south-west, and as the breeze was increasing to a gale with thick weather and a heavy northeasterly sea getting up, approached them under double reefed topsails and foremast; at noon passed through the Aradon Channel, latitude observed 20° 53' N. Found that we had been set since yesterday noon thirty miles to the westward and eleven miles south.

Going at the rate of eleven knots, and the weather stormy with thick rain, we had no opportunity for laying these islands down by our track, but I should think the chart supplied for the ships not to be subject to much correction as by transit and angular measurements between the different islands, the ship's position could not be decided on. The width of the channel I should judge about three or four leagues, apparently free of hidden dangers; the north Bashee Islands on the starboard hand are high rocky, the southern one being the higher of the two, more peaked and irregular; off the north and south points of the northern one lie a detached rocky islet. The island forming the south side the

channel (as made from the eastward) is of an irregular shape, having a high bluff at the north extreme, over which, a little at the back rises its rather peaked summit, from which it slopes to the south with a conical hill some distance inside that extreme. The chart published by Horsburgh is more satisfactory. The weather continued stormy until midnight of the 20th when it moderated, Passed Pedro Branca at 5h. 15m. A.M., 27th, and after being becalmed some hours close off the east channel, a breeze from N.N.W. obliged us to work up the west channel through very baffling winds. We did not anchor of Victoria, Hongkong, before 10h. P.M.

A RETURN of the Quantities and Value of Merchandise imported in the Port of CANTON, in 158 British vessels of 78,823 Tons, and in 60 Hongkong Lorchas of 3508 Tons Burthen from the Countries and Places undermentioned, during the Year ending the 31st December, 1845, viz:—

Table with 5 columns: No in the Tariff, Denomination of Articles, Quantities, From what Country and Places imported, Estimated value in Spanish Dollars. Includes sections for I. BRITISH MANUFACTURES AND STAPLE ARTICLES, II. PRODUCTIONS OF INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, and III. MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTS.

Francis C. Macgregor, H. M. Consul. REMARKS.—The preceding Returns have been compiled from the entries in the Books kept at this Consulate, and the quantities specified are those that have paid duty. The weights and measured stated are those in use at Canton. I catty is equal to 1 1/2 Pound Avoirdupois, and 100 catties correspond with 133 1/2 lbs in England. 1 chang is 4 English yards, nearly. The value given has been computed upon the average prices of the year in the Canton market. The Spanish Dollars have been reduced to Sterling at the rate of 4s. 4d. per Dollars.