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For ENGLAND, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, CEYLON, · AND INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steam Ship BRAGANZA,
Captain Lewis, with Her Majesty's Mails, will leave this for the above places on Monday, the 30th of March, at 2 P M.

Cargo will be received on board until Noon, and Specie until 4r. m. on Saturday the 28th instant, This Route affords an opportunity of visiting Singapore and Penang, remaining a short time at Ceylon, and thence proceeding to England by Overland Conveyance through Egypt in 54 days, to Madras in 30 days, and Calcutta in 34 days, from the date of leaving China Steamers belonging to the H. E. I. Company are also understood to ply between Colombo and Bombay, thus affording Passengers a much more speedy means of reaching the latter place than is otherwise obtainable.

Cargo, Parcels, &c. may be forwarded to England by the above Vessel with the same despatch as H. M. Mails; and Specie, Silk, or other Goods to Ceylon, Madras, and Calcutta, on Terms nearly the same as by sailing vessels, the rate of Insurance having been reduced by several Offices in favour of the Company's Steamers.

Arrangements are made in the Steamers trough out for the convenience of the Native Merchants of India, proceeding as Passengers; certain accommodation is also reserved in the Calcutta Steamers 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

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 of Cargo are requested to take notice, that no Goods can be received for Overland Transit unless Packed in non-susceptible Coverings, as Wood, Matting, Tarred Cloth, &c. and the Contents and Value of each Package either marked on the outside, or declared in Writing at the time of Shipment.

J. A. OLDING, Agent. P. & O.S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong. 9th March, 1846.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COM-PANY'S STEAMER "BRAGANZA."

PASSENGERS and Shippers of Cargo by the above vessel are requested to take notice that she will be despatched on the 30th instant.

J. A. OLDING.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1846.

TO LET.

House in Pottinger Street opposite A the R. C. Church and next to Mr Shortreue, apply to

BUSH & Co. Victoria, 6th March 1846-

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

TO LET. TWO Convenient Houses in Gough Street, I with Verandahs, each containing nine Rooms, exclusive of outhouses, enquire of ROWLAND REES.

Pottinger Street. Victoria, 6th December, 1845.

TO LET. House in Gough Street. Apply to, JOHN CARR.

TO LET.

Bungalow in Queen's Road, opposite the Albany Godowns, consisting of Six Rooms well ventilated below, with detached Offices and Stables complete. Apply to

TURNER & Co. Hongkong, March 2nd, 1846.

TO LET. THREE Houses situate in Wellington Street, commanding a fine view of the Bay. Early possession can be given. For further particulars apply to

R. OSWALD. Victoria, 27th February, 1846.

FOR SALE. MARINE Lot No. 64 Situated between the lots of Messrs. Macrican & Co. and France JAMSETIEE Esq., measures 200 feet sea frontage, and altogether is a very desirable lot. For further

particulars apply to FLETCHER & Co.-Hongkong. or DIROM, GRAY & Ca-Canton.

Victoria, 1st July, 1845. TO BE LET. THAT Commodious House, now occupied by Mr. I Gabriel; as the "British Hotel," showled in

Simpley and Graham Streets. Possession can be given on the 4th of March. 1846. For further particulars apply to

C. MARKWICK, Auctioneer. Pottinger Street, Victoria, 18th Febr. 1840.

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

TO LET. spacious bungalow on Caine's Road. Apply to HUGHSEDON & Co. Victoria, 3rd, January, 1846.

TO LET.

THE upper part of a commodious and will built A dwelling House containing seven rooms with servants rooms, and outhouses with stabling. For further particular apply to,

D. LAPRAIK. No. 1 Wellington Terrace D'Aguilar Street. Victoria, 24th October, 1845.

TO LET.

CEVERAL convenient tenements situated in Wellington and Stanley Streets; at \$ 15 per month. Apply to

BURD, LANGE & Co. Queen's Road, March 27th, 1846

NOTICE.

THE Commercial Business of the undersigned . will from this date be continued, under the style of "Senn Van Basel & Co."

M. J. SENN VAN BASEL. Canton, March 1st, 1846.

NOTICE.

DARTIES 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. J. SENN VAN BASEL. His Nethlds Majesty's Consul. Executor,

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

NOTICE.

THE undersigned has been appointed. Agent at 1 Macno for the India Insurance Company of Calcutta; and is ready to grant Policies, payable in London, Liverpool, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras. Penang, Singapore and China.

J. J. REMEDIOS. Macao, 1st February, 1846.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY. MESSRS DENT, BEALE & Co. are authorized to issue Polices on behalf of the Society at Shanghai, payable in Hongkong, Calcutta, Bom.

bay, and London. DENT, & Co.

Secs. Union Insurance Society. Victoria, 1st January, 1846. FOR SALE.

MADEIRA in Pipes, Hogsheads and quarter Casks from the well known House of Stoddart & Co. Port in Cases of 3 dozen each. Hodgson and Abbots Pale Ale in Hugsheads. Apply to DENT & Co.

NOTICE. THE undersiged have received authority from 1 the Directors of the Imperial Fire Insurance Office of London, to issue Policies on the New **Puildings at Canton.**

MACVICAR & Co. Victoria, 23rd January, 1846.

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

FOR SALE. T the Godowns of Messrs Blenkin, Rawson & A Co Alisops Pale Ale in bottle; Barclay' Porter in bottle, Superior Sherry, Madeira, and

Port, in wood and bottle. Hongkong, 15th January, 1846.

NOTICE:

THE undersigned bave 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 I Gledstanes, King & Co. London. Port in cases of 3 dozen Maleira Champagne,

Apply to

LINDSAY & Co. Victoria, Mab January, 1846.

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VANDERBURG ROMSWINCKEL & Ca. Carlo and Marco, Jim Jasery, 1845.

R. Roger Jacson is authorized to sign our I firm by procuration.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Victoria, 26th December, 1845.

NOTICE.

R. HENRY LIND is authorized to Sign for our I Firm by Procuration. R. OSWALD & Co. Victoria, Hongkong, 27th February, 1846.

NOTICE. R WILLIAM WARD BROWN is authorised to sign for our Firm by procuration. HEGAN & Co.

NOTICE, MR. JOSEPH L. ROBERTS is a partner in our firm.

1st January, 1846.

AUGUSTINE, HEARD & Co. Canton, 20th March, 1846.

NO FICE.

THE undersigned beg to notify, that they have formed a partnership for the transaction of a general Commission and Agency business at Canton, under the firm of CARLOWITZ, HARRORT & Co.

RICHARD CARLOWITZ. BERNHARD HARKORT. Canton, 1st January, 1846,

PILLS on London, drawn under Messrs Baring Brothers & Co's. Credits, in sums to suit

purchasers, for sale by,
J. N. A. GRISWOLD. Canton, March 5th 1846.

CIRCULAR.

MR. FRANKLYN, General Commission, Land and Shipping Agent, receives goods from alongside ships and stores them on the most moderate terms in dry and secure godowns, sells them by Public or private sale as required. A variety of goods on view at the show rooms.

Queen's Road February, 17th 1846.

TO LET.

Bungalow situated in the most healthy loca iv A with a good view of the Harbour; has a Ve rendah of 7 feet breadth in front and 6 feet at the back, contains a Dining and Sitting Room 22 feet by 154, and two Bed Rooms 16 by 10, with Bath. ing Rooms attached to each. The ventilation and fittings will be found in excellent order. Out Houses and stabling detached. Rent \$25 per mensem.

Apply to

W. H. FRANKLYN.

QUANTITY OF GUN POWDER, for sale. A Apply to, W. H. FRANKLYN.

FOR SALE.

Splendid rich toncel square Piano forte; just landed. W. H. FRANKLYN.

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.

SALE OF PICTURES.

ON view at the sale Rooms of Mr FRANKLYN, a choice collection of beautifully colored ongravings in gilt frames, comprising all the principal favorites of the Ballet, Taglioni, Cerrito, Duvernay, Fanny Elssler, Dumelatie, Carlotta Grisi &c. &c. Also a variety of colored engravings, French, without frames. The whole will be sold by Auction on an early day of which notice will be given.

FOR SALE.

TWO Manila Ponies, broken to suddle and harne sa Also a Pulanquin Ghurry, and a Set of double harness. Apply to

BURD, LANGF & Co. Victoria, 27th March, 1846.

ITOLMES & BIGHAM have for sale, Gold and II Silver skeleton and plain lever Watches, Pistols in cases, Wiltshire Cheese and Cumber. land Hams, Butter in kegs and jars, Beef, Pork, and Tengues in small and large barrels, English Paint Col, best White Lead in 25lbs kegs, Sheet Lead, Beer, Porter, Brandy, Rum, Gin and Whiakey in butles and cask, Champagne, Claret, Port, Sherry, Cordials &c., Blankets, Regaus Shirts, Chesterfield wrappers ic. &c.

H. & B. have also a small family medicine ches ready fixled up, and a few tage lines in sale. Vietoria, 20th February, 1818.

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MOLNES & BIGHAN bog respectfully to in-II form the Gentleman of Nongkong that they have opened a Chinard Rome with a first cate, "Therefore" Sale Lable on their propriet I don't Exact the Home manies by Gen. Whysher. Gentlemen benefits them will their patronne i will must with every citation.

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THE Undersigned have formed a partnership, for I 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.

ROMAN CEMENT.

NOR sale at the Godown's of the undersigned a consignment of Roman Cement. RAWLE, DUUS & Co.

Victoria, Queen's Road, 9th Feby. 1846. UST Received per late arrivals and for sale by

the subscribers. Patent Salamander Safes of various sizes warranted secure in the hottest fire.

Patent Weighing Machines from 700 a 2,300 pounds, which can be made to weigh peculs and cutties. RAWLE, DUUS & Co. Victoria, 28th October, 1845.

FOR SALE QUPERIOR Sherry and Madeira in wood; also D a few half pipes and quarter casks Cape and Tenerisse 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. N assortment of Anchors and Chain Cables, A 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. 100 Piculs Camphor ; packed ready for ship.

RAWLE, DUUS & Co.

Victoria, 25th February, 1846.

NOTICE. THE undersigned begs to inform parties indebted to him, to pay the same as early as possible claims on those residing in China, not paid, or arrangments made to do so, up to the end of next May, and those in Europe, &c., up to the end of next August, (after giving due notice in the Newspapers of Names and particulars); will be put up for sale by Public Auction, and sold off to the highest bidders.

Those who have established on the East Coast of China, or elsewhere, or have left China, since 1839, are requested to send their address, and their accounts will be forwarded to them without delay.

JNO: SMITH

Macao, ISth February, 1846.

E. CHRISTOPHER begs to inform the Ladies of Hongkong that he has just received by the "Brnganza" a splendid assortment of ladies French Silk and Gauze dresses, Barego cachemire, Glace broche, Barege satin, Labrador, Veloudine fleurie, and other robes; Ladies plaid Silk shawls and Scarfs, Cravates gouffrees, and Mille raies, of the latest style, which he offers with confidence as being the newest and most distingué lot of goods that has yet been received in flongkong.

Also gentlemen's Black Silk and Satin Cravata and Waistcoatings of superior quality.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY. CODA WATER, AERATED LEMONADE, Acrated Chalybeate Water, (highly recommended, on account of its tonic proporties). AGERT AT CANTON, ACHOOK, Comprador. No. 3 Imperial Hong.

Hongkong, 13th March, 1846. SODA WATER. ON SALE,—At the Store of Mr. John Smith in Macao from Dr. Hunter's. Soda Water Manufactory there. Macao, 11th January, 1845.

DISPENSARY, CANTON. THE FOLLOWING SELECT MEDICINES, &c. ARE ON SALE AT THE DISPENSARY, 4 FRENCH HONG, CANTON

DUTLER'S Tasteless Seidlitz Powders; Con-D centrated Decoction of Sarsaparilla, of double. atrength, to obviate fermentation; Capsules Gelatinenses; Castor Oil Capsules; Concentrated Disinfecting Solution of Chloride of Lime : Stomachie Eitters; Spirit of Camphor: Castor Oil, Superior Colddrawn; Liston's Healing Lotion; Rose Water, Granville's Lotion; Prepared Chale; Performed Chalk Balls; Lip Salve; Aromatic Syrup of Rhu. tarb; Tooth Powder; Hydriodate of Potash; Car. bonate of Soda in Botiles; Gregory's Powder; Chalybeare Julis; Connine in South and in Little Torkey Rhubach; Enleamic Paster, Suspensory. ilandages; Mernia Trassos, Car Ageinges, Centura do., Boac and Glass; Lavement Machines; Putent Line; Specific Bolation of Hydriodate of Pulash. Sursuparilla, etc. for kthouniation and Chronic Cutaneous Affections; Spirits of Winn; Sponger ; Ligarcian; Rowland's Tootische Deops; Holf man's Annidyne; Flesh Brushes; Sons Warra; Alegerian Change, Ac. Ac.

EDWARD CULLEY.

M. H. William Land. L.

NOTICE.

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

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THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1sr, 1846

The Union Chapel will be open for public worship during the summer months in the morning only, at 11 o'clock, begining with Sunday the 5th April.

The Amateur performers played on Wednesday evening last We were otherwise engaged, and had not the pleasure of witnessing what we hear was very excellent acting.

We observe from a contemporary, that it is in contemplation to have another performance under the patronage of His Excellency Sir John Davis, and as tickets are to be sold and the proceeds, after paying expences, handed over to the trustees of a fund about being raised for building a theatre, it is to be expected that there will be a good attendance.

The Gentlemen connected with these entertainments, deserve great credit for their perseverance in the almost hopeless task of raising a second fund to build a thentre. Upwards of a year ago a handsome sum was subscribed to erect a suitable place for Amateur performances. It was expected that the military would take a lead in the matter, and, if we remember aright, the subscriptions are held by them. It has been suggested, that the funds be now handed over to the trustees of the second theatre, who intend carrying through their project, and we will thus have enough to build a comfortable hous. If the military, Gentlemen desire to favor the public with an occasional performance, arrangements can be made for their having the house on alternate weeks or months.

We are sorry to see, that it has been necessary to purchase ground for the theatre. Surely the Governor might have granted the requisite nook without laying himself open to the charge of prodigality. A considerable number of the Amateurs are in public offices, and His Excellency may be pleased to learn that their evenings are spent in such intellectual pursuits as a study of the drama.

We have been a long time without any new ordinances to comment upon-legislation has been chiefly confined to acts to amend or repeal previous bungling efforts.—"Coming events cast their shadow before" and the advent of another baneful law, having for its object revenue, is proclaimed by execrations at the infatuation of those pedantic and narrow mind ed novices in legislation, who have been a clog upon the colony. The new ordinance imposes a custom house exaction of five per cent upon Wines-we do not know whether beer and spirits are also embraced in the act. but as we think it very probable that they are, it may be prudent to lay in an ample supply before the force of the new squeeze is felt, in the

form of a rise in the price of liquids. We have not heard whether the colony is to be saddled with a Custom House establishment -Collector, Comptrollor, Landing waiters, tide waiters &c .- and without such a force we do not very well see how the duty is to be collectd: At present ships entering the harbour are chiefly induced to do so, that they may receive instructions from the Consignees as to landing goods; a copy of the manifest is left with the harbour master, and the ship after possibly landing a small portion of her cargo proceeds to Whampoa. A vessel arriving with a few hundred cases of wine on freight may not land any portion of it in Hongkong, and of course duty cannot be levied upon goods not entered for consumption. It will be necessary for the Collector to place a tide water on board every ship to see that the law is not evaded, and Consignees will require to go through the usual form of passing entries at the Collectors office, and thus in salaries for such Clerks, and officers as will be indespensable for the duty of protecting the revenue, the amount will be eaten up. In England there is alway a large batch of greedy office seekers, who have been found unfit for pursuits which require industry and judgment, and it may be intended to palm off a few of them on this unfortunate colony We do not believe that the Executive seriously conteinplate realizing revenue by an ad valorem duty of five per cent on the Wines consumed in Hongkong; the measure appears to be one of those mischievous experiments which may gratify the conceit of Scholastic theorists at the expense of the community.

The most immediate suffers will be the Store keepers, a considerable portion of their business being in supplying the shipping with wines and other stores, This branch of our local trade will be driven to Whampoa, as the Opium trade has been driven to Cumsingmoon, and it may be predicted that Agents and Commanders of vessels when they find themselves annoved about a few cases of wine, will avoid the port entirely.

Objectionable, impolitic, and unprofitable as this new tax may be, we do not look upon it as so censurable, as the licensing system, which it can be proved has not only ruined our trade with the Chinese, but has also diminished the a disposition to improve, and were willing to weight; 12 Seers equal to 24 hs. 10, 2.

pay the very heavy ground rents. With the monopoly, a change commenced, which has daily made property less valuable, reduced the population, and lopped about a third from the land revenue. Such has been the result of one piece of Hongkong legislation as refers to the government, and as refers to the governed, it has proved equally disastrous, as they have lost by Sir John Davis's silly acts, the source of profit for which they were indebted to his predecessor, who legalised the opium trade in direct opposition to his instructions from the British Gouernment. We cannot approve of Sir Henry Pottinger's behaviour to the landholders, and there are are passages in his public career in China which it is better to forget, but with all the difficulties he had to labour under-and they were not trifling—he left the colony with the elements of prosperity. Sir Henry was a Soldier, with the straight forward manly sincerity of his profession—he did not pretend to be cunning of finance—and although some of his municipal laws were objectionable, in no instance did he attempt such bigotted and intolerant acts as have proceeded from the Scholar who succeeded him. When Sir Henry resigned his office to our present Ruler we had some trade, and the colony had a revenue, both of which have since suffered by an over desire to increase the latter. The land revenue according to the public sales is about £18,000 a year —and had trade not been interferred with that or even a larger amount would now be available to meet the expenses of the civil establishment. The licensing system was however introduced, and building was arrested; parties allowing their unimproved lots to lapse to the Crown. By the returns published a couple of months ago, we learn that in 1845 the amount of ground rent collected was £12,000; it appears therefore that£6,000 was lost by land which had lapsed to Government. This may fairly be ascrib. ed to the licenses, which at once arrested the progress of building. To counter balance the account, the Government by the opium monopoly pocketed £2,384, leaving a dead loss of £3,616 to the revenue, not to speak of the injury sustained by the inhabitants. So much for the financial knowledge of a Scholar. Better had it been for the colony, if on his arrrival Sir John Davis had established a tariff of duties on all articles of European consumption, leaving the trade with the Natives unscathed. If the residents of Hongkong had been permitted to follow their pursuits, whether as Merchants, as Storekeepers, or any other calling, without having their energies cramped by the Government, they would now be in a position to pay any moderate amount of taxation, but the policy which has first injured their business, and then taxes their purse, cannot be to much reprobated, and will confer an unenviable notoriety upon those by whom it was introduced.

Sir John Davis has endeavoured to raise the evenue to the expenditure, and he has been unsuccessful; let him now attempt to reduce the expenditure to the revenue and he will succeed. Sir Eardley Wilmot, in introducing a more economical disbursement of the revenue of Van Dieman's Land, commenced with his own salary, from which he took one sixth. Sir Eardley Wilmot's allowances are a little over the half of those received by Sir John Davis, and Sir Eardley supports the dignity of the Crown and the character of an English Gentleman, alike by his hospitality and liberal contribution to public and benevolent institutions. It may be too much to ask that His Excellency reduce his own pay, not do we think that the pay of the other official Gentlemen is individually to much, but there is too many of them. We look at the Treasury, the annual receipts of which are £22,242, and we find that to collect and disburse this trifling sum, there is a Treasurer, a Cashier, a Book-keeper, a Clerk, two Assessors and a Sub-Collector, their united salaries being over £6,000. In the various departments it appears to be a general rule that the principal performs his duty by Deputy-thus the Surveyor General has been amusing himself in Europe at the cost of the colony for nearly two years, and when he returns he will find that his Deputy has completed the greater part of the public improvements, and the working bee will then require to give place to the drone. With the exception of the Colonial Chaplain and the Colonial Surgeon, the system pervades all branches of the service-The Colonial Se. cretary has four clerks; the Clerk of the Council one; the Auditor two; the Chief Magistrate, an Assistant Magistrate, two Interpreters and two clerks; the Sheriff a Deputy Sheriff; the Registrar General, an officiating Registrar and so it is in every department. The Chief Superintendent of Trade, is peculiarly fortunatehe has no fewer than four Secretaries and three Clerks-but as they do not form part of the Colonial department we leave them to the elegant amusement of assisting each other to do nothing. These establishments are fit for a colony of third rate importance, where the duties are of necessity immeasurably greater than they can be in Hongkong, and with all respect, we submit to His Excellency, that as he cannot raise the revenue to the expenditure, he had better reduce the expenditure to the revenue, by demanding that office bolders perform the duties of their appointments, or if incompetent that they make way for those who can.

We have been requested by Major Bogle, Commissioner of Arracan, to make public, starevenue which it was intended to aid. Previous tements of the average price of grain in that disto the introduction of the opium and other trict, and the export from 1835-36 to 1841-45. larms, there was a demand for building lots, and The figures are rupees and stateenths of rupees. those who purchased at the land sales shewed 9 Seers is equal to 15ths. 7oz. Odrs. English

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72,42,650	4,72,889 6,33,710 8,37,263	3,54,791 6.66.733 6.50,595 8,21,168 11,21,311 11,31,087	Rupees	Total Value of Grain.
4,582 72,42,650	<u></u>	80,262 82,802 96,733 1.21.379 1,35,910 1,58,025	Acres	Quantity of Land under Paddy Cultivation.
	the district of Akyab only.	The quantity Stated in the preceding column is the amount of Land under Paddy Cultivation in		Remarks

worthy contemporary of official notoriety for the nstonishing victory he has obtained over Chinese seclusion. Not only does he secure all the "gup" of the villages in the neighbourhood of Canton, but his emissaries have penetrated into the Temple of Budha in the centre of the city, and make public the sentiments of the leading men who had assembled for the double purpose of feasting and discussing politics. We have the Chief Magistrates speech, as if it bad been taken down by a reporter for the Morning Herald. We are quite electrified the freedom of discussion among the Celestials-the indemnity money-the surrender of Chusan-and the opening of the city to foreigners are all brought forward, and poor John Bull is heartily abused of course. Our worthy contemporary omits to say where his Correspondent was concealed on the occasion-it must have been in an incense pot,-or perhaps the whole affair is one of those délusions to which the inhalers of the "drug" are subject.

The "Hongkong Alumnack, and Directory" for 1845 has been published, and is now for sale at the Store of Mr Rutherfurd.

This is the first Almanack that has been published in Hongkong, and were we disposed to be critical, we would bear in remembrace the great difficulties which have to be contended with in getting up a work of this kind in China. In a very modest preface we are told that the Almanack was compiled in hours apart from business, and we cerminly think it highly creditable to the Gentleman, to whose industrious habits we are indebted for a very useful book of reference. At times we are at a good deal of trouble in hunting up dates of affairs that have taken place in China (others of course are in the same position) but by a reference to the Almanack they are found at once. The Appendix contains various local ordinances, and tables of the value of exchange, which will be found serviceable to most people in the Colony.

BATABIA. - The Dutch War Steamer Brome arrived at Singapore on the evening os March 6th with dates from Batavia to the 3rd instant. We have receive files of the Java Courant and notice such items of interest as they contain:--

Under date of the 4th February we find in the Java Courant a long proclamation from the Co. vernor General of Netherland's India, by which it appears that since the year 1ste a sum amounting to about 41 millions of florins in coined silver sent out from the mother-country has nearly or wholly disappeared from circulation and on that account the Bank of Java has over since July 1839 been unablo to take up its notes by making cash payments. The Government, altho' not by any means bound to do so, wishes enable to holders of such Bank. notes to exchange them against Receipts of fl, fo, f10: f25, f100, and f300, which said Receipts shall be received in all the Clovernment offices as silver and that such Receipts shall be received at a rate of not under 95 per cent for Government Bills of Exchange on the Netherlands. It then goes on to order that the 160 do to must weigh a Dutch pound and that 120 shall be the value of I Guilder, &c. &c. But we have no room for all the particulars.-Straits Times, March 11.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

28, Mary. Sawerkrop, Oahu, Sandwich Islands 18th February.

28. Precioza (Sp). Pardo, Manila 19th inst. 28, Jamuetjee Jeejeebhoy, Connat, Bombay 19th

December. 29. Princess Royal, Douty, Bombay 7th Dec.

Fanny Connel, Brown, Whampoa. Corsair (steam), Soames, Canton. Earl Powis, Mossop, Liverpool 23d October. 30, John (Swede), Osterberg, Cumsingmoon.

31, Lark, Tibbits, South America. 31, Lady Howden, McEachain, Macao.

PASSENGERS. Per Precioza-Don Juan Antonio Orbeta, Don Ramon Acero, and Mr Maclan.

SAILED.

MARCH, 27. Buckinghamshire, McGregor, Whampoa. 28, Prince Albert, Thompson, Calcutta.

30, Princess Royal. Douty, Whampoa. 30 P. & O. Co's Str. Braganza, Lewis, Ceylon. 30, Fanny Connel, Brown. London.

31, Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Connor, Whampoa. PASSENGERS.

Per Steamer Braganza-For England, Mrs Clement, Child and Servant; Messrs Humpston, Walf, and Callery. For Alexandria, Mr Geraud. For Gibraltar, Lieut Alfereq. For Singapore, Messrs Massey and Farquharson.

REPORTS. Poppy. Cole, Shanghai. Glentanner, Brock, Whampoa. Portuguese Lorcha for Amoy on 2nd April.

SHIPS LOADING AT WHAMPOA.

Humayoon, Cameron, London, about 1st April. Regina, Quinton. London, about 28th March. Mor. Alsten, Bombay. Stalkart, Dixon, Bombay, with Sugar. Starling, Cheyne, Sydney New South Wales. Helena (Am), Eyre, New York. Lucas (Am), Miller, New York.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR.

H. M. S. Vestal, Captain Talbot. H. M. Str. Vulture, Captain Macdougal. H. M. Brig Plover, Captain Collinson, C. B. H. M. Brig Wolverine, Commander Clifford. H. C. Str. Pluto, Lieut. Airy.

H. M. Tr. S. Alligator, Master Commanding King. H. M S. Minden, 2nd Master in charge Osmer,

Hospital and Store Ship. Dent and Co Anita, King, J. Matheson and Co Bomanjee Hormusjee, Coates, J. Matheson and Co Colon (Sp), Urbieta. Corsuir (steam), Soames, Fischar, Willis and Co Earl Powis. Mossop, J. Matheson and Co Gazelle (Am), Chase, W. & T. Gemmell and Co Glentanner, Brock. Dent and Co Island Queen, Priestman, J. Matheson and Co John (Swede), Osterberg. Dent and Co John Barry, Clarke, Gilman and Co Lady Howden, McEacharn, Nye, Parkin and Co Lark, Tibbits, Younghusband and Co Linnet, Captain Mary, Suwerkrop, Captain Precioza (Sp), Pardo,

Poppy, Cole, Nt. Antonio (P. schr), -Burd, Lange and Co Vishnu (Balley), Lofgreen, SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA.

Dent and Co

Lindsay and Co Jamieson, How and Co numerous to mention. Chatham, Hoery Hansen : Devil, Furley, Jamieson, How and Co Agents . -Euphrates, Gifford. Governor Doherty, Willson, P. F.: Cama and Co Russell and Co Humanoon. Cameron. Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Connor, J. Matheson and Co Joven Coring, -Meloe (Fr). Durand, Lindsay and Co Princess Royal, Douty. Cowasjee Pallanjee Regina, Quinton, Hormusjee-Framjee Stalkart, Dixon,

Starling, Cheyne, Captain Wild Irish Girl, Buckton, VESSELS AT MACAO. J. A. Dorran, Jr. Amelia (Fr), -J Matheson and Co Falcon, Bellamy,

C. Sapoorjee Lungrah Harrier, -F. J. de Paiva Isabella Robertson, Kelly, J. Matheson and Co Lady Hayes, Langley, J. A. Durran Lyra, -Mor, Alsten, Snipe, Endicott. União (Sp), J Salado Veloz (Sp), Bordenove, J. Matheson and Co

Vixen, Milne, AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO. U. S. S. Vincennes, Captain Paulding. Augustine Heard and Co Don Juan, Harding, Russelll and Co Eagle, Prescott, Russell and Co Great Britain, Endicott, J. N. A. Griswold Helena, Eyre, Lucas, Miller, Olyphant and Co James P. Sturgis Midas (steam), Poor, Russell and Co New Lintin, Chase,

FOR SALE. OHANNISBERGER in 1 dozen cases, in I , , , Hockheimer in 3 doz. cases, Cutiers Claret Champagne (Perigal & Bradys) , Port, Cockburn and Campbells in pint, bottles Brandy in 1 doz. cases. Beer and Porter in bottle. ROBERT RUTHERFURD. Queen's Road

Victoria, 31st March, 1846.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE undersigned will Sell by Public Auction on Friday the 3rd Inst, at Chinam's Hong:-43 doz superior Cherry Brandy, A few Puncheons of Beer. 26 Chests of Tea.

A few Saddles and Bridles. Pilot Bread, and a quartity of Hams, Wines, Lamps etc. etc.

Glassware assorted. The Sale to commence at 11 O'clock A. M. Terms Mexican Dollars or Rupees. McEWEN & Co.

Victoria. 1st April 1846. SMITH & BRIMELOW have received ex Preble packages which they offer for sale. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Buildings, Queen's Road, 31st March 1840.

PUBLIC AUCTION

MITH & BRIMELOW, will sell by Public D Auction, at their Godowns I & 2 Woosnam's Buildings, on Thursday next, the 2nd instant, at II o'clock a M. 8 cases of Dril's; a few fine Grates, with Mar-

ble Slabs; I case of Gentleman's black Coats; a quantity of Port wine, in bottle; patent Leather in Skins; fancy Soaps and Eau de Cologne.

ALSU A few Kegs of fresh American Butter; Butter Biscuits, in Tins: and a few Kits of Spiced Salmon; with sundry other articles.

Terms of Sale, Cash on delivery, in Mexican Dollars or Rupees 229 to 100 Mexican Dollars, or Spanish at par

All lots to be cleared before 4 o'clock the following day, or resold at risk and expense of the purchasers. Victoria, 30th March, 1846.

PUBLIC AUCTION. T Mr FRANKLYN's sale room Queen's Road A at 11 o'clock A. M. on Thursday next 2d inst. Several hundred pieces of Grey and white Shirtings; colored long Clotns, Drills, &c. ALŚO

A fine Poney quiet to ride or drive.

OMPOSITORS WANTED .- Apply at this Office. Office "Friend of China."

WANTED. TWO respectable Youths as apprentices to the I Plumbing and Painting business. For par-

ticulars apply to MR. A. CARLIN.

No. 3 Stanley Street Victoria, 9th March 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

The uniform and excellent strong quality of their Pig together with the superiority of their Castings, give them confidence in the perfect certainty of ex-W. H Franklyn, ecuting 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 Brac-

kets, 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 Buckinghamshire; McGregor. D. & M. R. and Co many other Castings of the like description too

Order or Letters of enquiry addressed to their

Messrs. BAINBRIDGE & Co., Madras. TULLOCH & Co., Calcutta

REMINGTON & Co., Bombay, or D & M Rustomjee and Co to the Managing Director at Porto Novo, shall be Reynvan and Co mmediately attended to.

ESSRS HUNTER & BARTON, beg to announce that their Macao Establishment has heen removed to No. 12 Danish Hong CANTON. WHERE THE FOLLOWING ARE FOR SALE.

SODA WATER and ÆRATED LEMONADE direct from the fountain. Patent Medicines, Perfumery. Ships Medicine chests sold and replenished. Canton 16th March, 1846.

FOR SALE. CODA WATER AND AERATED LEMONA DE of superior quality at Messrs. HUNTER J. Matheson and Co & Banton's Dispensaries, Pottinger Street, Vic-A. Heard and Co toria Hongkong, and 12 Danish Hong, Canton.

> NOTICE. THE undersigned have this day formed a Partnership, as Attornies, Solicitors, Proctors, and Notaries, at Victoria, under the firm of FARNCOMB AND GODDARD; Mr Farncomb will transact the They are printed after the Company's forms on

business of the Firm as Notary Public. E. FARNCOMB. W. H. GODDARD.

Victoria, 21st March 1846.

SODA WATER

ÆRATED LEMONADE, TO be obtained at the manufactory of the under-

SMITH & BRIMELOW. No 1 and Woosnam's Buildings, corner of Potinger Street.

JUST IMPORTED

small invoice of superior black Hats; for sale F. FUNCK. Opposite the Commissariat, March 11th 1846.

NOR SALE.—By the undersigned. Champagne, Hock.

Beer, and Stout, all of the first quality. EDWARD NEWMAN. Victoria 7th October, 1845.

McMURRAY & Co. bereby intimate to their friends and the public generally, that from this date they will not receive MACE OR CASH in payment for BERAD. The price of a 1 lb. loaf will be 4 Rupee.

McMurray & Co. are compelled to adopt this plan in consequence of the impossibility of disposing of the large quantity of very bad case that they receive daily.

The price to customers, who keep monthly accounts, will be the same as before, viz:-10 cents for the 1 in load

Victoria, Queen's Road and Abenieso Street, 19th March, 1845.

SEDAN CHAIRS. LOR SALE .- Four Sedan Chairs. Apply to. McMURRAY & Co.

Victoria, Queen's Road and Aberdeen Street 19th March, 1846,

NOTICE. IN E the undersigned have formed a Partnership for the transaction of a General Agency, Auction and Commission business at Vitcoria Hong kong, under the Firm of DRINKER & HEYL. S. DRINKER.

WM. S. HEYL. Victoria, March 2nd 1846.

NOTICE.

RINKER & HEYL, offer for sale, at their Stores, superior Port, Sherry, Madeira, and Claret Wines, Peppermint, and Cherry Cordials. Beer and Porter in wood and bottles. Wine Bitters, Choice Butter in Kegs, Neats Tongues, Tobacco Cigars, Old No. 3 and 4 Manila Cheronts, Paint

Oil, and Turpentine in caus, Bright Varnish

Ravens Duck, &c. &c. Victoria, 16th February, 1846.

BOOTS! BOOTS!!! BOOTS!!! ME Subscribers have just received and offer for Sale, a large assortment of highly finished Dress and Waterproof Boots, Half Boots, Shoes and Gaiter Boots. DRINKER & HEYL. Victoria, t6th February, 1846.

GOLD PENS. TUST Received, and for sale, a few superior Gold Pens, in Silver Cases.

An Invoice of Stationery, consisting of Plain and Ruled Letter Paper, Plain and Ruled Foolscap, Account Current, Account Sales, Office, Envelope, and Blotting Paper, Quills Lead Pencils, Parrallel Rulers, Office Inkstands, &c. &c.
DRINKER & HEYL

Victoria, 16th February, 1846. FOR SALE. Dark colored chesnut Pony; will suit either a

A Lady or Gentleman, and goes well in Harness. For terms apply to C. MARKWICK. Pottinger Street

Victoria, 3d March 1846. FUR SALE. few Deal Pannel Doors. 6 feet 6 Inches, High.

2 , 10 C. MARKWICK, Auctioneer. Pottinger Street.

Victoria, 3d March 1846.

JUST IMPORTED. ND For Sale by C. MARKWICK, Auctioneer, Pottinger Street.

A few Hogsheads of Abbotts' Pale Ale. Victoria, February 4th, 1846 FOR SALE.

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

C. MARKWICK. Auctioneer:

Pottinger Street. Victoria, 19th November, 1845.

McEWEN & Co. MENERAL Commission and Shipping Agents

(T. 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 mo-

deante terms. Also dry and convenient storage for goods. Victoria, 1st January, 1846.

TOR SALE .- At the office of this paper. Compradores cheque books. Shins Articles, with an abstract of the merchant seaman's act endorsed on the back.

Charterparties, after forms by Chitty. Powers of Attorney, after forms by Chitty. Bills of Lading.

Chinese Tariff of imports, and exports, for counting houses. BILLS OF LADING FOR THE OVERLAND

ROUFE.

TIOR 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.

Bank post. Office "Friend of China") 25th October, 1845.

ENGLISH SETTLEMENT AT BORNEO-DUTCH OPPOSITION AND THE SUBJUCATION OF BALL.

The high dictatorial language assumed by the Ministry and Senate of the Netherlands in reference to our proceedings at Borneo has naturally given rise to a spirit of enquiry regarding our progress in the march of colonization of the islands in the eastern seas; it has sprung a mine, as it were, which has arrested public attention from the dogmatical bearing assumed by the Dutch, and would lead one to imagine that the only remains of Dutch colonial establishments were in danger of being numbered amongst the things that were.

Were our Dutch neighbours as free from the spirit of terrano aggrandizment as their outcry would lead us to expect, some excuse might be of. fered in extenuation of the rhodomontade recently displayed at the Hague, but when it is considered that these emanations take their origin in a feeling of eavy which the Dutch feel at our march in colonization, as well as a conviction that their administration of Java is in many respects repugnant to the feelings, associations and prejudices of the natives, and contrary to the freedom which now characterizes the states of the o'd and a past of the new world, neither our wonder nor animosity need be raised at the threatened cry-ofwar, unless Dutch explanations of treaties be received as correct interpretations or periodventure we be so foolish as to imagine that the English ministry will be bullied into a compliance with demands at unreasonable in themselves as they are answarranted by the trea-

with Borneo is of no great extent and is extried on Netherlands government desires to obtain posses.

with Singapore exclusively; it is less thean six-lahks of dollars per annum, on an average of the last four years. The principal articles of importation during 1844 were, Camphor, dollars 21,558; Bird's Nests dollars 41,630, Rattans, dollars 47,125, Antimony Ore, dollars 16,266. The principal exports for the same period were: British Cotton Piece Goods, dollars 52,104; Indian and Malay Piece Goods drs. 56,381; Opium, drs. 15,048, or

Imports Drs. 253,919 253,090 261,183 339,541 Mean Drs. 578,144
Exports Drs. 262,187 318,949 296,537 308,153 Total

Total 516,106 570,957 557,821 667,691
The exported articles are distributed amongst the inhabitants of Borneo and the numerous small islands surrounding it, being an average of about half a dollar to each individual as the value of individual transactions -our calculation is based on the minimum estimate of population.

In our trading transactions with Borneo, the Dutch profess not to interfere; indeed they affect a total unconcern. The ground of Datch alarm is our forming a Settlement at Laboan, a small island (half the size of Singapore) situated on the N. W. Coast of Borneo, opposite the mouth of the River, Borneo Proper, on which it is proposed to form a Settlement. The total value of imports and exports at Laboan do not amount to dollars 50,000 annually so that the commercial value of the island cannot enter into the calculations of the Dutch, when summing up the evils which will result to their territories by the establishment of a Settlement at Laboan.

Singapore has been or can be so little affected by the formation of a small rival at Laboan that its establishment or abandonment is a matter of indifference, especially as the produce of the island is chiefly monopolized by one individual. The trading tribes of the archipelago will resort only where they can dispose of their produce to advantage and make profitable return investments, and since place in the eastern seas affords the same advantages as Singapore, these traders will continue to resort hither even were Laboan completely colonized. With the Dutch it is altogether different. The Holanders have of late seen their kingdom divided into two monarchies, their trade every year become less, and look with much jealousy on every movement of the English as though they were convinced that the whole of the Duch Settlements in the east; the last shades of their former maritime and colonial prosperity, will ere long be submerged in that mighty Empire over which Victoria reigns, the most potent sovereign on whom a royal diadem has rested. The several islands of the archipelago over which the Dutch now exercise partial sway must sooner or later be amalgamated with and yield to the all prevailing influence of British arms and institutions; the event may be delayed but its consummation will only be rendered more complete. The bursts of national indignation and the threats

that issue from the Hague can serve only to hasten an event looked for, we are almost tempted to write hoped for, aye, fully expected. If Holland supposes that England will be bullied into compliance with what the former conceives to be the interpretation of the treaty of 1824; in that case an error of judgment will somewhat sooner annex Java to the British dominations than English statesmen anticipated. Java would never have been given back to the Dutch had not the political horizon of Port tgal, Spain, Mexico, Peru and Columbia been clouded with troubles which Mr Ganning saw, when he confessedly yielded up Java rather than be encumbered with further negotiation at such a crisis as was then approaching. Mr Canning's act of yielding to necessity was severely reflected on by Lord Amherst the Governor-General of India. Mr Canning admitted that he had erred; apparently in full conviction that British interests had suffered from the concession, he neglected to comply with the 6th art. of the Treaty, sent no instruction to Earl Amherst interdictory of new Settlements being forme-neglect, scrupulously followed (as if by compact) by the Dutch, -and up to the present time the terms of the 6th article have never been complied with by either of the two governments. Hence all the talk about the second paragraph of sect. 12 of the treaty of 1824 goes for nothing, and the treaty itself cannot go for more. The conduct of the government, in reference to art. 6th clearly proves that, in practice the treaty was alike repudiated by both parties, excepting so much of it as. was found to be mutually advantageous. Neglect to issue the instructions contemplated in the 6th art. Treaty of 1824 was as culpable on the part of the Dutch as the English: no time was stipulated for their being sent, or did the treaty set forth which of the two contracting powers were to despatch the order in advance of the other; hence either England or Holland may be assumed to have broken the treaty, according to our impression of the duty of the former or the latter to issue the instructions which formed a part of and were essential to the Treaty.

From our last observations it will appear that neglect to issue those instructions which would have kept each party within certain prescribed boundaries was mutual, the advantages, probably, were also expected to be mutual, and hence neitherof the contracting powers ventured to accuse the other of bad faith. But now that the Dutch find themselves to be somewhat outwitted in diplomacy, they appear to wish to forget their former wilful obliviousness and seek to bind as down to furlongs, acres, and feet, accompanied with so many threats as makes their conduct appear very ridiculous - the Dutch and English adopted a sliding gunter, but the former complains that whilst they have been pushing on the scale in an arithmetic proportion, the latter have made it to slide in a geometrical ratio!

We however venture to affirm that the rhodomontade anent Borneo is a mere buzbear; it is not the end of Datch agitation but employed as an artifica to varnish over the contemplated subjugation of an island of far greater importance to Holl ind and of no less importance to us. The ministry at the Hagae would be delighted were England to admit that the terms of the treaty had been in some degree departed from; not that Holland would alight on the confession as a ground for war, since she is not in a position to contest the point; it is not because Holland wishes to act product in re-Abstractedly considered the whole of our trade ference to her share in the matter; but because the

sion of the island of Bali and seeks our non-interference as the best atonement to be made for breaking, as alleged, the treaty of 1844. England may Colonize Laboan, ay, and Borneo too, so that England does not interfere with the annexation and subjugation of Bali to the Dutch. The sliding gunter of political morality can easily adjust itself to the above arrangement without causing a blush in the cheek of a Macchiavelian minister.

In point of figures the island of Bali or little Java and the sisterhood Lombock and Sumbawa are as valuable to us; even in their present independent state, as Borneo; in point of fact they are probably more so. The contiguity of Bali to Java prompts the Balinese to carry on a system of Smuggling into Java of Opium and other British produce, which, while extremely prejudicial to the Dutch, opens a wide field for the sale of British produce which the heavy duties at Java almost prohibit. In our journal of Wednesday last we directed public attention to the movements of the Dutch in reference to Bali, and we then stated that the island was one of the most valuable of the Archipelago. In substantiation of our statement respecting the commercial value of Bali. we annex the value of the trade carried on between Singapore, Lombock and Sumbewa.

1842 182,503 213,078 1841 Imports 162,760 1843 183,305 295,636 mean 189,333 276,176 value Exports 262,073

Tl. value \$364,833 \$394,581 \$372,639 \$572,512 \ 426,391 Rice is one of the chief articles of import, of which \$189,138 value was imported into Singapore in the 1944, more than two thirds being Bali grain. In the list of exports we notice \$19,114 British Piece goods \$6,729 Indian and Malay Piece goods and \$184,280 of Opium. The import returns afford merely an approximate value of the products, since large supplies of grain are despatched to Java, Borneo, Celebes, &c.

We must postpone further remarks.

To the Editor of the Friend of China. No. I, Parsonage, Blackfriars, Manchester, December, 31st, 1845. SIR, -The depression which had settled on our Market at the date of our last report, has continued with little interruption almost throughout the month, especially during the period of the "Ministerial Crisis," when an almost total suspension of business took place for two or three days. Since it became understood that Sir Robert Peel has resumed the Premiership, and that he would reorganize the Government, a visible change for the better has taken place; and within the past week there has been a much better feeling observable both on the part of Merchants and Manufacturers. Yesterday, the tone of the market was decidedly buoyant, and some very considerable sales were made, and contracts entered into, both in Yarns and Goods; on some counts of the former, an advance of 1d. per lb. was effected. Recent events have manifested that the commercial and monied classes have great confidence in the present Government, the which is in no slight degree enhanced by the circumstance of Mr Gladstone's accession to the office of the Secretaryship of the Colonies, affording as it does, a sure promise that the commercial policy of the Cabinet will be based on enlightened and liberal views, calculated to sustain and foster our manufacturing enterprize and foreign trade, whilst it conserves and upholds other equally great and important interests of national importance, connected with our domestic and colonial productions. The opinion is generally gaining ground here, that the prospects of the coming year are improving; and in anticipation of prices rallying, many parties are quietly entering into contracts for future delivery. The improvement observable in the money market is imparting an encouraging feature to this, as it is expected that greater facilities will be shortly afforded to Merchants to extend their operations, too much confined by the restriction of discounts. The probability of war with the United States now appears to be as little expected here, (whilst it excites less concern,) as it is by one of our New York correspondents, who writes us thus, in true American phrase, under the date of Dec. 15th, per Cambria; -" As respects the Oregon question, rely on it there will be no war, unless England should unnecessarily declare it. It is not the intention of the Administration to bring on a war. To advocates a war, or extreme measures that might possibly end in was, would kill off any Presidential aspirant. For national honor we will go to war, but such an issue is not possible. 99) out of every 1000 persons here, except actual loafers, which in our country a e not numerous, are averse to war. Speeches will be doubtless made for bunkum! and full of brimstone and saltpetre, but no war." The people of this country, accurately appreciating the value of the braggadocio which has been employed by certain parties on the other side the Atlantic, are little disturbed by it; the more especially as they are satisfied the Government of this Country will be just and temperate in its claims, whilst it is amply prepared to maintain and will vindicate our rights under whatever issue. The President's Message, which had been heralded with so much fierce braying of trumpets, has come and exploded, without producing any sensation; business has been in nowise effected by it. The wide spread alarm of "famine," which was so industriously stimulated by speculators in Corn, and certain political partisans, both acting together, although for different objects, has, according to our anticipations of Octoher and November, considerably subsided, and t'ie fact is now pretty well established that there is a full average stock of grain in this country, and consequently that the fears of a dearth of food were vain. As this assurance gained ground, the prices of grain declined, and during the past mon'h the price of Wheat, on the average, has receded about 5s. per quarter from the highest point obtained during thee xcitement. Two important circumstancesthe apprehension of a scarcity of breadstuffs, and the probability of a war with America, both calculated to seriously derauge business operations-appear to be in a great measure removed; and these facts. combined with the circumstance of the existence of an abundance of money which is only waiting the restoration of cansidence in the minds of Capitalists, to be at once employed in the facilities the opera-

tions of Merchants, suggest the inference text the

Market has seen the lowest point of depression,

and that the trade of this district will speedily resume its former vigor.

COTTON GOODS.—There has been but little change in prices throughout the month, but if any. thing it has been in favour of Buyers, FP. L. Splits are offering at 3s, at which price some moderate sales have taken place, and there is but little stock on hand, & P. L. PRINTERS have been in improved request during the past ten days, and several Manufacturers are asking an advance. We quote to day's prices, for 25 inch, 50 reed, weighing 3lb. loz a 3s 3d; 26 inch, 56 reed, 3lb. 8oz, a 3s. 71d; 60 reed, 3lh. I4oz. a 4s; 66 reed, 4lb. 2oz. a 4s 6d to 4s 72d; 27 inch, 66 reed, 4lb. 4oz. to 4lb 120z a at 4s 41d to 5s; 27 inch, 72 seed, 4lb 12oz. to 5lb at 5s 12d to 5s 72d, and for these latter makes, some Manufacturers are asking 58 9d In # Twills little is doing, and prices are almost nominal. & Maddapolams and Printers have been very dull of sale, but for the better kinds, there is a considerable improvement in demand for printing; prices rule as follows :- 32 inch, 46 yards, 6lb 40z at 6s 9d; 321 inch 6lb 12oz at 7s 11d: 34 inch, 7lb 4oz at 7s 71d; 32 inch, 7lb 10oz at 8s 41d; 34 inch, 8lb 40z at 8s 9d; 36 inch, 56 reed, 25 yards. 4lb loz at 4s 4d; 60 reed, 4lb 14oz at 4s 10d; 66 reed, 51b to 51b 40z at 4s 3d to 5s 6d; 72 reed, 51b Soz at 6s 1d; 72 reed, 22 picks, 5lb 10oz to 5lb 12oz at 6s 4d to 6s 6d. 40 Inch G. E. Long CLOTHS have been very flat, and the lower qualities, from 6s 6d up to 8s almost altogether unsaleable; there are also of these fabrics some very considerable stocks. The better makes have been in more request for Calcutta and Bombay, at 9s to 9s 6d. and for these qualities there has recently been much more enquiry; the production has also been curtailed, and stocks remain comparatively light. To day's prices we quote thus: -39 iuch 56 reed, 6lb 12oz to 7lb at 7s to 7s 3d; 60 reed, 7lb 12oz to 8lb at 7s 71d to 7s 10d; 64 reed, 8lb 4oz at 8s to 8s 3d; 66 reed, 8lb 12oz to 9lb at 8s 9d to 9s 12d; 72 reed, 9lb 4oz to 9lb 8oz, at 9s 6s to 9s 9d. 45-Inch G. E. Long Cloths are also of languid demand, and the lower qualities difficult to move at 6s 6d to 8s,-The better makes are easier of sale, and stocks are light. A considerable business has been done for Greek account in STOUT LONG CLOTHS or PUNJUMS at very low prices, and the market is now pretty well cleared of these fabrics. Domestics and T. CLOTHS have experienced little change since last month, but prices, if anything, are a shade lower, but an improved demand within the past week have given a somewhat firmer tone to the holders, and they appear to be sanguine of obtaining better prices in a few days. JACCONET and G. E. CAMBRICS are but of limited enquiry, and prices are the turn lower.

COTTON YARNS. - In the early part of the month the prospects of this market appeared depressed, and the failures which were then occurring cast a gloom over all; this state of things continued during the 'ministerial crisis," and few operations of any importance were entered into, within the past ten days some considerable sales have been effected for the markets of India. China, and the Mediterranean, and Spinners have recovered their confidence. Yesterday some large contracts were taken, at prices 4d per lb. higher than Tuesday, Warps and Cops are also in improved demand for the Home trade.

BRADFORD MARKET.-Wook.-As the stocks of the raw staple are stillight, the previous rates are maintained. Spinners continue to buy as sparingly as possible, and short time is general. Although production is lessened, and more been done in Yarns, Spinners have not yet obtained any advance upon former quotations. Some chance lots have been bought up on speculation, and taken out of the market, which is, on the whole, bare. Should an increased demand spring up, prices will no doubt improve at once. In PIECE Goods there is no material variation to notice during the month. 4-4 and 6-4 Meninoes are becoming more plentiful, and easier to buy. & LASTINGS and PRINCET. TAS, as well as all other descriptions of heavy goods, meet ready sale, and are firm in price. COTTON WARP Goods have been in fair demand. considering the season, and the rates bave been in favour of the buyer only where lots have been held. Stocks are lighter than for many years past. Good markers of 6-4 PLAIN ORLEANS are well engaged at remunerative prices. The aspect of things is improving, and the news from the States is considered satisfactory; with the turn of the year, therefore, a stimulus to the trade of this district is pretty generally expected.

COTTON MARKET. - There has been a fair amount of business done in the Liverpool Market during the past week, and holders have exhibited more confidence in the future. On American descriptions an advance of ad per lb. was effected, others remaining without change. The stock of Cotton at the Ports of Great Britain, at this date, is 157,000 bags more than last year, notwithstanding the increased consumption, which is now equal to 31,000 bales weekly, of which quantity 25,000 bales, or 10 millions of pounds, is American. The total quantity entered for Home consumption, during the past twelve months, is 1,670,000 bales, of which 1,281,000 were American. Such vast interests as these at stake ought to be a bond of amity between the nations, and doubtless they will prove to be so, despite the vapouring. -We remain, Sir, Your obedient and faithful servants,

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE. SHANGHAL.

We have advices from the great northern mark to the 11th instant. The market continued in an extremely depreseed state from the failure of the two Hongs chiefly engaged in foreign trade. In our last monthly summary we mentioned that of " Allum" in whose pack houses there was stored about \$1,600,000 worth of produce and goods the property of British Merchants, upon which an embargo was laid by the British Consul and the Chinese authorities. The goods have not yet been delivered to the owners, but we anticipate that by next mail we will be able to state that the claims of those in whom the property is vested have been examined and admitted. Kingwo was bankrupt only a few days before the date of our advices but the extent of his liabilities are unknown, though they must be great as he and Allum transacted between them four fifths of the foreign trade of the port. The tea growers are the principal sufferers by these bankruptcies, and it is feared that next season they will be induced to take their teas to Canton at a great expense for island transit, as confidence in the Hongs at Shanghai must be destroyed. It is possible that they may gradually get into the way of selling to the foreign Merchant direct, without the produce passing through the hands of middle men. It is very desirable that such should be the case, as also that the purcha sers of imports should have a direct trade with the Importor. Trade would thus be put on a better footing, and the system of barter introduced by the bankrupt Hongs put an end to.

The sales of Cotton Goods since the Chinese holidays have been limited-probably not over 45,000 pieces of all descriptions. The imports have been 879,000 pieces of grey and 66,800 pieces of bleached, add to which 350,000 pieces held by the creditors of Allum, and several cargoes daily expected from Liverpool and the prospect for British cotton goods is far from encouraging. Quotations—almost nominal—for 72s, 3\$10 to 3\$20; 66s, 2\$90 to 3\$; 60s. 2\$60 to 2570.

In Woollen Fabrics there has been something doing. Long Ells have sold freely a. \$10 per piece for a really good assortment of colors; inferior qualities have averaged \$9. The market is bare of this description of goods in the hands of Importors. Spanish Stripes and Habit cloth have also been in demand, and the market cleared of 3,400 pieces at \$1.30 to \$1.40 per yard. There was still a demand, and moderate shipments would probably realize these rates. Camlets have been moving off at \$20 to \$22 per piece; there is a considerable stock in first hands.

Chintz and other prints are unsaleable; the market being glutted with this class of goods.

In produce we note some transactions in Green Teas at previous rates. The export since our last summary is lbs. 1,548,346 in the proportion of 807,743 lbs. black to 740,703 lbs. green. Silk has also been purchased to some extent, and at reduced prices. Taysaam of "good to fine" quality has been bought at from \$280 to \$300 for cash. Export since the holidays 672 bales.

Exchange. - Bills on England have been sold at

Shipping .- In harbour Marion, Marmion, Nim rod, Bleng, Esmeralda, Janet Wilson and Gardner

CANTON PRICES CURRENT.

Canton, 28th March 1846.

The market for Imports, contrary to general expectation continues in a very depressed state, and the little improvement manifest at the early part of the month has quite subsided and prices are again lower.

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Corron. - Some few Sales have been made at our reduced quotations,

COTTON GOODS.

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Corros Goods .- Good 72 reed shirtings in the Grey were sold at \$2. 90, but are now harely worth \$2.75 a 2.80; and this though nominally, the price for Cash, very little progress could be made in sales at these rates. Whites are also lower. though there are very few fine go ds in the market.

Yarn, Nos. 16 a 24 32 50 to 33 50per picul 4 Nos. 25 a 42 40 50 to 41 50 do.

Yans, -Still in demand of the advanced quotations.

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"Malwa,new, good 735 0 to 740 0 do. " Turkey - . 450 0 to 0 Oper picul Onca. The news of the advances in the Calcutta market has exceed a speculative enquiry here, and new Parna has gramp to \$510 a 640. Benares Súil a 660; this advance bowever can be but temperary, looking to the aupplies we are likely to receive aboutly. Malwa is still at \$130, but

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EXPORTS .- ON BOARD.

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Export of Tea from China to Great Britain.

Ist July 1815, to 26	th March. 1816.
Congou - 29,317,559	
Caper - 1,308,656	
Southong - 1,526, 81	
Pouchong - 859 350	
Sorts 1,108	•
Flowery Pekoe 546,952	
Orango Pekoe 2,128,760	35,719,306 lbs Black
Twankay . 1,663,035	
Hyson Skin - 121,535	
Hyson 715,107	
Young Hyson 2,330,316	
Imperial - 611,972	
Gunpowder 1,484,230	6,927,095 , Green.
Total	42,616,401 lbs.

EXPORT of TEAS to the UNITED STATES in 50 Vessels, for Year ending June 30th, 1845. Total Black, 6,950,459 "

EXPORT of TEAS to the UNITED STATES in 29 Vessels from June 30th, 1845, to March 23rd, 1846, including the Wissahickon."

Young Hyson, . . . 6,401,541 lbs. 638,077 ,, Imperial, 918,057 ,, Gunpowder, Total Green Souchong and Congon, 1,802,795 lbs. Pouchong, 591,817 ,, Pecco, . . . Orange Pecco, . 2,304 ,, 28,703 Ouloong, Total Black 198,504 ,,

Total Green, and Black, 12,796,604.lbg.

SILK EXPORT.

2,624,122

The Export of Raw Silk to the United Kingdom, from Canton and Shanghai, from 1st July to date, amounts to about 13,303 Bales; as follows:-

	Canton Shanghai	2913 5409	Liverpool. 811 4230
		8322	5041
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PRICES OF BULLION.

Sycee Silver, large, 9 a 9 per cont, premium. Spanish Dollars, Ferdinand, par Carolus, 9 a 10 per cent, premium.

Republican ditto, to 1 per cent discount. Excuance on England. 6-m. s. Some extensive sale of Baring's credits have occurred towards the close of the month at 4s. 51d. a 4s. 6d. Eng. lish Houses are not drawing.

On India-Company's accepted bills on Calcutta 216 a 218 Rupees per 100 Sp. drs. Do. on Bombay at 60 days' sight 222 p. 100 Sp. dls.

n at 30 n n 219 p. 100 PREIGHTS.

To London or Liverpool, Several vessels have lately been engaged at £5; the arrival of the Buckinghamshire, and 2 other large vessels. with more daily expected will no doubt cause a decline.

To Amoy, 86 per ton of 40 feet. To ports north of Amoy, 7 a 9 8

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