

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Ali" appears to have made a mistake. His contribution was probably intended for the China Mail.

NOTICE.

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

Table with columns: LATEST DATES, BATAVIA, and April. Lists dates for various locations like England, United States, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Sydney, Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Chusan, Shanghai.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1846

The "Lady Mary Wood" will sail on the 25th as advertised. We mention this as there was some uncertainty previous to her arrival, as to the day of sailing.

His Excellency Senhor Amaral, Governor of Macao, and suite arrived in the "Lady Mary Wood." On landing he was saluted with the number of guns due to his rank; the same honor being conferred when His Excellency visited the Senior Naval Officer in command.

The February Mail has rather disappointed our expectations. We were in hopes that our relations with the United States would have been placed on a more substantial basis; and we were also in hopes that the success of Sir Robert Peel's measure for a modification of the corn laws would have been beyond a doubt.

In America the speeches in Congress are violent, and although more prudent politicians endeavour to curb the warlike propensities of the members from the inland states, it is evident that the public feeling on the Oregon question is getting stronger, and that even among the more moderate class of politicians any division of the disputed territory would be repudiated, were an appeal to arms at all likely to be successful.

The Oregon question is not the only apology which may be offered for a declaration of war, when a fitting opportunity offers. The Americans are naturally jealous of European powers, who hold colonies on the continent or Islands of the West. From Spain they purchased Florida; from France Louisiana, and in 1812 they made a desperate attempt to wrest Canada from Great Britain. In later years, Texas has been annexed to the great Republic; Oregon—or at least a large portion of it—will soon form a new territory for the enterprise of the restless inhabitants of the western states; California, will like Texas, be first made a place of refuge for those whom fortune has rendered desperate, and after gaining strength in the land, it will be wrested from the feeble hands of the degenerate inhabitants of Mexico.

Sir Robert Peel's new Tariff is a more comprehensive document than was anticipated. The Premier does not confine himself to a reduction of the protective duties on agricultural produce, he also proposes reducing and remitting many of the duties on foreign manufactures. The Premier, in the proposed Tariff carries out the principles of free trade which have been gradually stealing upon the conviction of modern politicians—and which have so far been successful in Great Britain.

in the proposed scheme of reduction. The only items that will influence the exports of China, are manufactured silks, reduced from 30 to 15 per cent; thrown, and dyed silk remitted; Cassia powder reduced to 2s. 6d. per awt. and clayed Sugar from 11s 8d. to 8s 2d. Tea is probably reserved for another session of parliament, when the working of the new tariff has been tested by the revenue, and consumption.

INDIA.

The "Lady Mary Wood" puts us in possession of Calcutta dates to the 10th of March. The Sikh forces have submitted unconditionally—been paid five months arrears and disbanded. The war in the Punjab is therefore at an end; the British army have been ordered into quarters, and the new levies for increasing the Bengal army been countermanded. Sir Charles Napier returns to Scinde; and the Governor General would leave Lahore for the British Provinces about the 10th of March.

BORNEO.

The Singapore papers mention the arrival of H. M. S. Hazard from Borneo, bringing intelligence of the murder of Rajah Muda Hassim and other natives friendly to Mr Brooke the Rajah of Sarawak and British commissioner in Borneo. It is said that Mr Brooke had been attacked by several hundred natives acting under orders of the Sultan, who now regrets having ceded Labuan to Great Britain.

Muda Hassim who was the Sultan's heir, always proved himself Mr Brooke's friend. When that Gentleman first visited Borneo, Muda Hassim was Rajah of Sarawak and engaged in a long protracted war with the Dyak tribes. Mr Brooke was mainly instrumental in bringing the war to a conclusion, and Muda Hassim, who appears to have been a man far in advance of his countrymen, made Mr Brooke joint Rajah of Sarawak with himself. The English Rajah introduced wonderful changes into the Judiciary of the country, and succeeded in ameliorating the condition of the Dyak tribes who had been alike the prey of their Malay rulers and the pirates who infest the coast. At a subsequent period, Muda Hassim returned to Borneo Proper, and was reconciled to the Sultan; Mr Brooke being created sole Rajah of Sarawak. Mr Brooke, in his Journal, recently published by Captain the Hon. Henry Keppel with his expedition to Borneo of H. M. S. Dido, states that the Sultan was a weak minded man, feeble and but little to be depended upon. It is to be feared that acting under bad advice, he has consented to the murder of his kinsman Muda Hassim, and the unprovoked attack upon Mr Brooke's settlement at Sarawak. It is probable that Sir Thomas Cochrane is already on the way to Borneo to aid Mr Brooke, and to punish the Sultan of Borneo Proper for the attack upon Sarawak, the possession of the British Commissioner, and also for the murder of Muda Hassim and other British allies.

The British government appear resolved to colonise Labuan; Mr Crawford and other Gentlemen well acquainted with the Indian Archipelago being favorable to the project; and it is not improbable that Mr Brooke will be the first Governor. Captain Keppel's work contains much information, and at the present juncture, when public attention is directed towards Borneo, it will be read with avidity. We have only had time to glance at the gallant Captain's book, but we have read enough to assure us that it worthy of an attentive perusal.

(From the Straits Times, 2th April.)

BATAVIA.—By the arrival at Singapore on the 5th April of the Dutch war steamer "Bromo," advices and journals have been received from Batavia to the 1st instant. The nature of the news received by this opportunity is of unusual interest in reference to the monetary affairs of the Java Government and the political condition of Borneo in relation to the Dutch. We last month noticed that the withdrawal of bullion from Java had placed the Bank in an anomalous position; to remedy the evil the Government had passed a decree acknowledging its willingness to receive Bank paper in the place of specie. This movement has been followed by another, substituting Government receipts instead of the Bank's notes by virtue of a proclamation which we annex; it appears to carry the conviction that the Government of Java has united with the directors of the Bank to play the part of a "Jeremy Diddler" with the specie of the Colony. The following is the additional order from the Governor General in Council as given in the Java Courant of 1st April.—"In order to give an enlarged extension and limit to an act published on the 4th February, 1846, and taking into consideration that of an amount of florins 7,422,175 of notes in circulation, issued by the Bank of Java, in virtue of article 35 of the new Grant and Regulations concerning the payment and exchanging according to the terms contained in the notice published on the 4th February 1846, there is in the Government treasury of Java and Madura a sum of not less than f 7,272, 250. And considering that although since 1839 the current "silver" notes of the Bank of Java have not been convertible into silver, they have notwithstanding to a certain extent been almost the only circulating medium, and consequently they have been, in fact, the actual means of legal payment. In consequence of the payment and exchanging as well as of our decree of this day No. 2 those notes have been withdrawn from circulation. As other general legal means for payment are necessary, it has been ordered in the proclamation of 4th February Art. 3 that the Bank of Java notes shall be received in all government offices and by others as legal payment, gudder for gudder, for all debts contracted for in silver, the same as the Government receipts, and shall be considered as representing the legal money of Netherlands India according to the proclamation of 11th November 1839. Thus we have thought it good to decree and have decreed and hereby make known that in virtue of the 1st Art. of the proclamation of February 4th 1846 the above receipts shall be legal means of payment for all sums contracted for in silver, for the same amount, gudder for gudder, and for all sums contracted for to be paid in copper at the rate of 5 gudders in receipts for 6 gudders, in Copper."

PRECIS OF MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

Mr. Gobden has been dangerously indisposed but is better. During the late gales upwards of 600 sail of vessels put into Milford Haven for shelter. In the Arches Court the Rev. Henry Cresswell, Vicar of Orzech St. Michael, in Somersetshire, accused of drunkenness, habitual swearing, fighting, setting a dog to worry sheep, and other disorderly conduct, was sentenced to suspension for eighteen months, in addition to the suspension already incurred for a like period during the progress of the suit.—Mr James Brown, comedian, formerly of the Liverpool theatres, is now performing at the Olympic theatre, London.—A son of the celebrated comedian, William Farren, has made a most successful appearance, at the Theatre Royal, Dublin.—The Post-office authorities have discovered that spurious postage stamps, to a considerable amount, have been issued in London.—A selfpriming gun has been invented, which fixes caps on the nipple for sixty successive rounds.—A Mr J. T. Andrews, of Cheltenham, has undertaken to earn the 1000, no's deposited in one of the Dublin banks, for the benefits of the clairvoyant who can tell the date, number, &c., without opening the sealed envelope.—An inquest was held on the evening of 11th February on the body of Sir George William Lefevre Knight, late physician to the embassy of Russia, who committed suicide on Thursday evening by taking prussic acid in Hyde Park. A labouring man saw him run out of the park, and fall near Cumberland gate in Oxford-street. He picked him up, but life was extinct in a few moments.—The "Bencoolen" from South America to Liverpool has been totally wrecked on Taylor's Bank, near the Forby light-ship. Only eight, out of a crew of twenty-one, were saved by taking to the boat. The remaining thirteen, including the captain, mates, and pilot, were drowned when the vessel went to pieces, which occurred very shortly after she struck.—A spot is now traversing the sun's disc, which is estimated to be 26,000 miles broad, and to cover an area of 1,062,282,000 square miles, more than five times the number of square miles on the surface of our globe.—A mother and her two children have been killed, at Madeley, in Staffordshire, by the explosion of a quantity of blasting gunpowder, which had been carelessly left exposed in an upper room, within reach of the children. Though frightfully mutilated, the mother had strength to hand the children out of the room in which they were to her husband: he returned and found her, still erect, but dying, and almost dead. She soon expired. The children survived for a day or two.—The children of the Hon A. Ellis, residing at Bognor, with a governess and two maids, have been poisoned by eating of blancmange which had been coloured green with a verdigris powder, sold by a pastrycook in London for such use! Fortunately, the sufferers were deterred from eating much of the confection by its bad taste; some, however, are still unwell from its effects.

Some desperate affrays have taken place between the English and Irish labourers employed on the works of the Lancaster and Carlisle and other railways in that quarter. The military were called out at Penrith to quell the rioters in that vicinity. Several outrages have been committed, and various persons severely injured on both sides. Mr Cartlar resumed and concluded the inquiry into the alleged murder at Greenwich, which has attracted so much painful interest. After the production of some additional evidence, the coroner summed up at considerable length, and the jury returned a verdict of "Wilful murder against William Richardson."—Mr H. J. Marcus, the Leeds share-broker who was accused of forging Mr Lupton's name to transfers of railway share, has been committed for trial, but admitted to bail.—One Brierley has been shot at Andover by a person with whom he lodged. A Mr Shurmer, who was formerly in business at Andover as an Architect, was recently employed by a contractor to superintend some improvements at Redrice, a mansion near Andover. Having had a dispute with Brierley about some money that was missing, he bought a horse-pistol, powder, and ball, got off for Redrice, where Brierley was employed. Mr Shurmer called him into the counting-house there, locked the door, and shot him in the face. The wounded man is in danger, and his assailant is in custody.—Reed, the young man suspected of murdering Thomas Tranter, a farmer at Berkswell, some months ago, has been apprehended.—A large paper manufactory at Sunderland, belonging to Messrs Hutton and Company, was totally destroyed by fire last week; damage, 6,000l. or 8,000l.—On clearing away the ruins of the warehouse which recently fell down at Liverpool, it was discovered that one man had perished: the body of Peter Leacey was found in nearly an upright posture, jammed between flour barrels: he had been instantly crushed to death.

A few days since a man was tried at the Old Bailey and convicted, when the Recorder sentenced him to hard labour for one year, intimating that he might have been sent abroad for fifteen years.—Prisoner: My lord, that is what I pray for. Although not proved against me, I admit I have been convicted of small offences and imprisoned several times, and it is impossible for me ever to get an honest living in this country. I hope your lordship will alter the judgment.—The Recorder, after consulting Mr Alderman Sidney, said, "Prisoner, your application is a very strange one, in praying that you may be sent out of the country. I hope your lordship has considered your application well? It appears clear that the only chance of your reform must be in another country; therefore, at your own request, the sentence is that you be transported for fifteen years."—The prisoner, who shed tears, thanked his lordship for his indulgence, and, bowing respectfully, left the bar.

Robert Ingram Esq, has been appointed by her Majesty Attorney General, and J. L. Adolphus, Esq, Solicitor-General for the County Palatine of Durham.—A consent of mercy is about to be established in Newcastle, Don Colli has subscribed 600l. to the undertaking, and Dr Ryan 500l.—Madame Anside Castellan, the popular vocalist, died lately in Russia, after a short illness.—Several dreadful murders have been committed within the last few days. In the City, a mechanic murdered his wife, a young woman of sixteen, and then committed suicide. A foreigner at Chambers-street put a pistol to his own existence, having first murdered two of his children, and attempted the life of a third.

An apprentice in Drury-lane shot his master in a fit of revenge, and has since confessed the crime.

There has been a very destructive fire at Liverpool. It commenced at an early hour on the afternoon of the 17th, in a large warehouse in the vicinity of St. George's Dock, and in what is called the Back Goree, at the rear of a large pile of warehouses which about 20 years ago were destroyed by a similar conflagration. The flames spread with amazing rapidity, so that all chance of saving the building in which it broke out was hopeless, and, consequently, in a few hours all was destroyed. At 3 o'clock next morning, Mr Dowling, the head constable, left the place, it being then thought that the fire was so far subdued that its further extension was not to be apprehended, but at 7 o'clock, it burst forth in the adjoining warehouse with great fury, ignition having been communicated, it is supposed, by the ends of the beams from one building to the other, in the upper stories, the rooms of which were covered six or eight feet deep with corn. This warehouse belonged to the executors of the late Mr Branch, and was filled with cotton and sugar. In one story of the building there was East India and Mauritius sugar to the value of 10,000l, the property of a respectable firm, members of the Society of Friends, named Crossfield, of which not a single bag was saved. The destruction of other merchandise has been equally great, but the owners fortunately are insured. The amount of property destroyed, including buildings and merchandise, is estimated at upwards of 15,000l. —London Mail Feb'y 21.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

- APRIL, 18, Warlock, Jauncey, Namoa. 18, Str. L. M. Wood, Evans, Ceylon. 19, Red Rover, McMurdo, Macao. 15, Gilmore, Mair, Whampoa. 20, H M T. S. Saphire, Fittock, Chusan and Amoy, 11th and 16th April.

PASSENGERS.

- Per P. & O S. N. Co's Ship Lady Mary Wood, His Excellency Sr. Amaral, Governor of Macao, and Servant from Gibraltar. Lieut. Navario, ditto. Major Nunes, ditto. Dr Nunes, ditto. Sr. Silveira, ditto. H. M. Matheson, Esq., Ceylon. —Glanders, Esq, and Servant, Penang. —Calvert, Esq., and ditto, ditto. Mr & Mrs Gilman, 4 Children & 3 Servts., Sing. Capt. and Mrs Macdonald, ditto. —Wise, Esq., ditto.

SAILED.

- APRIL, 17, Sisters, Domy, Whampoa. 17, Str. Corsair, Soames, Canton. 18, Anita, King, Whampoa. 18, Anglona, Lane, Amoy. 19, H. C. Str. Pluto, Lieut. Airy, Macao. 20, Wrrlock, Jauncey, Cumsingmoon. 20, Euphrates, Gifford, London. 21, Gilmore, Mair, London. 21, Deina, Pruen, East Coast.

REPORTS.

- Red Rover, McMurdo, East Coast. Mazepa, McFarlane, ditto. Preciosa, Pardo, Manila.

ENGLISH SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

- JANUARY, 24, William Mitchell, China, Downs. 31, Earl of Chester, ditto, Liverpool. FEBRUARY, 2, Palma, ditto, ditto. 9, Duke of Lancaster, ditto, ditto. 14, Challenger, ditto, ditto. 20, Druid, ditto, Falmouth. 23, Scotia, ditto, Downs. 23, Ann Bridson, ditto, Liverpool. 23, Ellen, ditto, Clyde. 23, Mary Bannatyne, ditto, Downs.

SAILED.

- FEBRUARY, 9, Monarch, Falmouth for Shanghai. 9, Antilla, Liverpool, Hongkong. 10, Hangalore, Portsmouth, ditto. 10, Vellore, Liverpool, ditto. 12, William Prouse, ditto, ditto. 12, Vindicator, ditto, ditto. 14, Gannet, ditto, Ningpo.

LOADING.

William Mitchell and Zenobia; at London for China.—Douchrops, Queen Mab, John Dugdale Josephine, Berhampore, Earl of Chester and Palma at Liverpool for China

BOMBAY SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

- MARCH, 7, Scaloby Castle from China and Galle.

SAILED.

- FEBRUARY, 21, Sir H. Compton, China. 23, John Bull, ditto. 25, Julia, ditto.

- MARCH, 3, Mermaid, China.

LOADING FOR CHINA.

Loajee Family, Coursetjee Courajee, Balcarra, Caledonia, Dragan, Ann Elizabeth, Sulimany, Larrick, Chobar, Hugh Walker, Nabob, Mary Sparks, Augusta Jessie.

MADRAS SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

- MARCH, 6, Atie Rahoman, from China.

CALCUTTA SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

- MARCH, 9, Coquette, China and Singapore. 11, Mermaid, ditto and ditto. 11, Dido, Singapore.

SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

- MARCH, 27, Niema, Macao, 13, March. 28, Monarch, Bombay, 17, February. 28, William IV, Amoy, 12, March. 30, Amberst, Hongkong, 17, ditto. APRIL, 1, Antelope, Macao, 16, March. 1, Couajee Family, Calcutta, 14, ditto.

Table with shipping arrivals and departures from various ports like China, Bombay, Calcutta, etc.

MARCH, 25. Red Rover, China. 27. Pantuloon, Maulmain. 27. Su-tana, Bombay.

APRIL, 2. Am'erst, Bombay. 2. Sieva, Balli. 4. Anteope, Calcutta.

LOADING FOR CHINA. Brigand, Charles Grant, Feliz Vienna and Maid of Julpha.

MARCH, 2. Titania, China 16, February, Sydney N.S.W. 15. Nat-haz, ditto 3. March, New-York.

BATAVIA SHIPPING. ARRIVALS. MARCH, 17. Jane, Hongkong, 14, February.

SHIPS LOADING AT WHAMPOA. Buckinghamshire, McGregor, Teas. Jansjee Jeechbhoy, Connor, Siam on Sunday.

VESSELS IN VICTORIA HARBOUR. H. M. S. Vestal, Captain Talbot. H. M. S. De-talus, Captain MacQuhae.

SHIPPING AT WHAMPOA. Anita, King, Dent and Co. Buckinghamshire, McGregor, D & M R and Co.

VESSELS AT MACAO. H. C. Sir. Pluto, Lieut. Airy. Amelia (Fr), J. A. Durran, Jr.

AMERICAN AT WHAMPOA AND MACAO. U. S. S. Columbus, Commodore Biddle. U. S. S. Vincennes, Captain Paulding.

DEATHS. Suddenly on the 21st instant, Captain E. Elwell of the ship Arctus of Boston.

NOTICE. ICE will be delivered to Shareholders, on application at the Ice House this afternoon between the hours of 4 and 6.

NOTICE. THE undersigned begs to inform parties indebted to him to pay the same as early as possible.

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NOTICE. SHIPPERS of Cargo per PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS, are requested to take Notice, that from this date the COMPANY do not undertake the delivery of Goods in London, and that until further NOTICE their RATES OF FREIGHT will be as follows, viz:—

EXCURSION TO MACAO. THE Steamer "CORSAIR" Captain Soames, will leave for the above place immediately after the departure of the "LADY MARY WOOD."

FOR CANTON. THE Steamer CORSAIR will leave for the above place on her return from Macao on Monday morning 27th Inst.

TO LET. TWO Houses on the south side of Gough Street. Apply to GEO. STRACHAN.

NOTICE. THE interest of the late Mr WILLIAM ANDERSON in our Firm, ceased on the 2nd December 1845.

THE undermentioned parcel, received per "Lady Mary Wood," through Waghorn & Co's Agency, may be had on the presentation of receipts to Messrs RAWLE, DUUS & Co.

SUMMER WINES. FOR sale by the undersigned, Rhenish and French Wines at moderate prices.

FOR Sale by the undersigned: Allsop's Beer in bottle. Byass's do. do.

C. MARKWICK. WILL sell by Public Auction on Friday 24th April, 1846, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the store lately occupied by Mr Robert Lowrie, Queen's Road.

PUBLIC AUCTION. MR. W. H. FRANKLYN will sell by Public Auction on Thursday next 23rd Inst. at his rooms, for benefit of the concerned.

COMPOSITORS WANTED—Apply at this Office. Office "Friend of China."

A CARD. R. A. BRINE. Shipping General and Commission Agent and Auctioneer, CHUSAN.

BEGS to acquaint the merchants and others of China &c. &c. that he has commenced business in the above capacity.

SADDLERY. JUST landed ex "Earl Powis" and for sale by the undersigned, an Invoice of Saddlery, consisting of Saddle and Weymouth Bridges.

FOR sale at this office, four forms of bills of lading for goods or specie shipped by the P. & O. Company's Steam packets.

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failed in the Senate. The discussion in the lower house still continued, but without eliciting any new argument.

FOR SALE. ONE Bay Man la Poney, suitable for a Lady or Gentleman; apply to G. DEWAR, at Mr Mac Knight's Brook Cottage.

BRITISH HOTEL, KEYING HOUSE, Queen's Road, Victoria. MICHAEL GABRIEL has the honour to announce to his friends and the public, that he has taken those spacious and commodious premises known as Keying House.

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ON Saturday 25th at 10 A. M. will be sold by Public Auction at the rooms of the undersigned:—A superior Sofa Machine complete and in perfect order &c.

WE the undersigned have formed a Partnership for the transaction of a General Agency, Auction and Commission business at Victoria Hongkong, under the Firm of DRINKER & HEYL.

DRINKER & HEYL, offer for sale, at their Stores, superior Port, Sherry, Madeira, and Claret Wines, Peppermint, and Cherry Cordials.

JUST 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, Parallel Rulers, Office Inkstands, &c. &c.

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

GENERAL Commission and Shipping Agents. WINE BEER and Spirit Merchants. And Auctioneers Queen's Road & Chinaman Hong.

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A highly interesting debate had taken place in the Senate on Mr Allen's motion, protesting against foreign interference in the affairs of the independent republics of the west.

Advices received from England relative to the recent Ministerial changes had created much excitement. The information of the accession of Lord John Russell to power, had alarmed politicians.

"We call attention to the wholly new proposal which the London Times now calls upon the British Ministry to make to our Government.

The official character of these remarks are subsequently denied in the Senate by Mr Hennegan.

It is reported that Mr Buchanan, the Secretary of State, is about to resign.

The course to be taken by the American Government appears quite uncertain.

Mr Polk is said to be only waiting for an opportunity to get quietly out of his difficulty.

The National Intelligencer says:—"We have often, and recently, expressed our conviction that Sir Robert Peel's administration does not wish for war with the United States.

"We do not believe this. We believe that there may be modifications of all the propositions heretofore made by both Governments.

The New York Courier and Enquirer supports the concession to Great Britain of the free navigation of the Columbia.

In the course of a recent debate in the Senate, it was stated by General Cass that the steamer brought no intelligence to this government which would justify any intermission in preparations for defence.

Under the uncertainty as to our foreign relations the business affairs of the country are not very active.

Nevertheless prices of the great staples are well maintained.

The indications in Congress do not thus far show with certainty what its course is to be in reference to measures affecting the tariff or the safe keeping of the revenue.

The prospect of state credits is certainly improving.

On Indiana it may now be said that she is, to the extent of her present means of paying, rain-watered.

The bill which passed the Legislature of this state to provide for its funded debt, and for the completion of the Wabash and Erie Canal, having received the signature of the Governor, is now a

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law, Pennsylvania is in a condition to pay her interest on the 1st proximo, and to continue to do so. As an indication, moreover, of uneasiness under the prospect of remaining in debt, and of a desire to insure its extinction as speedily as possible, it may be added, that on Tuesday last a bill was introduced into the Legislature of Pennsylvania "to provide for the gradual payment of the state debt" by means of a sinking fund. The same causes are at work in other states, so as to lead to the hope that before long the reproach of repudiating American states will be done away.

Mexican affairs attracted much attention. Adverses of the successful termination of the revolution achieved in that distracted republic by Paredes, had given rise to much speculation. It was generally believed that Paredes was hostile to the supposed relinquishment of Texas. The journals call upon the Executive to demand from Mexico that the nature of the existing international relations, whether those of peace or war, be at once defined; if peaceful, that then the Mexican Government receive an American Minister; if warlike, that then the United States should proceed immediately to reprisals. It was announced that orders had been despatched to assemble the home squadron in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Union also notices a rumour current, that it was the intention of Mexico and France to put a French prince on the throne of Mexico. This rumour was very generally current; and the assembling of a large Spanish fleet at Havannah was received as confirmatory of the suspected interference.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

NAVAL.

The first Lord of the Admiralty continues to win the golden opinions of all those who have attended his lordship's levees. The gracious courtesy with which they have been received, added to the honour which his lordship has done very many of these officers by inviting them to dine with him, has naturally created the most favourable impressions, and which have been still more strongly confirmed by the strict justice of all the appointments which his lordship has as yet made, and which fairness and impartiality will, we doubt not, be continued to the end.—N. & M. Gazette.

The Hydra steam-sloop, com. Young, has captured a slaver on the west coast of Africa, on board of which were 1,100 slaves. This is the largest number that has ever been captured on board of one vessel. The bonus to the captors will be considerable.

A very important addition is about to be made in all large war steamers of the British Navy, by the addition of two or more light six-pounders, mounted in every respect in the same manner as the light six-pounder guns of the R. Horse Artillery. These guns are to be fitted with men harness, to be taken on shore when required, and moved from one place to another with or without the aid of horses.

Mr M'William proceeds to the Cape de Verd, to investigate the causes which have induced the fever prevailing in those islands. If it shall appear that the disease was occasioned by the visit of the *Eclair*, some compensation will be made.

Several seamen lately employed in the United States' service, are entering on board the *Snake* and *Electra* at Portsmouth.

The *Carysford* proceeds to South America. The *Ringdove*, 16, com. Sir W. Haste, Bart, left Devonport on the 11th inst. for the East, India and China stations. The *Harpy* steamer, Lieut E. H. B. Proctor, has proceeded to South America.—Sir T. Herbert has commissioned the *Raleigh*, 50. She is to have a complement of 500 officers and men.

The following ships are ordered to be brought forward at this port for commission:—The *Gloucester* (50 guns), *Southampton* (50 guns), and *Isis* (44 guns).

PROMOTIONS.

Commander—Sir W. S. Wiseman, Bart. Lieutenants—L. W. Hammet; G. H. E. Grenthed; H. B. King; R. Dew; H. Boys; C. O. H. P. St John, and J. Francis.

APPOINTMENTS.

Captains—P. M'Quhae, of *Dadalus*, on the China station, to command the Naval forces at New Zealand; Sir T. Herbert to *Raleigh*; F. W. Horton to *Cygnel*.

Lieutenants—J. M. Jackson, of *Daphne*, to *Colingwood*; A. B. Kingston to *Ferret*; J. B. Kingman (restored to the Navy); to *Ferret*; H. B. King, from *Cruizer* to *Aginourt*; H. G. Veitch to *Queen*; A. Wilmshurst and H. G. Simpson to *Excellent*; G. H. H. Grenthed to *Harlequin*; H. F. W. Ingram, late of *Aigle*, to *Raleigh*; E. Tatham, to be First of *Raleigh*; Hon. F. A. Foley to *Raleigh*; H. P. Veitch to *Queen*; C. H. V. Temple to be First of *Ferret*.

Master—H. Norway to *Ferret*. Mates—W. K. Joffe, late of *Flamer*, to *Hibernia*; C. P. Coles, from *Virago* to *Hibernia*; C. Vessey to *Rapid*; F. W. Smith to *Terrible*; F. Rooke to *St Vincent*.

Midshipman—R. B. Olfed to *Excellent*. Naval Cadets—Hon. A. Hay and C. G. G. Percival, to *Carysford*; J. S. Twysden to *Superb*; G. S. Graves to *Harlequin*; A. H. Crainsee to *Wanderer*; A. R. Wright and C. R. Blexham to *Hibernia*.

Second Masters—H. Norway, of *Dasher*, to *Ferret*; W. G. Sturgess to *Dasher*. Masters' Assistants—G. A. Williams to *Wanderer*; C. P. Nicholl to *Harlequin*; J. O. Jones to *Cyclops*; S. Cleank to *Victory*.

Surgeons—J. Campbell to *Harlequin*; R. R. B. Hopley to *Wanderer*; J. Smith (b), from *Inconstant* to *Wanderer*.

Assist-Surgs.—W. Baker to *Pique*; J. Forbes to *Comus*; C. N. Wilkinson to *Cyclops*. Chaplain—The Rev. E. S. Phelps to *Caledonia*, vice Payne, to Plymouth Hospital.

Naval Instructor—W. Ray to *Smyrna*.

MILITARY.

We have to announce the decease of Major-Gen. T. Murray, of the Bengal Army.

The Hon. G. Cathcart, colonel unattached has been appointed Deputy Lieut of the Tower. The gallant officer was aide de camp at Waterloo and other engagements. He is brother to the Earl of Cathcart, Col-in-chief of the 11th Hussars, and commander of the Forces in North America.

Sir G. Murray, and Master-General of the Ordnance, although improved in health, is about to retire from office, and is to be succeeded by the Marquis of Anglesea.

General Sir William Clinton, whose death in announced, held two lucrative appointments, now vacant; namely, the Colonelcy of the 55th Regiment, and the Lieutenant-Governorship of Chelsea-hospital.

Lord Bloomfield, commandant of Woolwich garrison, it is pretty nearly understood, will retire from this lucrative appointment, after sixty five years' service, on account of severe indisposition. General Sir Thomas Downman, an old Peninsular and Waterloo officer, and the present Director-General of the Royal Artillery, it is stated, will succeed as commandant of the garrison.

Mr Doveton Hodgson, late a lieutenant and brevet captain of the 44th regiment Native Infantry, has been restored to his rank and standing in the Madras army.

At the recommendation of Colonel Sir Frederick Smith, of the Royal Engineer Establishment at Chatham, Gentlemen Cadets J. Jones and F. T. Moberly, E.I.C.S., have been granted three months' extra leave, for the purpose of studying civil engineering.

The augmentation of the army provided for in the estimates is 10,000 men, viz., 8,500 for the Infantry, and 1,500 for the Ordnance corps.

The regiments first for foreign service, and to be augmented to 1,200 men each, are, the 24th, 32nd, 8th, 6th, 37th, 36th, 56th, and 69th.

The twenty-seven regiments on foreign service which have four-company Depots at home, are to be augmented from 800 to 1,000 men; and two of the Depot companies are to be joined the service companies, making the latter eight companies of 100 men each.

The regiments to be augmented will have a second Lieut., Colonel and two additional companies.

In consequence of the present unsettled state of our relations with the United States, orders have been transmitted to the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich to be in readiness to furnish a powerful armament, consisting of various pieces of ordnance of different calibres, gun-carriages, ammunition, &c., for the various ships of war and steam-vessels at present stationed on the coasts and rivers of Canada, and the lakes that form the boundaries between that colony and the United States. More than 300 pieces of ordnance, with the necessary ammunition, will have to be got ready for this purpose.

ORDNANCE.

The Ordnance corps is to be increased betwixt 1,400 and 1,500 men, one-half of that number to form a battalion of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, consisting of 8 companies, and the other half a battalion of 8 companies of Royal Sappers and Miners, commanded by officers of the Royal Engineers.

ADMIRALTY, FEB. 9.

Royal Marines—Cadet A. O. L. Lewis to be Sec. Lieut., vice Tucker, prom.

ADMIRALTY, FEB. 16.

Royal Marines—Sic. Lieut. H. W. Hall to be First Lieut.; Cadet F. L. Alexander to be Sec. Lieut., vice Hall, prom.

ADMIRALTY, FEB. 18.

Royal Marines—Secd Lieut. R. F. Tucker to be First Lieut vice Arnold, ret on h-p.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS OF MANILA.

(From the Shipping & Mercantile Gazette.)

PORT CHARGES, IMPORT DUTIES, EXPORT DUTIES, ENTREPOT DUTIES, PORT AND CUSTOM-HOUSE REGULATIONS, TERMS FOR SALES AND PURCHASES.

Port Charges.—On foreign vessels, 2rs. per ton, and one half on such that neither load or unloaded cargo, besides fees amounting from \$5 to \$15, according to the size of vessels. Money.—The Spanish Dollar divided into 8 rs. and the real into 12 grains, or 20c. Weights.—The pecul, equal 137 lbs. Spanish (140 lbs. English), the quintal to 100, and the arroba to 24, these being 2 per cent heavier than the English lb. Measures.—The cavan, which contains 5,998 cubic inches, and is divided into 25 gantas. The vara, which has 36 inches, and is 8 per cent shorter than the English yard, by which latter cotton and other manufactures are sold by the importers. A corgie is 20 pieces.

Import Duties.—Spanish commodities, by Spanish vessels, pay 3 per cent ad valorem, and 8 by foreign. Foreign commodities, by foreign vessels, 14 per cent, and 7 by Spanish; in general, being 8 per cent under national flag from Singapore, and 9 from China. Spirits and strong liquors, produce of Spain, by Spanish vessels, 10 per cent, and 25 by foreign; if they be foreign produce, by Spanish vessels, 30 per cent, and 60 by foreign. Cider and beer, produce of Spain by Spanish vessels, 3 per cent, and 10 by foreign; if they be foreign produce, by Spanish vessels, 20, and 25 by foreign. All Spanish wines, by national vessels, 3 per cent, and 8 by foreign. Foreign wines, by Spanish vessels, 7 per cent, and 14 by foreign. Cotton twist, grey, black, blue and purple—knives, or bolos, such as the natives use—ready-made clothes, boots, shoes, preserved fruits, confectionary, and vinegar, by Spanish vessels, 20 per cent, and 30 by foreign. British and other foreign cotton, and silk manufactures, made in imitation of native cloths, chiefly stripes or checks of black, blue and purple colours. Madras and Bengal grey, white and printed cottons, towels, table napkins, and table cloths, 15 per cent by Spanish vessels, and 25 by foreign. Beche de mer, rattans, diamonds, tortoise-shell, mother opearl shell and bird's nest, 1 per cent, by Spanish vessels, and 2 by foreign. Machinery of all sorts for the promotion of the industry of the country, cotton twist of red, rose, yellow and green colours, gold and silver coined or uncoined, plants and seeds, free. Tropical productions, similar to those of the Philippines, also arrack and gunpowder are prohibited. Opium is only admitted to be deposited for re-exportation. Swords, fowling pieces, muskets, pistols, and warlike stores may be deposited for re-export, and cannot be introduced without the special licence of government; but cannon and dress swords are admitted.

Export Duties.—Commodities and produce of every description to Spain, by national vessels pay 1 per cent, and 2 by foreign.—Elsewhere 1 1/2 by Spanish vessels, and 3 by foreign. Hemp, by national vessels to whatever destination, 1 per cent, and 2 by foreign. Rice, by Spanish vessels, free, and 4 1/2 per cent, by foreign. Manufactured tobacco, and cordage, of Manila hemp free by all flags. Gold dust, gold in bars, and silver in bars, free. Entrepot Duties.—One per cent ad valorem, at entry and 1 per cent, at the exportation, with 1 per cent more if the commodities should be kept there more than 12 months, two years being the longest time allowed for it. Port and Custom-house Regulations.—Vessels newly arrived are not to communicate with the shore until having been visited by the port-captain's boat, and within thirty hours after this visit a manifest must be presented, stating packages, marks, and numbers, but the vessel may retain her cargo ten days in transit, without stating whether for consumption or deposit, and without being obliged to land, or incurring any charge on the same, except gunpowder, pocket pistols, and forbidden arms. Term for Sales and Purchases.—Sales are generally made, duty paid, at three to five months' credit, occasionally at 2 1/2 per cent discount for prompt payment, and exports are bought for cash.

EXPORTS. Cotton.—The lute doing in the market continues to be for shipment to China, present prices deterring parties from operating for the English market.—Prices, as our quotations shew, have further receded, and have still a downward tendency.—The quotations given are chiefly for the New Crop, what is left of the old being trifling in quantity, and mere refuse, except the Compta description. We notice the following transactions that have taken place since our last, viz. —800 candies new Omrawutti at Rs. 85, and 1200 candies new Braoch at Rs. 90 per candy. PRICES CURRENTS OF RAW COTTON. Surat, Broach and Jambooseer New } Rs. 87 a 88 per Surat candy [of 7 cwt Omrawutti ditto } " 87 " 85 " ditto Gogo, Dholera and Bhownuggur New } " 84 " 00 " ditto Compta Old } " 70 " 00 " ditto Mangarole and Porebunder, New } " 70 " 00 " ditto Eharsee ditto } " 80 " 82 " ditto Rajapoorae Old } " 62 " 64 " ditto Cutch ditto } " 74 " 74 " ditto Sheep's Wool.—About 303 candies of Khorassan Wool have been bought for shipment to Great Britain at prices without the range of our quotations for that description. Khorassan, per candy of 5 1/2 cwt. Rs. 132 a 136 Mekkran ditto ditto " 120 Marwarree ditto ditto " 120 Cutchee ditto ditto " 120 at 130 Deccan ditto ditto " No quotation. Malwa Opium.—Rs 1375 at Rs. 1400 per Chest of 140 lbs. according to examination.—The stock of the drug in Bombay on the 24th ultimo was 7,659 chests. Coffee.—Mocha, Rs 8 1/2 and Malabar Rs 6 1/2 per maund of 41. 06 lbs. ungarbled, sales. Pepper.—There has been a limited business done in this article since our last for shipment to Great Britain at Rs 65 per candy of 5 1/2 cwt for Bhutcoll, and Rs. 45 per candy for Malabar descriptions. Gums.—Same purchases of Arabia at Rs 30 a 33 per cwt, Animi at Rs 70, and Olibanum at Rs. 12 a 16 per cwt., garbled quantities, have been made for the English market. Hemp.—We hear of sale at Rs 23 per candy of 5 1/2 cwt. for Conkan, Rs. 32 for Caicut, and Rs. 23 for Ghauter or Deccan descriptions. Deer Horns.—Rs 11 per cwt.—None. Buffalo Horns.—Rs 7 at Rs 7 1/2 per awt.—Plentiful stocks but of very poor quality. Senna Leaves & Linseed.—None in the market. Elephant's Teeth.—Large sizes, Rs 95, small do. Rs 75 at Rs 85 and Scripelloes Rs 40 a 60 per maund of 37 1/2 lbs.—nominal.—None at market. Mirabolams.—Eagerly bought up as they arrive. Hides.—None in the market.

FRIGHTS. To London and Liverpool.—£3 5s a £3 10s per ton to the former and £2 5s a £3 5s per ton to the latter port.—Cargoes exceedingly scarce. To Clyde.—Nothing offering and consequently no vessel on the berth. To China.—Rs 17 per candy for Cotton. " " per Chest of Opium per Clipper 87 " " per Chest of Opium per ordinary Sailing vessel 4 1/2.

THE MONEY MARKET. Exchange on London.—Is 1 1/4 a 1 1/2 | 1 1/4 1/2 per Rupee at 6 months' sight.—The transactions for the present Month have been to a very limited extent, and the rate now current is likely to give way. Exchange on Calcutta.—At sight, 99 Ditto Ditto.—At 30 days, Rs 92 1/2. Ditto Ditto.—At 60 days, Rs 94. Ditto on Madras.—At sight, Rs 99. Ditto Ditto.—At 30 days, Rs 92 1/2. Ditto on China.—At 60 days, Rs 208 a 210 per 100 Spanish Dollars. Sovereigns.—Rs 11 1/2 each. Sycee Silver.—Large Ingots.—Rs 104 per 100 Tolas. Ditto ditto.—Small Ingots.—Rs 103 1/2 per 100 Tolas. Spanish Dollars (Whole)—Rs 222 per 100 Dollars. Ditto ditto (Broken)—Rs 221 per 100 Dollars. German Crowns.—Rs 240 per 100 Crowns. Gold Leaf.—Rs 164 a Rs 16 1/4; 0 per Tola. Bombay Bank Shares.—42 per cent premium. Oriental Bank Shares.—Rs 190 a 210 per share of Rs 1,000 (Rs 500 paid up). Commercial Bank Shares.—9 per cent premium. Madras Bank Shares.—33 per cent premium.—Nominal.

5 Per cent Transfer Loan (1825-26) 115 a 120. 5 Per cent Loan (1825-26) 117 a 119. 5 Per cent Loans (1824-25) 1167 a 119. 5 Per cent Company's Rs. (1841-42) 104 a 105. 4 Per cent Company's Rs. (1825-26) 94 a 95. 4 Per cent Loans (1822-23) 99 a 100. 4 Per cent Loan (1842-43) 95 a 97. 4 Per cent Loan (1824-25) 94 a 100. (Overland Bombay Price Current, March 3.)

EASTERN IMPORTS.

PRODUCE MARKET. Imports to some extent of both Pepper and Tea but there is little doing at present in produce generally. Betelnut.—None in the place and the new crop cannot be expected before the month of May. Grain.—Rice; continued arrivals from Arracan during the week which has kept down the market, and common cargo we quote at \$43 a 44 per coyan. Opium.—Sales at \$645 a 635 during the week; demand languid. Pepper, Black.—We quote \$1 1/2 for west coast and \$3 1/2 for east coast. Sugar.—The "Eucles" is loading a cargo of this produce and the exports to London from the different estates here are estimated at 2,000 tons for the present year. Tin.—Imports from Junk Ceylon, and holders are asking 417 per picul. Miscellaneous.—Only a few Manila Choroots in the place and wanted. There is still an excessive stock of Coir rope in the place. Gummies a large supply, nearly unaleable. Freights.—The "Reliance" has sailed for London and the "Eucles" has been placed on that berth. The "Iron Queen," "Gipsy," "Baronet," and "Mary Ann" are the next expected arrivals from England.—Pinang Gazette, 4th April.

EASTERN ARTICLES.

Alum.—About 1,000 piculs have been imported during the month which remain unsold the highest offer being only Drs. 1 1/2 per picul. Arrack, Batavia.—No supplies since our last. Although the stocks in first and second hands are reduced there is no improvement in price; last sale at Drs. 7 1/2 per half leagr. Aniseed, Star.—No imports and seldom in demand. Bees' Wax.—Supplies of about 200 piculs which have found purchasers at Drs 36 1/2 and 37 per picul according to quality. Betelnut.—In some demand for the Junk traders but no supplies from Acheen or Pinang. Cloves, Burbon.—In demand, no stock and supplies would command about Rs. 22 per picul. Selling at high rates in China. Camphor, China.—About 3,000 piculs have been imported by the Junks. No transactions have yet taken place and the rate of Drs. 18 is nominal. Should the next advices from England be unfavorable a decline of Drs. 4 a 5 per picul may be expected. Cassia.—None for sale. Price nominal. Coffee.—The only imports during the month have been 180 piculs 'Tringann' which fetched Drs. 64 and 550 piculs 'Campar,' of inferior quality, Drs. 34 per picul. Cotton.—The Junk traders are coming forward slowly; the only sale however reported is 20 bales Bombay at \$19. Cut on Good, 'Bengal' and 'Madras' Piece Good.—Very dull the only sales being a few corges of 'Sannahs' at quotations. 'Madras blue Panjum cloth'—rather dull; last sale at Drs. 38 per corgie. 'Madras Moorees'—are also dull of sale. Ebony, Ceylon.—None and much wanted for the Junks. Elephants Teeth.—Of suitable sizes and weight in demand. Gram.—Market overstocked and no wholesale demand. Gambier.—Co. siderable contracts have been made during the month at Drs. 1.50 a 1.55 per picul. Gambouge.—In good demand and supplies command high rates. A fair average lot of pipe ex 'Prince of Wales' brought Drs. 80 per picul. The quantity from Siam has been limited but should present prices continue here a good supply may be expected as opportunities occur. Gold Dust.—Always in demand—supplies from 'Taharg' have been sold at Drs. 34 per bunceal. Gummies.—No export demand, stocks large and only reduced by small sales for immediate use. Gum Benjamin.—Arrivals and sales of 20 piculs 1st quality at Drs. 70 a 40 piculs second at Drs. 60 and 15 third at Drs. 50 per picul. 'Gum Copal'—in no demand. Hides & Horns.—Moderate supplies which readily find buyers at about quotations. Mother of Pearl Shells.—None for sale and wanted; last sale at Drs. 1 1/2 per picul. Mace and Nutmegs.—Selling in small quantities at about Drs. 80 for the former and Drs. 75 per picul for the latter. Opium.—The supplies during the month have been chests 'Patna,' 'Benares' and 42 'Malwa.' No sales have taken place in 'Patna,' 'Benares' or 'Malwa.' The receipt of advices of second sale in Calcutta 'Benares' was selling at Drs. 610 a 615 but since holders have been asking Drs. 635 a 640. There is no inquiry for 'Malwa' at present and rate is nominally 700, but in a few weeks some activity may be expected by the Junks. No sales in 'Turkey,' the last reported sale was at Drs. 570 per picul. Advices from China have been received to the 30th March. The following are the quotations:—At Hongkong Patna old 700 new 685, Benares old 660, new 655, Malwa 720, Turke 650. Pepper, black.—The supplies of good clean Rhio and Singapore are selling at Drs. 4.10 and white at Drs 6 per picul. Rattans.—Are in more demand and sales of several lots have been made at quotations. Rice.—Large importations from Arracan, the trade with which and this port is rapidly increasing. Sales of fine grain in Drs. 44 a 50. Large grain in Drs. 48 and inferior at Drs. 44. Also sales of Cochinchina at Drs. 51 per coyan. Java of white quality scarce and wanted. Rice crops in Java said to be very promising.—Sales of Moonghy at Drs. 2 bag. Sago, Pearl.—Has not been in so much demand, but contracts have been made to some extent for Sago Flour at Drs. 2 1/2 a 2 3/4 per picul with bags. Sugar.—Considerable sales have been made of Siam amounting to about 5,000 piculs at Drs. 54 per picul in barter for goods. Supplies expected per "Lion," but unless better prices can be obtained here the quantity this year is likely to fall far short of previous imports. Segars, Manila.—Prices gradually giving way. Sales during the month have been for No. 3 at Drs. 10 1/2 and 10 and for No 4 at Drs. 8 per 1,000. The Calcutta and Bombay markets, the chief outlet from this, are overstocked. Sapan Wood, Manila.—A lot of 670 piculs has been sold at Drs. 1 65 per picul. Sclerkia.—Supplies of 72 piculs which remain unsold. Saltpetre.—In more enquiry and limited sales at about quotations. Tin, Straits.—The demand is still very active and the supply being small, only about 700 piculs during the month, the price keeps steady at Drs. 17 a 17 1/2 per picul. Tobacco, China.—Moderate imports but very dull of sale. Ball—of good quality has been sold at Drs 4 p. pel. Tortoiseshell.—None and wanted. Tea.—With the exception of a few hundred boxes, shipped to India, New South Wales and the Cape of Good Hope, the supplies brought by the Junks remain unsold.

EXCHANGES.

On England.—The amount of the transactions reported is limited at 4 1/2. Navy Bills 4 1/2 at 30 days sight but a large amount has been negotiated at 4 1/2 for 6 months sight. On Calcutta.—The Treasury is now closed Private Bills have sold at 22 1/2 a 22 3/4. On Madras and Bombay.—Nominal 525. On China at par.—At which these are more buyers than sellers.

TONNAGE.

Continues very scarce and produce accumulating. The only vessel laid on is the "Lema" for Liverpool 225 per ton for Gambier. £2.10 Sapanwood, 26.10 Buffalo Hides and 4 1/2 per ton measurement goods. (Sing. Free Press, April 5.)

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