



VICTORIA, HONGKONG,
Concise Abstract of Meteorological Observations,
during the Month ending 31st October, 1846.

Table with columns for Barometer, Thermometer, and Wind direction/speed. Includes data for mean height, highest, and lowest readings.

Table of the Winds. Columns for NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW, light air.

GENERAL REMARKS.
The mean temperature of the month was above the general average. The N.E. monsoon appeared to have fairly set in about the 9th day.

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

LATEST DATES. Table listing ship arrivals and departures with dates and destinations.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 1846.

NOTICE.—The hours of Dieting Service in the Consular Chapel are, on Saturdays at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., and on Thursdays at 6 P.M.

VINCENT STANTON, Colonial Clerk.
Victoria, 15th Nov., 1846.

NOTICE.—LUNCH CHARGE will be open for Public Writing at 11 O'clock A.M., and at half-past 5 O'clock P.M., during the winter months, beginning with the 1st November, 1846.

The result of the Mr. Compton's appeal might have been anticipated. The Chief Justice declared the sentence passed by Mr. McGregor to be unjust, excessive, and illegal, and on these grounds reversed the judgement of the Consular court.

This case is one which has excited a very great interest, and the decision will give general satisfaction. A cruel and unjust attempt was made by the Superintendent of Trade to render Mr. Compton responsible for the riot of the 4th July, of which there is not the shadow of proof in the evidence taken before the Consular court.

Mr. Compton on the part of Mr. C. S. Compton rose to show cause why the sentence passed by Mr. McGregor should be revised and the fine diminished.

Mr. Compton's reply thereto, and a portion of the succeeding correspondence. The depositions of Messrs. Dodgson, Gilman, and Elliot, not having been sworn to, were not admitted as evidence.

the nature of the offence imputed to Mr. Compton... it should have been inflicted immediately, and that the matter should not have been allowed to stand over for such a lengthened period...

The Chief Justice proceeded to pass his opinion on the case which he stated evinced a total disregard for all forms of law, and for law itself.

The offence with which Mr. Compton is charged did not appear to his Lordship to come within the provisions of the Ordinance under which the fine was exacted...

Mr. McGregor acknowledged his error in submitting Ordinance No. 2, for Ordinance No. 5, the Chief Justice remarked that this was no reason why Mr. Compton should suffer.

The Chief Justice remarked that this was the first case in which an appeal had been made to the Supreme Court from any of the Consular Establishments, and in this case the evidence was only produced on a special application...

We would remind those who intend entering Horses for the Races, that this is the last day available for that purpose.

The Larriek has made an extraordinary passage for this season of the year, Between Bombay and Singapore she was seventeen days; thus making the whole run in 34 days exclusive of stoppages at Singapore.

The Honorable Chief Justice has set aside the indictment upon the bodies of the five Chinese, (drowned) by being forced into the water by armed men on the 27th October, on the grounds that the form of procedure before the Coroner was illegal and irregular.

Chief Justice Hulme must feel annoyed by the irregularity of the proceedings before the inferior courts. We see a Police Magistrate committing a body of men for three months on a suspicion of felony, and then turning round in the face of his own warrant, and in open Court, saying, no, my Lord, these men were punished under the warrant law of England...

five hundred men, executing "Jeddard justice" upon outlaws and other offenders, but in the nineteenth century, more regard is paid to form, and it is to be hoped to the impartial administration of the laws.

His Lordship disposes of Mr. Hillier and his law in a very summary manner, and the next sitting of Court he is to deal with the Coroner's court, the proceedings before which are also declared to be illegal, thus setting aside the verdict of a Jury in a highly important case.

The results of official incapacity—to use a mild term—are, simply these. Five men are numbered—thirteen innocent men are punished—and all the parties guilty of the homicides are at large.

Mr. Farncomb applied to make the Rule nisi absolute in this case. The Court had been brought up under a writ of Certiorari on Wednesday last, and a Rule nisi to quash the Inquisition had been granted.

The Coroner observed that the Prisoners had been sworn in the usual manner to give their Evidence. The Chief Justice upon this said that as the examination as regarded the Prisoners was not according to Law and irregular, the Inquest must therefore be set aside, and the prisoners discharged.

The Chief Justice asked the Coroner if the Chinese witnesses in this case (not those who could have criminated themselves by their evidence) had been sworn—the Coroner replied that they had not, and that so far as his knowledge of the proceedings in the Police Court establishment was merely restricted, his Honor considered this assertion as not incredible, involving as it did so serious a charge of neglect against the stipendiary magistrates.

On being further asked by the Chief Justice as to the manner in which he laid down the Law to the Jury, with regard to the Evidence as it bore on the Law of Homicide, the Coroner said he had gone very fully into the subject.

REGULATIONS WITH CHINA.
The accounts we receive from Canton, are of considerable interest, and suggest important changes in our relations with that empire, commercial and political.

It is not expedient to press the exercise of a right conceded in the abstract; which looks as if there was something not altogether perfectly satisfactory in our relation and connection with all the same in the present state of affairs.

prisoners, convicted of being parties to these proceedings, have been sentenced to severe punishment, and one to lose life; and that a sum of 45,000 dollars have been lodged in the Consul's hands as an indemnity for the losses—a result which seems to have been in no small degree due to the energy with which our Plenipotentiary, Sir John Davis, seconded the Consul, and insisted upon prompt and full reparation.

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THE COURT SAT FOR THE HEARING OF MOTIONS.
CROWN SIDE.
EX PARTE DUNCAN AND OTHERS.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. ARRIVALS.
Table listing ship arrivals with columns for ship name, origin, and arrival date. Includes ships like Larriek, John Cooper, Grieg, etc.





...the same... and another... days... and... the same... and another... days... and...

A warfare of this character is most harassing to regular troops, and ought not to be thought of as a mere... the same... and another... days... and...

The march of Sir Andrew Stoenkroon and Colonel... upon the Kye is mentioned in communication... the same... and another... days... and...

That the Kaffirs are not so completely subdued as many... the same... and another... days... and...

But little faith is to be put in the profession of these Kaffir... the same... and another... days... and...

The Graham's Town Journal of the 29th August contains... the same... and another... days... and...

The Governor Chief has asked for a place to sit in... the same... and another... days... and...

Across the border the Kaffirs still display the greatest... the same... and another... days... and...

The following season is fast passing away, and the... the same... and another... days... and...

The Graham's Town Journal of the 5th instant brings... the same... and another... days... and...

Stock has started for the Kwanyayay River with... the same... and another... days... and...

The latest intelligence from Fort Beaufort dated 30... the same... and another... days... and...

On the 14th inst. about 17 wagons left Fort Beaufort... the same... and another... days... and...

It is understood that the Government has some... the same... and another... days... and...

A recent number of the Gentleman's Gazette. The obnoxious... the same... and another... days... and...

work, it would be the fault of his own defective vision... the same... and another... days... and...

Our Western contemporaries are busily employed in discussing... the same... and another... days... and...

COURT-MARTIAL ON CAPT. GORDON. A naval court martial was held on board the... the same... and another... days... and...

It would be too bad," says he. "To bury such talents... the same... and another... days... and...

This is very "powerful" and caustic writing, no spirit... the same... and another... days... and...

We cannot help thinking that Capt. Gordon, who seems... the same... and another... days... and...

It is a pity that the Government has some... the same... and another... days... and...

in command during his absence; and for exercising... the same... and another... days... and...

We have already given an opinion that all court-martial... the same... and another... days... and...

Mr. C. Thorndike, master of the America, having been sworn... the same... and another... days... and...

Admiral Parker: That is nonsense. The Deputy Judge Advocate: What is nonsense... the same... and another... days... and...

Witness: I said the Savannah had 48 guns, 32... the same... and another... days... and...

Finally, we beg our brother to take comfort in his... the same... and another... days... and...

Free trade and its merits appear to occupy the attention... the same... and another... days... and...

The opposite side of the question, with gent spirit and... the same... and another... days... and...

It alleges, too, that we are not sincere in our new... the same... and another... days... and...

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