

Preamble. WHEREAS Deserters from Her Majesty's Forces aforesaid have heretofore concealed themselves in and on board Vessels frequenting the Ports, Havens, and Roadsteads of the Coast of China; and it is deemed expedient to provide a Remedy in such cases:—

Be it therefore enacted and ordained by His Excellency The Governor and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, That, after the passing of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Chief Superintendent of Trade, or in his absence for the Officer Administering the Government of the said Colony, or for any of Her Majesty's Consuls in China, on satisfactory Information being afforded to him or them that any Soldier, Sailor, or Marine, has deserted from such Forces and concealed himself in any British Ship or Vessel being within One Hundred Miles of the Coast of China, or within any Ship or Vessel on the High Seas aforesaid within the same Limits, and not being lawfully entitled to claim the Protection of the Flag of any State or Nation, in pursuance of such Information to issue his or their Warrant for the Search after and Apprehension of any such Deserter; and that, on the said Superintendent or Officer so Administering the Government as aforesaid or Consul being satisfied on due Investigation that any Person so apprehended, to be handed over to the Consul shall and may cause every such Deserter to be delivered over with all convenient Expedition to the nearest Military Station of such Forces, or to any nearest Military Station, or Naval Officer in Command of any of Her Majesty's Ships serving in China.

S. G. BONHAM.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong,  
this 19th Day of January, 1854.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,  
Clerk of Councils.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. CAINE,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong,  
19th January, 1854.

*Account of the Average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 31st December, 1853, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation*

Notes issued,.....\$73,600\*

\* Exclusive of the Notes of the Oriental Bank still outstanding.

(Signed) P. CAMPBELL,  
Sub Manager

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong,  
2nd January, 1854.

The result of my inspection this day shows the Specie of the Oriental Bank Corporation to accord in Amount with the terms of the Charter.

(Signed) W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Treasurer.

January 17th, 1854.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Copartnership heretofore subsisting between YORICK JONES MURROW and JAMES STEPHENSON under the Style or Firm of MURROW, STEPHENSON & Co, has been this day dissolved. The undersigned, assuming the responsibilities of the said Firm, will in future conduct the business on his own account and in his own name.

Y. J. MURROW.

Hongkong, January 2d, 1854.

#### POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE next GENERAL MAILS by the *GANGES*, will be closed at 6 o'clock P.M. on *Thursday the 26th instant*; and the customary SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up the following Morning between the Hours of 9 and 10 o'clock.

THOMAS HYLAND,  
Post-Master.

Post-Office, Victoria, Hongkong,  
19th January, 1854.

#### NOTICE.

THE Hours of Divine Service in the CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN are, on *Sundays* at 11 A.M. and 4 P.M., and on *Thursdays* at 5 P.M.  
Hongkong, 24th October, 1853.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES,  
AND SOUTHAMPTON;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *GANGES*, Captain BAKER, with *Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo*, will leave this for the above Places, on *Friday the 27th instant*, at 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 24th, SPECIE until Noon on the 26th, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 26th.

For particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS, AND VALUE OF PACKAGES, ARE REQUIRED.  
A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness in such declaration.

ROBERT S. WALKER,  
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Company's Office,  
Hongkong, 17th January, 1854.

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