

No. 73.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor and Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c., has received a Despatch from His Excellency Major-General SIR CHARLES T. VAN STRAUBENZEE, K.C.B., Commanding Her Majesty's Troops in China, reporting the results of an Expedition to Nantaou, where the Chinese Imperialist Troops had fired upon the Bearers of the Flag of Truce, who were distributing the Proclamation published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of the 31st ultimo.

The Despatch is herewith published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 13th August, 1858.

HONGKONG, 13th August, 1858.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform your Excellency, that, in consequence of a Flag of Truce from H.M.'s Gun-boat *Starling*, having been fired upon by the Imperial Troops at Namtow, when posting your Excellency's Proclamation, I, in conjunction with Commodore the Honourable Keith Stewart, decided upon visiting that place with an armed Force for the purpose of exacting retribution for the insult.

On the 10th, I embarked with the Honourable the Commodore in the Gun-boat *Starling*, for Tyshan Bay, where the Force was assembled. On the morning of the 11th, the tide not serving till a late hour, as the Gun-boats were steaming to the shore, several shots were fired from a newly erected Battery to the S.W. of the Walled Town of Namtow, and close to the beach, which was soon silenced by the admirable fire from the Gun-boats.

The Force as per margin\* landed about 11 A.M. at the S.E. in the Village of Namtow, where written notices were given to the people, that so long as no hostile act was committed on their part, their village and property would be respected; which was rigidly adhered to, though, from every Street, as we approached the Fort, a heavy fire of Gingalls and Matchlocks was kept up by the Braves, who retreated as we advanced; by this we had one Officer—Commander Madden, of H.M.'s Ship *Sans-Pareil*—very dangerously wounded, three men killed, and about 12 wounded. (The returns I have not yet received.)

About 2 o'clock P.M. the Fort was taken by assault, the party being lead by Commander Saumarez of the *Cormorant*, accompanied by Captain Lambert of the Royal Engineers, who was unhappily mortally wounded by the accidental discharge of a firelock of one of the numerous men crowding up the ladder after him. His loss is deeply to be deplored.

The Wall gained, the enemy fled, leaving the Fort almost untenanted; and those remaining having been ordered out, the place was given up to destruction, and principal gates blown in.

The Force bivouacked in the Fort that night, and were re-embarked the following morning, bringing away two large Brass Guns found in the Battery near the water. A deputation from the Inhabitants of the village was received by Commodore the Honourable Keith Stewart and myself, and their petition "that we should not burn their village," was granted. I have to record the loss of another gallant young Officer, by the accidental discharge of a musquet, as we were leaving the Fort—Lieut. Danvers, 70th B.N. Infantry.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

C. T. VAN STRAUBENZEE,  
Commanding H.M.'s Troops in China.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, &c., &c., &c.

\* Royal Artillery.—3 Officers, and 60 Non-commissioned Officers and Men.  
59th Regiment.—6 Officers, and 106 Non-commissioned Officers and Men.  
Royal Engineers.—3 Officers, and 20 Non-commissioned Officers and Men.  
Royal Marine Light Infantry.—7 Officers, and 150 Non-commissioned Officers and Men.  
12th Madras Native Infantry.—2 Officers, and 100 Non-commissioned Officers and Men.  
Naval Brigade.—About 200 Officers and Men.

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Steam for  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES,  
& SOUTHAMPTON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "GANGES," Captain BOWEN, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above Places, on TUESDAY, the 21th August, at 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 22d; SPECIE until Noon on the 23d, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 23d.

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 on such declaration.

MAXN. FISCHER,  
Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental  
Steam Navigation Company's Office,  
Hongkong, 14th August, 1858.

## POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Next GENERAL MAILS per Steamer "GANGES," will close on MONDAY, the 23d August, at 6 o'clock P.M.

The usual SUPPLEMENTARY MAILS will be made up on the following morning. LETTERS received from 9 to 11 o'clock A.M., for a late fee of 6d.; and from 11 A.M. to 12½ o'clock P.M., for a late fee of 1s.

All Letters and Newspapers posted between the hours of 11 and Half-past 12 o'clock must be prepaid.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Acting Post-Master.

Post Office, Hongkong,  
13th August, 1858.

## IN THE VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG.

ROSWELL ASHBY, Master, v. The SHIP "SPRAY."

TAKE NOTICE,—That this Suit will come on for hearing before the Worshipful JOHN WALTER HULME, Esquire, Judge and Commissary of the said Court, in the Supreme Court House in Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of August instant, at 12 o'clock at Noon; or on such other Day and Hour as the said Judge may be pleased to appoint. Dated the 14th day of August, A.D. 1858.

(Signed) N. R. MASSON,  
Acting Registrar of the said Court.

WILLIAM GASKELL,  
Promovent's Proctor,  
Victoria.

## NOTICE.

THE next CRIMINAL SESSIONS of the SUPREME COURT, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the Eighteenth day of August, A.D. 1858, at 12 o'clock at Noon.

By Order of the Court,

NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,  
Acting Registrar.

## IN THE VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—that an intermediate SITTING of the above COURT, will be held at 3 o'clock P.M., on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of August instant.

By Order of the Court,

NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON  
Acting Registrar.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1858.

## NOTICE.

MR GEO. RICHARDS LAWRENCE is authorised to sign our Firm per procuracy from this date.

JAMES PURDON & Co.  
Hongkong, 13th April, 1858.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr THOS. DUNN in our Firm, ceased on the 30th of June last.

HEDGE & Co.  
Foochow, 14th July, 1858.

**CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.**

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, WITH LIABILITY LIMITED.

REGISTERED CAPITAL, £644,000, (One-half paid up) Power to increase the same to £3,000,000.

Court of Directors, 1858-9.

- MRS. ALEXANDER MITCHELL, Esquire, M.P., (Messrs Sampson, Mitchell & Co.) *Chairman.*
- WILLIAM NICOL, Esq., (late of Messrs W. Nicol & Co., Bombay,) *Deputy Chairman.*
- JOHN ALLAN, Esq., (formerly Director of the Bank of Bengal, Calcutta.)
- THOMAS BELL, Esq., (Messrs Scott, Bell & Co.)
- JAMES FRASER, Esq., (Messrs MacLaine, Fraser & Co., Singapore.)
- JOHN GLADSTONE, Esq., (Messrs J. Gladstone & Co.)
- JOHN JONES, Esq., (Messrs Hyde & Jones.)
- THOMAS LANCASTER, Esq., (late of Bombay.)
- W. S. LINDSAY, Esq., M.P., (Messrs W. S. Lindsay & Co.)
- WILLIAM MACNAUGHTAN, Esq., (late of Mincing Lane.)
- ALEXANDER MILLER, Esq., (Ashford House, Middlesex.)
- JOSEPH R. MORRISON, Esq. (late of Messrs James Morrison & Co.)
- HENRY MCGEEADGE, Knt., Alderman.

G. U. ADAM, Esq., *Manager.*  
 J. C. STEWART, Esq., *Secretary.*  
 THE CITY BANK, *London Bankers.*  
 Messrs OLIVERSON, LAVIE, & PEACHEY, *Solicitors.*

*Calcutta Agency,*  
 ROBERT LOW EGLINTON, Esq., *Agent.*  
*Bombay Agency,*  
 JOSEPH RICH, Esq., *Agent.*  
*Head Office,*  
 20, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

*Correspondents at*  
 Marseilles, Messrs PASTRE FRERES.  
 Malta, " R. DUCKWORTH & Co.  
 Alexandria, " PASTRE FRERES.  
 Trieste, " LANG, FREELAND & Co.  
 Hongkong, " LYALL, STILL & Co.

THE Bank at its Head Office in London grants Drafts on its Indian Agencies, and China Branch; issues Letters of Credit and Circulars; undertakes the purchase and sale of Indian Government and other Securities; and receives Deposits at Interest, terms of which may be known on application.

The Agencies at Calcutta and Bombay, and the Branch at Shanghai, grant Bills on the City Bank London; collect drafts; effect remittances to Europe; effect sales and purchases of Government and other Securities, and undertake their safe custody, drawing and remitting the Interest and Dividends thereon, and due, at the current rates of the day; receive money on Deposit at Interest; and conduct all General Banking business, including the receipt of pay, pensions, annuities, and dividends on Stock of all kinds.

*Shanghai Branch.*  
 JOHN MACKELLAR, *Manager.*  
 JOHN W. MACLELLAN, *Sub-Manager.*

Notice is hereby given, that a Branch of the above Bank has this day been established at Shanghai.  
 By authority of the Court of Directors.  
 J. MACKELLAR, *Manager.*  
 Temporary Offices,  
 North Gate Street, 31st July, 1858.

**NOTICE.**  
 WE have established a Branch of our Firm at BANGKOK, SIAM, under the management of C. H. WILSON, who is authorized to sign by *procuration.*  
 HAMILTON, GRAY & Co.  
 Singapore, 17th May, 1858.

**COURT OF PROBATE, HONGKONG.**

*In re* WILLIAM GEORGE SMITH, late Master of the Brig "Pantolon," deceased.

*In re* LEWIS MACANDREW, deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**,—to the NEXT OF KIN, and all other Persons, to produce any WILLS or CODICILS of the above Parties that may be in their possession, before the Supreme Court, on **THURSDAY Next, the Nineteenth day of August, A.D. 1858**; or, if none, that the Next of Kin do accept or refuse LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; failing which, Administration will be granted to the Registrar of the said Court.

By the Court,  
 NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,  
*Acting Registrar.*

**COURT OF PROBATE, HONGKONG.**

*In re* ROBERT CALVER CRAWFORD, deceased.

**NOTICE**.—All Claims against the Estate of the above deceased, must be proved before the OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR, before the *Twenty-fourth day of January, A.D. 1859*, otherwise they will not be included in the Scheme of Division.

All Persons indebted to the above Estate, are requested to make immediate Payment to

NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,  
*Acting Registrar—Official Administrator.*

**COURT OF PROBATE, HONGKONG.**

*In re* EDWARD HOW, deceased.

**NOTICE**.—All Claims against the Estate of the above deceased, must be proved before the OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR, before the *Twenty-third day of January, A.D. 1859*, otherwise they will not be included in the Scheme of Division.

All Persons indebted to the above Estate, are requested to make immediate Payment to

NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,  
*Acting Registrar—Official Administrator.*

**COURT OF PROBATE, HONGKONG.**

*In re* JAMES FRASER, deceased.

**NOTICE**.—All Claims against the Estate of the above deceased, must be proved before the OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR, before the *Thirtieth day of December, A.D. 1858*, otherwise they will not be included in the Scheme of Division.

All Persons indebted to the above Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,  
*Acting Registrar—Official Administrator.*

**NOTICE.**

ALL Persons having Claims upon WALKER & Co., Whampoa, are requested to forward particulars within *one Month*; and all Persons indebted thereto, are desired to make immediate payment to

ALEX. BIRD,  
*British Vice-Consul.*

Whampoa, 28th July, 1858.

**NOTICE.**

ALL Persons having Claims upon the late JAMES BRENNAN, of WALKER & Co., Whampoa, are requested to forward particulars within *one Month*; and all Persons indebted thereto, are desired to make immediate payment to

ALEX. BIRD,  
*Official Administrator.*

Whampoa, 28th July, 1858.

**NOTICE.**

THE Business hitherto conducted in CANTON and HONGKONG, under the Style of NEAVE, MURRAY & Co., and in LONDON, under that of NEAVE & Co., was closed on the 30th ultimo.

The name of the firm in China, will be signed in liquidation only, by Mr C. W. MURRAY, and by Mr H. MURRAY.

THOS. D. NEAVE,  
 by his Attorney, C. W. MURRAY.

C. W. MURRAY.  
 H. MURRAY.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1858.

**DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.**

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing in China under the Style of NOTT & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either Partner will sign the name in liquidation.

WILLIAM NOTT,  
 By his Attorney, WALTER L. PURDIE.  
 A. B. NEILSON, JR.  
 WALTER L. PURDIE.  
 D. OLYPHANT VAIL.  
 RICHARD R. TYERS.

China, 22d July, 1858

**CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.**

THE undersigned have formed a Co-Partnership for the purpose of carrying on a GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS IN CHINA, under the name of OLYPHANT & Co.

R. M. OLYPHANT.  
 Wm. W. PARKIN.  
 L. N. HITCHCOCK.

New York, May 8th, 1858.

Referring to the foregoing notice, Messrs A. B. NEILSON, JR., WALTER L. PURDIE, D. OLYPHANT VAIL, and RICHARD R. TYERS, are this day admitted Partners in our Firm.

OLYPHANT & Co.

China, 22d July, 1858.

**NOTICE.**

WE, the undersigned, have this day commenced business at this Port, as Ship-chandlers, Auctioneers, and Commission Agents, under the Title of TALBOT, DEVINE & Co.

H. E. TALBOT.  
 W. H. DEVINE.

Whampoa, 7th April, 1858.

**NOTICE.**

MR CHARLES W. HUDSON is authorised to sign our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.,  
 of Canton.

Hongkong, 22d July, 1858.

**NOTICE.**

MR DOUGLAS LAPRAIK will act as my Attorney during my absence from this Colony.

H. F. EDWARDS.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1858.

**PUBLIC SALE**

OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, in Queen's Road.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on **WEDNESDAY, the 25th August next, at Noon**.—

Lot 1.—Those FIFTEEN HOUSES, situated in Queen's Road West, adjoining Messrs GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Godowns, at present occupied as Taverns and Chinese Shops, and let on a Lease, which expires in November 1860, for \$2,160 per Annum.

2.—The Large and Commodious BUNGALOW, in Gough Street, immediately behind the above named Houses, with Coach-House, Stable, &c., at present let at \$60 per Month.

The above Lots are erected on INLAND LOTS 5 and 5 A, and if bought by two different persons, it is to be understood that the whole Property is to be transferred in the Land-Office to the name of the Purchaser of the Fifteen Houses, who is to grant a lease, free of Rent or other charge except GROUND-RENT for 999 years to the Purchaser of the Bungalow. The Ground-Rent on the whole is £487.5.—Two-thirds of which to be chargeable to the 15 Houses, and the remaining One-third to the Bungalow.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase-money to be paid on the fall of the Hammer, and the Balance on the completion of the Transfer,—the Expense of which to be paid by the Purchasers.  
 Queen's Road, 3d July, 1858.

Printed at the Office of the China Mail, Hongkong.—Price, \$12 per Annum. Single Copies, Thirty-six Cents.

TERMS OF ADVERTISEMENTS.—Five Lines and under, One Dollar; each Additional Line, Twenty Cents—One-half of these charges for each Repetition.