



Her Majesty's Government would much regret that the commencement of British intercourse with Japan should be signalized by acts of smuggling and other illegality or violence on the part of British Subjects, which, although they might for the moment be peculiarly beneficial to the parties concerned in them, would tend to check the dispositions of the Japanese Government to enter into friendly intercourse with this country, to paralyze legitimate trade, and to impress the people and Government of Japan with an unfavorable opinion of the British character, which would require a long time to efface.

At all events, it is the duty of Her Majesty's Government to do their utmost to avert any such evil consequences, and I have accordingly to request Your Lordships by to-morrow's Mail, to send instructions to Sir M. Seymour, at once to despatch to Jeddo a Ship of adequate force, and to instruct the Commander of such Ship to inform the Japanese Government that Her Majesty's Government are not privy to any British Subjects carrying on any illicit trade with Japan, if such should be attempted either before or after the exchange of the ratification of the Treaty; but that Her Majesty's Government highly disapproving of such conduct, will not extend their protection to any British Subjects, who may violate the laws of Japan.

The British commanding officer in Japan should also warn the Masters of any British Ships so trading, that they will not be protected from the effects of any such illegal proceedings on their part.

It might also be desirable that Sir M. Seymour should, in the manner which he may judge most suitable, make known to British Subjects in the Chinese Ports and at Hongkong, the course prescribed to Her Majesty's Naval Force in Japan.—I have, &c.,

(Signed,) MALMESBURY.

The LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF ADMIRALTY.

True Copies,
P. J. HUGHES.

NOTICE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY is desirous of receiving any information concerning one

MATTHEW CARSWELL DREW,

a CIVIL ENGINEER & SURVEYOR, who is supposed to have been temporarily resident in this Colony sometime during the last four years.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 19th January, 1859.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to the "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE, are requested to make an early settlement of their accounts; and it is desired that all Claims against it may be forthwith sent in.

"China Mail" Office,
22d January, 1859.

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 "CADIZ," Captain CURLING, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above Places, on SUNDAY, the 30th January, at 9 A.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 28th; SPECIE and PARCELS until Noon on the 29th.

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.

MAX. FISCHER,
Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental
Steam Navigation Company's Office,
Hongkong, 18th January, 1859.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY,
West Point, Hongkong.

TO be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION,—Pursuant to an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, made in the cause of STEPHENSON v. MURROW—by Mr DUBDELL, on the Premises, on WEDNESDAY, the Sixteenth day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Nine, at Noon, in One or more Lots—MARINE LOTS Numbers Fifty-Seven and Seventy-One, with the DWELLING-HOUSES thereon, lately in the occupation of Messrs W. H. WARDLEY & COMPANY and Mr MURROW; and the COAL GODOWNS, STORE ROOMS and PREMISES leased to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

GROUND RENTS £201.3, with £96.8.7, claimed by the Crown on alleged encroachment. Further particulars with Conditions of Sale may be had of Mr SPACE or Mr GASKELL, Solicitors, &c., Hongkong, and of the above Auctioneer.

N. R. MASSON,
Acting Registrar, and Receiver in the
cause of STEPHENSON v. MURROW.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

POST-OFFICE AT CANTON.

IT is hereby notified for Public information, that a POST-OFFICE will be established at CANTON, on and after MONDAY NEXT, the 24th day of January instant. The Office will, pro tempore, be under the charge of Mr JAYME RANGEL.

The Postage on LETTERS from Canton to Hongkong, and vice versa, is 4d. under ½ an ounce in weight, 8d. above ½ an ounce, and so on, adding 8d. per ounce, for every ounce or fraction of an ounce in addition.

Paid Letters and Newspapers received at Hongkong by the Contract Mail Packets, and addressed to Canton, will be transmitted thence without any other charge for Postage than that paid in the first instance at the place of posting; and Letters and Newspapers posted at Canton for the Mails for England, will be subject to the same rates of postage only, as they would be if posted in Hongkong.

Mails will be regularly made up by every Steamer and Gun Boat up and down the River.

The Post-Office is situated for the present at HONAM, at the rear of the Premises of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.; and the Hours of attendance will be from 10 o'clock A.M., to 4 o'clock P.M., except on the making up or departure of the Mails to or from Europe, when every facility will be given for the public convenience.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Acting Post Master.

Post-Office, Hongkong,
18th January, 1859.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late GEORGE SMITH, and of Mr BENJAMIN GOTT KINNEAR, in our Firm, ceased on 31st December, 1857.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ANDREW ARCHIBALD RANKEN, in our firm, ceased on 31st December, 1858.

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.
Shanghai, 6th January, 1859.

NOTICE.

MR FRAMJEE SAPOORJEE is authorized to sign our Firm, from this date.

D. N. MODY & Co.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1859.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have this day entered into Co-partnership under the style of HESSE, EHLERS & Co., for the transaction of a GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS.

THEODOR HESSE.
PAUL EHLERS.

Canton, 3d January, 1859.

WITH reference to the foregoing Notice, the Business hitherto carried on by the undersigned, ceases to exist from this date.

All outstanding accounts will be settled by the undersigned.

PAUL EHLERS.
Canton, 3d January, 1859.

NOTICE.

MR ROBERT SCOTT WALKER has joined our Firm, which will, from this day, be carried on under the title of WALKER, BORRADAILE & Co.

THOS. S. BORRADAILE & Co.
Hongkong, 25th November, 1858.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between GUSTAV CHRISTIAN SCHWABE, and FREDERICK BOWER, under the firm of G. C. SCHWABE & Co. is this day dissolved by lapse of time.

All outstanding accounts will be liquidated by their successors, Messrs BOWER, HANBURY & Co. Shanghai, 31st December, 1858.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have entered into Partnership as MERCHANTS & COMMISSION AGENTS, under the firm of BOWER, HANBURY & Co., and will continue the business hitherto conducted by Messrs G. C. SCHWABE & Co. at this Port.

FREDERICK BOWER.
THOMAS HANBURY.
Shanghai, 1st January, 1859.

NOTICE.

THE Business heretofore conducted in China under the Style of BLENKIN, RAWSON & Co. was closed on the 31st ultimo.

Mr JAMES DOW will sign the name of the Firm in Liquidation.

(Signed) T. S. RAWSON,
S. RAWSON,
WILLIAM KAY,
by their Attorney, W. BLENKIN.
JAMES DOW.
W. THORBURN
W. M. C. NORTON.
China, 1st January, 1859.

NOTICE.

WE have established a BRANCH of our House in Hongkong.

Mr ROWLAND HAMILTON, and Mr BERT MARSHALL MURRAY GRAY, are admitted Partners in our Firm.

Mr ROBERT RICHARD WESTALL will sign for us in China per Procuration.

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.
Shanghai, 18th November, 1858.

Offices in the House occupied by the late Mr Eber Queen's Road, Hongkong.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr GRAHAM ANDERSON, ceased in our Firm on the 31st December, 1858.

D. W. MACKENZIE & Co.
Canton, 1st January, 1859.

In the Estate of GEO. D. BONNYMAN, late Master of the "Chinlin," deceased.

NOTICE.—All parties having Claims against the above named Estate, are requested to notify the same to the undersigned, before the 1st day of February, 1859.

ROBT. H. CAIRNS,
Administrator.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1858.

COPPER-PLATE PRINTING.

PERSONS having ENGRAVED PLATES may be printed from them at the Office of the "China Mail."

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

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