

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notification addressed by RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, Esquire, Her Majesty's Consul at Canton, to the British Mercantile Community at that Port, respecting various matters in connection with the Chinese Custom House, is herewith published for general information.

By Order,

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th February, 1859.

G. W. CAINE.

NOTIFICATION.

BRITISH CONSULATE, CANTON, February 15th, 1859.

His Excellency the Hopo has requested the undersigned, Her Majesty's Consul, to call the attention of the British Mercantile Community at this Port to the necessity for greater care on the part of those who transmit Foreign Goods from any other Consular Port to Canton, with an exemption Chop. Unless the Chop supply full particulars as to the Quality, Quantity, Number of Pieces, &c.,—so as to give the Custom House Officials here *satisfactory means of identifying the Packages or Goods* as those upon which Duties have actually been paid, and also specify the Sum paid, the Importers cannot be allowed the exemption sought. And as much inconvenience frequently arises from the absence of such details, it would be well if Mercantile correspondents at the other Ports, were duly warned of the necessity for greater care as to the insertion of such full particulars in every exemption Chop.

Various questions have also been the subject of discussion recently connected with a carrying trade in Chinese produce; more especially Cotton, Peas, and Beans, and the transhipment of Teas at Whampoa, from Macao or other outlying Ports, and for which exemption from duty has been erroneously claimed by the Shippers.

The undersigned is further requested, therefore, by His Excellency the Hopo, to advise the British Mercantile Community, that no Chinese produce, brought here from any other Port or Place for consumption or sale, can by Treaty be held exempt from an Import Duty, either on the plea that it has already paid an Export Duty at the place of shipment, or that it is of a class of produce exempted by the Treaty "Import Tariff,"—only applicable to Foreign Goods or produce. In the case of Teas, brought from any other Port or Place for shipment at Canton or Whampoa, the Tariff Export Duty is justly leviable, unless it can be shown such Teas have already paid at some other Consular Port the legal Export Dues according to Tariff.

The Duty levied on Cotton, the produce of China, brought to the Port in Chinese Vessels, His Excellency the Hopo states to be the same as that specified in the Treaty Tariff: namely, 4 Mace per Picul. There is no distinction made therefore to the disadvantage of Foreign Ships, since this is also the amount claimed when the same produce is brought in the latter. The duty on Peas, at the present rate of exchange, is about 56 Cash per Picul in Chinese Vessels, and the same rate only is claimed when brought in Foreign Vessels.

(Signed) RUTHERFORD ALCOCK,
H.B.M.'s Consul for Canton.

To THE BRITISH MERCANTILE COMMUNITY AT CANTON.

True Copy,
H. F. HANCE.

NOTICE.

REGINA v. ROBERT GIBBONS, JOHN JONES,
and CHARLES WILLIAMS.

AN EXTRA CRIMINAL SESSIONS of the trial of the above named Prisoners, will be held on **WEDNESDAY**, the *Twenty-third instant*, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon.

By Order of the Court,

NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,
Acting Registrar.

Court House, 19th February, 1859.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr ANDREW SHORTREDE in our Business, ceased on the 31st December, 1858.

A. SHORTREDE & Co.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1859.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto carried on in this Colony in the name of A. SHORTREDE & Co., as *Newspaper Proprietors and Printers*, will be continued by the undersigned under the same title.

AND S. DIXSON.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1859.

NOTICE.

MR ANDREW WILSON, and Mr JAMES JEFFREY, are authorized to Sign our Firm *per procuracion*.

A. SHORTREDE & Co.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1859.

NOTICE.

MR PHILIP COHEN was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January last.

PHILLIPS, MOORE, & Co.

Hongkong, 12th February 1859.

NOTICE.

A DISSOLUTION of the partnership hitherto existing between the former Members of the Firm ADAM & Co., *Batavia and Sourabaya*, having taken place on the 31st ultimo, the undersigned begs to intimate, that he will continue the Business, as heretofore, at both places, and under the same style as formerly.

Notice is at the same time given, that, from this date, Mr D. T. BRYCE has been admitted as Partner at *Batavia and Sourabaya*; and that Mr W. W. COOK has been admitted as partner of the *Sourabaya Firm*.

J. H. ADAM.

Batavia, 1st 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.

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 "OTTAWA," Captain ALDHAM, with *Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo*, will leave this for the above Places, on **SUNDAY**, the 27th February, at 9 A.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 25th; SPECIE until Noon on the 26th, and PARCELS also until Noon 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 on such declaration.

MAXN. FISCHER,
Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental
Steam Navigation Company's Office,
Hongkong, 16th February, 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.

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.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Next GENERAL MAIL per Steamer "OTTAWA," will close on **SATURDAY**, the 26th February instant, at 6 o'clock P.M.

A SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up on the following morning. LETTERS received from half-past 6 to half-past 7 A.M. for a late fee of Sixpence each, and NEWSPAPERS for 1d. each.

F. W. MITCHELL,
*Acting Post-Master.*Post-office, Hongkong,
11th February, 1859.

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.

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.

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.

WE have established a BRANCH of our House at *Hongkong*.

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

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

SMITH, KENNEDY & Co.

Shanghai, 18th November, 1858.

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

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