

... party were now joined by the men under Lieutenants Blake and Wells, who, by a judicious detour to the right, had...  
 ... to the destruction of the Pirates.  
 ... House in the Town was a Magazine, in which large quantities of Arms and Munitions were stored. I consequently directed the...  
 ... be burnt. Eight large piratical fighting Junks and eleven Fast-boats shared a similar fate, their Guns having previously been sunk...  
 ... Water. The 36 Guns of the Land-defences were also destroyed. Considerable resistance was offered by two of the Junks; the...  
 ... repeatedly hulled.  
 ... I bring to your Excellency's notice the very large force of Men, consisting of at least Thirteen Hundred effectively armed, with a...  
 ... perfect knowledge of locale, and the determination they evinced in opposing our landing, I cannot but feel astonished at our good...  
 ... that a casualty occurred, whereas the loss of the Enemy could not have been under a Hundred and Eighty Men.  
 ... communicating with a Mandarin Junk force just arrived from Macao, with the information that 7 Pirate Junks were at anchor off...  
 ... opposite Moto, the Boats returned to the Ship at Koolan.  
 ... 14.—Having despatched the *Niger* to await my arrival at Macao, I proceeded with the whole Boat Force to examine the numerous...  
 ... the west of Broadway *en route* to Lie-wan-moon.  
 ... 14.—A By opposite Koo-lan, four piratical Junks, with Guns, numerically formidable, were driven on Shore and burnt by Lieutenant...  
 ... In the largest, an English red Ensign was found.  
 ... a deep inlet to the North of Louchow, three others were captured and destroyed.  
 ... Arriving at the Lie-wan-moon, I was informed that the seven Junks had slipped a few hours previously, and ran higher up the Creek.  
 ... 14.—The reports in pointing out their position were graphic in their account of the barbarities they were committing, and hailed our arrival with...  
 ... enthusiastic rejoicings. A Hamlet had been sacked and a Passage-boat taken that very morning. Advancing until dusk I anchored,  
 ... (by getting Pilot.) for prosecuting my search in the morning.  
 ... 15.—Weighed at Daylight and piloted by Boatmen, who had been robbed by these Pirates on the Evening of our visit, threaded...  
 ... the tortuous Reach connecting Broadway with a River running in a parallel direction.  
 ... The Piratical Squadron were shortly discovered ahead, using every effort to escape.  
 ... When the sternmost one, mounting 24 Guns, was brought to, she proved to have been a Rice-boat captured in January last, from a...  
 ... Chinese Merchant, who accompanied Mr Caldwell. I caused her, therefore, having previously removed the Guns, to be restored.  
 ... Three Passage-boats were likewise released.  
 ... The Gunboats now unfortunately taking the ground, I despatched the Boats to capture the remainder, a service I am bound to add most...  
 ... executed, the Pinnace under Lieutenant Blake (the senior Lieutenant present,) after a running fight of one hour and a quarter driving...  
 ... 9-guns on Shore, her Crew being immediately pounced upon by Mandarin Soldiers. Another Junk of 12-guns after a vigorous...  
 ... in which two Stinkpots were thrown into Boats of *Janus*, under Lieutenant Knevit, was carried by boarding; and three others,  
 ... respectively 7, 9, and 22-guns, were captured and burnt by Lieutenant Villiers, with the two Cutters in co-operation with the *Clown*.  
 ... Exclusive of the Crew who fell into the hands of the Mandarins, Twenty-one Pirates were killed on this occasion by the fire from the...  
 ... and the Guns mostly 18 and 24-pounders, of American manufacture, were sunk beyond means of recovery. I then returned to the...  
 ... Macao, arriving at midnight, from whence I proceeded this morning to join your Flag.  
 ... In bringing before you the important results achieved by the zeal and gallantry of the Officers of the Boats and their Crews, I beg to...  
 ... the great assistance derived from the Gunboats, to Lieutenants Lee and Knevit, and the 2d Masters Messrs Gilpin and Worsfold, so...  
 ... in their attention, every praise is due. Yet to Mr Caldwell the success attending this expedition is mainly owing; without his...  
 ... and adept method of gaining information, I fear our endeavours would have been futile.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your...  
 ... servant,

GEORGE S. COLVILE,  
*Acting-Captain.*

His Excellency Rear-Admiral SIR MICHAEL SEYMOUR, K.C.B., &c., &c., &c.,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

No. 20.

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. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th March, 1859.

Account of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 28th February, 1859, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

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| NOTES ISSUED,      | \$545,910. |
| SPECIE IN RESERVE, | \$200,000. |

P. CAMPBELL,  
*Manager.*

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 1st March, 1859.

I inspected this day the Books and Treasure Vault of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and hereby certify, that the Specie in Reserve is in accordance with the Terms of the Royal Charter.

FRED. FORTH,  
*Colonial Treasurer.*

J. A. CARVALHO,  
*Accountant.*

Victoria, Hongkong, 11th March, 1859.

No. 50.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA, in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th March, 1859.

Account of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, in Hongkong, for the Month ending 28th February, 1859, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

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| NOTES ISSUED,      | \$324,866.* |
| SPECIE IN RESERVE, | \$150,000.  |

\* exclusive of the Notes of the Mercantile Bank still outstanding.

JOHN COSTERTON,  
*Manager.*

Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, in Hongkong,  
 Hongkong, 1st March, 1859.

I hereby certify, that I have this day inspected the Books and Treasure Vault of the above-mentioned Bank, and that the Amount of Specie in Reserve is in accordance with the Terms of the Royal Charter.

FRED. FORTH,  
*Colonial Treasurer.*

J. A. CARVALHO,  
*Accountant.*

Victoria, Hongkong, 11th March, 1859.