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FOR ENGLAND, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, CEYLON AND INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship BRAGANZA, will leave this for the above places on Sunday the 30th January, at 2 P. M.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon, and Passengers until 4 P. M., on the 29th.

For particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Company's Office, Hongkong.

J. A. OLDING, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamers from HONGKONG will in future proceed throughout to BOMBAY, touching as heretofore at SINGAPORE, PENANG, and GALLE, also at COLOMBO, COCHIN, CALCUTTA, GOA, and VIZAGAPATA. For particulars, of Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co's Office, Hongkong, 19th October, 1847.

NOTICE.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamers, will from this date undertake the conveyance of Specie from China, and the Straits, to Southampton, under the conditions specified in their customary Bill of Lading, at 2 1/2 per cent.

J. A. OLDING, Agent.

P. & O. S. N. Company's Office, Victoria, 21st December, 1847.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE Calcutta built Barque H. A. SHERMAY, 530 Tons, Captain JOHN ROSS, now at Hongkong.

Apply to

KENNEDY, MACGREGOR & Co. Canton, 4th January, 1848.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

NOW READY FOR SEA. THE British Brig LINNET, 140 Tons Register, in excellent order.

For particulars apply at the Auctioneer's Office, Victoria, 10th January, 1848.

GEO. DUDDELL.

TO BE LET.

THE House and Shop, lately occupied by Messrs. MACRAY and Co. Apply to PHILLIPS, MOORE & Co. Victoria, 24th December, 1847.

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Victoria, 24th December, 1847.

TO LET.

SPACIOUS Godowns and dwelling house, built of Granite and lately occupied by Messrs THOS. RIEBEY & Co. The property is situated near the centre of the Town, (Victoria, Hongkong) and has a water frontage. Apply on the Premises, or to

THOMAS RIPLEY & Co.,—Shanghai.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1846.

GOODS TO LET, and Goods Stored on moderate terms by

BURD, LANGE & Co.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1847.

TO LET.

FOUR Rooms in the upper part of a House situate in Wellington Terrace, D'Aguilar Street. Apply to

D. LAPRAIK.

Victoria, 10th January, 1848.

TAVERN TO LET.

THE HOUSE lately occupied by Mr. ALEXANDER ROBERTSON on the Queen's Road. Possession can be given on the 15th instant. Apply to

JOHN GARR.

6th November, 1847.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CALCUTTA

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies, payable in London, Liverpool, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Singapore, Mauritius, and Co. Lombo.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Canton, 1st November, 1847.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed Agent at Hongkong and the adjacent Ports in China, for the Insurance of SHIPS, and the CARGOES, New York and Europe.

A. BRINKER.

Hongkong, 27th May, 1846.

THE EQUITY LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF LONDON

THE Undersigned are Agents for the above Society in London, Calcutta, and other ports. The usual rates of Premiums are observed.

Hongkong, 17th

IMPERIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BOMBAY.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents of the above-named Company, and are prepared to grant Policies here and at Shanghai, payable in London, Liverpool, Calcutta, Bombay, and Canton.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Canton, 16th June, 1847.

NOTICE.

MR JOHN G. WARD is admitted a Partner in our House, his Interest and Responsibility commencing on the 1st of June last.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Canton, 20th July, 1847.

NOTICE.

I hereby given that Mr JOHN THISTLETHWAITE ceased to be in our employ from the 15th day of April last past, by lapse of the term of agreement, by which he was empowered to act for us in the management of our establishment existing up to that time at Shanghai, and to sign for us there by Procuration.

B. WATERHOUSE & Co. Ningpo, 6th August, 1847.

NOTICE.

DURING the absence of the Undersigned, our Business in Hongkong will be conducted by Messrs PHILLIPS MOORE & Co.

Per Pro. R. OSWALD & Co. H. LIND. Victoria, 16th August, 1847.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr WILLIAM S. WETMORE in our Firm, ceased on the 30th ultimo, and we have this day admitted Mr GEORGE HENRY LAMSON as a Partner therein.

Our Firm now consists of SAMUEL WETMORE JUN., WILLIAM MOORE, and GEORGE HENRY LAMSON. We also announce that we have established at Shanghai a Branch of our House, under our own name and style, and Mr ROBERT POWELL SAUL will sign the same there, by Procuration.

WETMORE & Co. Canton, 1st July, 1847.

NOTICE.

MR JOHN N. ALSOP GRISWOLD is this day admitted a Partner in our house.

RUSSELL & Co. Canton, 1st January, 1848.

NOTICE.

JUST begs to inform the Community of Canton, that he has removed his Establishment from Hongkong to this place, where he trusts to merit their patronage.

Canton, 1st October, 1847. (At present No. 1, New China Street.)

FOR SALE.

SHEATHING COPPER. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, 7th May, 1847.

WINE FOR SALE.

AT the Godowns of the Undersigned;— Superior Port, in 4 dozen Cases; Sherry, " 4 do. do. Madeira, " 3 do. do. Do. " Wood.

Also, Mumm's Champagne and Allsopp's Pale Ale. BLENKIN, RAWSON & Co. Victoria, 27th July, 1847.

FOR SALE.

PURE Grates and Stoves with Piping. PHILLIPS MOORE & Co. Victoria, 13th September, 1847.

FOR SALE.

THE following Wines:— Port, Sherry, Sauternes, Hock, in Cases of 6 do. each. Claret, Sparkling Champagne, Hermitage, Pale Cognac Brandy, in do. do. Scheidam Geneva, in do. of 1 dozen.

Also, Superior Italian Salad Oil. Apply to HOLLADAY, WISE & Co. Victoria, 15th July, 1846.

FOR SALE.

BANCA TIN. Apply to OLYPHANT & Co. Victoria, 14th August, 1847.

FOR SALE.

THE following Goods:— Superior Italian Salad Oil. Apply to HOLLADAY, WISE & Co. Victoria, 15th July, 1846.

FRANKLYN & MILNE.

Commission Agents, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS, GUY'S HEAD. GOODS Sold by private sale, or Public Auction. Stored in dry and secure godowns, loaded, or unshipped, and general business transacted for Parties absent.

ON SALE. Shaw and Maxwell's and other Sherry. Do. do. Port. Fine Dark and Pale Cognac. Pale East India Ale. Champagne, Hock and Madeira. Seltzer Water.

Also, Java Coffee; Salt Provisions in barrels; large and small Guns; Muskets; Musket and Cannon Gunpowders; Chain Cables and Anchors; Canvas and Rope; Pine Spars, and other articles. Hongkong, January 4th, 1848.

JUST OPENED FOR SALE, CASES of fine Damask Table Linen.

Also, Fine Fresh Linen, and Whitney Blankets. FRANKLYN & MILNE, Auctioneers and Commission Agents. Victoria, 7th January, 1848.

FOR SALE. A FINE decked cutter rigged Pleasure Boat Coppered and Copper fastened. Mast and Sails quite new, with Anchor, Chain, and fittings all complete. Apply to FRANKLYN & MILNE. Victoria, 30th November, 1847.

FOR SALE. THE Seaman's guide, through Banca and Gaspar Straits, by Lieut. H. D. A. Swers, of the Dutch Navy Hydrographer at Batavia, &c., &c., &c. Translated by permission of the Author. Apply to FRANKLYN & MILNE, Commission Agents & Auctioneers, Queen's Road. Victoria, 28th December, 1847.

JUST received ex Aurora, Invoices of Manila Cordage, from 2 inches to 4 inches; Manila Coffee and Gin in Cases. For sale by DRINKER, HEYL & Co. Victoria, 4th January, 1848.

FOR SALE. SUPERIOR Dark and Pale Brandy, in half Pipes, Quarter Cases, and Bottle. Sherry Wine, in Wood. "Sickels" Wine Bitters, in 1 dozen Cases. Sperm Candles. "Gallego" Flour. Navy and Pilot Bread. Butter in small Kegs. Tongues in half Barrels. Europe Rope, from 1 inch to 6 1/2 inches. Green, Blue, Yellow, Black, and Red Points, in Tins. 6 Barreled Revolving Pistols, in Cases. Also, a few Pieces of fine Cloths and Cassimeres. Apply to DRINKER, HEYL & Co. Hongkong, 11th January, 1843.

JUST LANDED SUPERIOR Family Beef in Kegs; and Genuine Campbellton Whiskey. HOLMES & BIGHAM. Victoria, 4th January, 1848.

HOLMES & BIGHAM have for sale at reasonable prices an excellent assortment of Winter Clothing, consisting of Gentlemen's Dress Coats; Chested and D'Orsay Wrappers; superlative Black and Coloured Trowsers; choice Vests and Veneings; Drawers; Singlets; Scotch Plaids and Tweeds; superlative Black Cloth; London made Boots and Shoes, &c., &c.

Also, THE LATEST IMPROVEMENTS. Every description of Oilman's Stores, viz. Candles; Tins; Dutch Butter; and other articles; and also, Tins of Blenders; Tricler; Suet; and other articles. Apply to H. D. A. Swers, of the Dutch Navy Hydrographer at Batavia, &c., &c., &c. Translated by permission of the Author. Apply to FRANKLYN & MILNE, Commission Agents & Auctioneers, Queen's Road. Victoria, 28th December, 1847.

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that heavy item being for "public works and buildings"—a permanent investment and not an ordinary disbursement. Our financial affairs for the year will then stand thus:—

Table with columns for Expenditure, Revenue, Deficiency, and Improvement. Values include £36,779, £31,078, £5,701, and £11,029.

In 1846 the revenue fell short of the ordinary expenditure £15,723. It therefore appears that our financial condition has improved in the amount of £11,029, that being the difference between the deficit of the two years. This is accounted for by:—

Table showing Increase in revenue in 1847 (£4,031) and Decrease in expenditure in 1847 (£6,997). It also lists various revenue departments and savings in expenditure.

At a first glance this appears highly satisfactory; and in some measure it is satisfactory, at least as far as concerns disbursements. The expenditure has been reduced £10,997; and it must be borne in mind, that this has no reference whatever to public works, but an actual reduction in the expense of the public service. A comparison between the returns of 1846 and 1847 shows, that a system of economy has been introduced into what is called the civil establishments, though the £6,997 is not all saved by salaries, part no doubt being rent for buildings now rendered unnecessary by the completion of the Jail &c. In his despatch to Earl Grey of 13th March 1847, accompanying an estimate of the revenue and expenditure for the year ending 31st March 1848, Sir John Davis says:—

Table with columns for Civil Government, Revenue departments, and Savings in expenditure. Values include £14,340, £6,614, £20,954, and £14,066.

It will be observed that in 1846 the gross amount of fees was £1,500; in 1847, under the head of fees of office there is £1,445, while some unimportant items have been classed with fines and forfeitures from the same source that classified forage for police horses with printing.

Counts show a nominal improvement of £1,053. This is explained by the prosecution during the year for arrears. A contemporary mentions that no fewer than 200 summonses had been issued; this may be an exaggeration, but it is well known that the prosecutions have been numerous in some instances vexatious.

The police assessment has a very respectable appearance; it aggregates £2,239, being in excess of the previous year £304. At the end of 1846 a considerable amount of the assessment had not been collected which explains an increase of taxation with a manifest decrease in the number of houses in occupation.

Miscellaneous Receipts £376. It were desirable to know from what source this large sum flows into the treasury; in his estimate of the Revenue to the British government, Sir John Davis has no such classification. Are we then to understand that £376 has been raised by a poll tax upon the miserable females of the Chinese town; or in plain words, is it the wages of prostitution?

Scarcely less satisfactory are the two items of "Sums recovered" £235, and "Reimbursement of expenses incurred by Government" £223. From whom and for what were these sums recovered, and who reimbursed Government for expenses incurred? We fear an explicit answer would disclose what perhaps had better be unknown; but when out of a revenue of £31,078, not less than £1,296 is raised in a way that will not bear an explanation, people will surmise the worst.

Table titled 'Increase' showing Fees, fines and forfeitures, Rents, Assessment, and Miscellaneous Receipts for 1847 and 1846. Values range from £4,143 to £2,141.

There is a decrease in licenses of £572 from the alteration that has been made in the opium monopoly; the other changes are unimportant and we now note the principal sources of revenue upon which there has been an increase, also those unknown sources which will not bear being named.

This corresponds very nearly with the actual increase on the gross revenue, a few trifling imposts having increased and others fallen off. We have already made reference to Sir John Davis's estimate of the revenue for the year ending 31st March, 1848, which contrary to most estimates falls short of the revenue considerably, it being £28,100, while the sum collected in 1847 was £31,078 giving an excess of £2,918. We will briefly run over the estimate comparing it with actual receipts.

RENTS.—This is the true source of revenue in Hongkong, and Sir John Davis appears either to have anticipated an improvement in the state of the colony or he had determined to prosecute defaulters; the collections of 1846 were £15,572,—the estimate is £16,150,—while the actual receipts in 1847 were £16,630.

AVERTION DUTY.—Estimate £500,—receipts £355,—receipts in 1846, £450. What clearer proof of retrogression? The receipts are a trifle more than half the estimate, and 45 per cent less than those of 1846.

LICENCES.—Estimate £7,570,—receipts £6,550,—receipts in 1846 £7,102. Looking at the population of Hongkong, this is a heavy amount of excise, and one that has most materially injured the place. Two items, viz, it is to be hoped, be completely abolished, viz, the Opium farm £2,900 and Salt weighing £333; the holder of the latter is under no restriction as to charges, he may demand a dollar a picul if he pleases, and it is only through his moderation that any share of the Salt trade is kept here. The other licences are, Retail of Spirits £1,500, Stone quarries £437, Auctioneers £150, Pawnbrokers £750. These are estimates, the actual receipts are unknown.

estimate) also two trifling sums in the return amounting to £41, and we have the difference between estimate and Revenue (£2,918) to within £5, that sum being absorbed in the fractions which have been left out.

Next issue we will refer more particularly to the changes which are required in Revenue and Expenditure; and the necessity of checking the excessive fines imposed by the Magistrates, under ordinance No. 6 of 1847.

(From the China Mail) We are enabled to lay before our readers the following important documents, being the despatches of the Magistrate of Nanhai to Kiating, in reference to the capture, confession, and execution of the four murderers lately executed at Hwang-chau-ko. Their authenticity is unquestioned, and at present it seems only necessary to add, that neither of these Chinese magistrates dreams of translations of the documents being published:—

In the month of June, with reference to the subject, the homicide case, in the murder of the barbarians who were killed by the villagers, the surrender of whom (the officers) despatched and reported the honour to receive. The despatch officers Tang-tung and myself gave orders in person to the Kiu-jin, Hwang-keo-ai, the head man Tang-yung-fan, and others, enjoining them to do everything in their power to capture the murderers, and to bring them to the village, and to have them executed by their own hands, or by the hands of the principal murderers, and they begged for more time to find out the rest, and the necessary, &c.

The other murderer, Lo-jing, would not either confess at first, but subsequently admitted the truth. He states himself to be a man of the village; on the 5th December, at about dusk, he was in the market buying food, when he heard some one crying that a barbarian had made sport of a woman and killed somebody. He thereupon seized his arms and joined in the pursuit as far as Mei-ai-wei in the neighbourhood of which he killed a barbarian with his own hand. He who was arrested, and the name of his soldiers in his assault, declared that he did not remember who the persons were.

It appears in the next place that the village population, attracted by the noise, and the military officers who were ordered to make strict search for the other two. As soon as they shall have been apprehended and brought in, I will be very glad to report it in another despatch. I now forward to Your Excellency, as by right I wish the details of my proceedings, and at the same time the evidence. Prostrate I await your merciful glance.

I have the honour to state that I have examined Chin-ang and Lung-a-ying, two of the homicides concerned in the murder of the barbarians, who have been since captured. They both declared themselves to be labourers belonging to this village. Between the hours of 4 and 6 in the afternoon of the 5th December, they saw the villagers fighting with the barbarians at Metz-wei. One man was killed by the villagers, and the other was wounded, at which they seized their weapons, and fought with and killed two barbarians; the two (prisoners) positively killed them with their own hands in the way; the rest of the parties engaged in the fight, which consisted of the names of his soldiers in his assault, declared that he did not remember who the persons were.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MANILA. (From the New Weekly General Price Current, January 1.)

REMARKS ON THE MARKET.

Imports. Cotton Goods.—Very little improvement is observable in the demand either plain or colored cottons. The shops are abundantly supplied with shirtings, and the dealers are cautious in purchasing even at lower prices than were previously current. Some slight enquiry exists for HULLS. And we have heard of sales of these and other Hingham to arrive at a slight reduction on previous rates, but for goods usually available at this season the demand is slack.

Sugar.—The article is become scarce from the stocks of last year's crop, and scarcely sufficient to supply the demand can be obtained even at high rates. We understand, that \$44 has been paid for current quality. Sugars of the new crop will be ready for shipment about the middle of February.

Hemp.—The last lots have been sold at \$5.56 in the river, and the demand continues. It commences to arrive more freely, but is still wanted.

Coffee.—Some small parcels of the new crop have arrived, but none has been sold.

Indigo.—In little demand.

Tea.—It is becoming more abundant and large importations expected from the provinces in January and February next, especially in March, April and May.

Segars.—At the auction of the 13th inst. there were no bidders that would pay more than the standard Government prices, and in consequence, about 2000 boxes between 3s. and 4s. were sold at \$5 and \$64.

Spanwood.—Very scarce and much wanted.

Exchange on ENGLAND.—Several amounts were sold for the last month at 4s. for 6 months bill, and 4s. is considered the current rate for 30 days bill.

Tonnage.—One or two English vessels wanted for England, and likely to obtain £4.10 for sugar.

FOR LONDON. THE SIR ROBERT SALE, will have immediate despatch for the above port. For passage apply to LINDSAY & Co.

GRAM FOR SALE. FINE fresh Bengal Grain in Bags. Apply to FRANKLYN & MILNE, Auctioneers, Queen's Road. 13th January, 1848.

HONGKONG RACE MEETING, 1848. FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 1848.

The Wang-wei chung Stakes, for all Ponies under 13 hands. One mile. Entrance \$1 each with \$30 added from the Fund. Weight for inches as per scale. Former Winner of this Race excluded.

The Plenipotentiary's Cup, presented by His Excellency Sir John Francis Davis, Baronet, value \$200, for all Horses. One mile and three quarters. Weight 10 stone 7 lbs. Sydney and Cape bred Horses to carry 11 stone 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10 each. Second Horse to save his Stake.

The Valley Stakes, for all Ponies 13 hands 2 inches and under. One mile. Entrance \$2 each with \$40 added from the Fund. Weight for inches as per scale. The Winner of the Valley Stakes last year to carry 7 lbs. extra.

The Arab Water Stakes. One mile and a half. Entrance \$5 each with \$30 added from the Fund. Weight 11 stone.

The Hack Stakes, for all Ponies. Catch weights. One mile. The Winner to be sold for \$50 if claimed within a quarter of an hour from coming in. Entrances free, with \$30 added from the Fund.

The Sydney Stakes, for all Horses. Arabe excepted. Two miles. Entrance \$10 each with \$100 added from the Fund. Weight 10 stone 7 lbs. The Winner of the Plenipotentiary's Cup to carry 7 lbs. extra. Second Horse to save his Stake.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY, 1848.

The Pony Water Stakes, for all Ponies. One mile and a half. Weight 10 stone 7 lbs. for Ponies 13 hands and under. 11 stone for Ponies above 13 hands. Entrances \$1 each with \$50 added from the Fund.

The Canton Cup, value \$150 for all Horses. One mile and a half. Weight 10 stone. The Winner of the Plenipotentiary's Cup to carry 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$5 each.

The Victoria Plate, value \$50 for all Ponies. One mile. Weight 10 stone. The Winner of the Victoria Plate to carry 10 lbs. extra.

The Gallivary States, for all Horses under 14 hands 2 inches. Arise excepted. One mile and a half. Entrance 83 each with 350 added from the Fund. Weight 10 stones.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1849.

The Hatters' Plate, value 80d, for all Horses. One mile and a half. Four Hurdles 8 feet high, and Two Hurdles 4 feet 6 inches high. Weights for inches as per scale. Entrance 85 each.

The Pony Hurdle Race, for all Ponies. One mile and a half. Four Hurdles 8 feet high, and Two Hurdles 3 feet 6 inches high. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance 1 each with 40 added from the Fund. Second Pony to receive 10 from the Fund.

The Arab Steeds, for all Arabs. Two miles. Weight 9 stone 7 lbs. Entrance 10 each with 100 added from the Fund. The Winner of the Cup to carry 7 lbs. extra. Second Horse to have his Stake.

The Ladies' Purse, value 800, for all Ponies. Winners at this meeting excepted. Entrance free. Catch weights.

The Native's Purse, value 820, for all Ponies. Indian and Chinese Riders. One mile. Catch weights.

The Hongkong Steeple Chase, for all Ponies. Catch weights. Ground to be named by the Stewards one hour before the time of starting. Entrance 10 each with 30 added from the Fund.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Entrances to be declared on or before 15th January, 1848.

Races to commence punctually at 2 o'clock p. m.

The first Sadding Bell to be rung at 4 past 1 p. m. A quarter of an hour allowed between each race.

Upon each saddle bell being rung all Horses to run for the next Race immediately to rendezvous on the course opposite the Grand Stand to draw for their respective places, and not to go down to the Starting Point until led by the Steward appointed to start them.

After each race, the Horses passing the Winning Post to return to the Judge's Stand and the Rider declared to be first to be weighed. Any Jockey dismounting before his turn, or before being called upon to be weighed loses his claim to be placed as the Winner.

All disputes as to Entrances and Qualification of Horses to be declared in writing before the next Race commences, or no right of appeal allowed.

No Horse allowed to run whose Entrance fees are not paid up to the Secretary.

All Disputes to be referred to the Stewards whose decision is final.

Qualification of Riders as at former meetings.

SCALE OF WEIGHTS.

Table with columns for Horses and Ponies, and sub-columns for st. lbs. and st. lbs. showing weight scales for different horse types.

Sydney and Cape Horses Extra.

PUBLIC SALE OF HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY AND FITTINGS—(on a day this month hereafter to be named, of which due notice will be given) JNO. SMITH begs to inform the Public, that he will sell by Public Auction, to the highest bidder, the whole of the neat, substantial, and elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising of:—rich and very handsome Plate and Plated-ware, chiefly made by Storr and Mortimer, of London; a most superior toned and splendid Semi-grand Piano-forte, by Broadwood and Sons; an elegant collection of really rich cut English Glass-ware; ditto beautiful Dinner and other Services; costly Egyptian and St. Ann's marble top Centre and Pier or Side Tables, on massive mahogany pillars and feet; solid mahogany, very expressly American-made; Dining and Drawing Room Chairs, with spring cushion seats; Settee and Conversation Couches, with ditto seats, and lined with horse hair and morocco; Cheval Glasses; handsome marble top Toilet Tables, with looking glasses attached; porcelain and glass Flower Vases; mahogany Dining and Card Tables; Bureaus and Book-cupboard Alto; Sashwood and Co's single and winged elegantly finished Wardrobes; Bureaus and Almshouses; Invalid's Couch, with elevating spring cushions, and lined with morocco; Bedsteads; Brussels Carpets; Window Curtains and Valances; Cutlery; patent Hanging and Table Lamps; superior Wines and Liquors; 8-day Clocks; Thermometers; Barometers; Engravings and Prints, in glazed burnished frames; Musical Boxes; a small lot of Books; bracket painted Wall Lamps; Seated Chairs; Iron Chest; Scales and Weights; Office Fixtures, and a variety of other Useful Articles, too numerous to be detailed; but the Sale particularly claims the attention of the Public. Belonging to A. A. de Mirla-10, Esq., leaving China. Orders will be executed. Macao, 16th January, 1848.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

At the Auction Room, Queen's Road, on Tuesday day next the 18th instant, at 11 a. m. for the benefit of the General, 25 Bales of Long Cloth, more or less damaged by Sea Water.

At the Auction Room, on Thursday 26th inst.:—3500 Sheep Bones, 3000 C of Horses, 2000 Trawling ship building; several dinner sets and costly other articles.

FRANKLIN & MILNE, Auctioneers.

Macao, 11th January, 1848.

An American paper says that during the bombardment of Vera Cruz, General Worth sent a servant to fetch a bucket of water for his horse. At the moment when the man returned, a shell fell within a few feet of the general, who coolly ordered him to pour the water on the horse; and thus extinguished the fuse, and prevented the explosion of the projectile, which would probably have killed or wounded several persons.

Amphibious or Duck—A clever poacher, at Torres, allows that he has killed many snob in the night, on the Dart, by setting a trammel net at the lower end of a pool, by sending in a dog at the upper end of it, which dog he had trained to dive like an otter. The fish, as soon as the dog dived, immediately dashed down the stream, and were taken in the net at the lower end of the pool. The Earl of Home, in a letter to the Earl of Moutagu, dated 10th January, 1837, relates the following story of a Newfoundland dog, which belonged to his uncle. He knew the Moutagu family of a Newfoundland dog, and used to go to the mill-dam, every morning as he was the fisherman's assistant, and used to go to the opening in the dam at Friburn Mill on these mornings. He there took his station at the opening in the dam to allow the salmon to pass, and has been known to kill from the twelve to twenty salmon in a morning; the fish lie up to the side. The then Lord Tankerville instituted a process against the dog. This case was brought before the Court of Session, and the process was entitled "The Earl of Tankerville versus a dog the property of the Earl of Home." Judgment was given in favour of the dog.—Solitaire's Fly-Fishing.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

- AT HONGKONG. Jan. 12, Anglona (Am.), Marvin, from Cumingmoon. 13, Alligator, Cook, from Whampoa. 12, Red Roy, Francis, from Calcutta via Manila 4th January. 13, Omega, Anderson, from Cumingmoon. 14, Argyle (Am.), Cooksey, from Shanghai 6th January.

PASSENGERS.

For ———— Mr Jackson, and five European Seamen.

DEPARTURES.

- FROM HONGKONG. Jan. 11, Omega, Anderson, Cumingmoon. 12, Regia, Johnson, Manila. 13, Anglona (Am.), Marvin, Amoy. 14, H. M. Brig Columbine, Commander Grey, Whampoa.

FROM WHAMPOA.

- Jan. 4, Adrianus en Jacobus (Dutch), Van Emmrick, Batavia. Dec. 24, Wallon, Little, Liverpool.

MANILA SHIPPING.

Arrived.—Dec. 25, Russell [Amn], Symmes, from Boston. Departures.—Dec. 27, Kensington (Am.), Iqbalan, Hongkong; Lady Margaret, Mills, Sydney; Terror, Dunning, Sydney.

SHIPPING BY WANA.

VESSELS OF WAR.

Table listing ships of war with columns for ship name, location, and commander.

MERCHANT VESSELS.

Main shipping table with columns: Ships, At, Tons, Masters, Consignees. Lists various merchant vessels and their destinations.

Shipping table with columns: Ships, At, Tons, Masters, Consignees. Lists various ships and their destinations.

VESSLS LOADING.

Table listing ships for loading with columns: Ship name, location, and consignee.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

Table listing expected ships with columns: Date, ship name, location, and consignee.