

FRIEND OF CHINA EXTRA.

VICTORIA, THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1848.

SHANGHAI.

YESTERDAY we published the particulars of an attack made upon a party of Missionaries at Tsing-poo; also a Notification from H. M. Consul dated the 10th. The *Amelia* arrived this morning with advices to the 18th. It appears that the Taou-tai paid no regard to the demand of the Consul that the ten ringleaders in the assault be brought to punishment; Mr Alcock in consequence took very decided steps. Three hundred grain Junks loaded for the north have been detained in the river by H. M. B. Childers; orders have been issued to Consignees to cease paying duties; and due notice has been issued to the merchant ships to be prepared to leave the river and protect the community.

These measures brought the Taou-tai to his senses. On the morning of the 18th, Mr Alcock received a communication from the Authorities stating "that two Junkmen had been seized who confess to have witnessed the attack, but took no part in it; that the ringleaders have disappeared; and that they trust if these two are bamboozed the grain Junks will be permitted to put to sea." Mr Alcock replied that if the Junks attempted to move down the river they would be fired into. H. M. B. *Espiegle* arrived from Woosung on the morning of the 18th; and there appears no doubt that the two Brigs will be able to detain the whole of the huge fleet of Junks, the cargoes of which is so much wanted in the North.

The British community have addressed a letter to Mr Alcock expressive of their confidence, and tendering him their support.

The following Notifications have been in circulation:—

No. 14.

NOTIFICATION.

BRITISH CONSULATE OFFICE,

Shanghai, 13th March, 1848.

The refusal of the Chinese authorities to afford redress for the murderous assault upon three British subjects, by the seizure of the Chief offenders, leaves H. B. M.'s Consul no alternative, but to adopt extreme measures or permit the security of his countrymen and the interests of the nation to be seriously compromised.

Every amicable means therefore having failed, H. B. M.'s Consul has given his Excellency the Taou-tai forty-eight hours from this day at noon to produce ten of the ringleaders in this attack, failing which such other steps will be taken as may appear expedient to compel the reparation required.

In the meantime, and until full satisfaction has been obtained, it has been notified to the authorities that no Custom-house Duties will be paid for British Ships. The Consignees or other parties will in each case be called upon to enter into an undertaking at the Consulate to pay the amounts respectively due when called upon by H. B. M.'s Consul.

Security to life and property, and the best interests of the Commerce of western nations generally, with Shanghai, are at stake, and if no redress be obtained for so brutal and unprovoked an outrage upon peaceable foreigners all the great advantages hitherto enjoyed at this port may be lost at once.

[Signed] R. ALCOCK,
Consul.

No. 15.

NOTIFICATION.

A Notification, issued this day to the Masters of all Merchant Vessels, under the British Flag within the jurisdiction of H. B. M.'s Consul, calling on them to be prepared on his requisition to leave their anchorage for the protection of British interests at this Port is annexed for the information of the British Community. This is merely a measure of precaution called for under the circumstances, but one which H. M.'s Consul has strong reasons to hope it may not be necessary to act upon. H. E. the Taou-tai has this morning despatched the *Hai-fang*, the next civil officer in rank to himself, to Tsing-poo, the Consul having been informed last night, that H. E. had deputed that officer to proceed in all haste, and in connexion with the *Chi-keen* of that place, to seize the offenders. This is the first evidence wrung from the Authorities by the stringency of the measures adopted of any determination to meet the Public demand of H. M.'s Consul for reparation. He trusts that it may be the forerunner of complete satisfaction.

In the meantime as a translation of the annexed notification has been transmitted to the Taou-tai, with a letter signifying the consent of H. M.'s Consul, to wait a short and definite period for the result of the *Hai-fang's* exertions, there can be little doubt it will suffice to satisfy H. E. that this concession of time is not due to any want of determination on the part of H. M.'s Consul to follow out to the end, the course upon which he has entered in defence of Treaty rights and the best interests of the Community.

No. 16.

NOTIFICATION.

The delay experienced in obtaining redress from the Chinese authorities, for an assault upon three British Subjects, from which they only providentially escaped with their lives, after having been wounded and treated with the greatest brutality, by a band of grain Junkmen, none of whom have yet been seized, has rendered measures necessary on the part of the Consul which may require to be enforced by all the means at his disposal.

In this untoward state of affairs which H. M.'s Consul sincerely deploras as contrary to the interests of both Nations, it is necessary to be prepared for all contingencies, and the better to enforce our just claims, to prompt and full reparation, it may be expedient to call upon all masters commanding vessels under the British Flag within the jurisdiction of H. Majesty's Consulate at this port to hold themselves ready to leave their anchorage and support him as the representative of H. Majesty's Government in protecting British interests at this port.

For any detention loss or injury which may accrue to them should their services be required in defence of the Public interests, H. B. M.'s Consul has notified to H. E. the Taou-tai, that the Chinese Government will be held responsible.

[Signed] R. ALCOCK,
Consul.

Shanghai, 16th March, 1848.