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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship POTTINGER, will leave for the above places on Monday the 24th of April. Cargo will be received on board until Noon, and before 4 P. M. of the 23rd.

FIRST CLASS GENERAL PASSAGE.

To Singapore	\$ 144
Penang	108
Ceylon	298
Malacca	365
Calcutta and Bombay	451
Suez	643
India (Transit through Egypt included)	768
England, do. do. do.	792

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J. A. OLDING, Agent.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1848.

NOTICE. THE P. & O. S. N. COMPANY'S, will from this date under take the conveyance of Specie from China, and the Straits, to Southampton, under the conditions specified in their customary Bill of Lading, at 2 ½ per cent.

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

FOR SALE. THE Clipper Schooner MISCHIEF, Capt. WHITE, now lying at Canton. Apply to Capt. HERRASS on board, or BOUSTEAD & Co., Canton, J. J. POS REMEDIOS, Macao, or BUSH & Co., Hongkong. Hongkong, 8th April, 1848.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER. THE A. I. BARQUE, THOMAS FIELDEN, 465 Tons, new Measurement. Apply to Capt. HERRASS on board, or JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, 16th March, 1848.

FOR SHANGHAI AND THE NORTHERN PORTS. THE Strong Bull East Sailing Brig LINNET, Captain [Name], will have quick dispatch for the above Ports. For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. DUDELL, Auction Mart, Victoria. Hongkong, 14th March, 1848.

N.B.—This Vessel is insured and offers a safe conveyance for Cargo.

FOR SALE. MARINE LOT No. 13, situated on the Queen's Road, Victoria, with the Buildings thereon, at present in possession of the undersigned. Also, the allotment of Land, and Buildings at Shanghai, known as the Nic-nic Property. For Plans, and full particulars, apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Canton, 2nd February, 1848.

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

TO LET. THE Building on the Queen's Road, known as the Keying House. Also a Bungalow in Aberdeen Street. Apply to BUSH & Co., Hongkong, 21st January, 1847.

PROPERTY IN SHANGHAI. FOR SALE.—The allotment of Land with spacious Godowns and Dwelling House erected thereon, at present in possession of the Undersigned; for further particulars apply to Messrs. RAWLINS & Co., Hongkong, or to PLATT, HARGREAVES & Co., Shanghai. 4th March, 1848.

TO LET. FOUR Rooms in the upper part of a House situated in Wellington Street, Victoria. Apply to T. HARRIS, Victoria, 10th February, 1848.

NOTICE. WE have this day admitted Mr DUNCAN JAMES KAY and Mr KIRKMAN FINLAY as Partners in our Firm, which will in future be carried on under the Style of THOMSON, FINLAY & Co. FINLAY & Co., Liverpool, 1st July, 1847.

NOTICE. MR. SPENCER COMPTON is authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration. CHA. SP. COMPTON & Co., Hongkong, 28th February, 1848.

NOTICE. IS hereby given that Mr JOHN THISTLETHWAITE ceased to be in our employ from the 18th 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. THE interest and responsibility of Mr DUNCAN JAMES KAY in our Firm ceased on the 30th June last. TURNER & Co., Victoria, Hongkong, 28th January, 1848.

NOTICE. MR CHARLES MELVILLE DONALDSON is admitted a Partner in our Business, his Interest and Responsibility having commenced on the 1st January, 1848. The business will be carried on under the name of RICHARDS & Co. P. M. RICHARDS, C. M. DONALDSON.

We beg to give notice that Mr REINHARD RAWLINS PARRY ceased to be in our employ from the 8th February, 1848. RICHARDS & Co., Shanghai, 8th February, 1848.

THE undersigned having been duly appointed in succession to Mr M. J. SEAN VAN BARB, to officiate as Netherland's Consul for Canton; begs to notify that he has assumed his Consular functions under this date. ROBT. BROWNE, Acting Netherland's Consul for Canton, Canton, 16th March, 1848.

NOTICE. THE partnership heretofore existing under the style of THOMAS & Co., expired this day by limitation; the affairs of the house will be wound up by ROBERT P. DE SILVER. ROBERT P. DE SILVER, H. B. BOURNE, Surviving Partners, Canton, 1st September, 1847.

NOTICE. MR JAMES WITHINGTON, is authorized to sign our firm in CHINA by procuration. REISS & Co., Canton, 24th March, 1848.

NOTICE. L. 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.)

WINES FOR SALE. AT the Godowns of the Undersigned.— Superior Port, in 4 dozen Cases, Sherry, " 4 do. do. Madeira, " 4 do. do. Do. Wood. Mumm's Champagne and Allsopp's Pale Ale. BLENKIN, RAWSON & Co., Victoria, 27th July, 1847.

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

FOR SALE. BANCA TIN. Apply to OLYPHANT & Co., Canton. 14th August, 1847.

FOR SALE. AN Iron Fence Railing 400 feet, with 4 double leaved S gates; two Engine Horse pumps; Force and Common pumps; also Marshall's Patent Clow. ROBERT STRACHAN, Victoria, 18th September, 1847.

MINE JAVA COPPER, &c.

FRANKLYN & MILNE, Auctioneers, COMMISSION AGENTS, AND BROKERS, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS &c. (GOODS Bought or Exchanged, Sold by Public or Private Sale; also Landed, and Stored in dry and secure Godowns. General business transacted for Parties absent.

ON SALE. Every description of Ship and Cabin Stores; Salt Provisions; fine American Flour; Navy Bread; Europe and Manila Cordage; Gunpowder, coarse and fine; Guns, large and small; Shot, of sizes; Chain Cables; Anchors; Canvas; Paints, Oils, &c.; Pine Spars, from 60 to 70 feet; and other Articles. Every description of Wines, and Spirits; Pale East India Ale; Brandy in wood, &c. Hongkong, 7th March, 1848.

FINE FRESH SELTZER WATER, for sale by FRANKLYN & MILNE. Victoria, 7th April, 1848.

FOR SALE. PRIME Columbia River Beef in Casks, and Columbia River Salmon, ex Toulon. Also, Paint Oil in Demi-johns. SMITH & BRIMELOW, No. 1, Woosnam's Buildings, Victoria, 32nd February, 1848.

SHIP CHANDLERS STORES. And supplies of every description required for Ships use, on sale by the undersigned. SAILS Made and Repaired. JUST RECEIVED. A large Assortment of Canvas, Bleached and Unbleached. Also, Real Edinburgh Ale, East India Pale Ale, &c. &c. Good dry STONAGE with water frontage. CHARLES BUCKTON, Shipping and Commission Agent, Queen's Road, Victoria, 25th Jan., 1848.

FOR SALE at the Commission and Sale Room of the Undersigned.—An Invoice of Light Glazed Caps; Spice Cheese; Raisins, in 4 and 4 Boxes; fine Irish Linen and Linen Cut; White and Brown Drill; French Boots and Shoes; Sperm Candles; and French Hats. A. L. DE ENCARNAÇÃO, Queen's Road, 1st April, 1848.

JUST landed and for sale at the Commission and Sale Room of the Undersigned.—A few Lots Cheese, and Butter; also an Invoice of French Boots and Shoes, and a few Pieces of Belzerino for Ladies Dresses, at moderate prices. A. L. DE ENCARNAÇÃO, Hongkong, 7th April, 1848.

NOTICE. A MEETING will be held of the Creditors of DADABHOY BURJORJEE, in the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court on Tuesday the 25th day of April, 1848, at 2 P. M., for the purpose of approving of the sale of certain Real Estate now vested in the Provisional Assignee. ROB. DENDAS CAY, Provisional Assignee.

THE HONGKONG AND CANTON STEAM PACKET COMPANY. PENSONS desirous of holding SHARES in the Company are requested to apply without delay either to Mr CAMPBELL in Hongkong, or to Mr D. JARDINE in Canton. Hongkong, 8th April, 1848.

ADVERTISEMENT. DR. DRAKE begs most respectfully to intimate, that he will be most happy to devote two hours daily, viz. 12 to 2, to instruct YOUNG GENTLEMEN in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, &c., &c. Terms, Six Dollars per Month. Colonial Church, 15th February, 1848.

NOTICE. ALL Persons indebted to, or having claims against the Estate of the late Captain JOHN CAMPBELL, of the Royal Exchange, are requested to send in the same to the Undersigned, on or before the 1st of April next. LINDSAY & Co., Hongkong, 4th March, 1848.

NOTICE. A Bill claims against the Estate of JOHN BROWN, deceased, must be sent in to the Undersigned, before the 15th day of May, 1848, otherwise they will not be received in the said Estate. ROBERT STRACHAN, Victoria, 18th September, 1847.

COCOA NUT OIL, in Casks of about four Piculs each, for sale by RAWLE, DUUS & Co., Victoria, 4th April, 1848.

FINE MANILA COFFEE, for sale by RAWLE, DUUS & Co., Victoria, 4th April, 1848.

HOOK and SELTZER WATER. BY a late arrival the undersigned have received from Germany a consignment of Hook's (1822) in 1 and 4 dozen Cases. Also, Seltzer water in Baskets of 2 dozen pint stone bottles. Prices moderate. RAWLE, DUUS & Co., Victoria, 4th April, 1848.

FOR SALE. ANCHORS, Chain Cables, and Hawse Pipes of all sizes. An Invoice of Manila, Europe, and Patent Rope. Also, Coffee, and Government Cigars. RAWLE, DUUS & Co., 4th November 1846.

FOR SALE. SALT Provisions, Flour, Rumm, Arrack, and Brandy in Wood, Whisky, Cognac, and all kinds of Wines in Bottle. RAWLE, DUUS & Co., 4th November 1846.

FOR SALE. ROMAN Cement, and Window Glass of all sizes. Apply to RAWLE, DUUS & Co., Victoria, 3rd August, 1847.

ADVERTISEMENT. FOR SALE at Mr RUTHERFURD'S—THE HONGKONG ALMANACK AND DIRECTORY FOR 1848; with PLAN of and Index to the Town of Victoria, &c. Price \$25. Victoria, 3rd March, 1848.

ANNALS, &c. JUST Received an Invoice of ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, ANNUALS, &c., for 1848. ROBERT RUTHERFURD, Queen's Road, Victoria, 2th March, 1848.

PUBLIC AUCTION. MESSRS. BOWEN, HUMPHREYS & Co. are instructed to sell on the 14th and 15th instant, at Naval Stores West Point, a large quantity of Victualling and Naval Stores and Shop Clothing. Sale to commence at 11 A. M. Particulars see Handbills. Victoria, 4th April, 1848.

ADVERTISEMENT. FOUND AT ADEN, in July last, a parcel containing BANK OF ENGLAND Notes. The Owner is requested to apply to the Post-master at Aden, stating all particulars regarding them. Aden, 6th January, 1848.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL. MR C. MACKWICK Auctioneer, &c., begs to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has removed his Auction and Commission Rooms, to next door MESSRS. PROCTOR and Co., Queen's Road. Victoria, 1st February, 1848.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, POTTINGER STREET. GODA WATER and LEMONADE of Superior Quality. MACAO, at HINNAM'S, China Shopkeeper, Victoria, 11th June, 1847.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY, QUEEN'S ROAD, VICTORIA. GODA WATER, AERATED LEMONADE, SELTZER WATER, drawn from HARMONIA.

AGENTS at GARDNER, Commission Agents, 21, Market Street, Hongkong, 4th April, 1848.

BILLS OF LADING. FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

(To the Editor of the Friend of China.)
CANTON, 24th March, 1848.

Sir, The Editor of the *China Mail*, with his proverbial ignorance of what passes at Canton; or perhaps to indulge his vindictive feelings towards the Mercantile Community here; makes some remarks in the last number of his paper, which you will throw discredit upon your account of the late outrage on the Honan side of the river; and the indecent appearance of a Chinaman in the British Factories. The cool way in which he alludes to them is characteristic of him. "We have not been favoured with any account of the affair, whence we infer it is not of so serious a nature as has been represented; but we shall endeavour to ascertain the facts of this case, as well as of a rather improbable story appended by the *Friend*."

As the fox who lost his tail in a trap, tried to induce his fellow gundrups to dispense with theirs also; so the Editor of the *Mail*, not having "been favoured with any account" of these matters, does not like his contemporaries to avail themselves of their superior intelligence. He could scarcely expect that any of the Canton residents, he takes such pleasure in maligning, disinterested in the support of his paper, would favour him with information of any event whatsoever; but surely he has still some "intimate friends" not "on the eve of departure," to furnish him with information, or what has become of his *put-shed* correspondent? Can this be the same Editor, who in the *China Mail*, 27th May, 1847, after boasting of the completeness of his information, says: "We spend more in this department than the profits of some papers (Government printing must be lucrative) both at home and abroad." If so, his outlay seems of little service, as far as Canton is concerned. Of course he was unaware that the accounts in the *Friend of China*, were furnished by eyewitnesses; but would it not have been more creditable in the *Mail*, to have first endeavored "to ascertain the facts of the case," before he questioned the authenticity of statements, about which he was perfectly ignorant?

The Bedlamite who imagined all the world mad but himself, was not more insane, than is the Editor of the *Mail* on all matters relating to Canton. His prejudices are not to be eradicated. His "ignorance is bliss" and he will not be corrected! Were he physically blind (as he is mentally so) to the possibility of any good qualities pertaining to the Canton residents, though I question if he be even on speaking terms, with half a dozen of them; we should have him denying the brilliance of a tropic noon and doubting the murkiness of midnight.

It is said that a person continually repeating the same story believes it to be true in the course of time, and perhaps the Editor of the *Mail* has come to the same conclusion as regards his glaring mis-statements. The object to-dayism to gain the late Governor's favour, which originally called them forth, cannot surely be now necessary; and it were better that the *Mail* should cease his quibbling, and misrepresentations, and point things in their proper colors.

In conclusion it is scarcely necessary to corroborate your account of the two occurrences which are so notorious to every body. However "improbable" the *Mail* may, in its ignorance, consider one of them; if he be sincere in his promise of enquiry he will find that it was more generally witnessed than the other; the second having called attention to his brutality, by vociferating the most opprobrious epithets.—Yours truly,

CERBERUS.

NOTICE

New Advertisements will be received until 4 O'Clock, on the evenings previous to publication, viz: Tuesdays and Fridays.

LATEST DATES.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Date, Location, Date. Includes entries for England, United States, California, Bombay, and Madras.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th, 1848.

NOTICE.—The *British Service* will be for the present be conducted in the *Dialing* adjoining the Post-Office and opposite to the Club House, on Sundays at 11 A.M., and on Tuesdays at 4 P.M., and on Thursdays at 2 P.M.

VINCENT STANTON, Colonial Chaplain.

Victoria, 1st Feb., 1848.

NOTICE.—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. This congregation, conducted for the present by the Rev. W. C. Burgess, will meet every Sabbath, in the Bungalow immediately behind the Club House.

The hours of *British Service* will be 11 A.M., and 4 P.M. Victoria, 27th December, 1847.

The *Omega*, from Shanghai 4th instant, arrived today (Tuesday) with the gratifying intelligence that existing difficulties had been arranged to the entire satisfaction of the British and other foreign residents.

Our last advice mentioned that the Judge of the province had gone from Soochow to Tsing-poo, and that he had arrived at Shanghai on the 27th ultimo. It appears that he brought ten of the criminals with him; having seized them without the aid of a military force. Five of the men were at once recognized by the Gaol-keeper (they had assumed), and the whole lot were sentenced to be exposed in the *Changue* (cellar) for one month. They are carried daily to the Foreign Consulate-house in terms of the sentence.

A public meeting was held to express approval of Mr. Acock's proceedings; the resolutions passed, and various donations connected with an event of such importance in the history of Foreign intercourse with China, were published on Saturday.

The grain boats were dropping down the river, the water having been run off; but a dispute between the British and the Mandarin regarding

payment of port charges at Teuchin was likely to cause additional delay. The Lieutenant Governor of the province was within 15 miles of Shanghai having come down to expedite the sailing of the grain fleet, and possibly to arrange matters with the British Consul.

The *Expellee* had not returned from Nankin.

We congratulate Mr Acock upon the successful termination of his negotiation. The result shows clearly that from the first there was no real difficulty in punishing the guilty. The Taichai, no doubt, was under the impression that the Hwang-chuek deception could be repeated—that is, that the punishment of those who were not guilty, would be taken in satisfaction of the offence. Had Mr Acock displayed less firmness a dangerous precedent would have been established; and to his knowledge of Chinese character, and determination to assume personal responsibility in behalf of the public interest, it is to be ascribed the victory over Chinese insolence, cunning, and insincerity. The Statesmen of China must perceive how completely they are at our mercy; and though extreme measures are not to be resorted to on trifling considerations, still it is to be hoped that when an emergency does arise the representative of the British Crown will ever have nerve to act with vigor, but at the same time with moderation.

Subjoined is the official announcement of the arrangement of difficulties which at one time threatened to stop the trade of the port:

No. 17 NOTIFICATION. BRITISH CONSULATE OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 23th March, 1848.

H. M.'s Consul has much pleasure in stating for the information of the British community that the coercive measures he saw himself compelled to adopt fifteen days ago have been followed by complete success. The ten ringleaders in the outrage at Tsing-poo demanded on the 13th Inst. have this day been produced by the Neetas or Provincial Judge of the Province, two of the most vicious and dangerous were at once distinctly identified by the parties who had suffered from their violence and several of the remainder were recognized as having been among their assailants. These ten offenders in the presence of H. M.'s Consul, the injured parties, all the Local Authorities, and a large number of assistants, were put in the cangue on the spot, to which punishment they are sentenced for one month, prior to any further proceedings against them, and they will be exposed every day during that period in the public thoroughfares as a warning to all who are in like manner evil disposed. The fullest satisfaction and respect having thus been afforded it only remains for H. M.'s Consul to announce that the embargo on the Grain Junks has been removed and that from this date all duties will be paid as heretofore; in reference to those remaining due for ships already cleared, communications will be made from the Consulate to the parties interested in due time. This peaceful and in every sense happy termination of difficulties which one time threatened to compromise British interests at the Port is most satisfactory. H. M.'s Consul remembering the unanimity and cheerfulness with which the community signified their readiness to meet any inconvenience the necessity for coercive measures might entail, rejoices that the end has been attained without loss or sacrifice, and the cordial support received from the Consular representatives of foreign powers at Shanghai, who at once identify themselves with the measures taken as for a common cause, has not only safely assumed effect in its effect. How much is due to the judgement and decision with which a partial blockade of peculiar difficulty has been maintained during 15 days by Captain Piman of H. M. B. *Childers* must be known to the whole community who have daily witnessed the unweary vigilance, and good temper evinced by the officers and men under his command; this task has been accomplished, not only without injury to the large Chinese traffic on the river, but without having collision or any bad feeling having been excited, a result on which they may well be congratulated.

Security to life and property which for a moment seemed endangered it is hoped, is now more firmly established than before the outrage and its attendant and forbearance, such as his countrymen have already manifested and which he fully counts upon whenever their exertions may lead them to a distance from Shanghai, H. M.'s Consul is sanguine that they will no longer be exposed to dangers, or molestation from those whom impunity might otherwise have emboldened.

(Signed) RUTHERFORD ACOCK, Consul.

From Canton we learn that two men, said to be of the party who attacked the Englishmen in the Honan-creek, have been sentenced to wear the cangue for one month, and also to be flogged. On Friday they were exhibited at the Consue house; and on Saturday they were to be placed on the bridge from whence the stones were thrown. Labels on the cangues state that they are punished for having assaulted foreigners.

We also learn, that on Thursday morning as the steamer *Ferry* was passing some Junk, on her passage from Whampoa, an arrow was discharged from one of them which nearly struck Commander Mason of H. M. Steam vessel *Melita*.

A correspondent comments upon the *China Mail's* assumed ignorance of Canton matters; and impudently in questioning the information

of those, who if not better informed do not hesitate to publish truths communicated by responsible parties.

On Sunday afternoon a Chinese powder factory, situated by the road side between East Point and Burn's point, blew up, killing four men who were pounding powder in stone mortars with wooden mallets. About six months ago there was an explosion at the same place without loss of life; and it is a matter of some astonishment, that the impropriety of having powder houses by the side of a public thoroughfare, has not induced the Executive to establish some regulations as to the locality for such establishments.

An Inquest was held on the bodies on Monday, from which we learn,—

That the house was divided into three compartments; the inner one was used for making powder; the second as a cooking place; the third as a sleeping room; the three apartments opened into each other, and when the explosion took place, the door between the powder and the cooking rooms was open.

Five men were on the premises; four engaged in the factory, the fifth a cook. The fifth man escaped with a slight singeing. He deposed that, at the time of the explosion he was standing at the door between the two apartments; he was thrown, or forced into the cook house by the flame: he ran out, but returned immediately after and found his four comrades dead; there was from eighty to ninety catts of powder on the premises; one of the men killed had told the owner of the house that the mortars were not safe. He further deposed that the owner (killed) held the premises on a lease, but could not say from whom, as he had only been a week in his employment. Other witnesses were sent for; but as it did not appear that their evidence would bear upon the facts, we did not wait to hear it. The verdict of the Jury was to the effect that the four men had been killed by an explosion of Gunpowder.

On the mainland the manufacture of powder is strictly prohibited; and from its being a government monopoly, and the heavy duty on Saltpetre, it is a costly article. In consequence, a considerable quantity is made on this Island, partly to supply the Salt Junks and other trading vessels, and partly to smuggle into China. Without suppressing this trifling branch of local industry, there would be no difficulty in protecting the inhabitants from any danger arising from it. At present there may be powder making in the Chinese houses on the Queen's Road or the lower Bazaar; and an explosion would not give much surprise. There are many secluded places, where ignition could only injure the careless workman, and it is to be hoped that suitable localities will be selected, and that the police will have strict orders to seize those who continue their operations in places of public resort.

Since the foregoing was in type, we ascertain that about the time of the Hwang-chuek murders, an order was issued prohibiting the making of Gunpowder. Acting upon which, the police took up the person who then occupied the house destroyed last Sunday. He was admonished by the Magistrate and dismissed. The order has not been rescinded; but the Police Sergeant on this station says, he was under the impression that it was not to be acted on, and consequently, though aware that for a week past Gunpowder was again manufactured on the premises, he did not interfere. It also appears that the house was not registered; and that a woman in a neighbouring hut was severely injured.

By way of the Sandwich Islands we have later dates from the United States, Mexico, and California.

In the Congress of the United States the peace party have a majority and refuse to vote supplies for the prosecution of the war with Mexico; though they are willing to provide for the immediate wants of the army of occupation. The President recommends the prosecution of the war; and the Secretary of war advises the retention of all the territory conquered. The probability of the election of an anti-war President, with a majority of his party in Congress, renders the speedy termination of hostilities almost certain.

In Mexico there had been no more fighting. The American army advanced to Toluca, a short distance from the capital, on road, it was said, in San Luis Potosi, where the Santa Anna party had gathered head. The whereabouts of the Mexican army, or their great war chief, was unknown.

In California there have been fresh troubles for which, and other items of news, we refer to the following extract from a Sandwich Island paper of 11th March:—

"By the arrival of the *Angola* from Mazatlan, we have received news from Washington to the 24th of January. Congress had assembled and the President delivered his annual Message. A copy of it has been received. It discusses the general topics and recommends the prosecution of the war. The reports of the different departments has been submitted to Congress. The Secretary of war recommends the government to retain possession of all the territory conquered. Hon. R. C. Winthrop of Massachusetts was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. Different propositions had been made in Congress, but nothing definite respecting the termination of the war had taken place. The Whig party have the majority in Congress and are disposed to grant supplies for the further aggressive prosecution of the war. While they are willing to grant the necessary supplies for the army in order that the soldiers may not suffer, a strong disposition is apparent to bring the administration to their wishes for peace. Nothing definite respecting peace had transpired in Washington up to the latest date, six days had negotiated a treaty of peace with the party in power in Mexico, and peace with it to Washington. Nothing respecting the terms had transpired, further than that the parallel of 32 north latitude is the boundary—the American government to keep an adequate force in the country to maintain the party negotiating the treaty. Three of the southern provinces, opposed to the treaty, have declared against the existing government and in favor of Santa Anna. Santa Anna had returned to private life and remained invisible. His present whereabouts is unknown.

"Gen. Scott was at Toluca, and it was conjectured he was soon to advance on San Luis Potosi, the capital of one of the provinces which have declared in favor of Santa Anna. We have been unable to gather any particulars respecting the terms and movements of the main body of the Mexican army. No battle has been fought since the capture of the capital.

"Penaro, the leader of a band in Lower California, took possession of the town of San Jose about the middle of January. The American garrison was hemmed in the fort and their provisions entirely cut off, and they reduced to great extremities. During the siege, Passed Midshipman McLannahan was killed. The *Cyane* arrived on the 15th of February, when an engagement took place between the Californians and a body of marines, which resulted in the rout of the Californians with a loss of about 30 men. The town is at present entirely deserted, the American garrison and the citizens remaining at Fort. Passed Midshipman J. E. Duncan and W. W. W. and 5 marines were taken prisoners by Penaro's party while attempting to procure provisions. They were taken into the interior, since which nothing has been heard of them. Penaro's party were encamped about 4 miles from the town. We have received a letter giving a detailed account of the rising in Lower California, which we shall publish next week.

"Capt. L'Vallet is acting governor at Mazatlan; every thing was quiet when the *Angola* left, although communication with the interior was cut off.

"The contract for carrying the U.S. mail to California and Oregon via Panama, is concluded.

"Passed Midshipman Edward F. Beale has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

"The U.S. ships *Congress* and *Independence* were at Mazatlan. The *Ohio* and *Preble* were daily expected from Valparaiso, when it was believed the *Congress* would proceed home via East India, touching on her way at this port.

"The *Dale* was at Caymas, the *Southampton* at La Paz, the *Lexington* at San Blas and the *Cyane* at San Jose. The *Portsmouth* sailed for the U.S. early in January."

CANTON REGATTA.

(From the Hongkong Register, March 11.)

The Seventh Meeting of the Regatta Club was held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The weather was favourable and the sport excellent. The racing was well and closely contested. The sailing match was the only failure from want of wind. We subjoin a list of the boats and the order in which they came in:—

FIRST DAY, 6th APRIL.—First race, four oared gigs—four started and returned in the following order, 1st *Geary Lindsay*, 2nd *Blondie*, 3rd *La Belle*, and 4th *Gipsy*—only 55 seconds between the first and last.

Second—single sculls—three started; and returned, 1st *Arrow*, 2nd, *Fancy*, and 3rd, *Jimima*.

Third—randan or three pair of sculls—four boats started, and came in 1st *Daly*, 2nd *John Gilpin*, 3rd *Jack O'Connell*, and 4th *Jenny Lind*.

SECOND DAY, 7th APRIL.—First race, two pair sculls and a pair of oars, seven boats started, and came in 1st *Edipies*, 2nd *Henry's Delight*, 3rd *Surprise*, 4th *Hazard*, 5th *XXX*, 6th *May Flower*, and 7th *Nipper*.

Second—trial race, three boats—1st *Hazard*, 2nd *Edith*, 3rd *XXX*.

Third—six oared gigs, four boats—1st *Kablesh*, 2nd *Lalla Rookh*, 3rd *Geary Owen*, and 4th *Khochee*.

Two matches between boats crews from the *Philo* were pulled before and after the second race. In the first race two of the boats came in collision while taking the turn and one was upset but fortunately without any farther damage.

THIRD DAY, 8th APRIL.—Sailing boat, first class, two oared gigs for want of wind, the second was unable to continue the race. The second class were only once started, and the *Magnolia* being the only one that completed the course.

Several matches between boats with Chinese crews were made up, and afforded considerable amusement.

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You should see a assignment of nearly 75 acres, at Shanghai, for the convenience of the foreign trade...

To the extent only of what was enjoyed under the Company in former times; but there has been no increase...

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Hongkong and the registration system; you concur in the effect of the opinions which have been given in Hongkong...

Therefore you think that the option form in Hongkong should be abolished—I should wish that the centre of which might injuriously affect Hongkong...

Do you think that, considering the insubordinate character of part of the population of Hongkong...

It has been stated that this registration system is very objectionable to the feelings of the Chinese...

For which a strict police is necessary?—Essentially necessary. Mr. Magill—Are you to be understood to recommend...

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THE FRENCH BUDGET.—The bureaux of the Chamber of Deputies commenced the examination of the budget for 1849 on Wednesday...

THE BATTLE AND A QUADRUPED.—The following singular case is said to have occurred a short time ago in a ballie court above a hundred miles from Modern Athens...

RESTITUTION OF A LARGE SUM.—The bank notes and cheques, to the value of £7866 5s. 7d., stolen from the clerk of Messrs Strahan, Knut & Co., in F...

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Table of arrivals from various ports including At Hongkong, At Macao, and From Hongkong.

SHIPPING IN CHINA.

VESSELS OF WAR.

Table of vessels of war including ship names, origins, and commanders.

MERCHANT VESSELS.

Table of merchant vessels with columns for Ship, At, Tons, Masters, and Consignees.

Main shipping table with columns for Ships, At, Tons, Masters, and Consignees.

VESSELS LOADING.

Table of vessels loading for various destinations including London, Batavia, and others.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Table of vessels expected from various ports including London, Liverpool, and others.