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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship POTTINGER, will leave this for the above places on Monday the 24th of April.

Cargo will be received on board until Noon, and before until 4 P. M. of the 23rd.

FIRST CLASS GENERAL PASSAGE.

To Singapore	100
" Penang	100
" Ceylon	200
" Madras	300
" Calcutta and Bombay	450
" Suez	600
" Malta (Transit through Egypt) included	700
" England	700

For further particulars regarding Fares and Passages apply at the P. & O. S. N. Company's Office, Hongkong.

J. A. OLDING, Agent. Hongkong, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 1848.

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

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NOTICE. THE Interest and responsibility of Mr DENNIS JAMES KAY in our Firm ceased on the 20th June last. TURNER & Co. Victoria, Hongkong, 20th 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 RICHARD RAWLINS PARRY ceased to be in our employ from the 8th February, 1848.

RICHARDS & Co. Shanghai, 8th February, 1848.

NOTICE. THE partnership heretofore existing under the style of TIBBS, BOWMAN & 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. F. 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. THE Copartnership heretofore existing between the Subscribers, under the style of DRINKER, HEYL & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

S. DRINKER is authorized to settle all Accounts of the Firm.

SANDWICH DRINKER, WILLIAM S. HEYL. Hongkong, 1st April, 1848.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned will continue the Agency and GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS, under the style of DRINKER & Co., at the place of Business lately occupied by DRINKER, HEYL & Co.

Goods taken on Storage at reasonable charges, landed and transhipped on account of parties absent.

SANDWICH DRINKER. Hongkong, 1st April, 1848.

NOTICE. THE following is a list of a few Articles just landed and in beautiful condition.

Or Tonques, Salt Salmon, Mutton Hams, York do, Cumbered Bacon, Preserved Meat, in 1, 2, 3, and 4 lbs. tin, Preserved Fish, in do. Jars of Fruit, Sauces of every description.

Boiled, Ale, Porter, 1/2 Pint Bottles of Beer, which will be sold in quality to suit purchasers, at the Store of J. J. HILL.

General Road, near Chinam's Gate, Victoria, 14th April, 1848.

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FRANKLYN & MILNE. ADVERTISERS, COMMISSION AGENTS, AND BOOKERS, 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 brass; Chain Cables; Anchors; Canvases; 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 JAVA COFFEE, for Sale. Apply to FRANKLYN & MILNE. Victoria, 21st 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 Demijohns. SMITH & BRIMELOW. No. 1, Woodman's Buildings, Victoria, 22nd February, 1848.

SHIP HANDLERS STORES. And supplies of every description required for ships use, on sale by the undersigned. SAIL Made and Repaired.

A large Assortment of Canvas, Bleached and Unbleached. ALSO, Real Edinburgh Ale, East India Pale Ale, &c. &c. Good dry Bronson with water frontage.

CHARLES BUCKTON, Shipping and Commission Agent, Queen's Road, Victoria, 25th Jan., 1848.

JUST landed and for sale at the Commission and Sale Room of the Undersigned. - A few Loaf 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.

FOR SALE. THE AVONTOUR MANT, Queen's Road, (Good bad and indifferent) Carriages, Horses, Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Gig and Hand Whips, Spurs, Horse Cloths and Clothing, Circinalls, Breeches, Girths, Stirrup Leathers, Martingales, Chambré Leather, and all other Horse accoutrements.

Victoria, 14th April, 1848.

CHEAP BREAD AND DINNER ROLL. 15 LARGE LOAVES for One Dollar, delivered all over Hongkong every morning, at J. INESS, Bakery, Queen's Road.

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

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

HOCK and SELTZER WATER. By a late arrival the undersigned have received from Germany a consignment of Hock (1847) Baskets of 2 dozen pint-stone bottles. Prices moderate.

RAWLE, DOUS & 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, DOUS & Co. 4th November 1846.

FOR SALE. GALT Provision, Flour, Rum, Arrack, and Brandy in Wood; Whisky, Cognac, and all kinds of Wines in Bottles.

RAWLE, DOUS & Co. 4th November 1846.

FOR SALE. ROMAN Cement, and Window Glass of all sizes. Apply to RAWLE, DOUS & 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 \$22. Victoria, 3rd March, 1848.

ANNALS, &c. JUST Received an Invoice of ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, Annals, &c., for 1848. ROBERT RUTHERFURD, Queen's Road, Victoria, 14th March, 1848.

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

ADVERTISEMENT. 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.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY. A YOUNG MAN qualified to dispense Medicines. Apply at the VICTORIA DISPENSARY. 17th April, 1848.

STEWARD WANTED. A STEWARD WANTED for the HONGKONG CLUB. Application, with references, to be made to the Clerk at the CLUB HOUSE on or before the 1st May next. Club House, 18th April, 1848.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, PORTUGAL STRAITS. SODA WATER and LEMONADE of Superior Quality. MESSRS. BUNNARD, China Street, Victoria, 14th Feb. 1848.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Queen's Road, Victoria. SODA WATER, PREPARED BY THE DISPENSARY. SELTZER WATER, from the Dispensary.

AGROON, (Chinese Dispensary) 11, Cross Street, Singapore. SODA WATER, PREPARED BY THE DISPENSARY. SELTZER WATER, from the Dispensary.

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(From the China Mail, April 6.)

A SYNOPSIS TABLE of the Import Trade from Foreign Countries at the Port of SHANGHAI during the Year ending the 31st December, 1847, specifying the Description and Quantities of Commodities as well as their Estimated Value, and distinguishing the National Character of the Ships in which they were Imported.

Table with columns: Description of Commodities, Quantities and in what Ships Imported (British, American, Spanish, Prussian, Hamburg, Dutch), Aggregate quantities imported, and Estimated value in Exchange.

RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, — Consul.

British Consulate, Shanghai, 31st December, 1847.

A SYNOPSIS TABLE of the Export Trade to Foreign Countries from the Port of SHANGHAI, during the Year ending the 31st December, 1847, specifying the Description and Quantities of Commodities, as well as their Estimated Value, and distinguishing the National Character of the Ships in which they were Exported.

Table with columns: Description of Commodities, Quantities and in what Ships Exported (British, American, Spanish), Aggregate Quantities Exported, and Estimated value in Exchange.

NOTE.—The Prussian, Hamburg, and Dutch Vessels left in Ballast.

RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, — Consul.

British Consulate, Shanghai, 31st December, 1847.

COMPARATIVE TABLE of Duties levied on Foreign Vessels at the Port of SHANGHAI, during the Year ending 31st December, 1847, distinguishing the respective National Flags.

Table with columns: No. of Vessels, Under what Colours, Tonnage Dues, Imp. and Exp. Duties, and Total.

© 12 1/2 Cent \$ 11,009 \$ 879,193 \$ 879,141

© 4d. Exchange \$ 2,298 \$ 180,551 \$ 180,551

RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, — Consul.

British Consulate, Shanghai, 31st December, 1847.

RELATIVE Quantities and Valuation of Goods, Imported and Exported, at the Port of SHANGHAI, during the Year 1845-47

Table with columns: Description of Goods, Quantities 1846, Quantities 1847, Value 1846, Value 1847.

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British Consulate, Shanghai, 31st December, 1847.

LATEST DATES. Table with columns: Location, Date, Location, Date.

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VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th, 1848.

A Meeting of the Subscribers to the Fund for building St. John's Church will be held in the residence of W. Dent, Esq., at 5, St. of Thursday, 27th instant, to elect Trustees for the year 1848-9.

VINCENT STANTON, Colonial Chaplain.

NOTICE.—Deaths Service will for the present be conducted in the building adjoining the Post-Office and opposite to the Club House, on Sundays at 11 A. M., 4 P. M., and at 8 P. M., and on Tuesdays at 9 P. M.

VINCENT STANTON, Colonial Chaplain.

NOTICE.—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. This congregation, conducted for the present by the Rev. W. B. CURRIE, will meet every SABBATH, in the Bungalow immediately behind the CLUB HOUSE.

The hours of Divine Service will be 11 A. M., and at 8 P. M. Victoria, 27th December, 1847.

FOURTH OPIUM SALE.

The fourth sale was held on the 21st February, and resulted as follows:—

Table with columns: Patna, Benares, Highest, Lowest, Average.

The principal purchasers were Bombay native merchants and Marwarries.

Stock in the godown on the 21st February.

Table with columns: Patna, Benares.

The fifth sale was to take place on the 20th March.

The ship Hamilton from Boston with a cargo of rice arrived on the 16th. The tea committee have made arrangements with the Importers by which the cargo is to be at their disposal; and as about 200 tons will be landed in good order, they will perhaps be able to sell it at a low rate without sacrificing their own interests.

The tea, for once, has come to hand before the warm weather sets in; and in a few days people will again consider it a necessary of life in this climate.

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"Of long-measure we must speak with diffidence, as the Chinese themselves are not uniform in their standard."

We introduce this extract as recent events at the North have called attention to Chinese land measure; and also from the expression made use of by Captain Balfour before the Parliamentary Committee—viz: that 120 Chinese li was about 30 English miles—it appears that even that experienced Officer was not aware of the precise length of the boundary he had established with the Chinese; and hence, probably, the necessity for establishing a limitation of time.

Under the reservation we have quoted, Mr Gutzlaff gives the length of a li as 1,897 English feet; but "the missionaries [early Catholic missionaries] divided the degree into 200 li, each li amounting to 1,828 English miles," which gives the degree 69 1/2 English miles."

According to the first of these rates, Captain Balfour's boundary extends to 43 English miles and by the reduced li, to over 41 miles. This appears to be so much in excess of the Consul's calculation, that it may be questioned whether the long-measure in use at Shanghai is not different from that referred to; in the work we have quoted from, we also read, "this measurement, however, is not so well fixed as not to admit of doubt and variation," and this certainly questions the correctness of the measurements quoted.

Brigman's *Chrestomathy* also gives the li as 1,597 1/2 feet, reduced by the missionaries to 1,828, to suit their mathematical calculations. We have it upon the same authority that 250 li of 1,828 English feet make one degree; but this cannot be correct, as the degree would be thus stretched out to 86 1/2 miles. The *Chrestomathy* is more an elementary book for the Chinese student that a work of reference; and we point out the blunder as to the length of a degree, as it has been quoted as an authority.

On Saturday morning the schooner *Paradise* from Canton was upset on entering this Harbour from the Cappingmoon passage; when unfortunately Dr and Mrs James, a young gentleman nephew to Mr Sward of Canton, three Chinese servants and a Chinese female were drowned. Dr James was an American Missionary, and with his wife arrived in China a few months ago. They were below, and had not

the slightest chance of saving themselves. Three gentlemen, and Mr Sward's nephew were thrown into the water when the schooner upset; they got on her side, but were obliged to leave as she was sinking. One entered the stern boat in hope of casting it loose; the schooner, however, was going down fast and he swam clear. It is supposed that Mr Sward's nephew got hold of the bow of the boat and went down with her. After sinking about six feet of the main-top-mast was above water, and to this the three Europeans clung until they were taken off by a Canton Lora. None of the crew were lost; two of them were picked up by the schooner *Zephyr*.

On Monday the body of the China woman was found, and a Coroner's Inquest held upon it. Verdict—"Accidental death."

As yet all efforts to raise the schooner have failed. On Sunday she was hove up to a couple of cargo boats, when the tackle gave way; on Monday she was raised sixteen feet but the tackle again broke; to-day (Tuesday) the American whaling ship *Josephine* has been attempting to raise her with a strong purchase.

A CRIMINAL SESSIONS of the Supreme Court was held on Saturday. There were only seven cases on the list, and none of a very aggravated nature.

Too-poo the pirate and Informer, upon whose evidence several men have been transported for having been engaged in the Chimney bay piracy, was accused of having extorted money under threats of charging his victims with piracy. He was convicted, and sentenced to three years imprisonment. On leaving the court he expressed a wish that they would hang him when the three years expired. Too-poo has been turning his villany to a profitable account, and had his career not been checked he would have looted "black mail" to a large amount. It is at all times difficult to deal with an Informer, but it is particularly so with a Chinese man confessedly of an atrocious character. We doubt whether a Jury would have again found a prisoner guilty upon the unsupported testimony of this man. The Authorities appear to have been alive to the dangerous power of the false hold and the bad use he might put to, as it appeared that he had received an order not to charge any more people with the Chimney bay piracy,—an order to which he did not choose to attend. Justice cannot always be satisfied without the service of such characters, but the present example will deter others from profiting by their infamy.

From the *Hongkong Register* we take a report of the proceedings before the Court; a perusal of which will enable our readers to judge whether, as it is now constituted, the Supreme Court of Hongkong is creditable to our country. We may mention that the Attorneys have discontinued bringing civil suits before the Court; and we will consider it our duty, in a future issue, to draw attention to the decisions given last Saturday.

Since the treaty of Nankin our Chinese diplomacy has been a series of blunders,—even the supplementary treaty in some particulars is a failure. Of the four new ports opened to our commerce, next to Shanghai, Foo-chow-foo is the one from which most was expected. A city of great opulence, with a teeming population, situated in a fertile district, and having direct water communication with the tea districts, it was the general impression that it would become the seat of an extensive foreign trade. How have these expectations been realized? After being opened for nearly four years the legal trade of the port is not worth naming; there is not a single commercial house, and the only goods sold are the Commanders of opium receiving ships. A Consular establishment has been kept up at an expense of £3,000 a year; at various periods merchants have tried the market with assorted cargoes, but the result has been disappointment and loss. The port is virtually closed to foreign trade, and ever will be unless British diplomacy assumes a more lively position, and is conducted with a degree of intelligence and firmness which have not marked its progress during the past four years. It was with the greatest reluctance that the Chinese Commissioners agreed to make Foo-chow-foo a port of trade; upon this point the final adjustment of the treaty depended, and they only gave in when they saw that the British Envoy would not relinquish any of his demands. By arms the privilege was gained, but it has been valueless; Chinese cunning has successfully opposed every attempt at traffic. They have allowed our Consular establishment quietly to slide within the city, after keeping it for a long period located in the suburbs among boatmen, fishermen, smugglers and pirates. For a time the Consul was not allowed to hoist his flag, and was repeatedly insulted officially in a gross manner, though the authorities, and indeed the people, were not long of appreciating and respecting his position. Mr Lay's repeated remonstrances to the British Plenipotentiary in 1844 were, she is believed, received with that supercilious indifference which marked the wavering and uncertain career of



