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THE PRINCE OF WALES AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship BRAGANZA, will leave this for the above places on Thursday the 26th of May.

Cargo will be received on board until Noon, and Steer until 4 P. M., of the 24th.

FIRST CLASS GENERAL PASSAGE.

To Singapore	\$ 144
" Penang	408
" Ceylon	298
" Madras	865
" Calcutta and Bombay	451
" Suez	643
" Malta (Transit through Egypt included)	768
" England, do. do. do.	792

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

J. A. OLDING, Agent. Hongkong, 27th April, 1848.

NOTICE. THE P. & O. S. N. COMPANY'S, 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 for Silver Bullion, and 3 per cent for Gold.

J. A. OLDING, Agent. P. & O. S. N. Company's Office, Victoria, 13th May, 1848.

COMMISSIONER HONGKONG, 15th May, 1848.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned will dispose of Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at 90 days sight, to the extent required for the public Service, on the terms most favorable to Government that may be proposed.

F. S. CARPENTER, D. A. C. G.

FOR SALE. MARINE LOT No. 12, 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 NICK'S 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 TROS. RIPLEY & Co. The property is situated near the centre of the Town, (Victoria, Hongkong), and has a water frontage. Apply on the Premises, by, 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, DUES & Co., Hongkong; or, PLATT, HARGREAVES & Co., Shanghai. 4th March, 1848.

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

NOTICE. THE Business heretofore conducted in China under the Firm of VANDERBEEK ROTHSCHILD & Co. is this day dissolved. Messrs REYNVAAN & Co. are authorized to sign for the liquidation. Canton, 1st February, 1848.

NOTICE. MR. BEBBERO COMPTON is authorized to sign out FIRM by Procuration. CHAS. F. COMPTON & Co. Hongkong, 26th February, 1848.

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

NOTICE. MR. N. L. INGOLS is authorized to sign for us by Procuration from this date. DRINKER & Co, Hongkong, May 1st, 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 transhipping on account of parties absent. SANDWICH DRINKER. Hongkong, 1st April, 1848.

THE HONGKONG AND CANTON STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

PERSONS 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, 6th April, 1848.

FOR SALE. A PRINTING PRESS, with an ample supply of Type, Merchant Marks, and all Apparatus requisite for a Newspaper Office, or any other Printing Establishment. All new. JAMIESON, HOW & Co. Hongkong, 2nd May, 1848.

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

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

GRAM. JUST landed a few Bags of fine Bengal Gram and Java Coffee. FRANKLYN & MILNE. Victoria, 5th May, 1848.

FOR SALE. AMERICAN Mess Beef and Pork, just landed. A Pickled Tongues, in half Barrels. Fresh American Flour, of the "Collegio," "Richmond City Mill," and "Hessell" Brands. Kennedy's American Butter. Superior American Water Crackers, in Tins. American Navy and Pilot Bread. 600 New bright Barrel Muskets, with Bayonets and Fixtures complete. Winchester's Yellow Soap. Sperm Candles 45, 58, and 68. Manila and Europe Rope, of assorted Sizes. Manila Segars, of New Brands, Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Java and Manila Coffee. Platform and Counter Scales. Writing and Copying Ink, in Quarts and Pints. Tobacco. White Lead and Paints, of all descriptions. Paint Oil and Brushes. A general assortment of Naval Stores.

ALSO. Leavens: Superior Brandy, Dark and Pale, of the following Brands, in Wood and Bottle.—Otard, Dupuy & Co.; J. J. Dupuy & Co.; Alex. Seignette; Jas. Hennessy; Dolary, Bellamy & Co. Common French Brandy, in 1 dozen Cases; Manila Rum. Wines.—Scott, Penfold & Co.'s Madeira; Huxley & Napier's superior Pale Sherry. Geo. IV. Sherry, Duff Gordon & Co. 1825. Pure Dry Lisbon. Old London Dock and Osborne's Table Port. Claret.—Chateau La Roche, and St. Julien. Champagne, of superior quality. Jas. Lang & Co.'s Stinger Cabinet. Hook. Cherry Brandy, in Wood. AND A General Assortment of Hardware suitable for the South Sea Islands. DRINKER & Co. Hongkong, 21st April, 1848.

NOTICE. PARTIES keeping a Book for Ice at the Ice House, and taking it through the Season, will be supplied from this date, at the Rate of 3 Cents per lb. The price to those taking it irregularly will be 4 Cents per lb. The Ice will be delivered in quantities over 25 lbs. from 4 to 8 A. M. In less amount during all hours of the day. A few Refrigerators or Boxes adapted for preserving Ice left, which can be had on application at the Ice House. DRINKER & Co. Hongkong, 26th April, 1848.

FOR SALE. DOWRA, HUMPHREYS & Co. Ship Chandlers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Auctioneers, and General Storekeepers, have just received per Queen, Invoices of Superior French Brandy; Dark and Pale Brandy; Superior Sherry; Stationery of all descriptions; Percussion Muskets; Carabines and Pistols; Tar, Canvas and Rope; Dunbar's Beer and Porter; Cheese; Hams; Paint Brushes; Horse Brushes, and Wash Leathers.

ALSO, A well selected Invoice of all description of Ship Chandlery; Hanging Lamps; Iron and Tin Ware. Hongkong, 5th May, 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 Storage with water frontage. CHARLES BUCKTON, Shipping and Commission Agent, Queen's Road, Victoria, 25th Jan., 1848.

JUST landed and for Sale at C. MARKWICK'S, Queen's Road.—Port Wine, in Cases of 3 dozen each. St. Estephe, in cases of 3 dozen each. Chateau Margaux, in cases of 3 dozen each. Sauterne, in cases of 3 dozen each. Sparkling Champagne, in cases of 3 dozen each. Noyau, in cases of 2 dozen each. Geneva, in cases of 1 dozen each, from Hemery, Brothers & Co., London.

ALSO, Marzette's Pale Ale, in Cases of 3 dozen each. FINEST WOODRATT. And some very elegant Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Services, of the newest fashion. Fancy Water Jugs, with and without Metal Tops, of various patterns. Hongkong, 5th May, 1847.

FOR SALE. DULTON Market Beef, in 2 Barrels; Columbia River Salmon, in 2 and 3 Chunks; Columbia Beef, in 4 Barrels, all suitable for families. Fresh Sardines, in Oil and Butter; Bologna Sausage; Vegetables in Tins, such as Asparagus, Kidney Beans, Green Peas, &c., &c. VERY Superior Hock, of different Brands; Sicilian, Claret, and other Light Wines, at moderate prices.

SMITH & BRIMELOW, No. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Buildings, Victoria, 22nd April, 1848. SMITH & BRIMELOW have received a large supply of Dutch and American Butter, in 15 lbs. Kegs, of superior quality, and which they can highly recommend. No. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Buildings, Victoria, 22nd April, 1848.

FOR SALE. PRIME Columbia River Beef in Cases, and Columbia River Salmon, ex Toulon. ALSO, Paint Oil in Demijohns. SMITH & BRIMELOW, No. 1, Woosnam's Buildings, Victoria, 22nd February, 1848.

ADVERTISEMENT. FOR SALE at Mr. RUTHERFORD'S—THE HONGKONG ALMANACK AND DIRECTORY FOR 1848, with PLAN of Land Index to the Town of Victoria, &c. Price \$24. Victoria, 3rd March, 1848.

DUTCH BUTTER. NOW landing and ready for sale 160 Kegs of N. B. Brand, Good Dutch Butter \$8 per keg, at the Store of the undersigned. J. F. BAKER, Queen's Road opposite Oldman's Shop, Victoria, 24th May, 1848.

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

FOR SALE. SALT Provisions, Flour, Rum, Arrack, 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.

FOR SALE. AT the Auction Mart Queen's Road. Fresh Cut Hay in compressed Bales at \$85 per Ton in quantities to suit purchasers, and a few Bags of new Gram at \$74 per 2 maund Bag. Victoria, 17th May, 1848.

AUCTION MART, QUEEN'S ROAD. MR. DUDELL is instructed to sell on the above premises, by Public Auction, on Wednesday the 17th instant, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., for the benefit of the concerned,—Diamond mark YSB 64 Crates containing 1074 Gross Soda Water Bottles, and 300 Gross of Corks. Flour; Coffee; Claret; Brandy; Porter; Stationery; Hosiery; Hardware; and a few articles of Furniture, including a superior Piano Forte, and 4 post Bedstead, &c., &c., &c. Victoria, 16th May, 1848.

HORSES FOR SALE. AT the Auction Mart Queen's Road. Two splendid Horses Warranted Sound and quiet to ride or drive. One a well bred Sydney Gelding Iron Grey. The other a very superior Grey Arab, also a pair of Carriage ponies, for particulars apply on the premises. Victoria, 9th May, 1848.

NOTICE. FARMERY corner of Wellington and Wyndham Street, Victoria. MR. DUDELL begs to inform the community of Hongkong, that he has engaged an English Horse Shoer, and will open a Ferriery in all his branches on the above premises on the 1st of May next; and is confident that the moderate charge of \$14 per Horse together with attention and despatch, will procure him a share of public Patronage. Victoria, 26th April, 1848.

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

HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Queen's Road, Victoria. SODA WATER, AERATED LEMONADE, SELTZER WATER, direct from HAMBURG. AGENT at CANTON, ACHOOK.—Commodore, No. 8, Imperial Hong, Hongkong, 4th November, 1847.

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

SHIPPING ARTICLES, according to the receipt (Victoria 7 & 8) for sale at this Office. Office "Friend of China," 11th October, 1845.

BILLS OF LADING FOR THE OVERLAND ROUTE. FOR sale at this office, four forms of Bills of Lading for goods or specie shipped by the P. & O. Company's Steam packets. 1st for goods deliverable at London; 2nd for goods deliverable at Southampton; 3rd for goods deliverable at Swa; 4th for goods deliverable at intermediate ports. They are printed after the Company's forms on Bank post. Office "Friend of China" 11th October, 1845.

FOR SALE.—At the Office of this paper, Comprehensve cheque books. Ships Articles, with an abstract of the merchant seaman's act secured on the books. Powers of Attorney, other forms by Order, Chartparties, other forms by Order, Bills of Lading, Chinese Form of Bills of Lading, and other useful books.

BIRTHS.

At Victoria, on the 14th instant, Mrs. PARNELL HARRIS, of a son.

NOTICE

New Advertisements will be received until 4 o'clock on the evening previous to publication, viz: Tuesdays and Fridays.

LATEST DATES.

England	Feb. 29	Singapore	Feb. 11
Malacca	Feb. 10	Batavia	April 1
Calcutta	March 31	Singapore	April 29
Bombay	March 19	Manila	May 1
Madras	March 16	Shanghai	May 4

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VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th, 1848.

NOTICE.—Dining Service will for the present be conducted in the building adjoining the Post-Office and opposite to the Club House, on Sundays at 4 p.m., at 11 A.M., and at 8 P.M. and on Thursdays at 7 P.M.

VINCENT SPANTON, Colonial Chaplain.

Victoria, 25th April, 1848.

NOTICE.—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. This congregation, conducted for the present by the Rev. W. C. BURTON, 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.

A GOVERNMENT Notification, which we published on Saturday, intimates that the rate of transit dues levied on calicoes at the Pih-sin Custom house is to be assimilated to those levied at Heu-shoo "which is in the neighbourhood." The Pih-sin, or Pih-sin-kwan Customs, is situated at Hang-chow, about 70 miles from Shanghai, and through it goods sent from Shanghai to the interior chiefly pass. This concession will only slightly affect the trade of Shanghai; goods from Canton going as far north as Pih-sin require to pass through three internal Custom houses, at each of which it is believed there is either a different fixed rate of duty, or "custom" has established various rates of extortion. Captain Ballour states, that at one period goods sent inland from Shanghai had to pay as much as 30 per cent of transit dues, which "was illegal and contrary to treaty, and contrary to arrangements with the Chinese government." Upon remonstrance being made it was reduced from 30 to 5 per cent; and as when he left China he had hopes of a further reduction, it is possible that the change from 3 once a piece to 2 once 2 candereens for 18 pieces is consequent upon the correspondence commenced two years ago.

The question of transit duties will always be a vexatious one; and it is doubtful under the present system whether the exact amount levied will ever be known. It has been suggested that goods sent to the interior should pay a certain fixed rate at one of the five ports, obtaining a pass which will frank them to any part of the country. By this method the revenue of China would not suffer, foreign trade would be encouraged, and there would be a check upon an extensive system of fraud and extortion. It is impossible for foreign Consuls, with every degree of diligence, to be cognizant of the daily exactions at the internal custom-houses, neither can the board of revenue at Peking prevent a system of "squeezing" so congenial to a Chinaman's nature; but by having the goods cleared at either of the five ports under the eye of foreign Consuls, a permit of transit being taken out and no further charge of any kind allowed, we think the evil may in a great degree be remedied.

Or late there has been a lack of news; and this dreary weather people look forward to the arrival of the mail with an unusual degree of interest. Apart from the mere indulgence of a natural curiosity to know what the world is doing, this mail is of much importance to foreign residents in China. It will be known pretty well whether the British government intend taking measures for the future protection of foreigners at Canton and for the punishment of the murderers of Hwang-chu-keo; or whether the adjustment of all difficulties will be deferred to the 1st of April, 1849, when the city gates are to be opened as per new agreement. It is probable, also, that something will be decided upon as to a successor to Chief Justice Hulme. We cannot believe that Mr Campbell has the slightest chance of procuring the appointment; we say this without reference to his legal qualifications, but simply from the circumstance of his being a very young barrister. It is extremely desirable that this question be settled soon and we regret that Mr Campbell's friends do not prevail upon him to resign in Mr Sterling's favour when that gentleman arrived from England. As acting At-

torney-General he would have occupied a respectable position, and escaped not only the legitimate censure of the press, but also observations calculated to bring the bench into contempt as hearing upon the mental capacity and personal dignity of the occupant.

An arrival from Calcutta has put us in possession of a few later papers, with the fifth opium sale. Lord Dalhousie has commenced his legislation by abolishing protection to the British Ship-owner in as far as the Company's territories are concerned; we annex the new Act of Council, and a report of the fifth sale, and also give a brief summary of Indian news.—

Act No. VI. of 1848

An Act for equalizing the Duties on Goods Imported and Exported from Foreign and British Possessions, and for abolishing the duties on goods carried from Port to Port in the Territories subject to the Government of the East India Company.

It is hereby enacted, that from and after the twenty-fifth day of March 1848, all goods imported on foreign bottoms by Sea into any of the Presidencies of Fort William in Bengal, Fort St. George, or Bombay, shall be charged only by the same rate of duty as such goods, would now be charged with if such goods were imported into any of the said Ports on British Bottoms any thing in any Act of the Council of India contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby enacted, that from and after the said day all Goods imported on foreign bottoms by Sea, from any of the said Presidencies, shall be charged only by the same rate of duty as such goods, would now be charged with if such goods were exported from any of the said Ports on British bottoms, any thing in any Act of the Council of India contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby enacted, that from and after the said day, no duty shall be charged on any goods lawfully carried from any Port in the Territories subject to the Government of the East India Company, to any other Port in the said Territories, any thing in any Act of the Council of India contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is hereby enacted, that from and after the said day, all duties on the importation of Salt, and on the exportation of Salt, shall be levied at the same rate as such duties, were levied at in the said Territories, in the present case, and the draft passed at once into Law.

CALCUTTA, 22d March, 1848.

The fifth Government Monthly Sale of Opium, consisting as under, came off this morning and realized the following prices.

	Highest	Lowest	Average.
Patna, 1850 Rs.	705	765	782 1/2
Bombay, 780 ..	755	745	751.11.10.

2,610 Chests. The first division of Patna went off with as much spirits prevailed at any of the previous sales. The first 2 lots were knocked down at Rs. 795, when it declined to Rs. 790, at which all of this division sold.

The Bombay description opened at Rs. 755, between which and Rs. 750, it fluctuated with the exception of 31 lots towards the close, which went at Rs. 745.

The second division of Patna opened at Rs. 790, but immediately afterwards gave way to Rs. 785 and 780, gradually declining to Rs. 765, at which it closed rather heavily.

Shippers have been the largest purchasers at this sale, taking fully 1,000 chests, and the Bombay buyers from 600 to 900, the remainder being divided among the Jews, Marwarries, and Bazaris.

The only clipper on the north is the *Mar and Antez*, which leave immediately, but the *Rob Roy* and *Coyette* are expected.

Exchange on England has declined, and bills at 6 months' sight with shipping documents may be quoted at 1s. 10 1/2 d. in 10 1/4 d. and on China at 1s. 2 1/2 d. at 2 1/2 p. 8 1/10.

The stock of opium this evening is, Patna 2,080 chests, Bombay 863 chests. Total 2,943 chests.

A FEW ITEMS OF INDIAN NEWS.

—Mr Theobald, as Secretary to the Local Committee of the East Indian Railway Company, has addressed two of our daily contemporaries in correction of Major Ansell. The last mentioned gentleman in a circular to the Proprietors of the North Western British states of Cockerell, Lupton & Co. to have been Bankers to the Railway Company. This is pointed out as a mistake, Glynn's having always been the bankers of that association. Mr Theobald also indicates it as unusual for mercantile houses in England to act as bankers to joint stock companies.

—An official advertisement in the Gazette retracts the permission granted by the Government of Bengal to ships trading beyond the Bay of Bengal to navigate the river Hoogly without a pilot—except as vessels in tow of a steamer. This back step is the consequence of a special request by Lloyd's Committee; themselves moved (the Englishman thinks) by a representation from the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce.

—The discussion whether Chaplains on the Bengal Establishment belonged to the category military as well as the Church militant continues. With regard to the case in which it originated— to administer a right in a Military Committee to administer the estate of the late Lord Mr Lovelace—it appears the Judge Advocate General has decided that the Committee was not authorized to interfere. A correspondent of the Englishman is desirous to have the J. A. G.'s letter published in order that it may disclose "whether the error of the Committee was or was not in making the estate over to the executor on the spot, after having taken an inventory, and paid servants, &c.; or whether the Committee committed an error in not interfering with the Bengal Military Fund Regulation of 1824." Chaplains of the Bengal Establishment are specifically reckoned as eligible to be members—they obtain pensions equivalent to those of Majors and Lieutenant Colonels. The same writer suggests they should also acquire for prize money!

—Madras papers to the 28th February, have been received in town. The *Chronicle* continues in the belief that the Bengal Government had been pumping the Burmese authorities on the subject of appointing a Resident at Amoy. The same journal writes that a "Madras King the Town" which was a failure. The *Free Press* is under prosecution for libel by Col. Justice; if law con-

with Justice, our contemporary is likely to be added which 1,000 Rs. damages, and a proportionate amount of cost—the two however are probably so much in opposition that the judgment will probably not be the exception proving the rule. The *Free Press* settles in a more realistic of the *Hurkar's* has grappled with his venerable critic, tooth and nail, declining to switch the rest of the Calcutta papers with his tail. He writes—"The Calcutta Press however has never cordially given us of Moulmein the hand of fellowship, but on the contrary thought itself too sublime to do so. This is not looked down upon with contempt. This is simply unfounded, and our contemporary would do well to lay down a path, when biliously moved to wrathfulness. It is not to be frequently led away into declamation of so utterly nonsensical a kind. The Marquis and Marchioness, of Tweeddale have left the shores of Madras, in the Steamer *Hugh Lindsay* for Ceylon. The *Fox* is expected to take the noble pair up at Galle and on to England. Should, as it is not unlikely, that that frigate be detained in India, we presume his Lordship will avail himself of the Panicular that some sixteen feet of sand have already enshrouded the *Jellyfish*, so that it is likely to be abandoned. It is singular fact which the Geological Society, or Mr Lyell incidentally, would do well to accept for—that vessels going down the river Hoogly with a valuable cargo, either of Government property or well insured private property, gets irrevocably covered over with sand in less than no time. Eccc this deposit of sixteen feet in six weeks before the Court of Requests in which a lady sued by a female servant for wages pleaded coverture. Proof was demanded and the advocate produced a medal, which in the Mauritius where the ceremony was performed, is a legal marriage certificate. Evidence was further put in to show that the parties were every where received as man and wife. At first Baboo Ruseomoy Dutt refused to consider this adequate to establish the plea. But on adjournment, and a further argument, the learned Commissioner accepted a quotation from Barr's Ecclesiastical Law, to show that the actual celebration of the ceremony need not be proved in support of such a plea. As the husband of the lady is in Europe, the ayah must ply patience.

—The *Hurkar* has the following paragraph "As the *Hudderton* was passing Hoogly Point on her way up the river, she suddenly came upon what was at first supposed to be a wreck, but which turned out to be a shoal of elephants. Not less than nine of these animals were crossing the channel, each with a mahout on his back. They were all tied together and were being towed across by a boat."

—An Alligator was captured on Wednesday in the bank in Wellington square. He is about six feet long, and is now at the Museum in Park Street, to receive the calls of inquiring friends.

—The daily papers contain the valuations between Sir John Grant and the Calcutta Bar. We extract them:—

MY DEAR SIR,—You are aware that I am compelled by the unfortunate state of my health, an unsuspected affliction which has suddenly befallen me, instantly to leave Calcutta. I cannot quit the Bench on which I have sat for so many years in the uninterrupted enjoyment of all the kindness and courtesy on the part of the Bar as necessary to render my position useful to the public, as far as was consistent with the amount of my ability, and in every respect satisfactory to myself, without returning to you, and through you to my letter, my most sincere and grateful acknowledgments, and expressing my deep sense of the intelligence, knowledge of their profession, and honest and uninterested regard for the interests of their country, on the part of the Bar, as undoubtedly well as also decisions of expressing to the members of the other branch of the profession my sense of their professional merits as a body, and my wishes for their happiness and success.

It only remains for me now to wish your hearty farewell, and to assure you of the sincerity with which I shall always remain, Faithfully yours, (Signed) J. P. GRANT. To J. W. COLVILLE, Esq. Advocate General.

MY DEAR SIR JOHNS,—I am desired by the Bar to express our common regret at your approaching departure under circumstances which forbid the manifestation of our sympathy in any manner that might be deemed improper. It would ill become us to dilate upon your conduct on the Bench—Learning, integrity, independence of character, and an anxious regard for the liberty of the subject are the qualities which have distinguished your conduct. In you these more solid qualities have been combined with a kindness of nature, and a courtesy of manner which have won for you the affection as well as the respect of all who are engaged in your profession. I need hardly add, that all the members of the Bar might as surely insure the restoration of your health, and that you may long enjoy the dignified retirement which 2500 many years of public service you have amply earned. I have communicated to Mr Swinburn, and through him, to the members of the other branch of the Profession, the expression of your kind feelings towards them. Believe me, my dear Sir John, to be most sincerely and respectfully yours. (Signed) JAMES WM. COLVILLE. March 7, 1848. THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE GRANT.

Dr. Esdaile has been formally posted to an up-country regiment, but continues in Calcutta on leave. No measures have yet been adopted by Government with regard to the Mesmeric Hospital. One of our contemporaries remarks—"The wealthy natives of Calcutta are in earnest in their expressions of wish to retain the doctor's services, they ought to come forward with some contribution for the purpose." Very true, but that cock widgeon. If the progress of mesmerism, chloroform, or any thing else depended upon the "wealthy natives of Calcutta," science might just as well shut up shop. Since this paragraph was in type, we have learnt that Dr. Esdaile has been appointed a Presidency surgeon, in succession of the posting here alluded to. It is to be hoped the notification prefigures a re-appointment of the Hospital.

The Madras territory has been divided into two detached parties are spread over the country to capture Chokra Binayak for whose head a price of Rs. 2,000 has been set.

Mr O'Dowd is said to have applied to Government for a pension, proposing to retire from the office of Sworn Clerk to the Supreme Court, which at present is his only post. Mr O'Dowd

has been attached to the Calcutta Bar since 1839, and soon after his arrival was placed on the staff of the Calcutta Bar. The request has been refused by the Governor-General, the circumstances not being to his Lordship to justify a recommendation to the Court of Directors.

—The *Englishman* notes that the amount of advances on hypothecated goods made this side of India—between May 1st, 1847; and March 15th, 1848—is Rs. 89,55,552.

—The accounts of the laps from of Canton and Co. from the date of its failure in 1841, to the end of Jan. 1848—have been filed in by the Insolvency Court by the Assignees, Messrs McPherson and John Allan. They exhibit a total payment of 17 per cent. in three dividends: each in full available for a further dividend is Rs. 5,000.

—A rumour was circulated in town last week, that a despatch had been forwarded from the Government of India by the *Dido* "placating" various hostile demonstrations against Sir John Grant, on the part of the Hongkong authorities. As the *Dido* is not a General possession, no jurisdiction over her in Hongkong, the report of a veto issuing, and Sir John Grant thinks it "not at all likely that it should be of the nature stated." Our contemporary is of the opinion that the despatch was a consequence of information received from Governor Davis that the *Dido* was not required, and that the object of it was to send the steamers despatched from Madras with a detachment of H. M. S. 25th.

—We know at least that when the *Hongkong* was at Galle intelligence had been received from the Chinese to the effect stated, in letters addressed to the new Governor, Mr Bunham, and it is not improbable that he may have written to the Governor-General on the subject. The *Dido* is not likely to be at Singapore in time to receive the steamers from thence, unless they were detained there; for the *Enterprise* was sailing at Galle, on the 29th ultimo, and would probably reach the former port by the 13th instant, at latest, or before the *Dido* was out of this river, and the *Teasars* is not a General possession, no jurisdiction over her in Hongkong, the report of a veto issuing, and Sir John Grant thinks it "not at all likely that it should be of the nature stated." Our contemporary is of the opinion that the despatch was a consequence of information received from Governor Davis that the *Dido* was not required, and that the object of it was to send the steamers despatched from Madras with a detachment of H. M. S. 25th.

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—The *Enterprise* had gone back to Madras with the troops they took from thence. The *Terrace of India* also alludes to these rumours: he writes—"The last accounts from China informed us that the President's intention was temporarily to alter the decision of the Ministry could be received, and there is no fear of hostilities being precipitated. The Governor-General declined the offer of chartering the *Marborough* to convey a regiment to China, because such a step would be premature; but with the knowledge which Lord Dalhousie must possess of the views of Lord Palmerston and the views embodied in his letters to Sir John Davis, the Governor-General would scarcely take upon himself the responsibility of giving any directions regarding the measures to be pursued by Her Majesty's representatives.

—The Directors of the Peninsular and Oriental Company have, according to the said journal (*Englishman*), written out to a gentleman here, on the subject of improving the ventilation of their steamers. "The plan proposed has not yet been finally decided on, but the Directors express their desire to avail themselves of every suggestion for increasing the comfort of the passengers."

—The Supreme Court has decided that Baboo Anshurth Dey is liable for the interest on the amount belonging to the estate of Palmer and Co. lost in the house of Cockerell and Co. The Baboo was acquired of any culture, and the *Englishman* reports will be found in a subsequent column.

—We deeply regret to hear of the failure of Messrs Harwood, Hardman and Co., as a consequence of the failure of Messrs Gault, Headland and Co. of Newcastle and Messrs Harwood and Co. of Liverpool. The proceedings of the Meeting of creditors are elsewhere extracted, but we cannot desire ourselves the pleasure of quoting here the list resolution.—Proposed by Mr C. J. Richards, seconded by Mr J. J. McKenzie, and carried by acclamation: "That the meeting cannot proceed without expressing their most sincere regret at the occurrence of the unfortunate losses brought upon Messrs Harwood, Hardman and Co., by the late business trade and not by want of attention, close application and economy on their part, nor caused by reckless speculation nor overtrading; and also their sincere desire that the members of the firm may soon be released from their present pecuniary obligations, and resume their former station in the social world, which they are so well entitled to by their high character, integrity and conduct." Mr Harwood was also by acclamation appointed agent on the affairs of the firm on a salary of \$100 per month, Messrs A. Turner and Cologan appointed inspectors, with a remuneration of \$100 each per month.

—The dinner given to Sir John Grant, at the Military Club on Wednesday night was a great affair.

—As our readers have probably already learnt, the Governor-General prolongs the term of Sir Herbert Madox's seat in Council, "until the pleasure of the Court of Directors is made known." A gentleman of the name of Barry has issued a prospectus for a new Tea Company in Assam. He wishes only for a small capital of a crore of rupees, to be raised in very small instalments. The scheme is very liberal to all parties; the stock is to be very well paid, and as the shareholders—their profits are to be equivalent to an average yield of 10 per cent. for a century on the payment of Rs. 200. We are afraid however that the scheme is bad. So much has already been said by antecedent speculators, that there is nothing left to be done.

—The *Madras* papers have analysed the *Free Press* subscription list. Thirty-five names and names have been subscribed by two hundred and twenty-six persons, of whom thirty-seven are natives. Of this thirty-four are English and thirty-two are natives.

—There is a report that Mr Law, the Registrar of the Bengal Secretariat, has refused the admission of persons into the rooms of the

deriving business hours. Somebody relates a doleful... the means of a wife's illness was thus pro-

There has been some sensation among our... the Hon. Capt. Frederik T. Palmh, com-

There has been a fire at Palteera ghaut, the... resulting from which amount to near Rs.

We received by advertisements that the Municipal... Mr Graham, their Assessor.

From the Overland Calcutta Star, March 20... The Bombay Express with the first February

As this paper will go to press before the 18th... the arrival, it is impossible for us to state

Several memorials on mercantile subjects have... been laid before the Governor-General. One

An Act, the intelligence of which has probably... reached England ere this, will show what

been agitated in the Council Chamber, there seems... no doubt that a legislative enactment will follow.

The Executive Committee of the Union Bank... has not yet decided to go ahead with the project

There are two items of interest to our military... friends, the announcement that the Ghazni

Among items of personal intelligence, the first... we have to record is the departure of Sir John

The Court of Directors not having declared their... pleasure with reference to Sir Herbert Maddock's

THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS. (From the Friend of Smith's European Times) The

years ago France was glad enough to invite our... speculators to help in the construction of her rail-

The true account of these things, it would seem... is still to be written. Among other subjects of

The periodical levings of the commercial ocean... which, after breaking all moderate bounds, retire

At both periods superabundance of capital was... the predisposing cause. On the former occasion

The commercial history of 1845 presents a... remarkable parallel to the above. From April, 1841

The great commercial barometer, therefore, ex... hibits in both periods a serious transition from

nation, is a home divided against itself. Nothing... can be more ill-timed, under such circumstances,

(From the Malta Times) We have thought proper to copy from our

The Hon. Capt. Frederik T. Palmh, com... manding the *Odin* at night, and the same time

She was weakly manned in proportion to the... height of her masts and yards; but from the high

I beg to assure you Mr President and members... of this Hon. Court, that my statement is not

Mr Archer, the Master, was a good, zealous and... attentive officer; and Capt. Dacres has stated

Mr Larcum, the gunner I can speak of from my... personal knowledge, having known him before;

I have made allusion to Capt. Napier, as he... joined *Aeger*, since I left the *Tagus*, and I

Lieut. Rooke also with the consent of the Court... corroborated what Captain Pellissier has stated,

The late Court of Admiralty on Lt. Rooke and his... conduct in this misfortune, terminated on Tuesday

At a few minutes before our set, the Court was... opened and the following sentence read by the

The Court, after hearing the narrative of Lt. Rooke... read, and the evidence adduced, are of opinion

The Court consider the conduct of Lieut. Rooke... to have been proper, in lowering the cutter, as he

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ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL LONDON. (From the Morning News) We were very sorry to hear of the

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS. AT HONGKONGS. 12. Zephyr, Wilson, from East Coast, and Foo-chow 8th May. 13. Mar, Alton, from Calcutta 8th March and Singapore 29th April.

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SHIPPING IN CHINA.

Table with columns: Ship, At, Tons, Masters, Consignees. Lists various ships like H.M. Ship Malampas, Brig Columbine, etc.

MERCHANT VESSELS.

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VESSLS LOADING.

Table with columns: For, At, Ships, Consignees, Intended Despatch. Lists loading schedules for various destinations like London, Liverpool, etc.

VESSLS EXPECTED.

Table with columns: Date, Ship, Consignees, Intended Despatch. Lists expected vessels from various ports like London, Liverpool, etc.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

REMARKS ON THE MARKET. IMPORTS.—The very dull state of the market regarding piece goods is such, that we have only to observe, that almost all descriptions of goods demand a great sacrifice to be realized...