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 —COLOMBO, COCHIN, CALCUT, CANNANORE,
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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship LADY MARY WOOD, will leave this for the above places on Tuesday the 25th of July.

Cargo will be received on board until Noon, and SPECTR until 4 p. m., of the 24th.

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

J. A. OLDING, Agent.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE P. & O. S. N. COMPANY'S, will from this date undertake the conveyance of Spectra from China, and the Straits, to Southampton, under the conditions specified in their customary Bill of Lading, at 24 per cent for Silver Bullion, and 3 per cent for Gold.

J. A. OLDING, —Agent.

P. & O. S. N. Company's Office
 Victoria, 18th May, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE "LADY MARY WOOD," leaving Hongkong on the 25th of July, and following Steamers, will proceed through to Bombay, and be prepared to receive Cargo and Passengers for that place as heretofore.

J. A. OLDING, Agent.

P. & O. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, 30th June, 1848.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE A. I. British Barque ELIZA, 245 Tons, Captain JOHN WALLER, Apply to the Captain on board, or to,

P. P. BIRD, LANGE & Co.
 FREDK. H. BLOCK.
 Hongkong, 28th June, 1848.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE A. I. British Barque HARBINGER, 297 Tons, N. M., Captain CANTON, HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.
 Victoria, 27th June, 1848.

FOR BATAVIA.

THE Dutch Bark SUMATRA, Capt. VALTMAN, will have immediate despatch for the above Port. For freight apply to,
 BUSH & Co.
 Hongkong, June 22nd, 1848.

FOR SALE.

THE Hull of the Barque PATH-FINDER, also her Spars, Sails, Cordage, Stores, &c., separately, on a day to be named in a future Advertisement. For particulars apply on Board to,
 JOHN MILLER, —Commander.
 Hongkong, 19th June, 1848.

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE in Stanley Street next house West of the Asiatic Society's premises and formerly occupied by Colonel BRANTON, with either six or eight Rooms and Out-houses.
 Rent moderate. Apply at the VICTORIA DISPENSARY, Queen's Road.
 Victoria, 28th June, 1848.

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 Nix-kas Property.
 For Plans, and full particulars, apply to,
 HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.
 Canton, 2nd February, 1848.

TO LET.

THE BUNGALOW situated immediately behind the Malacca College, at present occupied by Captain YOUNG. Apply to,
 LINDSAY & Co.
 Victoria, 29th May, 1848.

TO LET.

SPACIOUS Godowns and dwelling house, built of Granite and lately occupied by Messrs. TONG, KIPPER & 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.

FOR SALE.

THE HOUSE belonging to W. & T. GEMMELL & Co. For particulars apply to the undersigned.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
 W. F. BEVAN,
 Assignees of the Estate of W. & T. Gemmell & Co.
 Victoria, 20th June, 1848.

FOR SALE.

A BUILDING Allotment on the Queen's Road. Apply at this office.
 Office "Friend of China," }
 26th May, 1848.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY 1847-49.

A GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs DENT & Co., on Thursday the 6th July, at 4 p. m.
 Hongkong, 27th June, 1848.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr JOHN GIBSON in our establishment will cease from and after this date.
 Our business in future will be carried on under the Firm of JAMESON, HOW & Co.
 JAMESON, HOW & Co.
 Hongkong, 30th June, 1848.

NOTICE.

MR. MARTIN WILHELMY, is authorised to Sign our Firm by Procuration.
 BOOSTEAD & Co.
 Canton, 20th May, 1848.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK H. BLOCK is authorized to sign our Firm in China by Procuration.
 BURD, LANGE & Co.
 Hongkong, 23rd May, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted in China under the Firm of VANDERBURG ROXWANDER & Co. is this day dissolved.

Messrs REYNVAAN & Co. are authorized to sign for the liquidation.
 Canton, 1st February, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE partnership heretofore existing under the style of TRUSS, BOURN & 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.

FOR SALE.

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

JUST RECEIVED PER "JOHN O'GAUNT."

Assorted Invoice of Gentlemen's patent Leather Soles Walking shoes; Brown Windsor soap; Nail and Tooth Brushes; Violet Powder; English made silk Umbrellas, &c., &c.

ALSO.

A choice lot of small Cumberland Hams in first rate condition, and a few dozens of Real Devonshire Cyder.
 HOLMES & BIGHAM.
 Queen's Road, 7th June, 1848.

GRAM.

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

JUST LANDED.

CHEESES; fresh Pine Apple Jelly; and Indian Arrowroot, in tins of 10 lbs, and in bulk.
 ALSO,
 Fine new Hay.
 FRANKLYN & MILNE.
 Victoria, 30th May, 1848.

FOR SALE.

A FEW Toilet Shower Baths; and some Eng. Fish Mosquito Nettings in 86 yds. Pieces very cheap. Apply to,
 C. MARKWICK,
 Auctioneer.
 Queen's Road, 8th June, 1848.

FOR SALE.

A NEW English House Water Closet complete with force Pump. Price moderate. Apply to,
 C. MARKWICK,
 Auctioneer.
 Victoria, 1st June, 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.

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 Casks, and Columbia River Salmon, ex Toulon.
 ALSO,
 Paint Oil in Demi-johns.
 SMITH & BRIMELOW,
 No. 1, Woosnam's Buildings,
 Victoria, 22nd February, 1848.

MESSRS HUNTER & BARTON, Surgeons &c., beg to intimate that the VICTORIA DISPENSARY, is removed from their house in Pottinger street to the Rooms on the Queen's Road, adjoining those at present occupied by Mr GASKELL, Solicitor.
 Victoria, 13th June, 1848.

BIBLES, AND PRAYER BOOKS.
 A small invoice has just been received by the undersigned.
 ROBERT RUTHERFURD,
 Queen's Road, 16th June, 1848.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
 QUEEN'S ROAD.
 SODA WATER and LEMONADE of Superior Quality.
 MACAO, at HINNAM'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. 3, Imperia I Hong.
 Hongkong, 4th November, 1847.

FOR SALE.—At the Office of this paper, Commodore's cheque books, Ships Articles, with an abstract of the merchant-seaman's act endorsed on the back, Powers of Attorney, after forms by Chitty, Chartersparties, after forms by Chitty, Bills of Lading, Chinese Tariff of Imports, and Exports, for counting houses.

BILLS OF LADING FOR THE OVERLAND ROUTE.
 FOR sale at this office, four forms of bills of lading for goods of 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 Suez; 4th for goods deliverable at intermediate ports. They are printed after the Company's forms on Bank post.
 Office "Friend of China," }
 25th October, 1845.

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 Baskets of 2 dozen pint-stone bottles. Prices moderate.

RAWLE, DUUS & Co.
 Victoria, 4th April, 1848.

FOR SALE.

SALT Provisions, Flour, Ram, 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.

CLARET, &c., &c.

A small Invoice of good Claret, Ditto of Loaf Sugar, Ditto of American Butter in Kegs, For sale by
 RAWLE, DUUS Co.
 June 6th, 1848.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO BE LET.

TWO or FOUR Good Rooms in the upper part of a HOUSE by,
 DOUGLAS LAPRAIK.
 Victoria, 4th 1848.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr JOHN SILVERLOCK in our Firm ceased on the 30th ultimo.
 HENRY MOUL & Co.
 Canton, 1st July, 1848.

NOTICE.

MR FRANK DUVAL is authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration.
 RATHBONES, WORTHINTON & Co.
 Canton, 30th June, 1848.

NOTICE.

MR GEORGE NORRIS is authorized to act as Purser of the CORSAIR Steamer in future; Mr W. J. STRANE's employment hitherto, in that capacity, ceasing from this date.
 MACGIVEN & Co. —Agents.
 Hongkong, 4th July, 1848.

FOR SALE.

AN Invoice of Spanish Olives in original packages; just received by,
 DRINKER & Co.
 Victoria, 5th July, 1848.

EX "THOMAS SPARKS."

IRON Nails assorted, Copper boat do, small chain for Toppas' sheers, signal Lanterns, round, square, and Hoop Iron, Hollow ware cooking utensils, Cabin stores with piping and copper Tea Kettles to fit, Coffin furniture, Table cutlery, Pen Knives, Coffee Percolators, Cross cut, and pit Saws, Hand Cuffs and Leg Irons, Broad wood and others Axes, Dog Chains and Collars, Padlocks; also a few 6 lb. Jars of very superior Butter, and Wine and Beer Corks.
 Apply to,
 BOWRA, HUMPHREYS & Co.
 Victoria, 4th July, 1848.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON Thursday forenoon the 6th instant, at eleven o'clock will be sold by Public Auction in the Mess Room 25th Regiment, Murray Barracks, the effects of the late Captain GRANT, consisting of Fowling pieces, Baddery, a Balan Chair, Shower Bath, and a variety of useful articles.
 O. MARKWICK,
 Auctioneer.
 Victoria, July 3rd, 1848.

SHIPPING ARTICLES, according to the recent act (Victoria 7 & 8) to be in this Office, Office "Friend of China," }
 Victoria, 10th October, 1845.

LINGUIST'S REPORTS and NAVY BILLS for sale at this Office, Office "Friend of China," }
 25th Dec., 1844.

MARRIED.—On the 1st instant, at the Colonial Chapel, Victoria, by the Rev. VIGOR STRAWSON, W. H. MITCHELL, Esq., & MARY ANN KIRBY, widow of the late MR. THOMAS KIRBY.

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

LATEST DATES. Table with columns for destination (England, United States, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras) and dates for departure.

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VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 27th, 1848.

NOTICE.—Dirige Service will for the present be conducted in the building adjoining the Post-Office and opposite to the Club-House, on Wednesdays at 6 A. M., 11 A. M. and 6 P. M.; and on Thursdays at 7 P. M.

VINCENT STANTON, Colonial Chaplain. Victoria, 24th April, 1848.

NOTICE.—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. This congregation, conducted for the present by the Rev. W. C. BURNS, will meet every SABBATH, in the Bungalow immediately behind the City Hotel, on Wednesdays at 4 o'clock, and on Saturdays at 11 A. M., and 1 P. M.

Papers relating to the murder of six Englishmen in the neighbourhood of Canton in the month of December 1847. Presented to both Houses of Parliament by order of Her Majesty.

TODAY we have made a selection from the official communications previous to the murders in December last, commencing with Sir John Davis's despatch to Viscount Palmerston of date 25th August 1847, and ending with one of 27th November and its two inclosures.

A perusal of these papers confirms the very general conviction, that in order to bolster up the foolish expedition of April, and his own reputation, Sir John Davis was deceiving Her Majesty's government as to the feeling entertained towards foreigners by the people of Canton, and that he was aided in his mischievous purpose by the Military and Naval Commanders of the expedition. To acquire a bastard reputation at the foreign office, the Envoy did not scruple to misrepresent facts, to malign all who were opposed to his weak, fickle, and tortuous policy; and to sacrifice the lives of his unfortunate countrymen. He may not be impeached before the national tribunal but allowed to sink into that congenial obscurity from which he was imprudently drawn to disgrace the diplomacy of his country, and to earn for himself the unmitigated contempt of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in China, who with feelings of regret, were ultimately compelled to shun as some thing polluted and impure the representative of their Sovereign. The Military and Naval commanders are censurable, in having in a degree countenanced and aided the Envoy in his deliberate and long continued scheme of deception. The first scribbled himself into a regiment (an honour and source of profit which he never could acquire by the sword), bestowed upon him to the manifest injury of many a veteran who was heading columns in the field when he was filing an easy biller in some of the offices connected with the war department. The second has not received the order of the Bath, which he perhaps earned by the courage displayed in placing in irons the drunken Soldiers sent on board the *Valture* on the evening of the memorable 1st of April.

In furtherance of his unworthy scheme, Sir John Davis writes Viscount Palmerston on the 25th of August.—

"I believe the Canton factories were never less in need of the protection of such a vessel (a Steamer) than at present. The congregation of vagabonds about them has been put as much to rest as there is an efficient Chinese guard at the Consou House, &c., &c."

On the 24th of July, Rear-Admiral Inglefield arrived to assume command of the squadron, and as a matter of course, he disposed his vessels according to the wishes of the Plenipotentiary. The correspondence regarding the riot of July 1848 (reviewed in the *Friend of China* of 1st and 4th September, 1847) shows that Sir John Davis and Sir Thomas Cochrane both opposed the request of the Canton residents that a small steamer be kept near the factories. The doctrine that "British subjects resident in Chinese ports should be left wholly unprotected, lest the sight of the force sent for their protection should irritate the mob" was repeatedly urged upon the Foreign Secretary.

An attempt was also made to convince His Lordship that Whampoa was the proper place for a ship of war. In reply to these representations, Lord Palmerston wrote in December 1840 (exactly one year before the *Hwang-chu-kee* murders)—

"The distinction attempted to be set up by Mr. Macgregor between that part of the river opposite the factories and that of Canton is wholly untenable; but in order to call a distinction short, I have only to say, that wherever British subjects are placed in danger, in a situation which is exposed to a British ship of war, either a British ship ought to be sent, or will be ordered not only to go, but to remain as long as its presence may be required for the protection of British interests."

The doctrine laid down by His Lordship was entirely in accordance with the opinion held by the British residents of Canton, but it appears Sir John Davis was determined to adhere to his own obstinate will. On the 22nd of September he writes Admiral Inglefield,—

"So much, indeed, has the quiet and security of British residents at Canton been improved by local arrangements since April last, that it appears to myself the constant presence of a steamer opposite the factories will be quite needless, and that the discretionary power to withdraw that vessel except when required at particular periods, might be safely exercised."

Influenced by this declaration the *Pluto* was immediately ordered to Hongkong, and on the 20th of October the Admiral sailed for India, satisfied with the assurances of Sir John Davis that a vessel of war was not required in the vicinity of the factories. The *Pluto* lay at anchor in Hongkong for a month, the factories being without protection; she was then sent to the east coast with stores, and did not return until after the murders. Had she not been withdrawn, the *Hwang-chu-kee* murders would never have been committed. It was after her departure that the villagers issued their manifesto, the declared object of which was consummated at *Hwang-chu-kee* on the 5th December.

On the 6th October Sir John Davis sailed for Cochin China in the *Valture* steam-frigate taking with him the *Ringdove* sloop of war. In his absence Major-General D'Aguiar assumed the duties of government. The Major-General availed himself of the opportunity to assure Lord Palmerston on the 21st October, that—

"Canton remains perfectly tranquil, and all turbulence and excitement on the part of the Chinese populace is rapidly subsiding."

Three days after the Major-General penned this, an attempt was made to murder three of his countrymen at Cha-tow (one of them was afterwards murdered at *Hwang-chu-kee*). The General was rather in a dilemma, but he tells the Foreign Secretary, that though "these occasional acts of aggression on the part of the lower orders, and especially of the village militia, must be expected for some time to come," still, "they do not affect the improved condition of things at Canton, or the change of manner and demeanour that has come over all the respectable and influential classes of the country."

The Governor returned in time to enable the Major-General to add a paragraph to his despatch; but he it is remembered that from the 6th to the 30th October, not a single pennant was nearer the factories than Hongkong, and that part of that time in the event of riots even a tardy protection was only available by withdrawing the solitary vessel of war in this harbour. There is every reason to believe that had the three foreigners not escaped to their boat they would have been murdered by the villagers of Cha-tow on the 24th of October. On the 6th November the Vice Consul was fired at in passing a fort below the factories; and on the 14th of that month Sir John Davis had the hardihood to assure Lord Palmerston that the present times was an improvement on the state of things before he entered on office. He further states that the Gentlemen attacked at Cha-tow experienced no personal violence or injury. True, they were not hurt for this simple reason—the people could not catch them. On the 29th another letter is addressed to the foreign office. The British Residents are charged with having sent home false reports; Lord Palmerston is complimented for having sent an uncivil reply to a memorial from the merchants of Liverpool; and that Association told "that their frightful dreams have not been realized." Could Sir John Davis have known that the events of one short week would test many of his statements he would not have written the following paragraph, every word of which is an untruth.—

"The speculations of the Association (East India and Co.) are happily rendered superfluous by the fact that for the first time since the peace, it may be confidently predicted a Steamer will not be required in the vicinity of the mob at Canton in its antagonism to the factories, and this is a great public good."

Sir John attaches to his despatch a statement of Mr. Johnston dated the 10th, in which he comments upon the "very observable improvement in the temper of the people of Canton." The "Statement of Mr. Johnston" must have been rather shaken by the fact that in the very day it was written, Captain MacDougall of the Navy, the Consul, Vice-Consul, and Interpreter were stoned by the people whose temper had evidently improved!

In communicating this last assault to the Foreign Office, Sir J. Davis treated it as a very slight affair; enclosing an extract from a letter written by Captain MacDougall as containing a clear account of the occurrence. It was stated by the government paper that this letter was written to a brother officer, and therefore it should not have been used officially. At the time, it is true, we expressed a doubt whether the "brother officer" was not Sir John Davis himself (*Friend of China* 1st December) and from the language used in referring to it, it would appear that Sir John is the "brother officer." Connected with this affair it is remarkable that Mr. Macgregor's official communication was not transmitted to Her Majesty's government at all. It may be asked why it was kept back and an extract from Captain MacDougall's letter to a "brother officer" substituted. The writer of the letter and Sir John Davis understood each other no doubt, and Mr. Macgregor's official report was not considered fit for the foreign office; but in announcing that redress had been obtained, Mr. Macgregor distinctly refers to an assault committed by lads wantonly throwing stones at himself and party, the Soldiers placed on the walls to preserve order having been remiss in their duty in not preventing them.

We conclude our present extracts with Viscount Palmerston's letter to Mr Bonham expressing the satisfaction which the government derived from Sir John Davis's despatch of the 20th November! On Saturday the papers will be continued, commencing with a despatch to Viscount Palmerston, written by Sir John Davis immediately after hearing of the *Hwang-chu-kee* murders.

Sir John Davis to Viscount Palmerston. Victoria, Hongkong, August 25th, 1847. My Lord.—Refraining from any interference with the *Pluto* steamer, anchored off the factories at Canton, was in need of revictualing, sent an order with my concurrence to the commander to proceed down to Hongkong for that purpose.

I believe the Canton factories were never less in need of the presence of such a vessel than at present. The congregation of vagabonds about them has been put on end; there is an efficient Chinese guard at the Consou House, and the final blocking up of the old thoroughfare and landing place in the midst of the factories (now a site for the church) has given them a degree of quietness and security to which they were before strangers.

Under these circumstances, the Rear-Admiral might perhaps have abstained from sending the steamer up again, but as gradual changes are always most advisable on such occasions, the *Pluto* will return to-morrow or the next day, when revictualled, and hereafter, should the continuance of perfect tranquillity seem to justify it, he can avail himself of the discretionary authority conveyed in your Lordship's despatch of April 14, to withdraw the steamer if not required.—I have, &c.,

[Signed] J. F. DAVIS.

Sir John Davis to Rear-Admiral Inglefield. Victoria, Hongkong, Sept. 22, 1847. Sir,—I have the honour to inclose, for your Excellency's information, copy of my letter of this day's date to Major General D'Aguiar, from which you will perceive, with reference to my letter to your own address of 18th August, that the hopes I therein expressed have been confirmed by experience, and that there is no prospect of any interruption to our friendly relations with the Chinese Government.

So much, indeed, has the quiet and security of British residents at Canton been improved by local arrangements since April last, that it appears to myself the constant presence of a steamer opposite the factories will be quite needless, and that the discretionary power to withdraw that vessel, except when required at particular periods, might be safely exercised. The tranquillity which prevailed during the temporary absence of the *Pluto* in refitting has certainly tended to prove this.

I must however add, that when the *Pluto* is not at Canton, the presence of a vessel of war at Whampoa, according to treaty, appears essential, and much more requisite than at any other port of trade.—I have, &c.,

[Signed] J. F. DAVIS.

Major General D'Aguiar to Viscount Palmerston. Victoria, Hongkong, October 21, 1847. My Lord.—I do myself the honour to inform your Lordship that Sir John Davis left for Cochin-China on the 6th instant in the *Valture* steam frigate, Captain MacDougall, accompanied by Her Majesty's sloop, *the Ringdove*, Captain Clifford. During the absence of Sir John Davis I have assumed the duties of this Government, together with the transaction of such other public business as circumstances might render necessary. A piracy having been committed on the coast of the open day on the river between Canton and the adjacent islands, I considered it a good opportunity to address the Imperial High Commission, and to have therewith the honour to forward to your Lordship copies of the correspondence, together with a final communication from Keying announcing the apprehension, trial, and punishment of the pirates, as also the measures taken by His Excellency for the restoration of the stolen property.

Your Lordship will see in these papers the earnest desire of the Chinese authorities to maintain their friendly relations with Great Britain by every means in their power; and when I add to this the assurance I have recently received from Mr. Consul Macgregor that the Canton remains perfectly tranquil, and that all turbulence and excitement on the part of the Chinese populace is rapidly subsiding, I hope I may congratulate your Lordship on the permanent relations of amity that are resulting from the effect of the late expedition.—I have, &c.,

[Signed] GEORGE D'AGUIAR, Major-General.

Major-General D'Aguiar to Viscount Palmerston. Hongkong, October 30, 1847. My Lord.—At the last moment and as the mail is going out, I have received the inclosed communication from Mr Consul Macgregor, giving the particulars of a fresh act of aggression (though happily unattended by any personal consequences) upon three gentlemen, Messrs Morrison, Macgregor, and Small, by the population and village militia of the town of Cha-tow, distant from Canton about six miles up the river.

I have not to doubt that the Imperial High Commissioner, from whom Mr Macgregor has very properly required immediate redress, will do everything that is right on the present occasion, and the necessity of which I shall make it a point to impress upon Keying with fitness and moderation. These occasional acts of aggression on the part of the lower orders, and especially of the village militia, must be expected for some time to come; but if they are met with determination, as I expect they will be, on the part of the local authorities, they will gradually cease; and they do not in my opinion affect the improved condition of things at Canton itself, or the change of manner and demeanour that has come over all the respectable and influential classes of the country.—I have, &c.,

[Signed] GEORGE D'AGUIAR, Major-General.

P.S.—Her Majesty's steamer *Valture*, with Sir John Davis on board, has this moment come to an anchor.

G. D'G.

Sir John Davis to Viscount Palmerston.

Victoria, Hongkong, Nov. 14, 1848. My Lord.—On the 30th October Major-General D'Aguiar had occasion to inform your Lordship of some insults offered to three British subjects who went up the Canton River in a Chinese boat.

Though no personal violence or injury was experienced on this occasion, and such was the character of late instances, I lost no time in requiring reparation for the insult, and on the day of my arrival here forwarded the annexed note to Keying.

In the meanwhile Consul Macgregor inclosed me a copy of a proclamation from the magistrates to the people, as the spontaneous result of the aforementioned occurrence. I transmit same herewith, and am persuaded it will convince your Lordship that the local authorities are in earnest in their resolution to restrain the rabble.

This proclamation engaged to punish the late rioters, and it was followed by the annexed note from Keying to myself, promising to report further when justice had been done.

As I had heard in the meanwhile from the Consul, that a Mr. Wilshear, while pulling by himself in a wherry, had seen some stones thrown at his boat (though without touching it), I took occasion to mention this in my report, wherein I urged the immediate infliction of the Chinese pillory on the rioters with the offence inscribed; and I sent up my Secretary, Mr. Johnston, to secure the attainment of my objects.

On the 10th instant I received a private note from Consul Macgregor, from which I gathered that a Chinese boat, with Mr. Elmist and two others, while passing down the river, had apparently been fired at with a loaded gijral from one of the forts. To my surprise the Consul added that he should not address Keying about this until the 9th, the day after he wrote, although the occurrences had taken place on the 6th. It is obvious that Keying would not be disposed to attach much importance to what the Consul did not mention until three days after it happened.

I therefore lost no time in addressing the inclosed strong note to Keying. The *Valture* Regiment was on the eve of embarking for Madras, and Major-General D'Aguiar concurred with me in the advisability of suspending their departure until a full satisfactory explanation, and, if necessary, reparation, had been obtained from Keying.

My notes went up on the 10th instant, and on the morning of the 13th I received through the Consul the annexed handsome and conclusive reply from the Imperial Commissioner, in which he has announced the degree of satisfaction of the fort and the flogging of the men. Your Lordship will observe that Keying calls on God to witness the sincerity of his constant wish to maintain peace and do what is right. He adds in the same note, that the rioters at Cha-tow on the 24th October would, besides, flogging, be peraded in the wooden collar near the factories, with their offences inscribed.

Although myself bound to address the inclosed acknowledgment for their prompt acts of reparation, which the Consul has also reported to me, your Lordship will observe that I note the present times as an improvement on the state of things more than three years ago, when a serious riot occurred on the 6th May, the very day before my arrival in China, and others were reported on the 16th and 18th June following. The placard of 1844, in which I refer, was inclosed in despatch of October 24th of that year, and was accompanied with the reasons given by Mr Macgregor for his delay in Mr. Elmist's case, I addressed to him the inclosed despatch, showing the absolute necessity of more energy in the discharge of his duties.—I have, &c.,

[Signed] J. F. DAVIS.

P.S.—I am glad to be able to add, with reference to the last paragraph, that since this despatch was written, Mr Macgregor has addressed me a state-

coal. The projected steam communication between Singapore and our Australian colonies—the probable communication by the same means, at no distant period, between the various British settlements to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope and the west coast of America—has as the result the railway now about to be established in India—were arranged and calculated to occasion an immense consumption of Borneo coal, the more so as it can be supplied at comparatively moderate rates. Samples of the Labuan and Borneo coal have been brought over to this country by Mr. WISE, and submitted by her Majesty's Government to a careful examination and analysis by competent parties, with a most pronounced by the Calcutta Coal Committee, and pronounced by the Bengal Government, to be equal to the best English coal; and Captain WALLACE, in his report on the supplies of coal obtained from the seam at Labuan, for the use of the Honourable East India Company's steam-ship, *Nemesis*, dated Sarawak, 10th June, 1847, observes: "I have no hesitation in stating that the coal received at Labuan is equal to any English coal I have seen on board steamers in India, and decidedly better than any coal worked in India for steam purposes."

The portion of territory contemplated for the first operations of the Eastern Archipelago Company possesses a climate and soil admirably adapted for the culture of cotton, tobacco, sugar, coffee, rice, nutmegs, pepper, and all other valuable productions, and is most favourably situated, having the advantage of Labuan, now subject to British dominion, as a point d'appui; nor can there be a doubt of the excellent position of the proposed field of enterprise for an extensive and lucrative commerce. The proximity of Java, Sumatra, Siam, Cochin China, Hainan, Malacca, Celebes, &c., is not only of great importance in this respect, but also affords the means of introducing with facility from those places Chinese and other colonists, and labourers in any extent required for the service of the Company. Labuan itself will form an essential link in the chain of our Eastern settlements, from Penang, Malacca, and Singapore, to Hongkong; and in the district of Sarawak every protection and encouragement will be granted by Mr. BAKER in furtherance of the Company's objects. In short, every circumstance justifies the anticipation that the late proceedings of the British Government relating to Borneo, if followed up with vigour by the operations of the present Company, will change that which has been heretofore a region of piracy, lawless violence, danger, and desolation, into a scene of busy, peaceful, and beneficial commerce; bringing the advantages of progressive civilization to a large and fertile tract of the globe, and conferring extensive benefits on the commerce and manufactures of Great Britain. The philanthropist and the statesman, as well as the merchant, will thus feel interested in this design, which, through the medium of British enterprise, sanctioned and protected by the wisdom and decision of the Government, promises the elaboration of the condition of the natives of the Eastern Archipelago, among whom there exists a disposition most favourable to the development of the resources of those countries.

The view here taken of the promising character of the undertaking is not hypothetical, but is the result of the arduous personal researches of various individuals who, in times past, have been desirous of widening the circle of commerce and civilization, and, among others more recently, of Mr. WISE, who has for several years devoted his time to the closest investigation of the subject. To his patient and indelible perseverance for a long period in calling the attention of her Majesty's Government to the importance of Labuan as the site of a British settlement, may be ascribed the fact, that the projection of our flag is now extended to countries so important both in a political and commercial point of view. The Queen has appointed Mr. BROOKS Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Labuan and its dependencies, as well as her Majesty's Commissioner and Consul General to the Sultan and Independent Chiefs of Borneo. These measures, and the course of policy which they indicate, will materially facilitate and advance the objects and interests of the Company throughout the Eastern Archipelago.

The Company being incorporated by Royal Charter, the responsibility of each shareholder is limited to the amount of his subscription. The Charter provides for the execution by the shareholders of a Deed of Settlement, to be approved by the President of the Board of Trade.

Power is given in the Charter to augment the amount of capital of the Corporation, if that course should become expedient.

£5 per share to be paid on the allotment of the shares, and the remainder to be paid by instalments as called for by the Directors.

The affairs of the Company are to be managed by a Court of Directors of not more than twelve, two Managing Directors and a Secretary, and such agents in Labuan or elsewhere as the Directors shall nominate; the Directors and Auditors to be elected by the Shareholders, as provided by the Deed of Settlement.

Application for shares from parties well affected to the objects for which the Company is established, addressed in the form annexed, to Messrs GLADSTONE and Co., No. 3, White Lion-court, Cornhill, will receive due attention.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.
Gentlemen,—I beg to apply for Shares in the Eastern Archipelago Company mentioned in the above prospectus; and I agree to accept the same or any smaller number which, within three months from the date hereof, may be allotted to me, and without reference to whether the whole amount of share so may be taken or subscribed for, and to pay the deposit and the instalments as they may be called for; and to execute, when required, the Deed of Settlement prepared under the direction of the Court of Directors, and approved of by the President of the Board of Trade. Dated this day of 1848.

To Messrs GLADSTONE and Co., No. 3, White Lion-court, Cornhill, London.

Signature of Applicant.
Address.
Name of Referee.
Address.

TRINCOMALEE.—The *Indefatigable*, steam-frigate, has arrived at Trincomalee from New Zealand for Stores. The new mail steamer, *Albatross*, which sailed from Bombay for England had on board both these vessels met with a violent storm in 11 degrees South latitude, and for some time the *Indefatigable* was settling down. After she righted she proceeded to Trincomalee. Such was the violence of the storm reported to have run on at the enormous rate of from 15 to 20 miles per hour. It is calculated she will take six weeks to Colombo. Examiner.

THE SANITARY SURVEY OF LONDON.—Colonel Hall has undertaken the triangulation and levelling of the metropolis by order of the Government, under the superintendence of the Sanitary Commissioners. The sappers and miners under his command have already constructed for themselves a sort of crow's nest on one of the towers of Westminster Abbey. They have made another lofty point of elevation on the summit of the steeple of St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, and have somewhat excited the curiosity and alarm of the inhabitants of that peaceful suburb. It is expected that their model of London—on a scale so necessarily gigantic—will be a perfect wonder of correctness and accuracy in all respects.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

June, AT HONGKONG.
30, *Mary Sparks*, Bushby, from Falmouth 13th March.
July,
1, *Joseph Bushby*, Sparks, from Bombay 20th May.

REPORTS.

The *Mary Sparks* on Saturday, 18th May, spoke the ship *Magellan*, in lat 37° 05', long. 38° 22' 45" E, from Liverpool 66 days out bound to Shanghai. Tuesday, 16th May, spoke the barque *Princess Royal*, with Emigrants, all well on board, from Plymouth bound to Port Adelaide, in lat. 38° 48' S, long. 48° 35' E.

DEPARTURES.

June, FROM HONGKONG.
30, *Poppy*, Cole, Macao.
30, *Maggie*, Jones, Whampoa.
30, *Island Queen*, Macfarlane, East Coast.
July,
1, *Haymooon*, Findley, Whampoa.
1, *Pacific* (Paravian), Laurenced, West Coast of America.
1, *Joseph Bushby*, Sparks, Whampoa.
2, *Julian* (Hawiana), Moran, Honolulu.
3, *Clown*, D'Busche, Coasting-ground.
4, *Bon Accord*, Buckle, Whampoa.

FROM WHAMPOA.

2, *Antonia*, Thompson, South America.

SHIPPING IN CHINA.

VESSELS OF WAR.

Ship	At	From	Masters	Consignees
H. M. Ship Cambrian	Hongkong	35	Guns	Commodore J. H. Pinnidge, Acting Captain Morris.
Ship Melampus	Whampoa	48	Guns	Lieut. Campbell, c. a.
Brig Columbine	Amoy	16	Guns	Commander D. Hey.
Ship Scout	Canton	12	Guns	Commander F. E. Johnston.
H. C. Slooper Pluto	Canton	4	Guns	Lieut. Commander G. P. Aitken, R.N.
H. M. Brig Chiffra	Shanghai	16	Guns	Commander J. C. Pitman.
Brig Espiegle	"	12	Guns	Commander F. A. Campbell.
Slooper Medea	"	4	Guns	Hollis, schooner.
Ship Alligator	Hongkong	..	Hospital	Doctor Baskier.
Ship Minden	"	..	Store	"

MERCHANT VESSELS.

Ships.	At	From	Masters.	Consignees.
BRITISH.				
Clifton, ship	Hongkong	89	Kettlewell	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Cornwall, steamer	"	130	Stones	McEwen and co.
Eliza, barque	"	243	Valent J.	Burd, Lange and co.
Guardian, barque	"	45	Wickham	Bush and co.
Haringer, barque	"	39	Cadellish	Bush and co.
Julia, barque	"	44	Watson	Bush and co.
Mary Sparks, ship	"	54	Bushby	Fletcher and co.
Pathfinder, barque	"	36	J. Miller	Fletcher and co.
Sir Edward Ryan, barque	"	23	Frige	Murrow and co.
Sanda, barque	"	31	Brown	Fletcher and co.
Zephyr, schooner	"	148	Wilson	Dent and co.
WHAMPOA.				
Amalber, ship	Whampoa	550	Robinson	Dent and co.
Anne Melan, barque	"	818	Niven	Dent and co.
Bolton, barque	"	38	Warray	Dent and co.
Bon Accord, ship	"	38	Buckle	Turner and co.
Brantam, ship	"	51	Taylor	James Lawrence Mann and co.
Charles Peter, ship	"	130	Wills	Henderson, Watson and co.
Charley Castle, barque	"	40	Stewart	Dent and co.
Conant, ship	"	35	Groock	Holiday, Wise and co.
Duchess, ship	"	509	Langley	Dallas and co.
Devoch of Artyl, ship	"	56	Langley	Dallas and co.
Greacian, barque	"	66	Phillips	Turner and co.
Hector, brig	"	518	Langford	Turner and co.
Hindouan, ship	"	31	Wheat	Turner and co.
Humayoon, ship	"	530	Findley	Drom, Gray and co.
India, ship	"	573	Campbell	Lidsey and co.
Isabella Watson, ship	"	314	Clark	Jardine, Matheson and co.
John O'Connell, ship	"	345	Macdonald	Turner and co.
Joseph Uahby, ship	"	56	Sparks	Turner and co.
Maggie, brig	"	136	Jones	Hegan and co.
President, schooner	"	54	Bellamy	Cowajoo Sapoojee Langrana.
William Wilson, barque	"	40	Stewart	Dent and co.
CUMMOON.				
Audax, schooner	Cummoon	140	Sullivan	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Clown, brig	"	150	Wancho	F. & D. N. Cams and co.
Poppy, brig	Macao	140	Cole	Dent and co.
Velocipedo, schooner	"	175	Wolf	Order.
SHANGHAI.				
Amoy Packet, schooner	Shanghai	14	Nesle	Syme, Muir and co.
Chieftain, barque	"	308	Robertson	Syme, Muir and co.
Denia, schooner	"	133	King	Dent and co.
Dumfries, ship	"	406	Green	Boustead and co.
Lady Sata, barque	"	398	Brewar	Thomas Ripley and co.
Largent, ship	"	614	Tovling	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Maespe, schooner	"	172	Launoy	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Orney, schooner	"	258	Anderson	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Quon, barque	"	449	Turner	Rathbone, Worthington and co.
Sarah Louisa, brig	"	903	Oldham	W. Davidson.
Sea Horse, brig	"	105	Robertson	James Lawrence Mann and co.
Torington, schooner	"	144	Holmes	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Carolina, schooner	"	88	Howard	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Gazelle, schooner	"	120	Drewitt	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Maingy, barque	"	233	Richards	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Nimrod, barque	"	254	Stephens	Jardine, Matheson and co.
William Jardine, ship	"	323	Douglas	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Ariel, barque	"	37	Bart	Dent and co.
Island Queen, schooner	E. Coast	168	Macfarlane	Dent and co.
AMERICAN.				
Chicago, ship	Whampoa	484	Clarkson	Nye, Parkin and co.
Occident, barque	"	45	Wancho	Russell and co.
Dart, schooner	"	15	Pow	Augustine Heard and co.
General Harrison, ship	"	450	Gardner	Russell and co.
Thos. ship	"	41	Barry	Augustine Heard and co.
Anglo, schooner	Shanghai	17	Woodberry	Geo. E. Howard.
Boxer, schooner	"	80	Syde	Russell and co.
Helen, ship	"	200	Syde	Russell and co.
Albion, ship	"	200	Syde	Russell and co.
Claremont, ship	Amoy	50	Greenbank	W. B. Dent and co.

SHIPPING IN CHINA.—Continued.

Ships.	At	From	Masters.	Consignees.
PORTSOUZE.				
Brigid, brig	Macao	150	Almeida	Jago Lourenco d'Almeida.
Govorey, brig	"	150	Marques	Pedro José da Silva Lourenco.
SPAIN.				
Amistad, barque	Macao	800	Tyng	Order.
Constante, brig	Amoy	138	Maria	Syme, Muir and co.
Velox, barque	"	370	Corra	Jacob Tail.
FRENCH.				
Joseph & Orlon, barque	Amoy	—	Montfort	—
FRANCE.				
Sumatra, barque	Hongkong	275	Volman	Bush and co.
HAWAII.				
Syphido, schooner	Hongkong	120	Storm	Jardine, Matheson and co.
DANISH.				
Emily, lorch	Hongkong	44	Hansen	Rawle, Duns and co.
Mary, lorch	"	35	Smith	Rawle, Duns and co.
Ann, lorch	N.E. Coast	120	Sweth	Rawle, Duns and co.

(Store Ships.)

Bonnie Hornum, ship	Hongkong	526	Coates	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Fort William, ship	"	121	Miller	J.A. O'Leary, F. & O. Co's Agent.
John Barry, ship	"	520	Stewart	Dent and co.
Amistad (Portuguese), brig	Cummoon	353	Endicott, J. B.	Russell and co.
Falcon, ship	"	327	Burley	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Hygia, barque	"	371	"	"
Isabella Robertson, barque	"	350	Kelly	D. Sasseon Sons and co.
Lady Hayes, barque	"	375	Langston	Augustine Heard and co.
Lions, brig	"	115	Jameson	Cowajoo Sapoojee Langrana.
Royal Exchange, brig	"	155	Stratton	Dent and co.
Ruparel, barque	"	380	Hall	Lindsay and co.
Sea Horse, brig	"	81	Wilson	Pentecote Franjeze Cams and co.
Warlock, brig	Namoa	327	Mason	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Anomyra, brig	"	357	Smith	Dent and co.
Lord Amherst, ship	Amoy	328	Zabell	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Dido, schooner	"	327	Mason	Syme, Muir and co.
Royalist, schooner	"	141	Browning	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Aurora, schooner	East Coast	104	Robertson	Captain Min
Harlequin, brig	Chinchee	392	Draford	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Louis, barque	"	373	Woodcock	Dent and co.
Petrel, schooner	"	101	Brimblecom	Dent and co.
Amia, brig	Foo-coo-foo	210	Hely	Dent and co.
Vinc, schooner	"	305	Rooper	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Amston, ship	Woeang	443	Clevery	Rawle, Duns and co.
Black Dog, schooner	"	170	Deane	D. Sasseon Sons and co.
Corsair, brig	"	129	Caseella	D. & M. Easton and co.
Diana, schooner	"	33	Wade	Turner and co.
Emily Jane, ship	"	427	Wade	Turner and co.
Folkstone, ship	"	406	Forbes	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Masden, barque	"	326	Chape	Cowajoo Sapoojee Langrana.
Saite (A. J.) brig	"	106	Ednotcut, W.	Augustine Heard and co.
Tine, schooner	"	165	Lacy	Dent and co.
William Hughes (A. M.) brig	"	216	Keonny	Russell and co.
William IV, barque	"	154	Thompson	Lindsay and co.
Hollis, schooner	Looyang	325	Priestman	Jardine, Matheson and co.
Tornate, barque	"	275	Priestman	Dent and co.

VESSELS LOADING.

For	At	Ships	Consignees	Intended Dispatch
London	Whampoa	Brabjan	H. Watson & Co.	Imm'diate
"	"	Charley Castle	Holiday, Wise & Co.	Early
"	"	Isabella Watson	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Early
"	"	William Wilson	Dent & Co.	Early
"	Shanghai	Chieftain	Blenkin, Rawson & Co.	Early
"	"	Dumfries	Boustead & Co.	Early
"	"	Laquette	Thomas Ripley & Co.	Early
Bombay	Whampoa	Coronet	Russell & Co.	—
Batavia	Hongkong	Sumatra	Bush & Co.	Soon
Singapore	Amoy	Clarendon	James Tail	Soon
Manila	"	Constanta	Syme, Muir & Co.	—
Shanghai	Hongkong	Julia	Bush & Co.	Imm'diate
"	"	Sir Ewd. Ryan	Murrow & Co.	Imm'diate

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Month	Day	Ships	Consignees	Intended Dispatch
FROM LONDON.				
January	3	Zemindar, 706,	Penon, Hongkong.	
February	2	Emma Eugenia, 383,	Culverwell, Hongkong.	
"	20	John Laird, 270,	Cass, Hongkong.	
March	19	Hugh Walker, 498,	Cameron, Hongkong.	
"	22	Heleen Stewart, 358,	—	
April	11	Mohawk, 442,	Morrison, Hongkong.	
"	22	Norbudda, 428,	—	
Loading on the 24th April.—Bows of Streatam, New Margaret, Sappho, and Sea Witch.				
FROM LIVERPOOL.				
February	11	Nautilus, 240,	Munday, Shanghai.	
March	1	Bleg, 231,	Stewart, Hongkong.	
"	2	Marian, 667,	Ryrie, Hongkong.	
"	3	John Dugdale, 407,	Killick, Shanghai.	
"	3	Salopian, 289,	MacLellan, Hongkong.	
"	16	Magellan, 385,	Sprule, Shanghai.	
"	20	Englands Queen, 485,	Atheyne, Shanghai.	
April	6	Panna, 362,	Mann, Hongkong.	
"	9	Bahaman, 318,	Hawking, Hongkong.	
Loading on the 24th April.—Anne Jane, Cockermouth Castle, Confucius, Eliza Killick, Emily, John Christian, Monarch, and Prudence.				
FROM PORTSMOUTH.				
March	19	Ferozepore, Masterton,	Hongkong.	
FROM SOUTHAMPTON.				
April	22	Lady Malcolm,	—	
FROM FLEETWOOD.				
December	13	Maid, —,	Hongkong.	
FROM SHIELDS.				
November	8	Dorothy,	—	
April	1			