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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship PEKIN, will leave this for the above places on Wednesday the 29th of November.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon, and DEPART until 4 P. M. of the 29th. For further particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply at the P. & O. S. N. Company's Office, Hongkong.

J. A. OLDING, Agent.
Hongkong, 2nd November, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s STEAMERS, will in future 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, 15th September, 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 3 per cent for Gold and Silver Bullion.

J. A. OLDING, Agent.
P. & O. S. N. Company's Office,
Victoria, 18th September, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE rates of freight on Treasure to the Straits and India per P. & O. COMPANY'S Steamers will in future be the same for Gold as Silver.

FOR SYDNEY.

THE Barque LONDON, Captain JAMES WILLIAMS, has room for about 60 Tons of Cargo, and will sail about the end of this month. Apply to,
JOHN BURD & Co.,
Hongkong, 10th November, 1848.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE fine and fast sailing Ship JOHN COOPER, Captain WARR, will have quick despatch. For Freight of light Goods or Passage, apply to,
JABINE, MATHESON & Co.,
East Point, 17th October, 1848.

WANTED to borrow on Bottomry on Ship "HINDOSTAN," of London, about Twelve Thousand Dollars. Apply to,
Messrs DIROM, GRAY & Co.—Canton.
or to,
Messrs FLETCHER & Co.—Hongkong.
Hongkong, 9th October, 1848.

TO LET.

THE House and Godowns, now occupied by the undersigned; possession to be given on the 1st of December. If preferred, the Dwelling can be let independent of the Godowns. For terms apply to,
RAWLE, DRINKER & Co.,
Hongkong, 7th November, 1848.

TO LET.

SPACIOUS Godowns and dwelling house, built of Granite and lately occupied by Messrs THOS. RIPLEY & 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.

COMMODOUS and secure GODOWNS in a central part of the town. Apply at this Office. Office "Friend of China,"
Victoria, 4th August, 1848.

FOR SALE.

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

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE OF CALCUTTA.

THE Undersigned are authorised to grant POLICIES for the above named Office, payable in CANTON, SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, and LONDON.

SYME, MUIR & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th July, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing at Hongkong between JAMES WHITE and RICHARD OSWALD under the style of RICHARD OSWALD & Co., has been dissolved by mutual consent, and the interest and responsibility of the said RICHARD OSWALD in the firm of JAMES WHITE & Co. of this place ceased on the 30th of June last.
JAMES WHITE,
Shanghai, 9th Sept., 1848.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between EDWARD BOUSTEAD, BENJAMIN BUTLER, ADAM SYKES, and GUSTAV CHRISTIAN SCHWABE, carrying on Business under the Firms of BOUSTEAD, SCHWABE & Co. at Singapore, BUTLER, SYKES & Co. at Manila, and SYKES, SCHWABE & Co. at Liverpool, and between the aforesaid parties and EDWARD WILLIAM CLAYTON, carrying on Business at CANTON and SHANGHAI, under the Firm of BOUSTEAD & Co., expires this day by lapse of time and mutual consent.

The mutual accounts of the several firms will be settled at Singapore by Mr E. BOUSTEAD, at Shanghai by Mr A. SYKES, at Manila by Mr B. BUTLER, and at Liverpool by Mr G. C. SCHWABE. The Canton House will be closed, and the outstanding accounts there will be liquidated by Mr Martin Wilhelm, who has been left in charge of the Business.

E. BOUSTEAD,
B. BUTLER,
A. SYKES,
G. C. SCHWABE,
E. W. CLAYTON.

Liverpool, 30th June, 1848.

With reference to the above Notice, the Undersigned beg to announce that the Business will be continued by them as Partners at Liverpool, under the firm of SYKES, SCHWABE & Co., at Manila, " " BUTLER, SYKES & Co., and at Shanghai, " " SYKES, SCHWABE & Co. G. C. SCHWABE, B. BUTLER, A. SYKES.
Liverpool, 1st July, 1848.

THE Business at SINGAPORE will be continued by the Undersigned on his own account, under the Firm of BOUSTEAD & Co.

E. BOUSTEAD.
Singapore, 1st July, 1848.

NOTICE.

MR. MARTIN WILHELM, is authorised to Sign our Firm by Procuration.

BOUSTEAD & Co.
Canton, 20th May, 1848.

NOTICE.

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

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

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto subsisting between the Undersigned at Bally Badong and at Hongkong under the Firm of BURD, LANGE & Co., was dissolved on the 14th July last by mutual consent. The Bally Badong outstanding will be settled by Mr M. LANGE at Bally Badong, and those of Hongkong by Mr JOHN BURD at Hongkong. The Business at Bally Badong will be continued by Mr M. LANGE in his own name and on his own account, and at Hongkong by Mr JOHN BURD on his own account, under the Firm of JOHN BURD & Co.

(Signed) JOHN BURD,
" M. J. LANGE.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1848.

NOTICE.

MR. FRED. H. BLOCK is authorised to sign our Firm by Procuration.

JOHN BURD & Co.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1848.

NOTICE.

HAVING Associated ourselves with Mr S. B. RAWLS, of the late Firm of RAWLE, DUGS & Co., our Business will be conducted in future under the Name of RAWLE, DRINKER & Co. DRINKER & Co.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of HOLMES & BIGHAM, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding accounts will be collected and paid by Mr S. BIGHAM.

AGNES HOLMES,
SAMUEL BIGHAM.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will continue to carry on the Business of GENERAL STOREKEEPER and COMMISSION AGENT, on the same Premises as formerly, under the firm of BIGHAM & Co. SAMUEL BIGHAM.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1848.

FOR SALE.

ALSOPPS' PALE ALE, in Cask. Apply to,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, 28th September, 1848.

CHINA BRANCH

THE ORIENTAL BANK.

LOCAL BUSINESS.—The Bank receives money in Deposit as follows:—

1. For 3 Months certain, bearing Interest at 3 per cent per annum.
2. For 6 Months certain, bearing Interest at 4 per cent per annum.
3. For 1 Year certain, repayable on 3 Months' notice at 5 per cent per annum.

4. In Current Account, withdrawable on demand in Sums of \$10 and upwards.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS are balanced Half Yearly, bear no Interest, and are subject to the following COMMISSIONS, viz.—
When the amount turned over during the Half Year is under \$2,000, a charge of \$5 will be made.
Do. do. do. \$25,000, 1 per cent on the amount.

The rate of Commission when the amount turned over exceeds \$25,000 will be fixed by special agreement.
Inoperative Accounts will be subject to an Annual Charge at the above rates.
The Bank Issues NOTES payable on demand, and grants Bank Post Bills at Three Days' sight free of charge.

The Bank grants LOANS and CASH ACCOUNTS approved SECURITIES, and discounts Approved BILLS and PROMISSORY NOTES not having a longer period than 3 months to run.

EXCHANGE.—The Bank receives Tenders for the purchase of Bills on England and India, and sells its own Drafts on the UNION BANK OF LONDON at One Day's to Six Months' sight, and on the NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND and PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND at Short sight; also on the Three Presidencies of India, and on Ceylon and Singapore, at One Day's to Sixty Days' sight.

Information more in detail will be given at the Bank's Offices here and in Canton.

The parties in China presently authorized to sign for the Trustees of the Bank, are—
CHARLES J. F. STUART,
ARCH. DUNLOP,
SAM. GRAY,
P. CAMPBELL;

and it is necessary that all BILLS, RECEIPTS, and other DOCUMENTS issued by the Bank bear one of these Signatures. A list of the BANK OFFICERS who are authorized to sign is exhibited in the Office, and all Changes which may take place will be noted thereon.

CHARLES J. F. STUART,
Manager.

Victoria, 2d November, 1848.

FOR SALE.

SHEATHING COPPER of various sizes; also Copper Nails.
BUSH & Co.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1848.

FOR SALE.

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

FOR SALE.

ENGLISH (NAVY) and Scotch CANVAS assorted, No's. 1 to 7. Apply to,
W. SCOTT & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1848.

FOR SALE.

PALE ALE in Wood and Bottle. Also CORKS. Apply to,
W. SCOTT & Co.
Hongkong, 29th September, 1848.

FOR SALE.

SUPERIOR Champagne in pints & quarts. American Mess Pork.
ALSO
Manik patent Cordage 1 to 5 1/2 inch, just received by
RAWLE, DRINKER & Co.
Hongkong, 7th November, 1848.

FOR SALE.

A Splendid Square PIANO FORTS. Apply to,
W. H. FRANKLYN,
Victoria, October 4, 1848.

FOR SALE.

DUNBAR'S Bottled Beer, at \$2 per dozen.
W. H. FRANKLYN.
Victoria, 24th October, 1848.

FOR SALE.

BEST Table Rice in two massed bags.
W. H. FRANKLYN.
Victoria, 3rd November, 1848.

FILTERS.

FOR SALE. Softens Patent Water FILTERS, large and medium sizes.
ROB: RUTHERFURD,
Queen's Road,
11th Oct. 1848.

FOR SALE.

MR. R. RUTHERFURD has received per late arrivals:—
WINTER CLOTHING consisting of Tweeds, Trowerings, and Vestings
Merino and Lamb's Wool Singlets and Drawers, Cotton and Woollen Socks and Stockings, Blankets and Neckcloths,
Gentlemen's Plaid, &c.
Dress Silk and Buckskin Gloves,
Perfumery, &c. &c.
Stationery of every description,
Scotch Whiskey, Wines, Brandy, Beer, Stores, &c.

EXPECTED PER "FAVORITE."

Black and Blue Cloths of Superior quality.
Queen's Road, 10th October, 1848.

SHIP CHANDLERS STORES.

And supplies of every description required for Ships use, on sale by the undersigned.
SAILS Made and Repaired.

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 opened and now ready for inspection a select invoice of BOOKS.
BIGHAM & Co.
Queen's Road, 7th November, 1848.

MESSRS SMITH & BRIMELOW, have just received a quantity of 7 inch 6 1/2 in., 6 1/2 in., 6 in., 5 1/2 in., and 4 inch Europe Rope, which they offer for sale.
ALSO,
An excellent assortment of Navy Canvas, Sewing and Roping Twine, &c. &c.
No. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Buildings,
Victoria, 12th Sept., 1848.

FOR SALE.

PRIME Columbia River Beef in Casks, and Columbus River Salmon, at Toulon.
ALSO,
Paint Oil in Demijohns.
SMITH & BRIMELOW,
No. 1, Woosnam's Buildings,
Victoria, 22d February, 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, 22d April, 1848.

FOR SALE.

AN excellent assortment of Carpeting and Hearth Rugs to match, just received ex *Helen Stewart*.
SMITH & BRIMELOW,
No. 1, Woosnam's Buildings,
15th August, 1848.

FOR SALE.

JUST ARRIVED and for Sale by D. LAPRAIK, a handsome assortment of Suspension and Pedestal Soller Lamps with one, three, and four Burners.
Wellington Terrace, 18th October, 1848.

FOR SALE.

A SUPERIOR ORGAN, of great power and sweetness of tone. In *Henderson's Resonance* case constructed by Messrs Wood & Co., plays upwards of forty favorite airs. Apply to,
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK,
No. 1 D'Aguilar Street,
Victoria, 10th October, 1848.

FOR SALE.

NOW LANDING AT THE AUCTION MART, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Es' Exports.

LONG leather Leggings; Higher Boots; Jockey Boots; Buckskin Breeches; Silk and Satin Jockey Jackets and Caps; Hunting Whips For Head Hammers; Racing Saddles for Arabian Horses and Ponies; Infantry Officers Swords and Belts; Nery do., Boxing Gloves, Race Spurs, Dog Collars and Chains, Best London made Martingales, Single and Double Bridles, Head stall Collars, Chemise skins, and only 1 dozen best curly Combs and Brushes, Stirrup Leathers, Iron and Steel Bits and curbs, Carpet Bags &c., &c.
Hongkong, 24th October, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the Merchants and Ship Masters in China, that he continues to furnish American Spars from 75 feet long, 23 inches at the deck, and any size under, at the same rates as those charged during the last twelve months.

ALSO.

Iron work made of refined iron and warranted Rigging Chains of all sizes.
Iron Shovels
Lignum vitae Sheaves and Blocks of sizes, made to order.
Mass Loops, Rib-bands Lead, Ours, Pitch, Tar, &c., &c.

GEORGE FRAZER,
Hongkong, 15th September, 1848.

(To the Editor of the FRIEND OF CHINA)

Sir—Mr Camp asks "Where is the pleasure in imitating the accounts by which they are treated in the papers...?"

No further goods than the last... published in open day on the 10th of a month... in the Hongkong Register...

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

We refer you to the Correspondent in Jack's register to Consul Agent...

(To the Editor of the FRIEND OF CHINA)

HONGKONG, November 14, 1848.

Sir—Knowing that you are always ready to advocate the claims of morality in the Colony, I feel that it is highly necessary to apologise for requesting you to bring before the notice of the public...

FATHER OF A FAMILY.

P. S. It was but a few days ago that owing to want of attention on the part of the Police the wife of a Chinese lost her reticule.

(To the Editor of the FRIEND OF CHINA)

HONGKONG, 14th Nov. 1848.

DEAR SIR—In the Register of today I observe a letter signed "A Foreigner" in which there is an intemperate proposal for levying a hearing rate; now this is not the first time I have heard of this same brilliant plan for a new tax...

SELF ILLUMINATION.

* We hear that a strange boy-boy has appeared amongst us of late, but he won't do much more for P. S. & Co.

DIED.

At Victoria on the 13th Instant, Mr James Carroll, "McCabe's" Tavern.

NOTICE.

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

LATEST DATES.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Date, and Day. Includes England, United States, Calcutta, Bombay, and Shanghai.

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VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 1848.

NOTICE—Office Services will for the present be conducted in the Building adjoining the Post Office and opposite to the Club House...

VINCENT STANTON.

Victoria, 9th October, 1848. Colonial Chaplain.

NOTICE—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. This congregation, constituted for the present by the Rev. W. C. Burns, will meet every Sabbath at 11 A.M. in the Congregational Hall, in the Old House.

SHANGHAI.

The Will of the Wagon from Wooming the 10th instant, arrived on the 10th. The following is the latest report of the Opium market:—Patna—The non-arrival of two vessels...

Malacca—Buyers are cautious, being apprehensive of a large increase to the present moderate stock. \$815 is offered, but holders stand out for \$820.

The Richard & Williams from Hongkong 19th October arrived at Wooming on the 1st instant. The Duffries sailed for London on the 31st October, and the Juliet for the same port on the 3rd November.

Subscription for Mrs Smithers and family. Amount already advanced - \$809. W. H. Biggs - 65. Colonel Phillips - 10. Captain De Costa - 10. A. Friend - 480.

AN INVALID is advised to purchase a copy of the "Hongkong Almanack"; it is to be had at the Store of Mr Rutherford. In the meantime we extract for the invalid's special benefit...

PHASES OF THE MOON. d. h. m. First quarter 4 - 13 - 28. Full moon 11 - 9 - 11. It thus appears that the Register's correspondents (only a few days in the colony) who suffered from the want of oil lamps, has been oblivious to the silvery sheen of "Macfarlane's lamp" — the Michaelmas moon.

CANTON. (From the Commercial List.) CANTON REGATTA CLUB. Eighth Meeting. First Day, Monday 15th Nov. 1848. Four Oared Gigs.

First Prize, a Cup (value \$50) presented by John Heard, Esq. Second do, \$25 from the Fund.

WHERRIES—Two pairs sculls or pair of oars. Mr H. B. Hardie, Surprise, Green and White. J. W. Peacock, Yachet, Red and White Stripes. F. Chapman, Antioch, Purple.

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FOUR OARED CUTTERS. Entrance \$10 with \$25 from the Fund. Mr G. J. Bennett, Tadmor, (Outriggers) Red and White. R. Killey, Cento, Blue and White.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY 14th Nov. 1848. WHERRIES, RANDAS, OR THREE PAIR OF OARS. First Prize, a Cup (value \$50) presented by W. Moore, Esq. Second do, \$25 from the Fund.

WHERRIES—Two pairs sculls or pair of oars. Entrance \$5 with \$25 from the Fund. Mr H. B. Hardie, Surprise, Green and White. J. W. Peacock, Yachet, Red and White Stripes. F. Chapman, Antioch, Purple.

FOUR OARED CUTTERS. Entrance \$10 with \$25 from the Fund. Mr G. J. Bennett, Little Nell, (Outriggers) Pink and White Stripes. F. Chapman, Jemmy, White. J. Dent, Yachet, (Outriggers) White and Pink and White Stripes.

WHERRIES—Two pairs sculls or pair of oars. Entrance \$10 with \$25 from the Fund. Mr G. J. Bennett, Tadmor, (Outriggers) Red and White. R. Killey, Cento, Blue and White.

N. B. The Cups noted on the foregoing list of Races, are given on condition of at least three boats starting in each race to which a cup is attached.

There being no Entries for Sailing Races, the Regatta will only extend to 14th and 15th instant of the three days previously notified.

T. WILLS, Empire. CANTON, 7th Nov. 1848. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Extract from "Wraxall's" Historical Memoirs. "Though Churchill calls Wedderburn a pert 'prim prater of the northern race' his talents of every kind entitled him to high admiration; and he particularly possessed the legal jurisdiction."

Query—Which is the better English scholar, Webster of Shoreditch? Answer—Sir N. Wraxall was an Englishman, there is no doubt. Shoreditch is a man of much sounder sense than Wraxall ever was; he will never get himself into prison, for writing slander.

The "Parodies" was taken out of our list, upon which we thought the best information; if people will send us forged letters, they cannot expect to get correct information. We have now destroyed all but one, but would first have shown them to the parties whose names were taken in, which I had not thought, that they were written by some poor, foolish boy, perhaps in the employ of the party whose name was forged, and in such case would probably "have lost him" his character—but "Long success" will end. The forgery we have preserved, in the Signature of "D. D." which caused us 8 or 4 hours of head walking to ascertain whether it were true, or not.

SMITH O'BRIEN. There was a certain degree of chivalrous generosity about Mr O'Brien, which combined with his ancient descent, position in society, pecuniary independence, and unapproachable enthusiasm, qualified him to become the champion of a revolution. He was however, a nobleman of the character and ferocity most essential for such a position, and chiefly in that it was not possible to control and cement together the conflicting elements, which are dung to the surface in periods of popular excitement. There was too much vacillation and want of decision in his conduct, rather than too tender heart.

There was, in all this, a total absence of every self feeling—a self-devotion that in a worse cause would have been deserving of the noblest commendation. He might have remained contented in his quiet life, but he had retired. The peasantry would never have betrayed or surrendered him who firm himself upon their generosity, and they would have braved all the consequences that might be incurred for affording shelter to the proscribed traitor.

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CHURCH REFORM. There was a time—and that not so very long ago—when it was dangerous to say a word in favour of the Church. Every man had his plan put and dried for what he was pleased to call "reform-

ing the Establishment." Some were for converting the property of the church into the channels of education, and using the same for the benefit of a forced benevolence from the Deans and Chapters. Others were content to pasture on the Bishopsate. A few, more moderate, proposed to satisfy their appetite for reform by balking on London, Durham, and Winchester.

The consequences were such as might have been expected. The clamour was stilled by its own echoes. Calumny was blasted by its own roars. Exaggeration fell itself to pieces. A fer the storm and fury of popular shouting, shouting, and screaming, came the still evasive of reflection and examination. Men began to think, to sift, and to judge. They then found that they had been abused; that the Archbishop of Canterbury did not dissent from the off gold plate; that the Bishop of London did not pocket £10,000 a year, that every living was not a subsistence, nor every altar a thing to be feared. Then, too, the character of the clergy came seasonally to mind. They were not it is true, all model patrons, six foot two, of elegant demeanour, profound scholarship, and unqualified desecration, but taken as a body, they had as much virtue and as much zeal as any other church out of England, and as any other class in England, could exhibit. Some might occasionally be profligate, and some kept after their eyes. But the instances of their immorality were rare, and of their ignorance unfrequent. They did not, as a class, descend to the highest summit of ferid zeal, they did not descend into the depths of fanaticism, and perhaps no other body of 14,000 men did their duty better.

Thus the reaction began. The tide that had run against the church now set in for it. Men thought they had gone too far. Not only were the legions of the violent, but the cohorts of the moderate Reformers deserted. The Ecclesiastical Commission in a fit of fright threw a score or two of notes overboard, and stayed the appetite of the predatory whale. The vicious penalty withdrawn. From destroying they took to creating bishops, by censuring the church to upholding it, from assailing it to strengthening it. The violence of its enemies ended before long in raising up a host of sturdy and enthusiastic, if not of very discreet, friends.

It is in this lull of hostile assault that Mr Horsman appears as a church reformer. With excellent professions and with every appearance of friendliness to the establishment, he proposes a scheme in which, whatever its practical results may be, cannot be accused either of rapaciousness or of robbery. His principle is to make the church support the church. By a different management of ecclesiastical property he would enable the church to employ a more numerous clergy with augmented stipends. The revenues of the church bear no proportion to its property. An episcopal revenue of 300,000, represents property which, if the system of fines were altered, would produce a revenue of 1,400,000 a year. "Let the houses run out," says Mr. Horsman, "for so long as the revenues are in case, a large income—whether you take it at low as 500,000, or as high as 1,400,000—will be realized to the church. Of this sum Mr Horsman does not wish to appropriate one farthing to other ecclesiastical purposes. His is not a plan of spoliation—for the principle has already been admitted by the Commission—he is merely anxious to increase the annual income of the establishment out of its own possessions, and to devote it to those objects for the attainment of which the establishment exist."

Now, the only objection that can fairly be started against a proposition which is just in principle, is that it is superfluous. If the church did not require a large staff, a more numerous body of ministers, and greater funds to meet the expenses of this new equipment, then Mr Horsman's plan would be wholly unnecessary. But is this so? Is the church so well organized, so well accoutred, so numerous in its subordinate ministers, that it could do without a more completely and universally? Let us answer this question by reference to Mr. Horsman's figures. We have no means of ascertaining at confirming or disputing them; but we believe that, if not strictly, they are approximately true. Taking the figures with the corrections applied by Mr Goulden, we may say that of the 11,000 benefices now existing in England there are 2,000 where the clergy are non-resident owing to the poverty of the livings; of 7,000 the annual income is under 300L. of 3,400 under 150L. a year; and we believe we should not err if we were to add, that there are not a few of which the annual value is under 70L. Now, it would be perfectly superfluous to enlarge on facts like these. We suppose that no man who cares for religion at all—whatever be the form which his sectarianism assumes—wishes to see a minister of religion put below the footing of a second-rate mechanic or a fourth-rate opera dancer. The most acid independent will hardly exult over a system which abases Christianity in the persons of its priesthood. Nor will any man profess to believe in the utility of a distribution of church property which condemns men of education, scholarship, and conduct, to serve upon a pitance which a butler of moderate pretensions would shudder at. The inequalities of church preferment are, it is true, very great; but the misfortune is, that if all the livings and all the stalls were fused together in one swelling pot, they would not mend matters considerably. Equalize all the livings in England, and throw in the cathedral stalls; you will not give more than 320L. or so much, to each man and vicar in the two provinces; and "Lamb-Messengers" may say, what he likes—of the prospect of nothing better than 300L. or 320L. a year is offered to a man for preaching and practicing all the Christian virtues all his life, to the education of his pure or metropolitan congregations—to say nothing of the expense of giving a respectable education to a large clerical family—then we fear that we shall exclude from the church a great number of men whose entrance upon its duties is most salutary to society.

PUBLIC AUCTION

W. H. GANLEY will sell at his Sale Room, Queen's Road, on Friday next, 17th instant at 11 o'clock A.M. 50 Cases of Pans 110 Bags of Indian Corn 100 Bags of new Grain 16 Casks Preserved Meats in tins Empty Bottles Brandy in Cask and Bottles Gunpowder in tins Blacking in tin Boxes A few Cases of Swain's Panacea ALSO 3 Chests Malva Opium, slightly damaged. Victoria, 16th November, 1848.

COMMISSARIAT HONGKONG.

9th November, 1848.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned will dispose of Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at 30 days sight, in exchange for British Money, Mexican and South American Dollars and Rupees, to the extent required for the public Service, on the terms most favorable to Government that may be proposed. Sealed Tenders for this purpose will be received at this office until Monday the 20th instant at noon. The Tenders to be marked on the outside TENDERS FOR BILLS.

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

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SODA WATER and LEMONADE of Superior Quality, at HINNAM'S, China Shopkeeper. Victoria, 11th June, 1848.

NOTICE.

PERSONS are hereby cautioned against trusting the Crews of the French Whalers *Eliza & Liancourt*, as the Captains & Consignees will not be responsible for any debts of their Contracting. Hongkong, 7th November, 1848.

84000.

WANTED to borrow the above sum for TWO YEARS on valuable LAND and BUILDING SECURITY, situated in one of the best localities within the Town of VICTORIA, for which a Liberal Rate of Interest will be paid. For further particulars apply to, Mr GASKELL, Solicitor, Victoria.

REMI, CHRONOMETER and WATCH-MAKER,

begs to inform the Public, that he has removed his Establishment from Macao to Shanghai, and he has the pleasure of addressing his best thanks to the Community of Macao, Canton, and Hongkong for the patronage he has received. He hopes, by his exertions, to deserve in his new situation the same support from the public. He is well supplied with a variety of Goods. Shanghai, 15th July, 1845.

PRINTED FORMS.

FOR SALE at the Office of this paper:—BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

" OF LADING, for the Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steamers.

NAVY BILLS.

COMPROMISE ORDERS, in Books.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

CHARTER-PARTIES.

SHIPPING ARTICLES.

PRINTING.

Mercantile forms and other work printed with expedition at the customary rates. Queen's Road, 9th October, 1845.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

- Nov. AT HONGKONG. 10, Larkins, Gordon, from Whampoa. 12, Charles Grant, Evans, from Whampoa. 13, Will O'His Wisp, McNight, from Shanghai 6th November. 18, Sir Edward Ryan, Triggs, from Whampoa. 19, John O'Gauin, Macdonald, from Whampoa. Nov. AT WHAMPOA. 10, Talbot (Am.) Story, from Penang 28th Sept. Nov. AT MACAO. 6, Yelocpede, Wolf, from Solo. PASSENGERS. Pat Will O'His Wisp, -Mr Parker, and Mr Franklin.

The schooner Will O'His Wisp, on the 11th inst. signalized the barque Red Rover, off Cape Chusan Point.

DEPARTURES.

- Nov. FROM HONGKONG. 11, Dos Hermanos (Spanish), Selado, Manila. 12, Red Rover, Francis, Singapore and Calcutta. 13, Will O'His Wisp, (Danish), Fresh, Amoy. 14, Charles Grant, Evans, Bombay. 15, Neeres (Spanish), Artaza, Manila. 16, Will O'His Wisp, White, Macao and Bombay. 17, Charles Grant, Evans, Singapore and Penang. FROM WHAMPOA. 18, Neeres (Spanish), London. 19, Charles Grant, Evans, Liverpool. 20, Will O'His Wisp, London.

SHIPPING IN CHINA.

VESSELS OF WAR.

Table with columns: Ship, At, Tons, Masters, Consignees. Includes H.M. Brig Marlborough, H.C. Cutter Canton, H.M. Brig Childers, etc.

MERCHANT VESSELS.

Table with columns: Ship, At, Tons, Masters, Consignees. Includes Ann, barque, Arrow, brig, Auda, schooner, etc.

Table with columns: Ship, At, Tons, Masters, Consignees. Includes Oquendo, brig, Estrella, barque, Asia Felix, brig, etc.

VESSELS LOADING.

Table with columns: Port, At, Ships, Consignees, Intended Dispatch. Includes London, Whampoa, Shanghai, etc.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Table with columns: Date, From, Ship, Consignees. Includes June 18, Surge, 543, Maurics, Hongkong; July 18, Menan, 472, Maxton, Hongkong; etc.