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—COCHIN, CASCIA, CALCUTTA, CANNANORE,  
MANGALAG, GOA, VINDOUBA.

THE PERIODICAL AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship PEKIN will leave this for the above places on Wednesday the 19th of November.

Cargo will be received on board until Noon, and freight 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. Co.'s STEAMERS, 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 5 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. Co.'s Steamers will in future be the same for Gold as Silver.

Victoria, Sept. 15th, 1848.

FOR SYDNEY.  
THE Barque LONDON, Captain JAMES WILLIAMSON, 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 well sailing Ship JOHN COOPER, Captain Wynn, will have quick despatch. For Freight of Light Goods or Passage apply to

J. ARDINE, 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.

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 TROSCY, 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.  
COMMODIOUS 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.

Offices "Friend of China,"  
26th May, 1848.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE OF CALCUTTA.

THE Undersecretary are authorized to grant POLICIES for the above named Office, payable in Calcutta, Singapore, BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, and LONDON.

SYME, MUIR & Co.,  
Hongkong, 25th 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, 29th Sept., 1848.

NOTICE.  
THE Partnership heretofore existing between EDWARD BOUSTEAD, BENJAMIN BUTLER, ADAM SYKES, and GUSTAV CHRISTIAN SCHWABE, carrying on Business under the Firm of BOUSTEAD, SCHWABE & Co. at Singapore, BUTLER, SYKES & Co. at Penang, 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 pending accounts of the several firms will be settled at Singapore by Mr E. BOUSTEAD, at Shanghai by Mr A. SYKES, at Penang 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 America, " " 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 authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration.

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

NOTICE.  
THE Business hitherto conducted in China under the Firm of VANDERBURG ROSENWINKEL & 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 outstandings 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 authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration.

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

NOTICE.  
HAVING Associated ourselves with Mr S. B. RAWLE, of the late Firm of RAWLE, DUBS & Co., our Business will be conducted in future under the Name of RAWLE, DRINKER & Co.

DRINKER & Co.,  
Hongkong, 1st October, 1848.

FOR SALE.  
ALLSOPPS' PALE ALE, in Cask. Apply at

QUEB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Hongkong, 28th September, 1848.

FOR SALE.  
SHEATHING COPPER of various sizes; also SHEET COPPER.

BUSH & Co.,  
Hongkong, 26th October, 1848.

FOR SALE.  
ENGLISH (Navy) and Scotch CANVAS as usual sorted, No. 1 & 7. Apply to

W. SCOTT & Co.,  
Hongkong, 29th September, 1848.

FOR SALE.  
PALE ALE in Wood and Bottles. Also CORN.

Apply to

W. SCOTT & Co.,  
Hongkong, 28th September, 1848.

CHINA BRANCH OF 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 6 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 Conditions:—

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 upon various approved SECURITIES, and discounts APPROVED BILLS and PROMISSORY NOTES not having a longer period than 9 months to run.

EXCHANGE.—The Bank receives Tenders for the purchase of Bills on England and India, and sells its own Drafts on the UNITED 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 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,  
BAM. 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.  
BANCA TIN. Apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
Canton.

14th August, 1847.

FOR SALE.  
SUPERIOR Champagne in pints & quarts. S. American Mess Park.

Also  
Manila patent Cordage 1 to 5 1/2 inch, just received by

RAWLE, DRINKER & Co.,  
Hongkong, 7th November, 1848.

FOR SALE.  
A Splendid Square PIANO FORTÉ.

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 mound bags.

W. H. FRANKLYN,  
Victoria, 2nd November, 1848.

SHIP CHANDLERS STORES.  
And supplies of every description required for Ships use, on sale by the undersigned.

SALES 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 STOKES with water frontage.

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

JUST ARRIVED and for Sale by D. LAPRAIK  
a handsome assortment of Suspension and Pedestal Solar Lamps with one, three, and four Burners.

Wellington Terrace, 18th October, 1848.

FOR SALE.  
A SUPERIOR ORGAN of great power and a number of tones. In excellent condition and manufactured by Messrs Wood & Co. plays upwards of forty different airs. Apply at

DOUGLASS' MUSIC STORE,  
No. 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/128, 1/256, 1/512, 1/1024, 1/2048, 1/4096, 1/8192, 1/16384, 1/32768, 1/65536, 1/131072, 1/262144, 1/524288, 1/1048576, 1/2097152, 1/4194304, 1/8388608, 1/16777216, 1/33554432, 1/67108864, 1/134217728, 1/268435456, 1/536870912, 1/1073741824, 1/2147483648, 1/4294967296, 1/8589934592, 1/17179869184, 1/34359738368, 1/68719476736, 1/137438953472, 1/274877906944, 1/549755813888, 1/1099511627776, 1/2199023255552, 1/4398046511104, 1/8796093022208, 1/17592186044416, 1/35184372088832, 1/70368744177664, 1/140737488355328, 1/281474976710656, 1/562949953421312, 1/1125899906842624, 1/2251799813685248, 1/4503599627370496, 1/9007199254740992, 1/18014398509481984, 1/36028797018963968, 1/72057594037927936, 1/144115188075855872, 1/288230376151711744, 1/576460752303423488, 1/1152921504606846976, 1/2305843009213693952, 1/4611686018427387904, 1/9223372036854775808, 1/18446744073709551616, 1/36893488147419103232, 1/73786976294838206464, 1/147573952589676412928, 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To the Editor of the FRIEND OF CHINA. (His Excellency the Governor-General's Office, Hongkong, November 15th, 1848.)

Sir, To the profoundly learned Sir, who the blessing of the present age has raised to a position of unenvied eminence. A contemporary of yours, and in a late article, the word "illumination" was used in a sense which is not an English word, on the contrary, it is a barbarous language, a more barbarous still.

SELF ILLUMINATOR. P.S. As the father of a family, he has promised to give us in future occasions a further development of the idea of "moral illumination" allow me to suggest to him the propriety of considering the word "illumination" as already used in the Bible, if the Chinese are obliged to shut up their shops on Sunday, there must be a certain penalty, say a fine of one dollar—the fine not paid, imprisonment is the ultimatum—what next it is ridiculous in these times to require.

(To the Editor of the FRIEND OF CHINA.) HONGKONG, November 15th, 1848.

Sir—I regret to see you do not intend to afford us the "Citizen" the "Foreigner" and myself that is say—your valuable assistance in carrying out the idea of "illumination" that from a letter of the "Foreigner" it is likely we shall receive considerable opposition as to the lighting plan. I trust, however, you will be induced to alter your opinion, and that will follow the idea of the lighting plan, if I find these ideas. To the latter gentleman I will only say remember "knowledge is power" and that "centralization is the very essence of civilization." I would reply more at length to you, but that I am constrained to close. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, Wm. J. G. Smith.

From the Pekin Gazette of 26th September, 1843. Your Minister, Seu-kwang-tain carefully memorizes for the special indictment of an officer of the rank of Prefect bestowed for contributions to Government, on account of his relying on his rank to league himself improperly and to borrow influence to set himself at variance, and reverently presenting it, he begged that he be deprived of rank and tried, and looking up he prays that the Imperial glance be cast upon it.

For the richer, Pedestrianism for the poorer class; and for the latter, Pedestrianism for the former class; and for the latter, Pedestrianism for the former class; and for the latter, Pedestrianism for the former class.

ANOTHER CITIZEN. P.S. Should it happen that a company be got up, and you strongly recommend me as manager, we shall say nothing about the 10d. Singapore postage according to the Almanac; but the moon was shining according to the Almanac; but the moon was shining according to the Almanac; but the moon was shining according to the Almanac.

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

LATEST DATES. England August 24 Sydney Oct. 18 United States August 9 Batavia Sept. 28 Calcutta Sept. 8 Singapore Oct. 14 Bombay Sept. 18 Manila Oct. 14 Madras Sept. 15 Shanghai Nov. 10

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VICTORIA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 1848.

NOTICE.—Divine Service will be for the present be conducted in the building adjoining the Post-Office and opposite to the Club-House, on Saturdays at 11 A.M., and at 4 P.M., and on Tuesdays at 6 A.M.

VINCENT STANTON, Colonial Chaplain. The hours of Divine Service will be 11 A.M., and at 4 P.M. Victoria, 27th December, 1847.

In her passage from Sydney N. S. Wales, the American ship Montauk has sustained her reputation as one of the fastest vessels afloat. She left Sydney heads and the Pilot at 9 A.M. on the 13th October, and arrived here at 11 P.M. on the 14th instant, making the passage in 32 days and 14 hours. Some years ago H. M. S. Vestal made the run in 35 days, which was then said to be the best on record between the two ports.

We have received a letter from a Parsee friend in Canton which we print verbatim. From our correspondent's experience of the Indian law courts we are in hopes that Hasum Esmael will be captured and compelled to disgorge. His brother is in custody here; but it is doubtful whether a partnership can be proved; or if proved, whether he is in possession of the goods out of which the Creditors have been swindled. The Chinese have petitioned the Governor for redress; though we do not see that His Excellency can do more than advise the apprehension of the absconder in Bombay, the necessary documents being sent on by the "Pekin."

CANTON, November 14th, 1848. Sir.—It is a fact that at Hongkong the brother of the Mahomedan swindler has been legally apprehended by the creditors. If so, would it be legally to enforce payment from him? My suspicion naturally grants one thing to be true, that, that cursed "Hasum Esmael" could not have possibly succeeded in his diabolical attempts without the conspiracy of one or more parties, as it manifestly acknowledged that not a single party could do so, nor any single party could do so. This set of his could not have been performed without the knowledge of the Mahomedan inmates and that of his own brother. Moreover, when Hasum left Canton for Hongkong, Chinese inmates are heard to have been told by his inmates that he will return here in a day or two. Hence it is as clear as daylight that the man has conspired in accomplishing the daring deed in question. And Mr. Edinger, to scrutinize this doubtful matter—to strive to detect the accessories—to dispense justice in order to redress the poor sufferers, and to put the Government on their guard against such a conspiracy, I am justified in question. And Mr. Edinger, to scrutinize this doubtful matter—to strive to detect the accessories—to dispense justice in order to redress the poor sufferers, and to put the Government on their guard against such a conspiracy, I am justified in question.

As a thief, rogue and a liar. It is suggested that the place of an inmate in the province of "Kutch," and to the best of my knowledge, the vigilance of the Bombay Police has no often been proved extraordinary, that criminals who had run away to some remote parts of India were apprehended and punished after a lapse of considerable time. After all, by the poor Chinaman's bloody sight and exclamations of deep sorrow, Hasum may very likely, die, and the devil take his winding property may all in its possession of his rightful creditors. Who can positively deny this?

A WELL WISHER. Shame and pain, poverty, and sickness, you death and hell itself, are but the trophies of those fatal conquests won by that great impostor, the Devil, over the deluded souls of men.

I your minister received from the English Consul a statement informing that the English merchant Wardley, of the Government, had been in the boat of the Sang-tai shop, which was then in the land and stored in the Tung-fa packhouse of the said shop, it seems the Chinese merchant informed him that the Coolies Yang-mai-zai, &c. were attempting extortion and obstructed him, and the Consul also caused a statement of the said merchant's representation to be sent, and requested that the offenders be punished. Thereupon I issued prohibitory orders, and the Coolies were arrested in the packhouses, all the porters, boat conveyance, and packing, is managed by the Chinese Hongts and shops, and the BARBARIAN merchants have no concern whatever with it. Why then should the Consul precipitately request a prohibition to be issued in prohibition? His conduct was certainly most strange and extravagant! While I was receiving the enquiry and statement of the said Consul a communication on the above matter, and also that the Sang-tai shop had presented a petition requesting the said Magistrate to order together with the superintendent of the river anchorage &c., to examine into it, and that it was because the Sang-tai shop was endeavouring to lower the rate of Coolie hire, and as the Coolies hired him, he had accordingly to be discharged. The said Magistrate &c. earnestly exhorted them to a reduction of the charges. The head of the said shop did not appear himself, but Meh-king-pei, reported to be of the rank of Prefect, purchased by contribution, and to be appointed to serve in Cheung province, thrust himself forward exclaiming, Meh-fun is my brother and the business in reality belongs to me, and in reliance upon his official rank, he solicited and was appointed to consent to the arrangements proposed. There were also two BARBARIAN merchants present at the place aiding him in his clamour. The said Magistrate &c. arranged it amicably, and the two BARBARIANs made no dispute. The abuse of being in league with them being manifest, they the Magistrate &c. petitioned for enquiry into it, and immediately instructed the Prefect of Canton, assisted by the expectant Prefect Tsang, to institute a strict investigation. They have subsequently reported stating that Meh-king-pei deposes to being a nephew of the said Meh-king-pei (nephew of the said) and the rank of Prefect bestowed for his contributions to repair the forts, and is appointed to serve in Cheung, but is now at home mourning for his parent's death. His brother Meh-fun who is of the rank of Bachelor (by purchase) established the Sang-tai shop and packhouse, and having imported Canton from Kwang-see province, which was then on board the boats at Chow-tow, the said English merchant went to his shop and settled the purchase of it, when he was met and obstructed by the Coolies and their agents, and as he stated that he must hire the Coolies himself, hence the clamour arose &c. We find that the said shop purchased Cassia in Kwang-see province and transported it hither—it had not as yet been stored in the packhouse, and why should the English merchant go forthwith and settle the purchase of it? The portage and transport of goods has always devolved upon the shop contracting and the purchaser has no concern with it. Why should the English merchant write for him, and further go to the place and see him? The letter of the English BARBARIAN states that the Chinese merchant gave information that the Coolies were obstructing the goods, and unless the packhouse Coolies transported them if any loss happened he would be unable to fulfill his contract; further there is good evidence that Meh-king-pei combined with the BARBARIAN and instructed him also to talk of inability to fulfill the contract, and although closely examined on every point in order to extort the whole truth, and a clear deposition being upon his rank he made specious statements and we petition that he may be indicted by memorial, deprived of his rank, and tried? This coming before me, I your minister find on examination that the said official Meh-king-pei was in former days a subordinate assistant in one of the Hongts, and was originally a market Coolie. Now in scheming to reduce the Coolie hire and wrangling obstinately with the Coolies he has shown his business in the first place, and has combined with an English merchant to aid him in his clamour at the place, and if he is not most rigorously prosecuted it is to be feared that multitudes of worthless fellows will imitate his example, which will have a serious effect on the whole position of affairs, and representing the truth I now memorialize for his indictment and request the Imperial consent to deprive Meh-king-pei of his rank, that he may be apprehended and all the parties found to give evidence strictly examined as to the facts, and the case thoroughly prosecuted according to law, in order that those holding official rank may be warned against any further collusion with outside BARBARIANs and borrowing their influence to stir up strife. Carefully uniting the statements I severally embody them in a memorial for the Imperial bearing, and prostrate I beg that the sacred glance may be cast upon it.

In reply the Vermillion pencil has been received ordering a most rigorous investigation to take place, and no specious statements to be listened to. The above extract from the Peking Gazette is only of importance as showing the animosity of the Imperial Commission: Seu in misrepresentation to the Emperor a trifling dispute regarding Coolie hire. It is much to be regretted that a more moderate and conciliatory person was not appointed to succeed Keying. The time as fast approaching when a vexatious question will have to be settled; and Seu does not appear to be the sort of man to intrust with a delicate piece of diplomacy.

The following is extracted from a private letter we received from the "barbarian Merchant" referred to about the time the affair took place. It was not written with a view to publication; though there can be no objection to offering it as a refutation of Seu's charges, or at least in explanation of the "barbarian Merchant's" connection with the Coolie monopoly.

The Coolies on the Hoan side refused to allow the Coolies belonging to the Sang-tai to observe the monopoly to land the Cassia he had received from the Government. I left the matter to the lower "Mandarin" to give them the monopoly, but King-qua (Sang-tai) told me that unless his own people did the job he could by no means give security that the Cassia should be sold for the medicine, which its value so much depends. I went to the spot on several occasions, but was only met by threats and actual obstructions; then I complained to the Consul who notified the Prefect, but the matter was not settled; and such a thing could not be allowed and I had directed the Ho-King-Sing and the police runners to see the matter put in a proper shape. But as I have no doubt that these are the very fellows who are paid by the Coolies for the privilege they only adopted persuasive arguments, or as the Chinese say "sweet words" which of course was useless, and we were as far off as ever. On Saturday the merchant Kingqua advised me that the mandarin Ho-king-sing would be at the packhouse at one o'clock and wished me to witness how speedily the matter would arrange matters, but to my astonishment he appeared and wished to see me, and I went with me while he had written to the Consul complaining that this man was not doing his business properly, and that I was in personal fear; also that a mandarin boat anchor or off the packhouse, and the merchant Kingqua advised me to see Mr. Elmhurst represented to the Imperial Commissioner, who it appears was very indignant at the proceedings, and offered and gave positive orders that all obstruction be removed at once. I then again tried the "sweet word," upon which I told him that it was perfectly useless coming without some solid support, and he said he would be kept until 5 o'clock and did nothing, when I told him that I understood that I should write in a second time. This appeared to give him much anxiety; he promised that he would be at the packhouse at 11 o'clock, and I wished, about 11, next day I was sent for; I found the same man and another of the same rank with about 60 soldiers attending; they shut out the mob, and the soldiers strict and brought in the Cassia themselves. This is not at all what I should have wished, but still a point has been gained."

THE "CHINA MAIL" AND "COMMERCIAL LIST." The C. M. in his "No 103," criticises the writing, but especially the punctuation of my sentences—an old saying expresses, that "persons who live in glass houses should not throw stones at their neighbours; we are perfectly acquainted with the following rules from Lindley Murray 1stly, The comma usually separates those parts of a sentence, which, though very closely connected in sense and construction, require a pause between them &c. 2ndly, The semicolon is used for dividing a compound sentence into 2 or more parts, not so closely connected as those which are separated by a comma. 3rdly, The colon is used to divide a sentence into 2 or more parts, less connected than those which are separated by a semicolon.

We have the charity to suppose, that, when errors are found in printed documents, they usually arise from the neglect of the compositor. Instance the blunders in the "China Mail" of the 19th H. E. Su was not rumoured; nor was the Circular then mentioned, sent round the shipping; if it had been, we should not have seen the signatures that were attached to it; we could if we had room, and a desire, point out a dozen more such errors." The mistake in the "Commercial List" report, are too gross to be placed either to our or to the Captain's account.—Commercial List 14th Nov.

Perhaps our Readers may understand this, it is beyond our limited power of comprehension.—Editor F. or C.

CANTON REGATTA. SECOND DAY. The first race was amongst the "John Gilpin," King's Own," "Daisy" and the "Jack o' Hazel-dean."

The "King's Own" won the race. The second was amongst the "Little Nell," "Fly," "Velo-cipede" and "Jemima." The "Jemima" won the race; the wind and water were too high for these small boats: the "Fly" did not start.

The third and last was between the "Garvroy" and Kathleen. The "Kathleen" won the race. An extra race between two boats belonging to the "Pethelghod" was got up; it was the best of all to date.

P. S. The Umpire decided, that the "Gipsy" won the first race yesterday.—Ibid.

NEW ZEALAND. (From the Mailand Mercury.) We have been favoured with three Auckland papers, the latest being of the 9th September. No news of importance is contained in them.

REPORTED OUTRAGE OF RANGIHATA.—Rangihata, according to the Wellington Spectator of the 8th July, had, on the 2nd, burnt down a house at Rangihata belonging to Dr. Best. No violence was offered; and the furniture and effects were all carefully removed. The outrage appears to have been committed in consequence of Rangihata having been offered for sale to the government by the Ngaitapas, the resident natives of the district; Rangihata wishing, it would seem, to prevent the establishment of cattle stations, and hoping, in the event of sale, to compel the Ngaitapas to acknowledge his superior claims. To Rangihata is said to have given Mr. Skipton notice to leave Otaiki, the natives themselves being desirous to depopulate the lands over which Mr. Skipton's cattle and sheep were grazing. The former were in consequence removed to Urahī, the latter to Manawatu.

NATIVE HOSTILITIES.—The heavy rains which we had lately, and the large number of native visitors, have again brought the subject of native hostilities before us, and the great necessity which there exists for something of this kind being done for these strangers, if only out of common humanity. A little might be done by private contributions for this purpose, but any sums so collected would be wholly inadequate. Even if sufficient could be raised, it would be necessary to maintain that the property is public, and should be defrayed by the government, who alone can effectually meet the occasion.—Southern Cross September 9.

NELSON.—Lieutenant-Governor Eyre paid a first and flying visit to the settlement on the 9th inst. taking the Waikura in his way to the Sound of Port Underwood...

REARER (INDUSTRY OF THE NATIVE POPULATION).—We have on several former occasions borne witness testimony to the aptitude and diligence of the natives employed on the public works...

COMMERCIAL LAW.

(From the Colonial Times, August 18.) A very important point of commercial law was tried at the South Lancashire Assize on the 13th April, which it may be interesting to notice...

THE SILK INSTITUTION.

(From the Midland Mercury, October, 7.) We have been favoured by a gentleman in Sydney with the following report of the progress of the Silk Institution recently established near Kissing Point...

The proceedings of this institution, initiated, and as yet uncompleted, supported by the commercial classes of the metropolis have been of such a nature that we have not been able to give them that attention which they deserve.

and to carry out the chief objects of the institution; namely, the training of hands in the process of tending the silkworm, and of rearing the cocoons of silk...

Whether silk can be produced in New South Wales, the affirmative of this we know already. But to rear the best plant and best worm, to show the best manner in which the culture can be done...

In the expectation of being able before this time to apply for pecuniary aid from the Colonial Legislature, the committee, we are informed, entertain sanguine hopes of carrying out the plan confided to their management to such an extent...

We are disposed to believe that the almost exclusive support which the Silk Institution has as yet received from the commercial classes in Sydney is to be attributed more to the want of facilities for receiving the subscriptions of country residents...

THE TWO PULPITS.

Various modes have been discovered for carrying on religious controversy; the denizens of Modern Athens show favour to a very piquant kind. Two gentlemen entertain scruples as to the payment of "ministers' money"...

the impost, not in shillings, but in household furniture; a substitution presumed to be gratifying to the poor...

MISCELLANEA.

A True Story.—Mr. Clements Carroll, Secretary to the Whitechapel Police Committee, called recently at the Bowyer's Hotel Barracks...

What Pleasure it is to pay One's Debt!—I remember to have heard Sir F. Lyttelton make some observations in 1856 to the effect that a combination of circumstances, which is productive of pleasure...

Omnibus Traffic in New York and London.—An American correspondent says, 'Do the people of New York, or the dwellers upon Broadway themselves, know...

Curious Defence.—At the Midland Circuit assize held at Derby, a man, named James Turner, was indicted for stealing some potatoes, on the 1st of February...

An Irishman, who had commenced building a wall round his allotment of rather uncommensurate dimensions, namely, four feet high and six feet thick...

'Had Him Again.—Mr. O'R.—was lately dining in a London coffee-house with a friend. Ireland and Irish grievances formed the topic of after-dinner discussion...

A striking description of Henry Clay is given in the Antislavery Magazine. It is needless to say it by Webster's pen and is as follows:—'He is a man, and no mistake! Nature made him with her serene rolled up.'

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

THE HOUSE in D'Aguiar Street formerly occupied by the ORIENTAL BANK.

The Bungalow in Stanton Street at present occupied by Mr. J. C. Power.

The Bungalow in Gaine Road in the rear of Mr. Scott's Bungalow.

Apply at the bungalow in Gaine Road, and to Messrs FLETCHER & Co.

Victoria, 12th November, 1848.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having taken the premises lately occupied by Messrs. Beckton, and resorted to as a Ship and Storehouse and General Storekeeper under the firm of A. H. FRYER.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

DOWRA, HUMPHREYS & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on Thursday the 23rd November, at Noon, on board the Carl Johan, the Hull as she now lies at East Point...

CARL JOHAN.

MESSRS BOWRA, HUMPHREYS & Co. will sell by Public Auction on Thursday next 23rd November, at Noon, on board the Carl Johan, the Hull as she now lies at East Point...

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON Saturday (to-day) 18th instant, Mr. C. BUCKTON, will sell on the Premises adjoining the MEDICAL HALL—

390 Bushels Indian Corn or Maize; 60 Bols Navy Canvas; 200 Dozen Tumblers; 100 Dozen Pint and 1/2 Pint Flasks; 20 Dozen Decanters; Sets of Cruets and Stands; Sam Silk Cloaks; Table and Tea Spoons; Door handles, &c.

FOR SALE.

BY MR G. DUDDLELL, AND ON VIEW AT THE FARRIERY Wellington Street.

NINE well bred Sydney HORSES handed some time back for Fortaria. These Horses have been well fed since their arrival and are now quite recovered from the voyage, and daily improving...

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

LONG leather Leggings; Higners Boots; Jockey Boots; Buckskin Breeches; Silk and Satin Jockey Boots and Caps; Hunting Whips Fox Head Hammors; Racing Saddles for Arabian Horses and Ponies; Infantry Officers Swords and Belts; Navy do, Boxing Gloves, Race Spurs, Dog Collars and Chains, Best London made Martingales, Single and Double Bridles, Head Collars, Cambric shirts, and only 1 dozen best curdy Combs and Brushes, S Iron Ladders, Iron and Steel Blaws and curbs, Carpet Bays, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1848.

FOR SALE.

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J. INESS.

\* Delivered at any part of the town.

Victoria, 20th October, 1848.

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- Bloom Raisins in Tins
Currants
Pesti Barley
Scotch Oat Meal
Isinglass
Patent Groats
Speeds' Arrowroot &c. &c.

Victoria, 20th October, 1848.

BEEF.

JUST landed and on Sale at the Stores of the undersigned, a few tierces of Prime Beef.

J. INESS.

Victoria, Queen's Road, 20 October, 1848.

NOTICE.

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Victoria, 3rd August, 1848.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Nov. 15. Omega, Anderson, from Foochow 24th Nov.
16. Pappa, Gale, from Cumingmoon 14th Nov.
17. Montauk (Am.), Mearns, from Sydney 4th Oct.

DEPARTURES.

Nov. 14. Spec, Linn, Esch, Coast.
15. Zerkins, Gordon, London.
16. Zephyr, Wilson, Macao.
17. Sir Edward Ryan, Triggs, Shanghai.
17. Cloane (Am.), Beates, Whampoa.

SYDNEY SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—September 23. Jane, Pallott, from Adelaide 17th Sept.
17. Michael, Hobart Town, October 2. Nimrod, E.
17. Amoy 7th July. S. Robert Pulford (Am.), Caldwell, Boston 29th May.

REPORTS.

The Countess of Yarborough, Angelina, Tory, and Victory were to sail for China in October.
The Jane has made a fair passage of ten days from Adelaide. She reports having spoken the American whaling barque George Chapman, Swain, on Wednesday last, off the Dromedary, but did not ascertain whether she had taken any oil since leaving this port.

The Royal George, from Plymouth, on her arrival at Adelaide, reported having spoken on the 13th July, in latitude 46-48 south, longitude 23-47 west, the Earl Grey, from Plymouth bound for Sydney, with 200 Irish female orphans, all well.

The Charlotte Jane has made an excellent passage of ninety-nine days from the Downs. She has on board 254 English and Scotch immigrants, named 17, 41 married couples, 56 single men, 36 single women, 44 boys, and 86 girls under 14 years of age.

The Robert Palford has been one hundred and thirty-two days on her passage from Boston, and consequently her news from America is not of so late a date as that received in Sydney 24th England.

The American whaler, the Canton Packet, Captain Sherman, having touched for letters. She has been thirty-five and a half months out from New Bedford, and has now on board 1800 barrels sperm oil, 1500 of which she has obtained since leaving Sydney in October, 1848.

The Countess Eden has had rather a protracted passage, having been 116 days from Plymouth, in consequence of having carried away her three-topmast, with fore and main tops, on the 9th of July, she during a very heavy squall north of the equator. She reports having exchanged signals with the barque Keston, from London to Hobart Town, on 21st 41 B. Aug. 45 24 Oct. 53. She has brought 392 immigrants, principally English and Scotch, they consist of 21 married couples, 63 single men, 50 single women, 44 boys and 37 girls under the age of fourteen, all of whom appeared to be in good health.

SHIPPING IN CHINA.

ARRIVALS.

Table with columns: Ship, From, Date, Agent. Includes entries for H. M. Big Monitor, Amy, H. C. Resmer, etc.

DEPARTURES.

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MERCHANT VESSELS.

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