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FOR ENGLAND, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, BOMBAY

Also, en route to the above, SINGAPORE, PENANG, GALLE, MALTA, SOERABAYA. THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY'S Steam Ship **ACHILLES**, will leave this for the above places on Saturday the 30th of December.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon, and SPECIAL 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, 30th November, 1848.

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. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 16th September, 1848.

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, 13th 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, Victoria, Sept. 15th, 1848.

FOR SALE. THE HOUSE in D'Aguilar Street formerly occupied by the CHRISTIAN BANK.

The adjoining house known as the OLD COURT HOUSE.

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

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

Apply at the Bungalow in Caine Road, and to Messrs FLETCHER & Co. Victoria, 17th November, 1848.

TO BE LET. THAT Large and Commodious House lately occupied by the Officers, Ceylon Rifle Regiment; possessing among other great advantages a large Yard and excellent Stabling. Apply to

D. LAPRAIK, Hongkong, 7th December, 1848.

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. Office "Friend of China," 25th May, 1848.

NOTICE. THE Firm of E. MOORMAN & Co., Canton, is this day dissolved. Outstanding Accounts will be settled by

CONRAD SAUER. Canton, 30th November, 1848.

NOTICE. THE Business hitherto conducted in China under the Firm of VAN DERBURG BOWENWICK & Co. is this day dissolved.

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

NOTICE. MR. MARTIN WILHELMY, is authorized to Sign our Firm by Proclamation.

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

NOTICE. THE Partnership hitherto existing between the 1 Underigned 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. LANGE. Hongkong, 10th November, 1848.

NOTICE. MR. FRED. H. BLOCK is authorized to sign our Firm by Proclamation.

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

NOTICE. MR. WILLIAM HOGG was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st July last.

LINDSAY & Co. Hongkong, 7th December, 1848.

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

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

NOTICE. THE Underigned having taken the premises lately occupied by Mr Chas. Buckton, has recommenced business as a Ship Chandler and General Storekeeper under the firm of A. H. FRYER & Co.

A. H. FRYER. Hongkong, 1st November, 1848.

FOR SALE. ALLSOPPS' PALE ALE, in Cask. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, 20th September, 1848.

FOR SALE. SHEATHING COPPER of various sizes; also Copper Nails.

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

FOR SALE. A SUPERIOR ORGAN, of great power and sweetness of tone. In Handsome Rosewood 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.

ENGLISH COAL. LANDING ex Athena, from Liverpool, Good English Coal.

ROB. RUTHERFURD. Hongkong, 22nd Nov. 1848.

STORES FOR CHRISTMAS. MESSRS SMITH & BRIMELOW have received per late arrivals, a choice selection of Stores consisting of—Jordan Almonds, Muscated Raisins, Zante Currants, Barcelona Nuts, Dried Sprats, Pickled Mushrooms, Findon Haddockes, Sardines, Green peas, Asparagus, Lendehall Tongues, pickled pig's Tongues, Split peas, potted Meats, Horse radish, York Hams.

ALSO DIRECT FROM NANTES. A small quantity of Pate de Foies Dooe and Pate de Foies d'Canard.

Sperm, Composition and English Wax Candles, &c. &c. No. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Buildings December 7th, 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 Chain of all sizes. Iron Sheaves do. do. Lignumvivee Shives and Blocks of sizes, made to order.

Mast Loops, Jib-banks Lead, Oars, Pitch, Tar, &c., &c. GEORGE FRAZER. Hongkong, 15th September, 1848.

FIRE! FIRE!! G.O. Coal at 8 per Ton at the Stores of the underigned.

J. INESS. Queen's Road, 9th December 1848.

SHOT. SHOT in numbers from 4 to 10, with Hall's best bright Tower proof Gunpowder.

J. INESS. Queen's Road, 9th Dec. 1848.

FOR SALE. JUST Received, and on Sale at the Store of the underigned, 50 Tierces of very fine Beef.

J. INESS. Victoria, 9th Dec. 1848.

MAIZE. FOR Sale at the Stores of the underigned. Kiln dried Maize in small packages; with first rate food for Horses has been packed with great care and sent to order.

ALSO, Bacon, and another batch of beautiful Butter. J. INESS. Victoria, 9th Dec. 1848.

EX "ONEIDA." NOW Landing, and part ready for Sale, a very nice assortment of Drapery; being direct from England, the underigned will be enabled to dispose of them at much lower prices than goods purchased in the Colony. They consist of every variety of Childrens frocks, and frock bodice, Habit Skirts, Lace and muslin Collars, Thread Lace, Egyptian Lace, Flouncing Lace, Whiteker Cloths, Black and Grey Silks, Childrens Cambric Caps, Fringes, Berlin Wool Fringes, Cold Gimps, Book muslin insertions and Trimmings, Fancy neck ties, Saton Stays, with an endless variety of plain and fancy Ribbons, Ladies dresses &c., all of the newest Styles.

J. INESS. Queen's Road, Dec. 9th 1848.

WANTED to borrow the above sum for TWO YEARS on valuable LAND and BUILDINGS, 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. Victoria, 3rd August, 1848.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG. INSOLVENCY JURISDICTION. In the matter of the Insolvent Estates of D and M. RUSTOMJEE and COMPANY, and MEERWANJEE JEEBHOV.

NOTICE is hereby given that by two several orders issued out of this Honorable Court and respectively dated the Twenty second day of November instant, the vesting orders whereby the said Estates became, and were vested in Robert Dundas Cey Esquire, the Provisional Assignee of the Estates of Luchend Debtor, were annulled and discharged, and the said Estates were ordered to be reassigned and reconveyed by the said Robert Dundas Cey Esquire to the said D. and M. Rustomjee and Company, and to the said Meerwanjee Jeebhov.

All persons who are indebted to the said Estates, or have any effects or documents belonging to the said Firm, or to the said Meerwanjee Jeebhov, are requested to pay or deliver the same at the Offices of the said D. & M. Rustomjee, Canton. Dated the 22nd day of November, 1848.

Wm. GASKELL, Attorneys for the said Insolvents Queen's Road, Victoria.

To the Creditors and Debtors, of the said Insolvents.

OVERLAND ROUTE VIA TRIESTE. THE Directors of the AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY have informed us that from and after the 10th of October every Steamer will regularly sail on the 10th of each month on the direct line between TRIESTE and ALEXANDRIA, so as to correspond with the H.M. E. I. COMPANY'S BOMBAY STEAMERS; and from and after the 25th of November past a Steamer will ply regularly on the 25th of each month on the direct line between Trieste and Alexandria, so as to correspond with the P. & O. COMPANY'S STEAMERS from Galle.

THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S COMPANY will have five Steamers available for this line; each of them between 600 and 700 Tons burthen and of 280 Horsepower. They are fitted up in a superior style and English is spoken on board.

The number of Berths in each is as under, viz.— 86 First Class, including 16 for Ladies. 20 Second Class " 7 for Females. The Fares to be £18, for First Class, £12 for Second Class; including Table money and Stewards' fees.

The Voyage is expected not to exceed 5 days to 54 days, and as Quarantine is calculated from the day of leaving Alexandria—these vessels being provided with Health Officers—it follows that in a clear 5th of health passengers will get pratique immediately on arrival at Trieste.

For letters to England superscribed "via Trieste" an "overseas" charge is made of 18 Kreuzer (about 7 1/2 Cts) per Quarter Oz. and half this rate for every additional 1/4 Oz. Any one wishing to send letters to England via Trieste may pay the "overseas" rate into our hands, and address them to the care of the Austrian Lloyd's Agency at Alexandria—franking them to Egypt.

Letters to the European Continent via Trieste may likewise be addressed to the care of the said Agency—the franking to Alexandria being attended to—and for these the preparation of the "overseas" Postage is not required.

"Packages" for Egypt, or any part of the Continent of Europe, or the Levant, should be addressed to the care of some one at Suez, at the P. & O. Company do not engage to deliver any thing not intended for England beyond that landing port, where Transit of other Duties must be paid, and to express such dispatch as possible a Bill of Lading with particulars of value &c., should be sent to the forwarder at Suez.

For Passage, or for further particulars, apply to, Wm. PUSTAU & Co. Agents of Galle and Hongkong, for the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

D. HSMI, CHROMOMETER AND WATCHMAKER, 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, Genoa, 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, 1848.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

COMMISSARIAT OFFICE, Hongkong, 11th December, 1848.

TENDERS will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock on Thursday the 21st instant for Bills to be drawn by the underigned at thirty days sight on either the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or the Governor General of India to the extent of Ten thousand pounds Sterling in exchange for British Money, Rupees, or Mexican and South American Dollars.

The Tenders to be sealed, marked on the outside "Tender for Bills," and to express the rate per cent for British Money or the Sterling rate at which each of the other coins may be offered.

J. W. SMITH, Asst. Comy. General.

TENDERS are wanted, for the loan of about \$6,000, on Bottomry on the Bark "HEXAMUS," Captain Corbett, now in this port. Apply at the office of N. DUSS & Co.

Victoria, December 11th, 1848.

THE underigned has just received a small lot of the very best English Boots and Shoes from, DAVENPORT, LONDON, and is ready to offer them for sale at his Commission and Sale Room, Queen's Road.

A. L. ENCARNAÇÃO. Victoria, 13th December, 1848.

LOST. THE 7th Volume of J. P. COLLIER'S edition of SHAKESPEARE'S works; whoever will return it to the Editor of this Paper will receive the grateful thanks of the owner, and, if necessary, the value of the book.

Victoria, 11th December, 1848.

DAILY ADVERTISER. THE Daily Advertiser and Shipping List will from the 18th inst., be delivered at Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, gratis. The Proprietor hopes by this insuring universal circulation, and an opportunity of advertising daily that the Paper will be supported by advertisements.

N.B.—New advertisements for insertion same day will be received up to noon every day, and continued seven days without extra charge.

Victoria, 12th December, 1848.

THE EFFECTS of the late MR. CONTARINI, 1st Band Master of the 95th Regiment, will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Murray Barracks, at 11 o'clock, on Friday the 18th instant.

All Persons who are indebted to the Estate of the said MR. CONTARINI, or those who may have any claim thereon will send the same to the Clerk of the Room of the 95th Regiment, on or before the 31st December, 1848.

Victoria, Hongkong, 9th December, 1848.

PUBLIC AUCTION. MESSRS SMITH & BRIMELOW will sell by Public Auction, on Thursday the 14th inst., at 11 o'clock A.M., at the Godowns of Messrs JAMESON, EDGER & Co., for the benefit of concerned.

A quantity of damaged SUGAR, and other MERCHANDISE.

TERMS of Sale—Cash before Delivery, and all Lots to be cleared the next day. No. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Buildings. Victoria 11th December, 1848.

PUBLIC AUCTION. W. H. FRANKLIN will sell at 11 o'clock A.M. a quantity of Spars & Water consisting of Top-sail Yards, Lower Yards, Mizen Mast.

For the benefit of all concerned. ALSO, Indian sealing Wax, Long slow Hoags, Shipstays, Brandy in Cask, Cotton Yarn &c.

A few Cails of Europe Rope is close as account.

TERMS of Sale—Cash before delivery, unless otherwise ordered. Victoria, 13th December, 1848.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA AND HONGKONG GAZETTE.

VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th 1848.

Another great obstacle to extensive commerce...

The report in question bears date, as stated, 18th of January 1847...

So far from charging upon Mr Jackson any wilful exaggeration, we take upon ourselves to shew the source and occasion of his stupendous blunder...

The Report commences,—"No prospect of a British or other Foreign Trade at this Port is yet apparent in the remotest degree...

By limiting the supplies of foreign manufactures to the mere wants of the population, the dealers are enabled to obtain much larger prices than in places where abundance and competition prevail...

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NOTICE.—District Service will for the present be discontinued in the building adjoining the Post Office...

NOTICE.—FRANCIS T. CROSBY. This engraving, done, conducted for the present by the Rev. Fr. Crosby...

CANBURY loses his bet. The article in last paper on government retrenchment was written by the Editor, and not a communication. It was not suggested by any one (official or non-official)...

We postpone some observations on the Excise duties and Assessed taxes in order to afford space for a review of Mr Jackson's report on the trade of Foo-chow-foo...

It may not be inopportune at this moment, when the official returns of trade at the five ports are being made up for the current year, to call on the attention of our present Superintendent to the report on "The Prospects of a British Trade at Foo-chow-foo" made by H. M. Consul for that port in January last year...

But whatever construction foreigners may put upon it, the British mercantile community at home or abroad, would never believe, had it not been avouched by a Consul's signature, and sealed with the seal, and endorsed by the hand of Sir John Davis, that upwards of two million pieces of FOREIGN MANUFACTURED COTTON GOODS ARE ANNUALLY TAKEN OFF AT THE "FLOURISHING" BERT OF FOO-CHOW-FOO!

"Angels and ministers of (trade) defend us!" exclaimed we, as we read this passage for the first time, and rubbing our eyes asked ourselves, had we all been asleep and dreaming our years away, while the Foochow Consul alone was awake, and with an eye to business...

Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 12th, 1848. Sir,—Sorry to trouble you on so delicate a subject as the banquet on the junkmen. Your brother...

To the Editor of the FRIEND OF CHINA. CANBURY, 10th Dec. 1848.

The following bit of comfort under diff. notices appears in the last number of the China Mail, as Mr Meadows was nearly the same (swimming for his life, &c.)...

To the Editor of the FRIEND OF CHINA. Victoria, 11th December, 1848.

Sir,—You have given yourself a great deal of trouble for no use in it, I refer to your luminous and voluminous article on the contemplated reduction of the Government establishment here.

Mr Lord.—In accordance with the anxious desire you have expressed that retrenchment should be made as practicable in the expenditure of His Majesty's Colony of Utopia, I have deemed it my duty for the purpose of meeting your Lordship's wishes...

John Tag, 10th clerk, Colonial Office, Salary £216 William Rag, 7th clerk, Land Department, " 260 Robert Tall, 9th clerk, Trade Office, " 175

Making a total of £ 641. The disbursement of the above gentlemen has of necessity thrown their duties on, then that I trust your Lordship will agree with me that it is only fair, just, and reasonable...

Mr William Rag's duty was to make the pens for the Treasurer, and present them to his office, and unless your Lordship having with great kindness agreed to take these duties on himself, I have deemed it right to take them on his hire of tools to carry him to and from his office, he having expressed in the strongest terms his desire to defray all his other office expenses himself.

That is the way we retrenched in the colony of Utopia. Reason, that these accounts of the saving of £390, 12s 4d, in the colony of Utopia may be put against an increase of £100,000 in the expenditure in the colony of I-don't-know-where.

ADVISE MR MOWAT.—Should your left eye, place your thumb nail to your nose, stretch your fingers to their widest expansion, and cry, CANBURY, when any man talks of Government retrenchment. I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant, FUDGE.

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, MONTH, YEAR. Includes dates like Dec 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

effect their exchanges—but our imagination points to the Meddler for the English business, and the Banks of Newfoundland for the American. At Foo-chow, however, there are these hundred banks which freely "reach" each other's notes (we speak the Consul for teaching us that word) at a discount of half per cent. But as Foo-chow is alone high faith in Foo-chow-foo, its Bank bills are not negotiable beyond its own precincts; so that it becomes absolutely necessary that the Cantonese—the Amoymen, and Tsuenchowmen, but "principally the Amoymen" should present the notes they received in payment for their two million shirtings, and after all fall back upon the "cynabour" sycee and "primitive" dollar, which, if they do not possess the facilities and advantages and fixity of value of the Consul's paper medium, are in other quarters more readily negotiable.

Really Foo-chow-foo at this point begins to wear in our eyes an exceedingly interesting and commercially-picturesque aspect. We look into the Consul's Report as into a Camera obscura and where before we could see nothing with the naked eye, we now see through the Report a delightful picture—namely one hundred and sixty six thousand, six hundred and sixty six Cookies, and as we love to be accurate, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cookie like a train of ants, each with his load of 80 cookies, or say 12 pieces of hogcholt, streaming onwards over a rich champagne country "principally from Amoy," towards powder "fourishing cky" in the distance—Presently we discern a down train, diminished indeed in numbers but laden with the true spolia opima—the cura broussycee and primitive dollars. Think not the ungenial and irrelevant reader that the trade of Foo-chow-foo is confined to the "few hundred pieces, landed at the Kiopaw in Chinese boats." The trade of Foo-chow is not a thing of hundreds but a thing of hundreds of thousands, nay of millions. The trade is there (as the great Duke in the peep show is actually on the field of Waterloo though invisible for the smoke) but you cannot see it.

We now think it is fairly and logically proven, that the good Folk of Foochow, must have paid for their two million pieces of foreign Cotton fabrics if they got them at all, in hard cash. Let us now enquire how much hard cash they have to find for their calico—not mind you, in any particular year, but year by year ("annually").

Mr Jackson tells us, that the long cloths sold at Foochow, in the year under review were purchasable at Canton and Amoy, but especially at Amoy, at \$2.50 per piece, and take his figures as a fair average. This makes the first cost of the foreign cotton fabrics FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. He tells us further on (Report p. 23) this overland trade is, carried on by a body of "Monopolists" whose shop or Hoop profit upon them is a dollar per piece.—(A OTHER TWO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS!)—Oh rare monopoly!—oh rich and delicious pie!—how we long to have a finger in them! Willingly for they say would we forewent for trade for ever, and even feed the flame that baked them with the effigy of Richard Godden! But this is a feeling digression an affecting apostrophe, which throbbd within our pocket, and we could not help its out-burst. This brings up the cost of Foo-chow Calico to SEVEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS; and the Consul tells us that if retail, his two million pieces sell at a profit of at least 150 per cent above the hong price, and as it is the natural and ordinary course for all such goods to pass into the hands of the Consumer through the hands of the retailer, we find that Mr Jackson, by the inevitable implications of his report informs his government, the British parliament, and the Boards of trade of all the other governments in the world who may think his report worth eighteen pence at Huxford's in the Strand, that the folk of Foo-chow-foo, pay year by year SEVENTEEN MILLIONS AND A HALF OF DOLLARS, FOR THEIR FOREIGN COATS AND PETTICOATS! erodit indigne Apella. Verily this worthy gentleman's figures are poor value for \$4,000!

Think not good reader, we are barlequing this matter. We swear if there be any burlesque in it, it is none of our making. We give the Consular figures.—Consular words and Consular Seal for every separate avowment. "We set down nought in malice" nor anything exaggerate, even to stretching the fog end of the poorest piece of the two million pieces brought overland principally from Amoy.

Who after this, will venture to say there is a lack of Capital at Foo-chow-foo? Never henceforth Mr Consul Jackson certainly! Surely it is the richest spot on earth. Surely Pluto himself must be a monger it's Gods.—Oreus among its domi-gods.—Another Paedibus must have his spring among its hills.—Another Golconda his hidden amongst its mountains. Tell us, if you like, there are no coals in Northumberland, no tin in Cornwall, no Shrimps at Ramsgate of Cookle in Harmsby, but do not tell us, if you love us, there is no money at Foo-chow-foo.

When Mr Jackson informed us that his two million pieces were derived "principally" from Amoy, we turned, confidently enough, for nothing Consul would amount us now, to the results of

the Amoy trade in the same preliminary paper, and found that the gross amount of British and American goods which entered that port in the same year was exactly 51,174 pieces. So how Mr Consul Layton could spare Mr Consul Jackson, the MAJOR PART OF TWO MILLIONS, out of his own tiny little parcel of 50,000, we leave to those who are more cunning than we are, in the ancient problem of compressing a quart of ale into a pint measure.

We next turned to the Canton trade in the same paper, and found that the whole amount of British long cloths imported in that year did not exceed 891,866 pieces, and lastly, but now in despair for our Consul's reputation as a statistic, we turned to the Shanghai trade, and found that the total amount of Shirtings entered inwards in that year, was 1,206,900 pieces—giving a grand total of 1,948,633 pieces—some 50,000 pieces less, than our enthusiastic Consul insists upon for Foo-chow alone!—verily his figures are dear at 2,300 sterling.

We proposed to point out the origin of Mr Jackson's stupendous blunder and to show it a patriotic one, and now protest to do so.

In every corner breeched within the Consul's hat in the Streets of Foo-chow, he saw, or thought he saw, a patron of the power-loom, a rewarder of the spinning Jenny. He saw himself surrounded "with the teeming population of an extensive city," and like a patriotic tailor fell to work at once to measure them off for jackets and breeches stuff, in favour of Manchester. Had he the prying privileges of Armodeus, we make no doubt while this enthusiasm was hot upon him, he would have suddenly transported himself into the urchin's home and have cast his eyes enquiringly around the walls for an engraving of the steam engine and a portrait of Richard Ackright. But alas for our silent statistic and starving operatives, we fear even Mr Jackson has by this time discovered, that the urchin's breeches were woven in the most primitive of handlooms by the urchin's own mother, (a small foetid Lucretia amongst her handmaids), that the thread was spun and reeled by his industrious and thrifty sisters, while the very raw staple itself was free from all foreign taint, having burst its pods under a China sun, upon a China soil.

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Canton, December 9th, 1848.

CALIFORNIA—GOLD MINES, &c. Among the endless number of rumors and reports it is somewhat difficult to arrive at a correct view of the state of affairs in California. The statement contained in the following extracts from a letter received per the "Mary Frances" may be fully relied upon for accuracy. The writer has travelled over the country, visited the mines, and is well acquainted with the progress of affairs in the country for the last 18 months:

"The moral condition of the country was bad enough before the gold discoveries—but it is now in a state of perfect chaos, and what is still more to be lamented is, though the slightest touch of severity will enable any one to see that the gold mines are destined to make matters worse rather than better. The whole attention of the population for the last six months has been occupied with gold. There are no schools nor any prospect of gold for the present. The inhabitants are unsettled—many families will winter at the mines—a wretched place it will be for quarters at that season—and it will be a long time before any thing like a settled state of society is known here. Most will only engage in agriculture and the mechanic arts when they find these more profitable on the whole than gold digging—and the gold digging at the present time yields a pretty sure income of \$10 to 20 per day with the chance of making from \$100 to 500 in the same time as is not unfrequently done. At least 6000 people are already engaged in digging, and the number is daily increasing, but the extent of the gold region is increasing equally fast. Active operations now extend over a tract of country 800 miles in length, and varying from 10 to 30 miles in width, lying midway between the base and the summit of the range of the Sierra Nevada, or Snowy Mountains. At a moderate computation, 80 or 70,000 dollars are pocketed daily, and from two to four millions dollars have been probably drawn from this bank since it commenced specie payment six months ago.

My own business of surveying, like all others, was knocked in head last spring, and I was left with my thumbs for a livelihood, or go with the multitude. So in sheer self defence, I was obliged to "digger" myself. A small patch of the virgin digger I send you as a sample of my digging. You will see that it is in water-worn lumps like pebbles, almost every piece of it giving evidence that it has lost its original size and form from long attrition through the agency of water. It occurs in every variety of magnitude from almost invisible dust and little flattened scales like flaxseed up to lumps of the size I send you, and in many parts of the mines to pieces as large as pigeons' and pulled in the same way. The plants of the gold region let's eggs, though the larger pieces are usually more or less intermixed with quartz, which was the original gage of veins through which the gold was interposed.

I found that digging gold by no means the enchanting employment many might dream it to be; but a matter of effort, back ache, wearisome work—most nearly resembling for all this world, the heavy toil of a multitude of Paedios excoavating a canal, or mill race. The climate of the gold region from April to October is dry, with a scorching atmosphere and cool nights—the middle of the day being warm, especially at the diggings, and the evening while at the mines. I was obliged to cover myself to turn mountain-side sleep under the stars, or part of the time, in a tent, and take care of my domestic concerns as best I could. Life in the mountains, with plenty to eat, and a good appetite, produced by hard work for seven, is not so repulsive a thing as one, only accustomed to

door existence, might suppose. For variety's sake, it will do for a time—but for my part, gold digging is a business I do not fancy, although it pays pretty well, and you are sure of getting your pay in hand the moment the work is done.—Still, I would rather be at my old business with one-third the profits of this. I have been absent from the mines now five or six weeks, to visit the more ground, (I left Mr D. on the 10th inst.) I expect to return next week, and will be glad perhaps, for want of anything to do here. I have surveyed enough on hand, but chinamen cannot be hired short of five dollars a day, which would make the business unprofitable to me unless I charged exorbitantly for the work. But enough of gold.

There is much sickness, chiefly in the vicinity of the three missions at Sutters, and in the valleys of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, into which the streams empty on the upper waters of which the gold is found.

From the papers and the friends who have come over, I learn that the gold fever is making quite a stir in King Kamehameha's little realm. Scores are already here and more, I am told, are coming. Some who recently went up the Sacramento River, spoke back a week afterwards well stored with furs and faggots, if not with gold. Many who come themselves sick, and perhaps, make the natives poorer than ever—if they do not make shipwreck of good morals, and die, like some already, as the fool dieth, in revelling and drunkenness. If any man is doing a tolerable business at the islands, let him stick to it. He will, ten chances to one, be better off in the end. If he can get more gold here, he will have to look over more gold also for a means of subsistence. At the mines I have seen sugar, coffee, butter, beans, potatoes, and other articles selling at one dollar a pound; more or less, 80¢ per gallon; 8¢ a lb. 30¢ to 40¢ per pound; beef, 2¢ cents, often twice that; common woolen blankets sell for 50 to 100 dollars—among the Indians higher still—other articles of clothing three or four times their ordinary prices. Goods of all sorts are high. Real estate in San Francisco has risen greatly. A lot which a year ago cost \$100, and a year before that, \$15, was sold a year ago for \$10,000, though only 50 yards square and almost a square. What this state of things is causing in you, we can tell. With our cheap materials how shall order rise out of confusion? To look forward to the state of the country a few years hence, is enough to make one tremble; unless the Lord in His wise providence shall through the agency of His visible church, cause the seeds of righteousness, and of all that is lovely and of good report, to be planted here before the thorns and briars of evil shall have attained to choking strength and maturity. Churches and schools are everywhere the minister's chapel, or a home missionary society, should be located at San Francisco at once. But I must close.—Sandwich Island Paper.

Mexico—I mentioned, writes a gentleman at Mazatlan, in September, "in my last letter that the bad resolution here, but it is now all over. Palacios went off to Durango; Carrion, to La Paz, in the Congress; and Gen. Maya, who did nothing whatever until Palacios went off (the town being his) to go away, remained in the Presidency and in vented his rage on some of the mere boys of officers, who knew nothing of the merits of the affair, but merely followed their superiors,—four of them were shot, none of them were over twenty years of age. Two of them died gallantly—refusing to have their eyes blinded, they threw open their shirt bosoms, and themselves gave the word fire! Palacios' revolution is also quelled—he escaped, but three officers and a corporal were shot. They are now adopting the only efficient means to put a stop to pronunciamentos; still I do not believe the present Government will stand long—it displays no activity or energy. They are going on in the same old track; and since the peace they have done nothing whatever towards the reform which every body looked for in every thing. Every one, natives and foreigners, are disappointed, and doubtless some change will take place ere long.

Early in the month, the 'Congress' was here and has returned to La Paz, where Com. Jones still remains. We are expecting every day, the Congress to get here, the way to Valparaiso and the United States."—Ibid.

MISCELLANEA.

Military Uniforms.—In the House Commons, on Wednesday, Sir De Lacy Evans asked the Secretary at War whether the authorities would permit officers who had received medals and had sold out, to wear their uniforms on public occasions?

Mr P. Maule said the rule at present was that Officers holding the rank of Colonel might sell out, but were not to be permitted to wear their uniforms, but also extended to Lieutenant Colonels and Majors who had the honour of being Companions of the Bath. With reference to any extension of the privilege on public occasions to Officers of inferior rank, the Secretary said he could not depend entirely on the good pleasure of Her Majesty.

How excellent an opportunity was here afforded to Mr Fox Maule of doing a graceful and a generous thing. A few words more and he would have made a fine use of the privilege, and would have made the Lieutenant Colonel and Majors who had the honour of being Companions of the Bath, the recipients of any extension of the privilege on public occasions to Officers of inferior rank, the recipients of the same. It is to be regretted that it is not in the power of the Secretary at War to do this. It is to be regretted that it is not in the power of the Secretary at War to do this. It is to be regretted that it is not in the power of the Secretary at War to do this.

The Wellesley Family.—The names of Wesley and Wellesley are both so generally well known, that it is not so generally known that they are in fact the same name. From the time of the Duke of Wellington, the name of Wellesley has been used by the family, and the name of Wesley has been used by the family of the Duke of Wellington. The name of Wellesley has been used by the family, and the name of Wesley has been used by the family of the Duke of Wellington.

father of the one, and the grand-father of the other, were private gentlemen of slender fortune. The Duke of the Duke of Wellington, the name of Wellesley has been used by the family, and the name of Wesley has been used by the family of the Duke of Wellington.

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The Sea Lioness.—One of these amphibious creatures having been captured in the South Sea by a Capt. Tricott, has been brought to England, and is now exhibiting at Regent-street. It evidently belongs to the seal tribe, from which it differs in the general squareness of its head and the specific fineness of its nose. Its eyes are round and black, and its hair is covered with smooth blackish-grey hair, while its face is like the hands of the human being. One of its peculiarities is in its teeth, which consist of only four in front, besides a few small grinders. We saw it on Saturday afternoon at the Zoological Garden, where some artificial rigidity should be obtained for it in a stone reservoir, placed in the open air—such as would be provided for it at either of the Zoological Gardens, where, we think, it ought at once to be taken.—Herald.

HONGKONG RACE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY, 1849.
The Wong-ning ching Stakes for all Ponies under 18 hands. Once round and a distance. Entrance \$1 each. \$30 added from the Fund. Weight for inches. Former winners excluded.
The Canton Cup for all Horses. From the Garden turn, once round and in. Weight 9 stone 7 lbs for Arabs. 11 stone for Sydney and Cape bred Horses. Maiden Horses allowed 4 lbs. Entrance \$5 each.
The Valley Stakes for all Ponies 15 hands & higher and under. Once round and a distance. Entrance \$2 each. \$10 added from the Fund. Weight for inches. Former winners of this Race to carry 7 lbs. extra progressively.
The Arab Welter Stakes. From the Garden turn, once round and in. Entrance \$1 each. \$30 added from the Fund. Weight 11 stone. The last Horse to pay the second Horse's entrance.
The Hack Stakes for all Ponies. Catch weights. Once round. The winner to be paid \$50 if claimed within a quarter of an hour from coming in. Entrance Free. \$30 given from the Fund.
The Sydney Welter Stakes for all Horses. Arabs excepted. From the Garden turn, once round and in. Entrance \$5 each. \$30 added from the Fund. Weight 12 stone. The last Horse to pay the second Horse's entrance.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1849.
The Pony Welter Stakes for all Ponies. Once round and a distance. Entrance \$1 each. \$50 added from the Fund. Weight 10 stone & 1 lb. for 18 hands and under; 10 stone 7 lbs. if above 18 hands.
The Pleasantry's Cup presented by His Excellency Samuel George Bonham, Esq., &c., value \$200. For all Horses, both sex, the property of the parties entering. From the distance twice round and in. Weight 9 stone 7 lbs for Arabs. Sydney and Cape bred Horses 11 stone. Former winners of this Cup to carry 5 lbs. extra. Last Horse to pay the second Horse's stakes. Entrance \$10 each.
The Victoria Plate value \$30 for all Ponies. From the Black Rock on one round and in. Weight 9 stone 7 lbs. Entrance \$3 each. Former winners of this Plate to carry 5 lbs. extra progressively.
The Arab Welter Stakes for all Ponies. Catch weights. Once round. The winner to be paid \$50 if claimed within a quarter of an hour from coming in. Entrance Free. \$30 given from the Fund.

The Ladies Purse value \$50 for all Ponies, who have run at this Meeting. Winners to be handicapped by the Stewards. Weight round and a distance. Entrance \$1 each. Once round \$2 each.

THIRD DAY. WEDNESDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1819.

The Hunter's Plate value \$100 for all Horses. From the Garden turn, once round and in. Over four Hurdles 3 feet 6 inches, and two Hurdles 4 feet high. Weight for inches, 15 hands 2 inches to carry 11 stone 4 lbs. 5 lbs. allowed for every inch below to 14 hands and 1 inch. Entrance \$5 each.

The Pony Hurdle Race for all Ponies. From the Garden turn, once round and in. Four Hurdles 3 feet high and two Hurdles 3 feet 6 inches. Weight for inches. Entrance \$1 each, \$10 added from the Fund. Second Prize to receive \$10 from the Fund.

The Native Purse value \$90 for all Ponies. Indian and Chinese Riders. Once round. Catch weights. Entrance Free.

The Handicap Stakes for all Horses, that have started at this Meeting, to be handicapped by the Stewards. Weights to be declared at the Club House by 11 A.M. the day of the Race. Entrance to be declared by 2 o'clock the same day. Entrance Fee \$3 each, \$80 added from the Fund.

The Hongkong Steeple Chase for all Ponies. Catch weights. Ground to be named by the Stewards at 12 o'clock of the 16th. Entrance to be declared on the course. Fee \$1 each, \$10 added from the Fund.

RULES.

Races to commence each day punctually at 2 o'clock P.M. The first Saddling Bell to be rung at half-past 1 P.M. Entrances to be declared in writing to the Race Committee, stating the name and color of the Horse, and colors of the Riders, before the 1st January, 1849.

No Horse allowed to run whose Entrance Fees have not been paid. No Person allowed to Enter or Ride, but Officers of the Army and Navy, Members of the Club, or Gentlemen nominated and seconded by any two Members of the above named Bodies, being Subscribers; the party thus nominated and seconded being a Subscriber, and accepted by the Committee.

All Disputes respecting the Races to be referred to the Stewards, whose decision is to be final. All objections to Horses or Riders must be made in writing before starting.

Three Horses to start or no Race. Weights for Ponies, 12 hands to carry 7 stone, increasing 7 lbs. for every inch above. No allowance for Mares or Geldings.

By Order of the Committee, A. CARTER.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

- Dec. AT HONGKONG. 3. Swallow, Anderson, from Cumingmoon. 9. Rodaga (Am.), Leitch, from Liverpool 28th June. 9. Prudence, Crawford, from Liverpool 15th July. 10. Ansell Gibbs (Am.), Maribou, from Guam 26th November with 2,300 barrels Whale Oil. 10. Denia, King, from Cumingmoon. 10. Vizen, McMurdo, from Poochow 4th December. 10. Richard J. William, Brigstock, from Whampoa. 11. Lady Leigh, White, from Whampoa. 11. Giraffe, Robinson, from Whampoa. 12. Panama (Am.), Hallat, from Sandwich Islands 7th Nov. with 1,400 barrels Whale Oil and 45 barrels Sperm Oil. 12. Motezuma, Plunkunde, from Manila 3rd Dec. Dec. AT MACAO. 7. Dos Hermanos (Sp.), Salado, from Manila 28th November. 7. Carl & Hermann (Ham.), Keyser, from Singapore 29th December. 10. French frigate La Bayonnaise, Capt. La Graviere, from Manila 1st December.

PASSENGERS.

Per Motezuma, —Messrs Jose Villate, and Ink Melchers.

REPORTS.

The Prudence experienced heavy weather in the China sea, lost both topmasts, sails, &c.; on the 6th November, spoke the Magellan from Shanghai, in lat. 1 B., long. 107 E.

The Panama spoke the ship Midas and the Liceroop, for Hongkong, on the 11th.

The La Bayonnaise, from Manila 1st December, arrived at Macao. Reports the Sir Herbert Campbell, having put into that port. The Spanish ship Plencora, totally lost in the Bay of Manila.—Daily Advertiser.

We understand that the Rainbow has been out for upwards of 300 days, from New York via Cape Horn.—Commercial List.

DEPARTURES.

- Dec. FROM HONGKONG. 9. Surge, Maurice, Whampoa. 9. Albion, Gardner, Whampoa. 9. Charlotte, Thomas, Whampoa. 9. Raduga (Am.), Leitch, Whampoa. 9. Prudence, Crawford, Whampoa. 10. Trevynion, Riddles, Cumingmoon. 10. Berwick, Wilson, East Coast. 11. Eureka (Belgian), Meyer, Whampoa. 11. Sphindis (Ham), Storm, V. Coast of America. 11. Vizen, McMurdo, Whampoa. 12. Quenda (Spanish), Mercedes, Manila. 12. Eureka, Webster, Whampoa. 12. Patricia, Lancaster, Sydney. 13. Grey, Robinson, Sydney. Dec. FROM WHAMPOA. 6. Stella del Mar (Sardinian), Desart, Singapore. Dec. FROM MACAO. 1. Fata Hair (Dutch), Ingala, Samtarrang. Dec. FROM AMOY. 1. Wilson, Capel, Singapore.

SHIPPING IN CHINA.

VESSELS OF WAR.

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MERCHANT VESSELS.

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VESSELS LOADING.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

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