

No. 5.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas on the night of the 1st instant, a Gang of Burglars made an attack on the house of one CHUN AYING, Silversmith, residing on the East side of the Village of Sookunpoo, and succeeded not only in carrying off valuable Property but in wounding two and murdering one of the Watchmen in the employ of Messrs Jardine Matheson and Company:

It is hereby notified, that
A REWARD OF FIFTY DOLLARS
 will be paid to any person or persons giving such information to the Superintendent of Police as shall lead to the discovery and apprehension of any one or more of the said Gang.

By Order, **W. T. MERCER,**
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
 Hongkong, 3d January, 1856.



POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE following Instructions having been received from His Lordship THE POST-MASTER GENERAL, are hereby published for general information, viz:—

On and from the 1st January, 1856, the Packet Rate of Postage upon Letters transmitted by British Packet BETWEEN HONGKONG and any Port in INDIA, or a Port in any other BRITISH COLONY, without passing through the United Kingdom, will be reduced from One Shilling to Four Pence the Half Ounce.

The reduced rate of Four Pence will apply not only to Letters between Hongkong and the several British Possessions in the East Indies, but also to Letters between HONGKONG and the Colonies of MALTA, GIBRALTAR, and the IONIAN ISLANDS.

A like reduction from One Shilling to Four Pence will at the same date take effect in the rate of Postage upon Letters conveyed by British Packet between HONGKONG and ANY FOREIGN PORT, with the exception of a Port in Egypt.

Letters sent from HONGKONG to any FOREIGN COUNTRY via Egypt, will continue liable to the existing charge.

WM. CHAPMAN,
Acting Post-master.

Post-office, Hongkong,
 2d January, 1856.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE next GENERAL MAILS per "Madras," will be closed on MONDAY, the 14th January, at 6 P.M.; and the Customary SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up the following Morning between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock.

WM. CHAPMAN,
Acting Post-master.

Post-Office, Hongkong,
 2d January, 1856.

IN THE VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG.

R. S. Walker, and others v. Cargo ex "Unicorn."
 BY Virtue of a Decree of the Court, the MARSHAL'S AUCTIONEER will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road, at 11 o'clock A.M. precisely, on TUESDAY, the 8th January, 1856,—

The residue of the Cargo, comprising,—EDIBLE BIRDS'-NESTS, IVORY, JADE-STONE ORNAMENTS, a variety of CHINESE LAMPS, PAPER, BUTTONS, TINFOIL, CHINESE CLOTHING, a quantity of GINSING, and SPLIT RATTANS. CATALOGUES, containing full particulars and Conditions of Sale, may be had on application at the Victoria Exchange.

G. DUDELL.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1856.

NOTICE.

A Copy of the JURY LIST FOR 1856, is posted up at the Court House for inspection. Notice of any Inaccuracies, &c., must be given in WRITING to the Acting Registrar, on or before the 19th day of January instant, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1851.

WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER,
Acting Registrar.

Court House, 2d January, 1856.

IN THE VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG.

The Queen v. a Marine Screw Steam Engine, &c.
 BY Virtue of a Decree of the Court, the MARSHAL'S AUCTIONEER will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on FRIDAY, the 19th January, 1856, at 11 o'clock A.M. precisely, at the VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road,—

One COPPER TANK, one WINCH, and the said MARINE SCREW STEAM ENGINE.

Note—The Engine is upwards of THIRTY HORSE-POWER, and is now on View at the VICTORIA EXCHANGE. Some of its parts are missing.

The Lots are to be paid for in MEXICAN Dollars on Delivery.

G. DUDELL.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1856.

Steam for
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, & SOUTHAMPTON;

Also,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "MADRAS," Captain DWON, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo for the above Places, will leave this on TUESDAY, the 15th January next, at 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 13th, SPECIE until Noon on the 14th, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 14th.

For Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS, AND VALUE OF PACKAGES, ARE REQUIRED.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness in such declaration.

ROB. S. WALKER,
Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental
 Steam Navigation Company's Office,
 Hongkong, 31st December, 1855.

NOTICE.

MR CHARLES GUYE is authorized to sign our Firm in CHINA per Procuracy.

DIMIER BROTHERS & Co.
 Canton, 1st January, 1856.

NOTICE.

MR R. P. DE SILVER is this day admitted a Partner in our Firm, and will take charge of the New YORK Branch Establishment.

DE SILVER & Co.
 Hongkong, 1st January, 1856.

Mr JAMES BROWN,
Notary Public,

Messrs GASKELL & BROWN,
Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c.,
 Queen's Road, Victoria.

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ESTABLISHED IN CALCUTTA, IN 1842.
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 " JORDAN & Co., Rangoon.
 " T. R. RICHMOND, Esq., Bombay.
 " A. A. ANTHONY, Esq., Penang.

POLICIES on GOODS, FREIGHT, and TREASURE, granted by the undersigned to all parts of the World.

Y. J. MURROW.
Agent in China.

NOTICE.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.
 (Established 1836.)

Incorporated by Act of Parliament,
FOR FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CAPITAL £1,259,760 STERLING.

THE undersigned have been appointed AGENTS at Hongkong, Canton, and Shenghae.

TURNER & Co.

Medical Advisers.

For Hongkong,—**W. A. HARLAND, M.D.**
 For Canton,—**WALT. GEO. DICKSON, M.D.**
 Hongkong, 9th August, 1855.

SMITH & BRIMELOW,

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Wholesale and Retail Wine and Spirit Merchants, Auctioneers, and Commission Agents, Nos. 1 & 2 Woosnam's Buildings,

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An extensive and well-selected supply of WINES, BEER, and SPIRITS, LIQUEURS, CORDIALS &c., of a superior description.

OILMAN'S STORES from the well known house of Copland, Barnes & Co.; also, STORES per Overland Mail Steamers Monthly for domestic purposes. Hongkong, 7th July, 1855.

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CHARLES MARKWICK,
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