







received we are disposed to think that more than 5 per cent would lead to the continuance of the present system.

Without the legalization of the Opium trade, it is hopeless to expect that our future relations with the Chinese will be any better than those which are now in force.

It is said the recent enormous advance in Opium is owing to a well founded hope of its legalization among the Chinese.

IMPERIAL EDICT.—We are indebted to a friend for the loan of the following Imperial Edict which has been issued by the Emperor of China, in reply to the Report of the Import Commissioners on the Treaty with the English.

On the 27th day of the 7th moon, (Sept. 1) the following imperial edict was received.

Keying and his colleagues have sent up a document containing a report and rough sketch of the articles of the proposed commercial treaty.

I have inspected the report, and have a full knowledge of the whole of it.

The Emperor, seriously considering the evils to the uncountable number of the people, and the important consequences to the greatness, power, and station of the Empire, I cannot avoid being constrained to order that you must not what is requested; it is but one time of bitterness and trouble, but the ease, repose and peace may be reckoned on for ever; and not only the two provinces of Keangsoo and Chekeang, but preserved entire, but the empire will be held together in its integrity.

As to the matter of the Hong merchants' debts, the said great ministers must necessarily accommodate themselves to circumstances, and in a periphrastic edict (explain the matter thus, to the English).

Further, our speech and language are unintelligible to each other; and most decidedly, the district officers will not be able to manage the matter.

Hereafter the Chinese merchants at all the ports will adopt extraordinary modes of giving trouble and cheating, even to cutting—i. e. demanding excessive discounts; when there will be no hindrance or fear of laying a clear statement of the case before the district officers, who will certainly punish the said merchant (delinquent); and the 300,000,000 it is proper that I should give them, by which my sincerity and good faith will be manifest; and they are to be collected from the said commissioner's and provincial treasuries of the three provinces of Chekeang, Keangsoo, and Gahway.

Further, with reference to what is contained in the report about sealing; the said barbarians do not require to seal at all; but the imperial seal of the empire to be fixed as a guarantee (of the treaty) so I shall not fall in dignity—and the feelings of my imperial station will not be lost.

Before, I have disseminated my imperial rescripts to each of the dependencies of China, all sealed with imperial seal of the empire; and I order that my rescripts be sent under a flying seal with the despatches to the board of the civil office, and they are to be forwarded in this ceremonious manner that the clauses which have been clearly reported, may be properly managed.

From the time of this settlement, the said great minister must specially report to the emperor, behaving with perfect sincerity, of the things supplicated, there are none which have not been granted.

Since at this time we are at peace, of the officers and troops in each province, there are some that should be sent away and others detained. We have already consulted, as to the ancient cities of China, signal pyramids and batteries; and it is proper that they should all be rebuilt successively, according to former custom; these have not been of modern erection; but they were built for the purpose of guarding against and seizing the said barbarians; and were not established to guard against the said barbarians; and we certainly must not incoherently and disorderly produce suspicion and apprehension.

The whole of the above matters rest wholly in the deep consideration and extreme care of the said minister and his colleagues; let them be wisely tried and sincerely executed, and so that the empire may ever put an end to the rising of war; and there must not be the least misconception or misunderstanding. This is not an affair of time to be idle; or to dismiss the matter in a hurried, remiss, and irregular manner; but regard it with severe and serious attention; with sincere and serious attention regard it!

Canton Register Office, 24th October, 1842. By J. S. Ed. C. R. (Singapore Free Press, Nov. 6.)

COMMERCIAL CHINA NEWS. BUREL NUT.—The stock is small, with a limited demand.

COTTON.—Nothing doing, quotations nominal.

CORR.—Bombay, market in languid, few sales, stock

large; Madras, a few sales have been made, stock increasing; Bengal, small.

IRON.—A few sales of Bar, Nail Rod and Hoop, stock and demand small.

LONG CLOTHS.—Little doing, stock 100,000 pieces, one third white.

OPUM.—Nothing doing, quotations nominal.

PEPPER.—Little demand.

PORECE.—Some sales of new are reported, stock large.

RATONS.—Some sales are reported at our quotations, the stock is small.

RICE.—Crop is large and looks well, though the weather has recently been dry.

SANDALWOOD.—No demand.

TIN PLATES.—Show a downward tendency; the stock is small.

TIN.—The stock is limited, but native tin seems to have entirely superseded the foreign.

WOODS.—No sales reported, the regular demand for Long 12 1/2 inch timber, forced with by quantity brought in clandestinely, there is some demand for Canelets outside, at our quotations.

RAW SILK.—Nearly all that has arrived has been bought up at our quotations, or thereabouts.

RUBBER.—The supply is small.

SUGAR CANDY.—Some shipments are being made outside.

TEAS.—Considerable quantities of every description have arrived, but no prices are fixed, inasmuch as the market opens.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. ARRIVED.

Oct. 17. Fortitude, Douglas, from Singapore at Bombay.

Oct. 16. William Sharples, Jones, for Bombay.

Do. Isabella Th-Madras, for Bombay.

For Bombay. Helena, Sulimany.

SINGAPORE. SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Nov. 9. Ship Helena, Drenth, from Bombay 16th July.

30. Ship William Pirie, Irving for Bombay.

MAULMAIN.

By the late arrivals from Rangoon we learn that nothing in the shape of preparation for royal visit is going on at that place and we may therefore conclude notwithstanding the still prevalent reports here, that the King has abandoned the idea of visiting the island during the present season.

Notwithstanding the pretensions indicated by its title, "Proud's Lane" is by no means a desirable quarter to reside in.

At length the smouldering fire broke out, and that walking spectacle for tumultuous disorders, 120 D, was put in requisition.

You'd hear 'em ten miles off, sir," said that functionary, indicating 'em by a circular sweep of his chevroned arm; "that deilkit little man with the shinin' head is Micky O'Neil, the dyer, the most cantankerous character in the lane—see the state of his jaw, yer worship, swelled like a turnip.

Will I be allowed to speak, or not," inquired the man of many colours, raising himself on tip-toe, and struggling to free himself from a superabundant mass of animal matter, compounded of the corporeal proportions of a pig, the intellect of a donkey, and the temper of a better half, and sundry of her children, some friends of the parties, and a small sprinkling of spectators.

Will I be allowed to speak?" said the little man, swelling turkey-cock fashion, the palpable superabundance of face acquired in his tout ensemble.

What, Collinson, cried the attorney general, 'have the agreed?' 'O'er, sir, 'a verdict of guilty.'

the centrifugal railway was runnin' in Proud's-lane, thro' the manes of the eternal jostin' an' jawn, an' cloutin' is carried on there.

The barber and the dyer, and the friends of the barber and the dyer, laughed loud, long, and contentiously, at the last speaker, but their hilarity was soon checked, and all heads concerned left the office minus a half-crown each.

At nine o'clock the jury retired, and a little afterwards the front drawing room of the head inn was becoming every moment crowded, as the door opened to admit the several members of the bar, invited to partake of Mrs. Rooney's hospitalities.

One who could have seen the gay laughing merry mob of shrewd, cunning looking men that chatted away there would have imagined them a few moments previously, engaged in a questionaire, the list of four of their fellow-men hunted in the balance, and where, at the very moment, the deliberations was continued that should perhaps, sentence them to death the upon scaffold.

The instincts of a profession are narrow and humiliating things to witness. The surgeon who sees but in the suffering agony of his patient the occasional displacement of certain anatomical details, is little better than a savage.

One there was, indeed, whose haggard eye and blanched cheek showed no semblance of forgetting the scene in which he had been an actor.

One of the judges arrived in time to offer his arm, and I could not help feeling amused at the mock solemnity of the proceedings.

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the bar and confusion of voices became greater than ever. I took this opportunity of making my escape and joining Mr. Rooney, who a short time before had retired to the drawing room.

Pray, continue, my dear Mrs. Rooney, a tid! I will take it as the greatest possible favour.

Yes, yes, said I hurriedly while a strong temptation to laugh outright seized me. I heard that your despatches were full of interesting news.

Yes, my dear; if it wasn't for the Dunes, and the cruel battle of the Boyne, there's no saying where I might not be seated now.

She leaned on the piano as she spoke, and seemed overpowered with sorrow. At this instant the door opened, and the judge made his appearance.

I now how soon my adventure, for such it would grow into, would be the standing jest of the bar mess; not feeling disposed to be present at their mirth, ordered a chair to be brought, and before half an hour elapsed, was on my road to Dublin.

MISCELLANEA.

A WEST-END BOARDING-HOUSE.—A mixed company at any dinner-table is a subject of curious observation.

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# P O S T S C R I P T

COURIER OFFICE, 10 A. M. 18TH DEC.

The *Atalanta*, Steamer, Lieut. Young, Commander came in early this morning, bringing the mail of the 4th November. She arrived at *Suez* on the 19th left it on the 22nd and arrived at *Aden* on the 30th which port she quitted that night for Bombay.—The following is a list of her passengers with their several destinations.

## PASSENGERS FOR BOMBAY.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Gordon,  
Mrs. Scott Adams,  
Mrs. Ramsay and child,  
Mrs. Holderness,  
Miss Warden,  
Miss Flyter,  
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FOR PONDICHERRY.  
M. Perrottel,  
FOR CEYLON.  
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A. Gillespie Esq., H. M. 2nd Queens,  
Mr. Heare Esq., H. M. 15th Hussars,

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FOR CALCUTTA.  
Mr. J. Mills,  
4 European female Servants,  
and 6 Male do.

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