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## Tuesday, September 28, 1842.

We have received Calcutta papers to the 14th instant, Madras to the 18th instant, and Mauritius to the 5 th ultimo.

We have received an official notice from the Post Master General that packets for Colombo, Singapore and China, by the iron Steamers Medusa and Ariadne, will close tomorrow at $10 \mathrm{~A}, \mathrm{M}$.

Ir is with regret that we record the demise yesterday of Lieut. Thomas Edmonds of the However, immediately on Admiral Parker's
arrival at Macao he proceeded to take charge at Hongkong, and in a few days a Naval expedition in three divisions sailed to the north ward; whilst the new Plenipotentiary be.. took himself to his writing desk and penned the following his maiden notification, which in a few hours afterwards together with other documents relating to his appointment as Plenipo were published for general informa tion in the Hongkong Gazette.

The annexed extract of a letter addressed on the 15 th of foreign affiars to mir Hesteny principal secretary of stater
wise a transeript of one of the commiser, barot, and likeare published for the general information and guidance of
her majesty's subjects in China.
By order, GALCosM, - Secretary
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Foreign Office, May 15th 1841.
"The Queen having been graciously pleased
"The Queen having been graciously pleased to select you
to be her majesty's plenipotentiary on a special mission the government of China, and and also on a a special mission to to
tenief superin-
tendent of the trade on her majesty's subjects wits endent of the trade on her majesty's subjects with that
country, , herewith transmit to you, in your former cha--
racter, a full power autherizing racter, a full power authorizing and empowering you to ne-
gotiate and conclude with the ministar vested with similar gotiate and conclude with the ministr vested with similar
power and authority on the part of the emperor of China,
any tranty or arreement for the power and authority on the part or the emperor of China,
any treaty or agreenent for the arranement of the differ-
ences now subsisting between Great Britain and China enees now subsisting between Great Britain and China : and
also a commission, under the royal signet and sign manual,
constituting and appointing you her majesty's chief superinalso a commission, under the royal signet and sign manual,
constituting and appointing you her majesty's chief superin--
tendent of trade in China.
"Thene tro to instruments
"The in China
"These two instruments invest you with ail the power
and authority requisit for enabling you to discharge the
duties which are connided to you."
(Signed) PaLrenston.
True extract. G.A. MALcolm,-Secretary
to her majesty's special mission to China.
L. S. Victoria R.

Vicroris, by the Grace of God, Queen of the United King.
dom of Great Britain and Ireland, defender of the faith, se., se., \&e.
To all and
To all and singular to whom these presents shall come,
greeting ! Whereas, by a certain act of parliament made and passed in the session of parliament holden in the third and Pasurth years of the reign of our late royal predeecesor King
Williamithe fontrt, intituled " an act to regulate the trade Wiliamithe fourth, , mtitululed an act to regulate the trade
to China aud India, it is amonst other things emanted,
that it shall and may be lawful for us, by any commision that it thal and may be lawful for us, by any commission
or commissions, warraut or warrants, under our royal siga or commissions, warrant or warrants, under our royal siga
mamaual t oappoint note exeeeding three of our sabjects to be
superiutendents of the trade of our subjects to and from the dominions of the emperor of China, for the purpose of pro-
tecting and promoting such trade, and by auy such com tecting and promoting such trade, and by any such com
mission or warrant as aforesaid, ,o settle such gradation
and subordinationamang the said soperintend and subordinationamong the said saperintendents (one of
whom shall be styled the eliief superiatendent), aud to apWhom shail be styled the chier superintendent, and at ap-
point such officers to assist them in the execution of their
duties, and to grait such salaries to such superintendent point such and to grant such, salaries to such superintendents
dand onfifcers as we shall frem time to time deem expedient.
and and oficers as we shall frem time to time deem expedient.
And whereas, by a commission or warrant bearing date the
tenth day of Deeember, one thousand eight hundred and tenth deyan of December, one thousand eight hundred and
thirty, our suid late royal predecessor, King William the thirty, our said late royal predecessor, King William the
fourth did, in the exercise
sid the powers conferred by the the
sar Parliament, appoint Williaum Johu, Lord Napier said act of Parliament, appoint Williano John, Lord Napier,
Whiliam. Heary Chicheley Plowden, espuire aud John
Francis Davie, esquire, to be such superintendents as Jone William Henry Chicheley Plowden, esquire, and John
Fraciis Davis esquire, to be suxco superintendents as afore
said: And whereas, in cousequence of the death of the said
Will Waid. And Whereas,
Warrant wasn , Lord Napiere, who byo the said commission o
waped the chief superintendent, and of the warrant was appointed the chief superintendent, and of the
resignation or removal of the other persons, who have from
time to time been provisionally appointed to fill the office resignation or removal of the other persons, who have from
time to time ben provisionally appointed, to fill the office
of chief superintendent, a vacancy has arisen in the of chief superintendent, a vacancy has arisen in the said
office. Now know y, that we, reposing especial trust and
confidence in the lovalty, integrity, and skill of our trusty
 and well-beloved sir Henry Pottinger, a baronet of our Unit-
ed Kingom, and a coloneinthe service of the east India
company,do by these presents, in pursiance and exercise of ed Kingdom, and a colonelin the service or the east India
company, ,o by these presents in pursuanceand exerciso of
the authority in us vestd by the said act of parliament, ap the authority in us vested by the said act of parliamenent, ap
point him
superintendent said sit Henry Pottinger, baronet, to be chief
sue trade of our subjects to and from point hinn the said sir Henry Pottinger, baronet, to be chief
superintendent of the trade of our subjects to and from
the dominions of the emperor of China for the parpose
of protecting ound promoting such trade the And wedo
declare and direct, that the office of him the said sir
 said, shail be hoiden during the pleasire of us, our heirs, and
succesors :-An we do hereyy stricty charge and requr
hime, the said sir Henry Pottinger, baronet, in the execution him, the said sir Henry Pottinger, baronet, in the executio
of this our commission, to conform to, and observe, all suc
rules and regulations as are or shall be given to him for rales and regulations as are or shall be given to him for his
gaidance, either under our royal sign manual, or in suc
instructions ns shall from time to time be given to instractions as shall from time to to time be manen tival, or in in in our our
privy council, orby us through one of our principal secretaries privy cou
of site.
Given
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Sir Heury Pottinger, baronet, commission.
True copy.
to her majesty's MaLcous, Seccial mission to Chin her majestys spe
In taking charge of the offices of her majesty's sole plenipotentiars, minister extraordinary, and chief superintendent
of British trade in China, sir Heary Pottinger deems it re
guisite aud proper to publicly notify, that he enters on his of British trade in China, sir Heary Pottinger deems it re:
quisite aud proper to publicly notify, that he enters on his
important functions, with the most anxious desire to consult important functions, with the most anxions desire to consult
the wishes, and pponote the prosperiy and well-being, as
well as to provide for aud secure the safety, of all her majesthe wishes, and promote the prosperity and well-being, a
well as toprovide for aud seare the safety, of all her majes-
ty's subjeets, and other foreiguers (sofar as the concerns of the latter can be affected by bis proceedings), at this moment
residing in any part of the don oinos of the empero of
China; and that he will ber ready and happ, hat all times and
under all circunsty
 questions that may be submitted to him. At the same time,
it beomes his frist duty to distinctly intimate, for general
and individual information, that it is his intention to devote it bid individual information, that it is his intention to devote
and
his undivided energies and thoughts to the primary object of his undivided energies and thoughts to the primary object of
securing a speedy and satisfactory close of the war, and that
he therefore can allow no consideration connected with merhe therefore caan allow no o oonsideration connected with mer-
cantile pursuits, and other intersts, to interfere with the cantile pursuits, and other interssts, to interfere with the
strong measures which he may find it neeessary to authostroug measures which he may nimd necessary to autho-
rize and adopt, towards the government and subjects of
Chima, with a view to compelling an honorable and lasting China,
peace,
Sir He
peace
So whenry this Pottinger is conscious, that amongst the persons
duals who are not astation is addressed, there are feew indivi-
dualifed as himself, to form \& cor duals who are not as well qualified as himself, to form \& cor-
rect estimate of the reliance to be placed on the agreements and promises of the provincial government of Canton. He He
has intimated to that goverment, that he is wiling for the
present to respect the existing trace but that the slightest inpresent to respectet the e exiveringent tace that he he that thilling for the the
praction of its terms will lead to an instant renewal of active hostilities in this province; and itis accordingly to be borne
in mind that such an event is not only highly probable, from in mind that such an event is not only highly probabie, from
tbe well understod perridy and bad faith of the provincial
officers themselves, but also because they may be compelled, officers themselves, but also because they may be compelled,
at any moment by orders from the mperial cabiet to set
aside and disavo their own acts : with these views and senti-
ments, it only remains forsir Heery Pottinger to warn her
majesty's subjects, and all other foreigner, agaiist patting majesty's subjects, ard all other foreigner, agnainst putting
tienileves or their property in the power of the Chinese au-
thorities, during the present anomalous and unsettled state of
our relations with the emperor, and to declare, that, if they
do so, it must be clearly understood to be at their own risk and peril.
Sir Henry Pottinger avails himself of this opportanity to announce, that the arrangements which have been made by
his predecessor, connected with the island of Hongkong, wil
remain in force until the remain in force until the pleasure of her majesty regarding
that island, and those arrangements, shall je receive that island, and those arrangements, shall be received; ;and
on this point, Sir Henry Pottinger further desires to call th
attention of all attention of all conceerned totinger thurther desires to call the
majesty's plenipotentiary on the loth on otice issued by he majesty's plenipotentiary on the pabth of notice last.
Dated at Macao on the 12th day of August, 1841.
(Signed) Her Hzyas Porti wori,
If the above words prove mere bombast, we greatly mistake the character of the Diplomatist; we think, we hope Sir Henry will bring matters to an early and safe adjustment, that speedy redress may be obtained for past injuries, and the China Trade placed upon a secure and advantageous footing for the future

The Shipping in the China Seas appear to have experienced and severely suffered from the effects of two typhoons, one on the 21 st July and a second but less severe, on the 27 th of the same month. Our China contem.. poraries give a long list of misfortunes. The James Laing was totally lost in the first typhoon. The captain and part of the crew saved themselves on Kowe Chow Island and were taken from thence on board the Steamers Queen and Nemesis. The rest of the crew, nine in number and Mrs. Pritchard we regret to learn, were drowned. The Prince Georg was a total wreck, and the crew taken on boar ${ }_{d}$ the Queen. The Rose Schooner is suppose crew, with the exception of a sea.cun picked up by Captain Fraser of the $G$ Success, are supposed to have found a w y grave. It was feared H. M.S. Conway fallen in with the Typhoon and foundered.

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Major B. Seton, Townmajor, 26 th September, to rejoin from
Poonah. Poonat.
Captain C. Cotton, H. M. 94 th Regt. do. leaye from Mangalore.
Asst. Surgeon H. F. More, Atalanta, do. on duty from
China. Ensign F. A. C. Kane, 15th N. I. do. tojoin, from Poonan.
Ast. Surgeon A Dinham, M. D. ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ Gr. Regt. N. 1,21 st ept. Sick, from Kotra.
Lieutenant E .
Lockley

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## What is Conservatism ?

Times has endeavoured to solve in several long article. The homely proverb says, much too hardily, it now
appears, "You cannot make a silk purse of a sow" ear ;' but you may coll a sow's ear a siik purse, and
then you may set about explaining the qualities an then you may set about explaining the qualities and
uses of a silk purse, and wherein it difers from the
peculiarities of a sow's ear ; but no matter how long or peculiarities of a sow 's ear ; but no matter how long or
how laarnedly you lecture to such effeet, the thing in
your haid will retain its unalterable characteristics, how learinedly you lecture to such effeet, the thing in
your hand will retain its unalterable charaeteristios,
and remain, not a sillk purse, but the old origiifals sow's Toryism is not what Toryism was. True, but that deses not prove that it has become the Conservatism
described by the Times, combining the improvement of
vhat is defective with the prest sonan in in aws and intstitutions. The sow's ear severed from the head of the most unclean and stubborn of crea-
tures is not what it was, the organ of a pig's hearing, tures is not what it wav, the organ of a pig's hearing,
but that fact does not advance the argument that its but that have been changed to silk. The Times asserts that the change of name suffices to show the change of
things, but the Times might at the Old Bailey have things, but the Times might at the Old Bailey have
learnt the fallary of such an ineerene, there being
a class of persos, who change their names because the According to Sir Robert Peel's definition of Conser-
then. Acording to Sir Rer
vatism, which the Times accepts, Conservatism seems
Sor to us to be merely a longer word for Toryism after, tho
Reform Bill. It is Toryism with $a$ new start-To
ryism with a new ryism with a new departure, in nautical phrase.
It is pretended that thare is this difforence between It is pretended that there is this difference between
old Toryism and new Conservatism, that the Conser
vatives are no friends of abuses, and are prepared to vatives are, no friends of abuses, and are prepared to
adopt changes which the altered state of society may
equire. Ad require. And is it conceivable that any men could make
any other professions? Could they avow themsel attached to abusessions? Could they avow themselves
tility to proclaim a fixed hostility to the ehanges which rthe advanees of society
render neeessary? Could they arow the settled purpose to resist improvement in every form? Could they
deelare that all existing defeots in laws and finsuitudeelare that all existing defects in laws and ussutw-
tions should be held by them sacored and immutable?
Imagine Sir Robert Peel in a Tammorth Imagie Sir Robert Peel in a Tand Tarthoutable adderess
Inowing that he was the founder of a party determined avowing that he was the founder the sound parts of our
to maintain the eives as well as
laws and institutions, and firmly resolved to resist such changes as the altered circumstances of society
may require. There have been Tooris who have acted
on such a rule, but there never was one, and never will on such a rale, but there never was one, and
be one, frank enough to make the confession. They can say nothing but what they do say, that, whero they
find abuses they will consent to reform; but the re" and abuses they whil consent co rerativ, party, in the
markaole faet is, that this Conserate
eleventh year of its age, has nerer yet made the discoo eleventh year of its age, has never yet made the discoe
very of an abuse in institutions. It pretends that it
differs from old Toryism, inaamueh as it has the percepdiffers from oid oryism, inammueh as it has the perce
tion what the altered circumstances of society $r e$ quire, but in what single instance has it signalised it
possession of this new faculty every ehange effeoto
within the last ten years having been extorted from it after
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