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SHIPPING ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SERVICES MARITIMES
Messageries Impériales.—
PAQOTS POSTE FRANCAIS
STEAMERS will leave Point de Galle on or about the following days:

For Suez, Mauritius & Mediterranean	20	17	14	10	7
For Suez, China, Japan, and Japan	18	15	12	10	7
For Pondicherry, Madras and Calcutta	19	16	13	11	8

Passengers for London can obtain at Marseilles Railway tickets direct, either via Calais, Boulogne, or via Dieppe and Newhaven at the following rates, viz:
Via Calais or Boulogne Fr. 175.....£6 12 0
Dieppe and Newhaven.....£5 15 4
These tickets are available for one month.
For freight or passage apply in Galle at the Office of the Company, and in Colombo at the Office of Messrs. ARMITAGE BROTHERS.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL Steam Navigation Company.

STEAMERS will leave Point de Galle on or about the following dates—

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.
For Suez and England	12	9	9	6	4	13
„ Bombay	26	23	23	20	16	27
„ Madras	11	8	8	5	3	12
„ Calcutta	25	22	22	19	15	26
„ Straits	12	9	9	6	3	11
„ China	26	23	23	20	4	1
„ Australia	26	23	23	20	18	15

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.	
To Suez	£25
To King George's Sound	£30
„ Southampton	£85
„ Melbourne or Sydney	£40
„ Marseilles	£80
„ Penang	£20
„ Bombay	£16
„ Singapore	£30
„ Madras	£10
„ Hong Kong	£54
„ Calcutta	£24
„ Shanghai	£74

RESERVED RATES.

For a reserved cabin—
For one person.....£160
For two persons.....£210
Transit through Egypt £4 10s. extra.
Children—above 3 and under 10 years, half of first class rates.
One child under 3 years, (if with Parent) free.
To Marseilles. To Southampton.
European Servants.....£48
(2nd class Passengers).....£50
conveyed only under special circumstances.....£48
Native Servants.....£24
Transit through Egypt £2 5s. extra.
For further particulars apply to F. BAYLEY, AGENT.
Point de Galle.

PASSAGE FOR LONDON.

Messrs. GREEN'S
Magnificent frigate built Ship
"MALABAR"
1219 Tons Register.
WILL sail from this in February.
For families proceeding to England, this fine vessel presents every inducement, as she carries an experienced Surgeon.
ARMITAGE BROTHERS, AGENTS.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

The Fine A. I. Ship
"MIRELLA"
(Passed S.S. No. 1. 69.)
727 Tons Register
WILL load with despatch.
For freight or passage, apply to C. SHAND & Co., Agents.
Colombo, 13th November, 1869.

FOR LONDON.

The A. I. Barque
"ALICE"
474 Tons
Captain JAMES FOWLER.
FOWLER, RICHMOND & Co., Agents.
Colombo, 29th December, 1869.

For London Direct.

The Fine A. I. Ship
"CITY OF AMOY"
994 Tons.
For passage apply to GEORGE WALL & Co., Agents.
Colombo, 29th December, 1869.

COMPAGNIE UNIVERSELLE DU CANAL MARITIME DE SUZ.

THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed TRANSIT AGENTS at this port for the above Company, and will be glad to furnish any information in respect thereto on application at their Office.
FRYER, SCHULTZE & Co.
Colombo, 9th November, 1869.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

To SAIL ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 20th.
The fine A. I. Ship
"SIR JOHN LAWRENCE"
1090 Tons Register.
JOHN STARR, COMMANDER.
HAS EXCELLENT accommodation for a few passengers.
For rates apply to THE CAPTAIN, or to DUNCAN, SYMONS & Co., AGENTS.

SALES BY AUCTION.

AUCTION SALE OF HANDSOME HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
in Ebony, Bombay Wood, Nadoon, Satin and Jack, VERY HANDSOME PLATED WARE including
Side Dishes, Candelabra, in Silver, Dessert and Fruit Knives and Forks.
AN EXCELLENT SQUARE PIANO
By Broadwood & Sons
In perfect order.
To take place at his Residence, Cinnamon Gardens, on Saturday, the 8th of January, 1870.
Catalogues with full particulars will be circulated
H. D. GABRIEL.

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1. Mrs SOPHIA DOROTHEA KELAART.
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THE LARGE UPSTAIR HOUSE and GROUND bearing Assessment No. 34 situated at Keyzer Street, Pettah, Colombo, valued at £2000
The House and Ground No. 49 situated in the same street valued at 350
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The GARDEN called Millegahawatte situated at Kolonave and valued at 10
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C. A. LORENZ,
J. A. MARTENSZ,
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The Rooms facing the above-mentioned nine Rooms, and situated on the Southern side of the Compound lying within the said Gateway, will be put up in lots, each valued at 30
On Saturday the 19th of February 1870 at 4 o'clock P. M. will be put up:
P. A. HOUSE & GROUND at COTANCINA bearing Assessment No. 13 valued at 250
On Wednesday, the 23rd of February, 1870 at 4 o'clock P. M. will be put up:
THE LARGE HOUSE and GROUND at Cotta valued at 400
THE GARDEN & FIELD attached thereto, situated at Cotta valued at 600
Three Boutiques situated at Cotta valued at 200
On Saturday the 26th of February, 1870, at 4 o'clock P. M. will be put up:
The GARDEN called Millegahawatte situated at Kolonave and valued at 10
" " called Andris Appoo's Hene 75
" " called Annatte Watte 15
For further particulars apply to Mr. MARTENSZ, one of the Commissioners,
C. A. LORENZ,
J. A. MARTENSZ,
Colombo, 17th December, 1869.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLOMBO.

JOHN MATTILAND.....Plaintiff.
Vs.
1. Mrs SOPHIA DOROTHEA KELAART.
2. JOHN WRIGHT, Guardian of his minor children Anna Wright, Edward Wright, Archibald Wright and Alfred Wright.
3. JOSEPH SEBASTIAN MISSO.
4. EDWIN BALL, Guardian of his minor children Jane Catherine Ball, Cicely Agnes Ball, Eugene Joceline Ball, John Alexander Ball, and Alice Grace Ball.
5. Mr. W. H. MORTIER for and on behalf of his wife Mrs. M. H. Mortier, and as Guardian of his daughter L. G. Mortier.
6. JOHN WILLIAM ORR for and on behalf of his wife Mrs. J. E. Orr.
7. JOHN M. DE Q. WRIGHT.
8. PHILIP AUGUSTUS WRIGHT.
9. PHILIP JOSEPH LEWIS VANDERSTRAATEN.
10. SEGO LEBBE AHAMADOR LEBBE MARKAR and
11. D. H. RODRIGUES all of Colombo.—Defendants.
NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a commission directed to us by the District Court of Colombo in the above suit, we will on the days and in the order hereunder mentioned, put up for sale the following properties, first among the owners thereof at the price for which they have been respectively valued by us, and if not purchased by some of the said owners, then that we will immediately put up and sell the same to the highest bidder.
On Saturday, the fifth of February 1870, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will be put up:
THE LARGE UPSTAIR HOUSE and GROUND bearing Assessment No. 34 situated at Keyzer Street, Pettah, Colombo, valued at £2000
The House and Ground No. 49 situated in the same street valued at 350
" " No. 53 300
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" " No. 56 300
On Monday the 7th of February 1870 beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, will be put up:
THE UPSTAIR HOUSE & GROUND No. 15 Second cross Street and No. 37 Keyzer Street in one lot valued

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the rate of interest to be charged on Cash Credit Bonds terminable in one year, and collateralized by a Mortgage over the Coffee Crops of 1869-1870, has been fixed at 8 per cent.

By order of the Directors,
R. V. DUNLOP,
Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Colombo 7th January, 1869.

NORTON'S PATENT TUBE WELS.

Reduction in Prices.

10 FEET WELL AND PUMP FIXED	7 0 0
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THE undersigned having been appointed sole Agents in Ceylon for the above WELLS, are now prepared to register orders for the same.

ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co.,
R. J. DUNLOP,
Jaffna.

ANDREW BELL.

FORMERLY OF H. M. 5th REGT.
ANY ONE able to give information about the above name, is requested to communicate with
MESSRS. J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Colombo.

FOR SALE.

BY PRIVATE CONTRACT
Those Valuable Premises
In King Street, Colombo,
formerly occupied by the Bank of Hindustan.

THE HOUSE has been thoroughly repaired, and new Godowns built for storing purposes; the whole yielding a net rental of \$240.

For particulars apply to
ARTHUR C. HOARE,
Attorney for Liquidators.
Bank of Hindustan, China and Japan Limited.
in Liquidation.
Kandy.

Manures and Chemicals.

JOHN BENNET LAWES, F. R. S.,
59, Mark Lane, London,
has ready for delivery—

Superphosphate of Lime,
Dissolved Bones,
Cane Manure,
Coffee Manure,
Sulphate of Ammonia,
Nitrate of Soda,
Peruvian Guano,
and all Chemical Manures of Value.
Manures can be prepared and shipped in small or large quantities for experiments, if required, also Tartaric, Citric and Sulphuric Acids.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS that has hitherto been carried on under the name of E. H. PETERSON, will, from 1st January 1870, be carried on under the style and name of

Peterson & Co.

E. H. PETERSON.
Colombo, 22nd December, 1869.

HAVING made arrangements to commence business from 1st January 1870, under the style and name of

Peterson & Co.

It is hereby requested that all outstanding debtors to settle their different claims on or before the 15th January 1870, after which date, all unsettled accounts will, without exception, be handed over to my prior for recovery.

E. H. PETERSON.
Colombo, 22nd December, 1869.

NOTICE.

W. M. YOUNG & Co. having made contracts for the ensuing year, for a steady supply of BASF BEER in Hhds. are prepared to enter into engagements for Monthly supplies of BOTTLED BEER deliverable in Colombo or Kandy.
Colombo, December 18th, 1869.

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN NURSE to proceed to England (Overland) in attendance a lady and two children. Must be well recommended.
Apply to

W. M. YOUNG & Co.,
No. 5, Baillie Street.

To hand Ex China Steamer.

GINGER PRESERVES
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BUCHONG TEA
No. 1 Manila Cigars
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as are good. It has been said by a clever writer that "the true lawyer is a just temper between the man of mere theory, who can see nothing but general principles, and the mere man of business, who can see nothing but particular circumstances." What applies to Lawyers and lawyers applies also more or less to Sports and Sportmen. Let us then one and all who are lovers of sport (that word so truly English that its full meaning cannot be translated into any other language) join in giving all honor and praise to the "Forlorn Hope" of the Colombo Hunt, and couple with the name of Col. Drawe. True the results have been small, the material indifferent, the runs such as could hardly be fairly chronicled in the pages of *Bell's Life*, but now that the Forlorn Hope has concluded its work—the pack of Hounds kindly lent by Mr. Davidson having been returned to their owner—it is not a little to be able to say that the Forlorn Hope has done its work, and proved possible: what was affirmed to be impossible we are not going to affirm up these meetings of the Colombo Hunt, terminated. We do not wish to invite discussion as to whether there have been good runs, as to whether the hounds have been well hunted, whether the hares have been bagged, whether the hounds ran into and killed a water hen, hunted quail, or even, as is asserted upon one occasion, a member of the hunt. All we say is, enough has been done to show that hounds can be hunted, and that hounds can hunt at Colombo.—This was the work cut out for the Forlorn Hope, and this has been done, and it is for this we have to thank the Forlorn Hope whose labours will probably be either forgotten, or laughed at in the grand anticipated success of the future.

We have now only to look forward with confidence; hounds are actually promised from England, and will be got out as quickly as possible; let each true sportsman add his mite—not of money, but of moral influence and support, and with a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, firmly establish the *Colombo Hunt*.

THE SERVICE.

Below will be found a full and, we think, accurate list of the members of the Civil Service of this Island, showing their confirmed and acting appointments. It will be seen by this that there remains but one member of the old Civil Service, who would no doubt have retired long ago, but for the rule which applies to the Pension of the old regime. The second on the list will, if report speaks truly, be shortly transferred to another Colony, in the position of Governor. The third on the list will retire on pension in May next, and will also the present District Judge of Trincomalee, an appointment which we have reason for believing will not be filled up, as it is considered that the transfer of the Agency of the Eastern Province to Batticaloa, will lessen the small amount of work which now finds its way to the District of Trincomalee.

We have already indicated the changes that are likely to take place consequent upon the Manar affair. In addition to these, we understand that Mr. J. F. Dickinson will act as Assistant Agent at Badulla, and Mr. Moir will probably proceed to Puttalam, in replacement of Mr. Macready, who will go on leave to Europe in a month or two, or he may replace Mr. Atherton at Manar. It appears now to be quite certain that the office of Auditor General will be filled up from home, the appointment having been already offered to one gentleman at home, who had taken time before accepting. This will have the effect of causing a retrogressive movement with three members of the Service, as the Agent of the Southern Province who was expected to go on long leave, will only apply for three months, under the usual arrangements, and it is considered doubtful if even this can be obtained. Another Acting appointment will have to be made in June, when we believe Mr. T. Steele will proceed to Europe on a year's furlough.

The following is our schedule of the members of the Public Service as at present constituted:—

1. C. P. Layard, Govt. Agent Western Province.
2. G. Vane, Treasurer.
3. C. P. Walker, District Judge, Galle.
4. T. B. Stephen, Principal Collector of Customs, Acting Auditor General.
5. A. H. Rosmalcooq, District Judge, Jaffna.
6. T. Templer, Government Agent, Southern Province.
7. H. Pole, District Judge, Trincomalee.
8. C. H. de Saram, District Judge, Kalutara, Acting District Judge, Kandy.
9. W. C. Twynam, Govt. Agent, Northern Province.
10. J. Parsons, Govt. Agent N. W. Province, Acting Principal Collector of Customs.
11. R. Temple, Police Magistrate, Matale.
12. H. S. O. Russell, Govt. Agent, Central Province.
13. J. H. de Saram, District Judge, Kegalle.
14. E. N. Atherton, Asst. Govt. Agent, Manar.
15. J. W. Birch, Govt. Agent, Eastern Province.
16. R. W. T. Morris, Asst. Govt. Agent, Batticaloa; Acting Govt. Agent, N. W. Province.
17. W. D. Wright, Deputy Collector of Customs, (on leave).
18. W. Hume, Fiscal Colombo, (on leave).
19. L. F. Liesching, Asst. Govt. Agent, Anuradhapura.
20. J. Swan, Prp. Assistant Colonial Secretary.
21. W. Halling, Collector of Customs, Galle; Acting Deputy Collector, Colombo.
22. D. E. de Saram, District Judge, Kurnegalle.
23. F. H. Campbell, Asst. Govt. Agent, Mullativoe; Acting District Judge, Tangalla.
24. W. C. Macready, Asst. Govt. Agent, Puttalam.
25. H. W. Gillman, Postmaster-General.
26. F. E. Saunders, Asst. Govt. Agent, Ratnapura.
27. A. Y. Adams, District Judge, Negombo; Acting Fiscal, Colombo.
28. T. Steele, Asst. Govt. Agent, Hambantota.
29. G. Stewart, Police Magistrate, Gampola, Acting Police Magistrate, Kandy.
30. W. E. T. Sharpe, Asst. Govt. Agent, Badulla.
31. C. Leisching, Asst. Govt. Agent, Newara Elyia.
32. G. W. Patterson, District Judge, Tangalla, Acting District Judge, Kalutara.
33. C. R. Curgiven, Police Magistrate, Jaffna, Acting Asst. Govt. Agent, Colombo.
34. F. Dickinson, Landing Surveyor, Jaffna.
35. R. W. D. Moir, Landing Surveyor, Colombo; Acting Asst. Govt. Agent, Batticaloa.
36. F. Jayetilleke, District Judge, Chilaw.
37. G. E. Worthington, Asst. Govt. Agent, Kegalle, (on leave).
38. T. E. B. Skinner, Fiscal, Kandy.
39. J. F. Dickinson, 2nd Asst. Colonial Secretary.
40. F. C. Willisford, Police Magistrate, Colombo; Acting District Judge, Negombo.
41. G. Lawson, District Judge, Colombo; Acting P. J. Supreme Court.
42. G. S. Williams, Asst. Govt. Agent, Matale.
43. R. Pole, Police Magistrate, Kandy, (on leave).
44. J. B. A. Bailey, District Judge, Batticaloa.
45. P. Templer, District Judge, Ratnapura.
46. E. Elliott, Asst. Govt. Agent, Matale, (on leave).

47. E. A. King, District Judge, Badulla.
48. P. Selby, Asst. Govt. Agent, Kurnegalle; Acting P. M. Colombo.
49. G. Templer, D. J. Matale.
50. R. Massie, P. M., Jaffna; Acting Asst. Govt. Agent, Mullativoe.
51. J. de Saram, Comr. Court of Requests, Colombo.
52. A. Mainwaring, Landing Surveyor, Galle; Acting Landing Surveyor, Colombo.
53. R. Reid, Asst. Govt. Agent, Jaffna.
54. P. W. Conolly, Asst. Govt. Agent, Galle.
55. R. B. Mason, Asst. Govt. Agent, Trincomalee.
56. T. W. R. Davids, Comr. Court of Requests, Galle.
57. A. R. Dawson, Asst. Govt. Agent, Colombo; Acting Asst. Govt. Agent, Matale.
58. C. A. Murray, P. M., Balapittimodera, Acting P. M. Gampola.
59. F. C. Fisher, P. M. Chavakcheri; Acting Asst. Govt. Agent, Kurnegalle.
60. L. F. Lee, Asst. Govt. Agent, Kandy; Acting Asst. Govt. Agent, Kegalle.
61. C. E. D. Pennycuik, P. M., Panwilla, Acting P. M. Jaffna.
62. G. T. M. O'Brien, P. M., Harrispattoe.
63. J. B. Pilkington, P. M., Kays; Acting Asst. P. M. Kurnegalle.
64. J. W. Gibson, P. M., Avisawella.
65. T. Berwick, District Judge, Kandy; Act. D. J. Colombo.
66. C. Dickman, Asst. Auditor-General.
67. W. Withers, P. M. Calpenty; Acting Landing Surveyor, Galle.
68. H. H. Cameron, P. M., Haputale; Acting Asst. Agent, Kandy.

Writers.
1. R. T. Pargiter, Jaffna, P. M., Kalpitiya; Acting.
2. W. T. Wragg, Panwille.
3. L. F. Kelly, Colombo Kachcherie.
4. A. Jumeaux, Point Pedro.
5. F. J. de Leveira, Panura.
6. E. M. D. Byrde, Haputale.
7. W. J. S. Boake, Balapittimodera.
8. J. A. Swettenham, Atig. Kandy Kachcherie.
9. J. A. R. Smyth, Jaffna.
10. Harthstone, Atig. Colonial Secretary's.
11. Neville, Acting P. M., Kalpitiya.
12. Smart, Atig. Colonial Secretary's Office.

PAPER HUNT.—We understand that by request from a quarter whence it amounts to a command, a meeting of the Hunt will take place to-morrow at the "first turning" Colpetty at 4-45 P. M. sharp, and that a new and very eligible line of country has been carefully marked out by the prospective "foxes."

ACCIDENT TO THE GENERAL.—We regret to learn that an accident occurred yesterday morning to General Renny, which might have proved very serious. The Garrison was out for the usual Thursday morning parade on Galle Face, and the General was practising the troops in marching past in review order, having an eye to the coming Review in honor of Duke of Edinburgh. He took his place at the head of the column, but the moment he drew his sword, his horse took fright, started off at a gallop and the gallant general, throwing away (not the scabbard but) his sword was obliged to sit well back and saw the brute's mouth for some distance ere he could pull him up. He returned presently however, to his command, and tried the experiment again, but the effect upon his charger's nerves was as potent, only this time he reared up and fell backwards on his rider, fortunately giving a little twist as he fell, or the result would have been still more disastrous; as it is General Renny's leg has been badly pressed.

THE WEATHER.—We have again very unusual weather. For several nights there have been heavy banks of clouds rising from the north-west which have resulted, in smart showers accompanied occasionally by thunder and lightning: the weather has all the appearances of the setting in of the north-east monsoon instead of that fine dry season which we always look for after the New Year. From up country we have similar accounts, there being in most districts daily rain falls with a heavy over-clouded sky in the afternoon.

SALES OF COFFEE PROPERTIES.—It would appear from recent sales of estates that in the opinion of practical men the Coffee enterprise is as sound and promising as ever notwithstanding low prices in the home markets. A half share of the Devon estate in Dimboola comprising in the whole, 343 acres of Coffee and 450 acres of forest, has been sold to the Ceylon Company Limited for £9,500 which sum includes £1,500 representing the profit on the present crop. A second sale is that of the Allagalla estate in the Kaduganawa district, containing about 250 acres of Coffee and 500 acres forest, which has changed hands for £8,000—irrespective of this year's crop.

THE FORTHCOMING RACE MEETING.—We understand that the programme of the September meeting has now passed through Committee and will be published in a few days. By the bye we may mention that the honorary Secretary had to go out into the highways and bye ways and drag in members of Committee in order to get together a quorum. The programme is substantially the same as before, with a "Bar" Cup in the place of the "Nicholls" cup of last year. We are sorry to learn however, that we were premature in announcing that H. E. the Governor had consented to give a cup. We have no doubt that Sir Hercules will patronize the races, but he has not yet decided to give anything.

THE EXCURSION TRAINS.—The holiday excursion trains have been a great success more so even than those of the previous year. The result of the Christmas Excursion trains were as follows: Monday the 27th December 2,254 passengers both ways; Tuesday the 28th December 260 passengers; on Monday the 3rd inst., the passengers both ways were 2,350 and on the following day 450. Of these 2,800 passengers 1850 were from Colombo and 950 from Kandy.

THE RAILWAY.—The traffic receipts for the year just ended will fall short by a very little of the round figure £200,000. The total to the 26th ultimo was £174,600 and allowing £3,400 for the remaining days we find the total for the year to be £178,000 which will leave probably about £90,000 of net revenue income to the colony.

COACH TO NEWARA ELYIA.—We understand that the Peradenia Farm Company intend running a pair-horse coach to carry four or five passengers and light parcels, between Rambodde and Newara Elyia. It will, for the present at any rate run only thrice each way in the week leaving Rambodde at daylight in the morning and returning in the afternoon of the following day. This will be a great convenience to the community during the season and it will no doubt be well supported.

THE SERVICE TENURE ENQUIRY.—We understand that His Excellency the Governor has not carried out his original intention of appointing a member of the Civil Service to act as Commissioner for the Service Tenure enquiry, a gentlemen outside the magic circle having been promised the appointment.

MILITARY.—The following Officer is granted leave of absence. Lieut. and Adjutant W. Clarke, 73rd Regiment, from 7th January to 28th February 1870, on private affairs.

AUSTRALIAN HORSES AND PIGS.—We extract the following from an Australian paper in reference to a shipment of horses &c. daily expected here and judging from the remarks therein we should say that intending purchasers will find an opportunity not often presented of seeing some first-rate animals:—
"By the Barque 'Catharine,' which cleared out from this Port for Colombo on Saturday last, there have been exported 52 horses, 16 head of cattle and several dogs of various breeds pigs &c. They are sent by Mr. Basil Gray and the horses, chiefly purchased through Mr. Glooscock, are some of the finest which have left this port, a number of them are by the following sires, Boardo Warhawk and his sons Premier, his son Banjo Lucifer, Morris Dancer, Kelpie, Mariner, Prince William Snowden and Waverly and others of them are out of imported mares. The cattle are chiefly from the herd of Mr. B. McDougall which is a good guarantee of their quality. The Pigs are Dorset from those imported by Mr. Edward Wilson of Arundel and the shipment is one likely to place us in a favourable light as breeders."

TINNEVELLY COTTON.—In the quotation of Cotton in our last issue of Rs. 135 read Rs. 155.

A PLANTER'S VIEW OF THE LABOUR QUESTION.—A Planting correspondent writes us from Dimboola to the following effect:—"The next question that turns up is, Where is all the labour to come from? My idea is, that men who know how to work Coolies, and how to treat them, will always get them; and men of the stamp of the Gampola Orators, and young hands who have not learnt their lesson in planting properly, will drop their money and learn the truth of the old adage 'Experience teaches fools'—or what is more probable, they will drop their money, and go home and tell their fathers, that Ceylon is a very bad country! We are threatened with a few of this class. I warn them thus, Go and learn your business as your betters have done before you. This in a year, but you will succeed in Dimboola. Its a poor trade if it is not worth learning. Money is very good, but money and experience is better. Bumper crops are the rule up here. Dimboola has been favored with a visit from no less than three Baronets during the year, and I hear they were much pleased with all they saw."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, January 6th.

The questions submitted to Council by Mr. Harrison in the shape of motions, having been given in our previous issue we proceed to summarize the very lengthy proceedings.
Mr. Harrison considered that it was absurd to submit a Bill to a sub-committee, before its principle had been discussed, and yet not to allow that Committee to enter upon the merits. He instanced a case in point, that of the Holyhead Harbor Bill, which when considered by a Committee of the House of Commons, whose Chairman was the late Sir H. Ward, had reported not merely on the details of the clauses but on the principle of the bill. If the President ruled against his view it would be impossible for sub-committees to discuss these questions at all, and the committee on this bill had been practically useless, for their opinions were not in accord with the principles of the measure.

The Colonial Secretary replied that the two cases were not analogous and that it would have been better if instead of questioning the principle of the bill in sub-committee after having passed the second reading, which was the proper stage for the discussion of the principle of the measure, the hon. member had been in attendance on the occasion of the second reading.

Mr. Harrison explained that his absence on the occasion alluded to had been caused by an interruption on the railway. He had wished to have the second reading postponed, but the Colonial Secretary replied to his telegram by stating that as he was upon the sub-committee he could then discuss the question.
The motion for a return to be laid on the table of the detailed estimates of the Galle Harbor works was met by The Colonial Secretary, who said it was the intention of Government as soon as the bill had become law, to invite tenders for the execution of the work by contract, and he therefore apprehended it would be mischievous in the interest of the Government in requesting tenders, if intending contractors were supplied with the calculations, estimates and details, upon which were based the views of the commission. Their responsible officer, the Director of Public Works, had reported that in his opinion the work could be well performed for £250,000. He considered that the information the Government had laid before the Council was sufficient for the purpose of inducing the Council to adopt the measure.

The Surveyor General remarked on the absence of the honorable member from the Commission when the information as to details was attainable. His conduct had not been characterized by courtesy or professional etiquette, for when the report was sent to him he kept it for eight days and then sent it back with his name attached to it and with the memorandum which had been published with it.
Mr. Harrison said that he was not there for the purpose of discussing such matters as courtesy or professional etiquette. He had given the question much careful consideration, and the result of his deliberations was that he could not agree with the other members of the Commission upon the subject. He took this course with the feeling that it would be shown to be the right one nor would the commissioners be able to say hereafter that they were misled by him.

The Treasurer remarked that the details furnished by the honorable member in his report in 1857, were not so full as those furnished by the Commission.

Mr. Harrison replied that his report was made long before the subject had reached the stage it had now attained: had he been called upon, he should have been ready to furnish the Government with details of all the estimates.
The Governor remarked that it was always his wish to place every useful information before the Council; in the present case the details upon which the Director General of Public Works had founded his estimate were available, and might be laid upon the table of the Council if necessary: but he thought that it would be unwise, as they intended to advertise for tenders for the construction of the work, to make those details public. The facts as to the quantities and the lengths of the breakwaters, and the materials of which they were to be constructed, were needed by contractors in sending in a tender, and these had already been published.

After a remark from Mr. Wilson, the Council divided on the motion for the production of detailed estimates, when there appeared 4 in favor and 11 against it.
The Civil Establishment Bill having been read, the Council resolved itself into Committee on the Galle Harbour Improvement Ordinance. It was agreed that the principle of the bill should be discussed on the 2nd clause; upon this being read
Mr. Harrison rose and in moving the omis-

sion of the clause, expressed his reluctance in doing so to which he was impelled by a sense of duty alone. His reasons for dissenting from the measure were 1st. That it is unjust to impose upon this Colony the whole risk and responsibility, attending the construction of such works as are necessary to make at Galle a safe harbour and complete packet station. 2nd. That the sum proposed to be advanced to the Colony by the Imperial Government, is quite insufficient to carry out the works proposed efficiently and with reasonable expedition. 3rd. That if the works now proposed were carried out, Galle would not have a safe harbour or be a complete packet station, and that a large additional sum would have to be spent to obtain these objects. 4th. That if these objects were not attained, it would not be just or politic to levy the heavy port dues and coal duties proposed by the Ordinance. Quoting from the despatch of Sir H. Ward on this subject in 1859, and from that of His Excellency in reference to the character of the undertaking, he argued that by pledging the general revenues of the colony for the payment of interest, it was clear the harbour dues were not deemed sufficient, and thus a heavy responsibility would be, as he thought, unfairly thrown on the colony, whilst those most largely interested, those who are interested in the mail and passenger traffic and vast goods trade between England, or rather between Europe, and Asia, and Australia would escape all liability. He was not one of those who hold that Ceylon is not in any degree interested in the improvement of Galle Harbour, but he thought that she is interested in it only in a comparatively small degree, and that the share of responsibility imposed on her should be adequate to that interest. Whether the cost of the proposed works be much or little, whether the responsibility of carrying them out be large or not, the cost, and the responsibility should be borne chiefly by those who are most interested in the improvement of the harbour. His second reason of dissent was the inadequacy of the supposed estimates. The works recommended by the Commissioners are two breakwaters of rough rubble, one 3,930 feet in length, in an average depth of water of 7 fathoms, the other 600 feet long in 3½ fathoms water, and for about 900 feet in very shallow water, the whole containing 1,265,637 cubic yards of stone. The hill from which the material is to be obtained being conveniently situated, and the material itself as good as could be desired, except that in the difficulty of working, it resembles the hardest granite. It is experience of the cost of labour in this country, led him to estimate the cost of quarrying and moving this rock at about double that of similar work in England, and he believed he should be borne out in this by the Director of Public Works. The Holyhead Breakwater containing about double the quantity of material per lineal foot cost over £150 per lineal foot. The Portland Breakwater, somewhat less than double the quantity of material per lineal foot, cost more than £120 per lineal foot.

The Galle Breakwater, as now determined, 3,930 feet in 7 fathoms, and 600 feet in 3½ fathoms of water, allowing nothing for the 900 feet in very shallow water, would cost at the rate of lineal foot of Holyhead Breakwater, £679,500, and at the rate per lineal foot of Portland, £543,600. It was not reasonable to suppose that they could be constructed for £250,000 which is at the rate of £55 per lineal foot. Mr. Gregory's estimates were £401,000—Col. Clarke's £222,000; and Mr. Gregory's did not include the cost of removing the rocks inside the harbor. Even if they assumed that the works could be constructed for the sum named, he considered his third ground of dissent held good: and here he begged to remark on a matter personal to himself: it had been insinuated that he was somewhat interested in this work otherwise than as a member of the Council. He had not had for many years the most remote interest whatever in Galle Harbour, nor had he the most remote idea of doing anything for it beyond paying his quota when the time comes, and he could assure the Council that the statement that he was in any way interested in this matter, except as a public man, was utterly unfounded. Provision was not made for the removal of rocks within the anchorage, nor was any made for piers or wharves. Yet it was essential that the funds be provided for these and that the works be executed, or his fourth reason of dissent could hardly be disputed; for if there be not a safe harbour and a complete packet station at Galle, it would not be just or politic to levy the heavy port and coal dues proposed by the Ordinance. These extra works must be provided for under a supplementary estimate little, if at all, short of £100,000. Supposing, even that the Breakwaters could be constructed for the sum of £250,000 where, are we to find the remaining £100,000? Some would reply "the Imperial Government having advanced £250,000 for this work, it must advance whatever further sum may be necessary for its completion." Even if this were so, where are the interest and contribution to the sinking fund to come from? The harbour and coal dues imposed by the Ordinance are all required to meet the payment on account of the £250,000 advanced, and the collateral security, the general revenue, must be fallen back upon. But those who believe in the readiness of the Imperial Parliament to come forward with a supplementary vote of £100,000 to complete the works commenced, would probably find themselves mistaken. What then will be the position of Ceylon? She will be compelled to set aside a considerable sum out of general revenue annually for the completion of the works. If port dues and coal duties alone were mortgaged, it would be to the interest of the Imperial Government to find funds for the completion of the Harbour; not so, if the general revenue were pledged. The question of rapidly in the formation of the breakwaters is one of no slight consequence. The works will be of comparatively little use until they are completed, nevertheless the Commissioners propose to dispense with staging. Setting aside the mere question of cost of forming the breakwaters, the mere loss of interest resulting from the delay in the completion of the work, would be far greater than the cost of the staging; and I do not hesitate to say that it would take them three times as long to complete the work without staging, as would be required with staging. In conclusion I would beg to be allowed to make a few suggestions as to how this most important work might be carried out without manifest injustice to this Colony. The idea of constructing these great works at Galle, is entertained by these because of their "imperial and cosmopolitan value," and even the prospective benefit which will accrue to this Colony is very small comparatively. Let the Imperial Government recognize this fact, and impose upon the Colony a share of the risk and responsibility not exceeding one-fifth of the whole cost. Let the Imperial Government advance through the Public Works Loan Commissioners whatever sums may be necessary to do all that may be required at Galle, taking the harbour dues and coal duties in repayment of the advance, and as interest, on the terms now proposed in the ordinance; and if these be not sufficient to pay the proposed annuity, let the deficiency be made up by the Imperial and Colonial Government, in the proportions of four-fifths by the former, and one-fifth by the latter; and as

it is argued that by this arrangement the colony would have the Harbour clear of debt at the end of thirty five years, it might be provided that it should then become a free port, or that the dues should be very much reduced. Whatever course be pursued, let not this colony rush headlong blindfold into a work, simply because it is offered an advance of a quarter of a million of money on apparently easy terms. Let the possibility, even the probability, of half a million being required be fairly considered, and let us not give our bond, and mortgage the general revenue of the colony, until we know for certain that funds for the completion of the work will be found by those who are most interested in it.

The Colonial Secretary said that he was authorized by the Director of Public Works to state that, in his opinion, the time which should be occupied in the construction of the proposed works should be five years. The greatest objection which had been raised to the work was based upon the statement that it was "an Imperial work"; now Her Majesty's Government had decided that it was not an Imperial work, and had therefore declined to undertake it.

In the case of the Basses Light-house, which was more than a league from our shores, and not within the jurisdiction of any dependency of the empire, the Imperial Government assumed the responsibility of the work in the interest of the empire at large, but there was no analogy between a case of this kind, and the improvement and protection of a harbour on the shores of Ceylon. He had listened with some surprise to the passages from the memorial of the Chamber of Commerce, stating that His Excellency the Governor had laid down the principle that the Colony should act merely as the Agent of Imperial Government in the matter, as His Excellency had certainly stated nought thing.

But when a work is conducive to the interests of British subjects scattered throughout the various parts of the world, the interests of the various dependencies of the empire, it may be said to be an Imperial work, and in this sense undoubtedly the construction of the Galle Harbour is an Imperial work. Undoubtedly the Harbour is of value as a possible refuge for our ships in the case of war, and is also of value in the transmission of the despatches to and from the Colonial Governments; but I maintain for that direct interest, Her Majesty's Government have made liberal and ample acknowledgement in the loan they have offered to us. The hon. member seems to think that a larger sum than £250,000 should have been applied for, but the matter has been considered by the Imperial Parliament, and that amount of aid was asked for, not on the authority of the Colonial officers, but on those of the Imperial Government. They were bound to ask for no more than was actually necessary, and while they had the authority of Sir Henry Ward regarding it as a work of the Imperial Government, we find Sir Henry was ready to accept the responsibility of the execution of the work, and would have done so, had it not been that exceptional charges upon the Imperial revenue, prevented the Government granting the loan. He had endeavored to show that the work was not an Imperial work in a sense in which the Imperial Government could be called upon to bear the cost. And now let them examine the grounds upon which he held it to be a colonial work. In the first part of the despatch, the opponent of the measure looks upon it on the narrow and low ground of pecuniary interest; but he would even say that it was the interest of the colonial Government, on a pecuniary ground to undertake the measure. It was our interest further to promote this work in every way we could, viewing Galle as a packet station, with the possibility that it might be transferred from Galle to Trincomalee. It was hardly necessary for him to dilate upon the appalling effect of such a change.

Whatever risk they might incur by the adoption of the measure now before the Council, no possible risk could compare with the loss they should suffer, if the mail station were transferred from Galle to Trincomalee. He could sympathize with the feeling of alarm which seized the public mind on entering upon a great undertaking of this kind. But the members of Council ought to be reassured by the examination which had been made on this subject by the Commission, and the consideration its report had received. The only risk was a pecuniary one, and what did that risk really amount to? Even assuming that the total cost of the work be £346,000, or with a margin, £350,000 what risk did they incur? The total annual amount of interest would be about £19,000, and allowing £2,000 as the cost of the breakwaters, the total risk would be the excess of expenditure over revenue of £17,000, or £2,000 at the outside. The measure had now passed above the stage of discussion, and her Majesty's Government had given their final decision as regards their part in the matter, and they were called upon to assume their responsibility. He could conceive of no arduous duty for him to discharge, but he transferred from the Government of Ceylon except one, and that was too humiliating to be advanced to that Council, namely that they were utterly and absolutely incapable of carrying it out.

The Surveyor General said that with reference to cost of works, regard must be had to local circumstances connected with tide, weather, situation, &c. all of which materially affected calculations. As respects Portland works the cost in 1855 had been £78 per lineal foot, or £54 per yard cube of the breakwater. He believed that the cost of working stone at Galle was far from heavy, and that comparison with railway blasting was quite fallacious.

Mr. Wilson said he so entirely concurred with his Excellency's views on this important question as expressed in his opening address to the Council, that he should be happy to give his vote in favour of the improvements, if they could be carried out in accordance with these views. Although he would gladly see the work commenced at an early date, notwithstanding the protest from the Chamber of Commerce, he agreed with his Excellency, that caution was necessary. Let there be no frittering away of money through either the Public Works Department or the Royal Engineers. If the work was done at all let it be by contract with a well known and responsible contractor, offering good security for due completion of the work within a limited time. He thought the Home Government had offered the colony money on liberal terms. He thought also that the colony would act liberally if it undertook a work in no way required for its general trade, but simply to offer required accommodation to the shipping of all nations, without seeking or expecting profit until the expiry of over a third of a century, when the Harbour would become free. He considered that rather than that bind the Government to do the work by contract, which might induce contractors to ask something more, they should withdraw the motion if the Council would agree that in case a good contractor could not be found to undertake the work, that the whole question should be again referred to Council, before proceeding further in the matter.

Being refused he was obliged to vote for the motion which he thought best.
The Treasurer said that from a return he had prepared, he found that in 1859, the year after the hon. member's proposition for a Breakwater was forwarded to the Imperial Government by the late Sir Henry Ward, the total tonnage, inwards and outwards, amounted to 286,470 and in ballast to 28,234. This had yearly increased and the tonnage for 1868 was 521,042, more than double within 10 years. What may be looked for within the next 10 years, now that the Suez Canal is a success? and as stated by the hon. member who has just spoken, all the trade of Australia, China, and India will be carried on by steamers. He believed that before 10 years had passed the tonnage of Galle would amount to, if it did not exceed one million tons, so that at the end of ten years the tonnage would be at the rate proposed would yield £50,000 a year and at half rate they had a revenue of £25,000 as Harbour Dues; and as coals had increased from 22,661 tons in 1859, to 94,136 tons in 1868, an importation of £100,000 tons would be necessary in a few years to meet the demand of the steamers that would use the Port of Galle. Here he would make a further statement, that the cost of even under a much larger expenditure than the now contemplated there was no risk whatever that the

revenue of the Colony would be affected or subject to the serious risks and inroads stated by the honorable member. The work was forced upon the colony by the shipping interests and the geographical position of Ceylon. The Agent for the P. and O. in reply to no question whether the present contract contained a provision to allow of the cost of the work being increased, had said that there was such a stipulation. He added that Trincomalee must be the coaling Port unless something was done here for there was not anchorage room for the present requirements. The Home Government had told the Government that if Ceylon desired to have Galle as the Mail station the colony must make the Harbour safe. This had been as strongly urged by the Steam Companies, and backed by the representation of His Excellency, the Imperial Government had agreed to grant most favorable and material aid to carry out the needed work. Five engineers were agreed as to its feasibility and as to the amount for which the works might be completed. The work must now be done and it would be done, but if not carried out by Ceylon it would be accomplished by interests adverse to her future material progress.

Mr. Harrison said he thought there was a great deal of justice in the remark that if Galle were not improved the trade of the island would be diverted, but if the improvement were made to carry on the works as proposed, long before they would be completed the trade would be removed. The Commissioners and himself differed as to the time it would take to execute the works if executed in their way. He happened to fall upon a Parliamentary paper which would give them information on one or two points. The Commissioners were perfectly satisfied from their experience in such a case that they would finish the work in five years, and that would be to deposit in the sea 300,000 tons annually. With all the means and appliances which could be provided at Portland, with all the engineering skill brought to bear on these works, the quantity of stone deposited during the first five years that the works were carried on amounted to 500,000 tons, that was a little more than a quarter of the quantity that they proposed to put in and complete in the time. He begged of them not to enter upon the present matter and try to carry it out in a pottering way, they would be twenty years if a day before they finished it, and by that time all these ships would have disappeared or would be able to dispense with their services altogether. The Colonial Secretary had talked of the narrow-mindedness, but the matter did not come home to the honorable gentlemen as it did to him (Mr. H). He felt the complaint in his breeches pocket and they must all do so, especially when it seemed evident that a great portion of money expended would come out of the general revenue.

Mr. Comarassamy asked if it was the intention of Government to put the work out to contract.

The Governor said his intention was that if this bill should pass that tenders be invited.

Mr. Maartens was of opinion that if the work could be done for £250,000 and they could get a responsible contractor to undertake it, the Colony should accept the responsibility.

Mr. Harrison asked, if the Government could not find a contractor ready to undertake the work, whether they intended to go on with it, in connection with the Public Works Department.

The Colonial Secretary replied that they would at once advance tenders and, if they could get a contractor at once commence the work.

Mr. Wilson supposing the matter would be brought before the Council, again expressed a wish that the work should be put into the hands of the Public Works Department.

The Governor said the question before the Council was that clause two be passed.

The Council divided, Messrs. Wilson, Wiro, Comarassamy, Maartens, and Harrison. Nos. Collector of Customs, Surveyor General, Noes, Agent, C. P. Government Agent, W. P. Treasurer, Auditor General, Government Agent, W. P. Queen's Advocate, Major General, and the Governor. The clause was therefore retained.

Mr. Harrison laid on the table his reasons for dissenting from the majority and requested that they might be entered by the clerk at the end of the minutes of this day's proceedings.

The amendments were then agreed to and Mr. Wilson proposed the addition of a fresh clause, that the work should be carried out by responsible contractors giving security for the due completion of the work in a reasonable time. He believed every man of intelligence in the island would be against having the work done by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Comarassamy seconded the motion, which was opposed by the Colonial Secretary.

The Governor said the Council would receive an intimation of what was to be done, but the Government could not pledge itself as to the exact course it should take.

Mr. Wilson asked that it should be agreed to bring the whole matter again before the Council if a responsible contractor could not be obtained.

The Governor declined to give any promise in the matter but said that course would be adopted if it was found the work could not be done for the sum estimated.

The Council divided, the non-official members all voting for the amendments, the official members dissenting. The clause was therefore declared lost. The bill then passed through Committee and was ordered to be referred to the law officers of the Crown.

Council then adjourned to Thursday.

Thursday, January 6th.

All the members were present.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on the Kandyan Marriage Bill.

The Queen's Advocate introduced a number of amendments to the bill, leading to a good deal of discussion, much of which was of a

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