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

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.
For Suez, Mauritius and Mediterranean.	20	17	17	14	10	7
Cochin China, Chi- na, and Japan.	18	15	15	12	10	7
Pondicherry, Mad- ras and Calcutta.	19	16	16	13	11	8

Passengers for London can obtain at Messieurs
Railway tickets direct, either via Calais, Boulogne,
or via Dieppe and Newhaven at the following rates,
viz:
Via Calais or Boulogne F.s. 175.....£6 12 0
Dieppe and Newhaven.....£4 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.

H. AUER,
AGENT.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
Steam Navigation Company.

S. TEAMERS will leave Point de Galle
on or about the following dates:—

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.
For Suez and England...	26	23	23	20	16	27
Bombay...	11	8	8	5	3	12
Madras & Calcutta...	25	22	22	19	15	26
Straits & China...	11	8	8	5	3	12
Australia...	26	23	23	20	16	27

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY.
To Suez, to King George's Sound £20
To Southampton £25 Melbourne or Sydney 40
To Mauritius £80 Penang 20
To Bombay £16 Singapore 30
To Madras £10 Hong Kong 54
To Calcutta £24 Shanghai 74
RESERVED RATES.
To Mauritius. To Southampton.
For a reserved cabin...£160 £2170
For one person...£25 To King George's Sound £20
For two persons...£210 £220
Transit through Egypt £24 extra.
Children—above 3 and under 10 years, half of
first class rates.
One child under 3 years, (if with parent) free.
To Mauritius. To Southampton.
European Servants...£48 £50
(2nd class Passengers)
conveyed only un-
der special circum-
stances.)
Native Servants...£24 £25
Transit through Egypt £2 extra.
For further particulars apply to
F. BAYLEY,
AGENT.

Point de Galle.

PASSAGE FOR LONDON.
Messrs. GREEN'S
Magnificent built Ship
"MALABAR"
1219 Tons Register.
Will sail from this on 31st Jany.
For families proceeding to
England, this fine vessel presents every inducement,
as she carries an experienced Surgeon.
ARMITAGE BROTHERS,
AGENTS.

NOTICE
It is hereby given that Her Majesty's
Government Schooner "EMI-
LY," 35 tons, together with the un-
dermentioned fittings will be sold by
public auction, by the Master Atten-
dant at Tuticorin, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon,
of the 1st February next. This vessel is 9 years old
and originally cost Rs. 10,216. She is built of Teak,
and is well suited for coasting purposes.
Persons intending to bid must attend in person or
by duly accredited Agents.
No person will be allowed to bid on his own be-
half or on that of any other person, until he has
deposited Rs. 100. The deposits of all unsuccessful
bidders will be returned at the close of the sale.
On the sale being declared the deposit of the suc-
cessful bidder will be credited to Government in
part payment of his purchase money, and the residue
must be paid within thirty days from the day of
sale, in default of such payment within the pre-
scribed time, the Schooner will be put up again to auction,
by giving due notice thereof, at the risk and loss of
the original purchaser:—
Fore yard 1
Top sail yard 1
Top gallant yard 1
Fore Top Mast and Top Gallant Mast 1
Fore Rigging 1
Main Top Mast with Rigging 1
Old Awnings 2
Jib 1
Flying Jib 1
Main Sail 1
Old Gaff Top Sail 1
Top Sail 1
Fore Stay Sail 1
Fore Stay with Binnacle 1
Anchors 2
Stanchions 2
Old Table 1
Iron Tank 1
Brass Main Rope Stanchions 1
Galley and Funnel 1
Anchor Hook 1
Cables 2

Master Attendant's Office,
Tuticorin, 4th January, 1870.
After sale of the "Emily," one Derelict Anchor
about 30 Cwts. with Iron Stock will be put up and
sold outright.
HENRY RICHARDSON,
Acting Master Attendant.

EXTENSIVE AND IMPORTANT SALE
OF
THOROUGH BRED AUSTRALIAN HORSES, &c.
SHORTLY after the arrival of the Ship, which is
daily expected, Messrs. VENN & Co. will sell
52 HORSES,
also
HOUNDS,
PIGS,
BULLS,
&c.
These Horses have been selected during the last
three months by one of the first breeders and judges
in Australia, the pedigrees of the thorough breeds
can be seen at our office, properly attested and
authenticated, and includes the BEST BLOOD IN
THE WORLD, their age, qualification and antec-
edents are also explicitly stated. The Hounds, Pigs,
and Bulls, are all of the best breed including the
most valuable Shipment of Australian Blood and
Stock, ever imported into Ceylon.

For London.
THE A. I. Barque "PERU"
388 Tons.
For Freight apply to
DARLEY, BUTLER & Co.

For London.
THE A. I. Barque
"ELIZA LAING"
440 Tons.
Shortly expected from Galle.
For Freight apply to
DARLEY, BUTLER & Co.

FOR LONDON
The A. I. Barque
"ALICE"
474 Tons.
Captain JAMES FOUNDER,
FOWLER, RICHMOND & Co.,
Agents.

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 SUEZ.
THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed
TRANSIT AGENTS at this port for the above
Company, and will be glad to furnish any infor-
mation 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"
1,090 Tons Register.
JOHN STARR, COMMANDER.
HAS EXCELLENT accommodation for a few
passengers.
For rates apply to
THE CAPTAIN,
or to
DUNCAN, SYMONS & Co.,
AGENTS.

Steam for China and Japan.
EXPECTED shortly at
Galle, the splendid Screw
Steamers:—
"EASTERN ISLES,"
from Glasgow,
AND
"SAKANA,"
from London.
For freight or passage,
Apply to
J. GIBSON THOMSON & Co.
Galle, 15th January, 1870.

SALES BY AUCTION.
AUCTION SALE.
MR. R. S. MIEBUS will cause to be sold by
public auction, at the risk of the purchaser
MR. SAMERWEERE,
THE LAND, WITH BRICK KILN, &c.,
Situated between the 8th and 9th mile-post, on the
Calany road,
ON SATURDAY, THE 22ND JANUARY, AT 1 P.M.

AUCTION SALE.
BADULLA.
ON SATURDAY, the 22nd Instant, will be sold
at his residence, Badulla, at 12 o'clock noon,
The whole of the Furniture,
HOUSEHOLD AND OTHER
EFFECTS,
Belonging to J. A. ARNEIL,
including
A VALUABLE BAY HORSE,
quiet in Harness and Saddle.
Badulla, 11th January, 1870.

AUCTION SALE.
SALE OF NINETEEN CRACK
ARAB AND PERSIAN HORSES,
Ex Steamer "Oriental" from Bombay.
MESSRS. VENN & Co. are instructed by COW-
SEY EDWARDS, Esq., to sell on the Esplanade,
on Saturday, the 22nd of January, at 3 P.M.
NINETEEN VERY SUPERIOR INDIAN HORSES,
including Pairs, Hacks, Ladies' Horses,
Racers, Hunters, Buggy Horses, &c. &c.
The owner of these Horses, has care-
fully studied the Ceylon Market, and
the above batch have been selected with great care
and judgment, and some of our best and most ex-
perienced judges pronounce them as fine a batch
as has been imported into the Colony for many years.
On view at Mr. Cowasjee's Stables.

AUCTION SALE
OF VALUABLE PROPERTY
ON THE SPOT.
AT 3 P.M. OF SATURDAY 29TH INSTANT.
THOSE PREMISES No. 30, KEYSER
STREET, consisting of two houses
and four Boutiques, calculated to yield a
rental of £9 at 10 per month.
VENN & Co.

AUCTION SALE.
MESSRS. VENN and Co. are instructed by H.
Bois, Esq., to sell at his residence Colpetty,
on Friday, the 23rd of January, at 12 noon
THE WHOLE OF HIS
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Plate, Glass, Crockery,
&c. &c.
FISCAL'S SALE.
No. 48,143.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KANDY.
William Clerihew.....Plaintiff.
Vs.
Mr. Frederick Solomons.....Defendant.
NOTICE is hereby given, that on Saturday,
the 22nd January, 1870, at one (1) o'clock, P.M.,
will be sold by Public Auction, at this office, the fol-
lowing property belonging to the Defendant in the
above case:
ALL THAT COFFEE PLANTATION CALLED
AMENEPPOORA, comprising the undermentioned
tracts, to wit:
All that tract of land formerly called Parenegade-
tenne Watte and Maligatenne of about 36 acres 3
roods and 20-100 of a perch; a piece of land called
Walgahamulle Hene of about 51 acres 2 roods
and 7 poles, and a piece of land called Bodikotte
Hene of about 5 poles more or less, situate at Am-
nuppoore in Kandupalaty of Yatinuwera.

Fiscal's Office,
Kandy, 22nd December, 1869.
FISCAL'S SALE.
No. 17,455.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF BADULLA.
George Morice, Esq., of Badulla.....Plaintiff.
Vs.
1. Malamulley Malalage Hendrick Peries
of Panadura. 2. Bulatasinghalage
Harmanis Perera of Badulla.....Defendants.
NOTICE is hereby given, that on Saturday, the
13th February, 1870, at one (1) o'clock, P.M.,
will be sold by Public Auction, at the premises
the following property belonging to the Defendant
in the above case:
1. The Garden called "ELWATTE-
PITTYA WATTE" with the tiled house
standing thereon, situate at Udewediyia
in the town of Badulla.
2. A COFFEE GARDEN comprising five lots
of land adjoining each other, called and known as,
"NUGA KOTUWA," and said to contain about
six acres in extent, together with all the Buildings
and the growing Crop thereon, situate at Mylega-
stenne in Ripolapalate of the District of Badulla,
Central Province.

W. E. SHARPE,
Deputy Fiscal.
MERCANTILE
ANNOUNCEMENTS.
EX "GLENARAY."
CARGILL & Co.
Have received by the above Vessel
A LARGE SUPPLY OF
GUINNESS'S DUBLIN STOUT in quarts
and pints.
ALLSOPP'S PALE ALE in quarts and pints
Reid & Co.'s LONDON STOUT in quarts and
pints in Barrels 4 doz. quarts and 7 doz. pints
ALLSOPP'S PALE ALE in HHDS.
Reid & Co.'s Brown Stout in HHDS.
Colombo and Kandy.
6th December, 1869.

Allsopp's Pale Ale
Pints and Quarts
BOTTLED BY FRIEND.
W. C. BRODIE & Co.
Barclay's Stout Porter
Pints and Quarts
BOTTLED BY HIBBERT.
W. C. BRODIE & Co.
Most and Chandon's Champagne
PINTS AND QUARTS
first quality.
W. C. BRODIE & Co.
FOR SALE
BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.
ALL THAT YOUNG COFFEE ESTATE CALLED
Kabaragalla Kelly,
IN EXTENT 80 ACRES
of which 50 acres, more or less, was planted last year,
the estate is between Kabaragatta and Dolobagie,
and within a mile and a half of Navalapitiya:
there are Lines, Cattle Shed, and part of a Bungalow
thereon, and good facilities for pasture. Further in-
formation may be had from
J. C. LEE,
NAVALAPITIYA.
Navalapitiya, 14th January, 1870.

FOR SALE.
STILL HOCK (Macedoine) at 63s.
Liquor du Pere Kerman.
LIQUETTE.
GALVANIZED AND CORRUGATED ROOFING IRON.
Ex "Thomas Blythe."
SUPERIOR SPARKLING CHAMPAGNE
in quarts and pints,
FROM THE OLD HOUSE OF
G. H. MUMM and Co., of Reims.
one of the first brand.
HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
VOLKART BROTHERS.
NICHOLLS & CO.,
HAVE RECEIVED PER OVERLAND.
RIDING AND DRIVING WHIPS.
Hunting Caps.
Whip Lashes, &c. &c.
Sunday at Home for 1868.
Girls' own Book.
Cavendish on Whist.
Roberts on Billiards.
Also
Their monthly supply of
GENTLEMEN'S PLAIN AND PATENT
LEATHER BOOTS.

FISCAL'S SALE.
No. 50,113.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KANDY.
Don Bonifacio Fernando.....Plaintiff.
Vs.
K. Pedro Fernando and 5 others.....Defendants.
NOTICE is hereby given, that on Tuesday, the
24th January, 1870, at one (1) o'clock, P.M.,
will be sold by Public Auction at the premises, the
following property belonging to the Defendant in
the above case:
The right, title and interest of the 4th Defen-
dant in the Houses and Grounds, bearing
Assessment Nos. 186, 187 and 188, situate at
Colombo Street in the town of Kandy.
T. E. B. SKINNER,
Fiscal.

Kandy, 22nd December, 1869.
FISCAL'S SALE.
No. 52,302.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KANDY.
Ana Runa Murugappa Chetty.....Plaintiff.
Vs.
G. Menikralle Vederalle and another.....Defendants.
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25th January, 1870, at one (1) o'clock, P.M.,
will be sold by Public Auction at the premises, the
following property belonging to the Defendant in
the above case:
Wediwelleya Cumbure of 3 pelas,
Made Cumbure of 12 lahass, all that piece
of land of about 3 roods and 32 perches with
the BUILDINGS and plantations thereon, Kehel-
cotte Hene of about 1 acre, Bulawe Watte of 1 pel
with the House thereon, Bathelle Watte of about 2
acres, situate at Ganoru in Yatinuwera.

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BREECH LOADING AMMUNITION
ELEY'S Patent Gas light Cartridge Case
do Central Fire Ditto
do Thick Felt Wads No. 12
do Paper do do
JEFFERY'S CARTRIDGE LOADERS
Recapping Machines
Green Wire Cartridges 12, 14, 16
Bulleted Caps for Monte Christo
Waterproof Percussion Caps
ALSO
CARRIAGE AND GIG LAMPS,
Linen Horse Cloths, &c. &c.
NICHOLLS & Co.

THOMPSON'S OLD TOM
PRIZE MEDAL GIN
HOUTMAN'S
WHISKY
RUM
J. R. BELL & Co.
CHAMPAGNE.
MOET & CHANDON 1st and 2nd qualities in
Quarts and Pints.
JULES MUMM in Quarts and Pints.
ROEDERER in Quarts.
J. R. BELL & Co.

SHORTLY EXPECTED
PER "TEVIOT"
A SHIPMENT OF SHERRIES in Quarter Casks
from the well-known house of Martinez,
Gassiot and Co.
J. R. BELL & Co.

SHERRIES
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
FROM 20s. UPWARDS.
J. R. BELL & Co.
PORT WINE.
IN Quarter Casks and Pipes.
J. R. BELL & Co.

CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES.
EX "GLENARAY."
CARGILL & Co.
Are now landing from the above Vessel:
PRIME India Mess Beef in Tierces
Extra India Mess Beef in Tierces
Prime Mess Pork in Barrels
Prime Family Pork in 70 lb. Firkins
Prime Family Pork in 32 lb. Kegs
Prime Mess Beef in 35 lb. Kegs
Ox Tongues in 30 lb. Kegs
Prime York and Belfast Hams
Cheddar and Berkeley Cheese
Prime and Dutch round Cheese
Whitshire Bacon in Tins
Extra Fine American Flour in Barrels
Finest English Flour in 2, 4 and 9 lb. Tins
Scotch Oatmeal in 2 and 4 lb. Tins
Pearl Barley in 2 and 4 lb. Tins
Split Peas in 2 and 4 lb. Tins
Moir's Jams and Jellies in 1 lb. Tins
Crosse and Blackwell's Jams, and Jellies in 1
and 2 lb. Jars
Moir's Tart Fruits in Tins
Crosse and Blackwell's Tart Fruits in Bottles
Crosse and Blackwell's Pickles, Sauces
Mustard, White Wine Vinegar, Salad Oil
Tapioca, Vermicelli, Macaroni, Raspberry
Vinegar and Syrup, Lemon Syrup, Jordan
Almonds, Raisins, Almonds and Raisins
French Prunes, Lemons and Orange Peel
Mixed Compound Plum Pudding, &c. &c.
COLOMBO & KANDY.
6th December, 1869.

EX STEAMER "SHAFTESBURY."
CARGILL & Co. have received by the above
steamer a fresh supply of
Finest Souchong Tea in Boxes of 6 2/3 lbs.
do Congou Tea in Boxes of 6 2/3 lbs.
do Hyson Tea in Boxes of 6 2/3 lbs.
do Souchong Tea in Boxes of 21 lbs.
Finest Dry Crystallized Ginger
do Stem Ginger in Syrup
do Chow-Chow in do
do Cumin seeds in do
do Oranges in do
do Pine Apple in do
4/4 & 6/4 White China Matting in 50 yards lengths
4/4 & 6/4 Checked do 50 yards do
Crimson and White Silk Sashes
Crimson and White Figured Silk Hdkfs.
China and Grass Slippers
Sandal-Wood Cribbage Boards
Sandal-Wood Card Cases
Sandal-Wood Glove Boxes carved
Ivory Glove Boxes and Card Cases
Round and Folding Feather Fans
Talipot Fans, &c. &c. &c.
COLOMBO AND KANDY.
Colombo, 13th January, 1870.

PRUNING KNIVES AND SAWS.
CARGILL & Co. have just received their usual
supply of the above same shapes as formerly,
Kandy, 13th January, 1870.
FOR SALE.
At the Godowns of the Undersigned.
CHAMPAGNE of the very finest quality in 1
dozen cases.....at 68s. 70s. 75s.
SUPERIOR SHERRY—Blue Seal in 3 dozen
cases.....at 45s. per dozen.
do Yellow Seal in do 40s. do
do Claret Maroon Seal in do 40s. do
TATHAM and Co.
Colombo, 16th September, 1869.

SUPERPHOSPHATE OF LIME.
THE UNDERSIGNED have received per "Car-
line" from JAMES MACMICKAN and Co., Mel-
bourne, a trial shipment of the above valuable Ma-
nure, price here £15 per Ton. It is packed in bags.
LRECHMAN and Co.
Sole Agents in Ceylon.
Colombo, 21st June, 1869.
E. J. BRAND & CO'S WINES.
CROWN SHERRY, Pale and Dry, in quarter Casks.
do MADEIRA
do CLARET, Superior
do PORT, fine old
FINEST VERMOUTH
do CURACAO
do CROWN WHISKY
J. P. GREEN & Co.
MARTELL'S
HENNESSY'S
LA GRANDE MARQUE } BRANDIES
FINEST SPARKLING-MOSELLE
from A. Jordan, Coblenz.
JUST LANDED EX "PALESTINE."
J. P. GREEN & Co.

MARTELL'S BRANDY.
In 1 Doz. Cases:
HENNESSY'S BRANDY }
U. V. P. }
VINE GROWERS }
C. V. A. }
COURJAND }
CHARANTE }
J. R. BELL & Co.
HENNESSY'S ** BRANDY
In 1 dozen cases at 50s.
J. R. BELL & Co.
PALM'S CLARET
In 1 Doz. Cases:
P. R. BELL & Co.

Good Sound Dinner Claret
In 1 dozen cases.
J. R. BELL & Co.
Sparkling Moselle and Still Hocks.
From the well-known House of
G. M. FARMAN, JOHN MAIR.
J. R. BELL & Co.
BUCELLAS
In 1 dozen cases at 50s.
J. R. BELL & Co.

C. B. BEER.
IN QUARTS AND PINTS.
C. B. STOUT XXX in Quarts and Pints.
6 months in bottle.
J. R. BELL & Co.

FOR SALE.
ASSAM TEA in 10 lbs. BOXES.
@ 4s. 7 lb.
ALSTONS SCOTT & Co.

FOR SALE.
FOUR VALUABLE COFFEE ESTATES
AND SPICE GARDENS
IN THE TRAVANCORE TERRITORY.
For particulars, apply to
ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co.

Outlet Palmer & Co's
INVALID'S PORT.
W. C. BRODIE & Co.

CHAMPAGNE VINEYARD PROPRIETOR'S
SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC.
BOTTLED EXPRESSLY FOR THE EAST
By BONTLELLAN and Co.
and one of the most favorite brands in the Indian
Market.
Price 40s.
DURHAM, GRINDROB and Co.

EX "GLENARAY."
CARGILL & Co.
Are now landing from the above Vessel:
ISLAY WHISKY in HHDS.
Cambelton Whiskey in HHds. and qr. casks
Fine Malt Whiskey in HHds.
Matheson, Furlong and Co.'s SHERRY in qr.
casks £15 10s.
Duff Gordon and Co.'s SHERRY in qr. casks
£16 10, £18 10, £21 and £24.
Duff Gordon and Co.'s SHERRY in HHds. £37 10
Crabbie's Ginger Wine in 1 dozen cases 33s.
Quarles Harris and Co.'s PORT WINE in 3
dozen cases 50s, 52s and 54s per dozen
Morgan Brothers PORT in 3 dozen cases 56s
per dozen
Offley Cramp and Co.'s PORT in 3 dozen cases
60s per dozen
T. J. Smith and Co.'s PORT in 3 dozen cases
56s per dozen
PORT WINE in pints 27s, 30s and 33s per doz.
U. V. P. BRANDY in 4 dozen cases 48s, 54s
and 60s, very old
Otard Dupuy and Co.'s Brandy in 1 dozen cases
54s per dozen
U. V. P. BRANDY in HHDS.
J. D. H. Moonies Pale Brandy in HHds. and
quarter casks
Otard Dupuy and Co.'s Pale Brandy in HHds.
Flaht and Co.'s Pale Brandy in HHds.
Nathaniel Johnstone and Co.'s CLARET AND
SAUTERNE in Bottles
GIESLER'S FINEST DRY CREAMING
CHAMPAGNE.
Colombo, 6th December, 1869.

DAILY EXPECTED PER "BRITOMART"
AND "SPIRIT OF THE NORTH."

HENNESSY'S and Martell's Brandy
Tangany's Unsweetened Gin
Hodge's Old Tom
Prize Medal Holland
Scotch Whiskey
ST. JULIEN'S CLARET in HHDS.
Burdon's Sherry in Quarter Casks
Barclay and Perkins' Port in HHds
Hunting, Gig, Driving and Riding Whips
Girths, Mane, and Curry Combs
Saddle Cloths, Cruppers, and Dandy Brushes
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JOHN ROSE & SONS,
Oilmasters, comprising a selection of all
their Manufactures
An assortment of Kid and Calf Boots from
Homan & Co.
Blasting Powder, (Curtis and Harvey's)
Rifle (Hall's)
Gun Caps, Gun Wads, and Patent Shot
Meerschaum, Briar, Bag Oak, and Clay Pipes
Cigar Holders and Cases
Tobacco in 20 lb Boxes, Tobacco Pouches, &c.
Glass Tiles, Railway Keys
J. Rodger and Sons Cutlery, comprising
Table Knives and Forks, Dessert Knives
PENKNIVES, SCISSORS, &c.
Perfumery from Piesse and Lubin
Eugene Rimmel
Drugs and Chemicals from Geo. Curling & Co.
AN ASSORTMENT of all the Ordinary
Patent MEDICINES saleable in Ceylon,
MEDICAL SUPPLIES from S. Maw & Sons,
a large and complete assortment
A small Assortment of Men's Drapery, Com-
prising Tweeds, Flannel, Shirts, Handker-
chiefs, Collars, Towels, Socks, &c.
Stationery from Millington and Hutton
Walker's Writing and Copying Ink
Day and Martins Blacking
Copal Varnish, Black Lacker, and Black Enamel
Loaf Sugar in one cwt. Cases
Sulphuric Acid, Whetting
SODA WATER BOTTLES
Kiln dried Flour in Barrels
Hams, Cheese, Bacon and Butter
&c. &c. &c.
W. M. YOUNG & Co.
5 Baillie Street.
EX "SUMROO" FROM CALCUTTA.
For Sale at the Godowns of the Undersigned.
POWERLOOM Alipore Gunny Bags at 95 per 100.
Light Jail do do 90 " "
FOWLER, RICHMOND & Co.

MUNICIPALITY OF KANDY.

TENDERS will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 31st January next, for supplying the following MATERIALS in quantities more or less as hereunder stated. Satisfactory security will be required.

500 Cubic ft. Sawnwood Planks 6 inch x 5 inch.	36 Sledge hammers.
Half Cwt. flat Iron 1 1/2 x 6.	50 Half sledge hammers.
55 Cwts. Pitch.	4 dozens Mammoties.
2 Cwts. Oakum.	8 do Pickaxes.
10 Cwts. 6 inch Screws.	1 do Galvanized Iron Buckets.
Boils and Nuts.	1 do files of sorts.
2 Cwts. 5 inch Bolts.	1 do Bill-hooks and Catches.
3 1/2 Cwts. 4 and 5 inch Nails.	1 do Screw Augers.
2 Barrels Coal Tar.	500 lbs. Blasting Powder.
90,000 Slop Bricks.	250 Coils Fuse.
1040 Bushels Chumam.	2 1/2 Cwts. cast Steel.
20 Cast Iron Gratings as per pattern.	36 Cwts. Coal.
300 sq. ft. Jackwood Planks.	2 Cwts. Iron.
50 Cast steel hand hammers.	1 Cwt. blister Steel.
	1000 Bundles Straw.
	80 Bamboos.
	1 Cwt. coir String.

By order,
W. S. LE FEUVRE,
Secretary.

10th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the rate of interest to be charged on Cash Credit Bonds terminable in one year, and collaterally secured 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 WELLS.

Reduction in Prices.

10 FEET WELL AND PUMP FIXED	£ 7 0 0
15 " " " "	£ 8 0 0
20 " " " "	£ 9 0 0
25 " " " "	£ 10 0 0
30 " " " "	£ 11 0 0

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.,
Colombo.

R. J. DUNLOP,
JAMES.

FOR SALE.

These 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 Firm of

Peterson & Co.

E. H. PETERSON.

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

Peterson & Co.

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

E. H. PETERSON.

Colombo, 22nd December, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE COMMISSIONERS of the Loan Board are prepared to lend money, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, upon the security of Land as well as House Property, situated within the towns of Colombo, Kandy and Galle.

F. GRAY,
Secretary.

Loan Office,
Colombo, 18th December, 1869.

DUNDEE BAGS.

THE undersigned has just received a few bales of Dundee bags per "Elfin" at the following prices

No. 1 quality 100 per 100	£ 8 7 1/2
" " " "	£ 8 5 1/2

Parties can be supplied with same quantities of bag, for next year's crop, at a lower rate on making early arrangement.

J. RUSSELL GRANT.

Kandy, 27th October 1869.

FOR SALE.

At the Godowns of the Undersigned,
LEATHER BELTING.

2 at 6 inch,
4 at 8 inch,
4 at 10 inch.

J. GIBSON THOMSON, & Co.,
Colombo, 11th August, 1869.

J. KENNEDY,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.

BACON, BUTTER, CHEESE AND HAM,
Stationery—Perfumery—Confectionery.

SUGAR, TEA, TOBACCO, AND ESTATE TOOLS.

E. & C. made Boots and Shoes,
Sauces, Jams, Tins Meats and Pickles.

Catmeal, Split Peas, Vermicelli, Macaroni,
FLANNEL AND WHITE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS.

FELT AND PITH HATS.
the newest pattern,
PATENT MEDICINES.

Fresh Provisions,
APOTHECARY HALL,
Gampola.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES WILLIAM ALLSUP is authorised to sign for our Firm, per procuration from this date.

NICHOLLS & Co.

January 6th, 1870.

FOR SALE.

HOUSE PROPERTY IN KANDY.

consisting of

A TWO STORED HOUSE,

WITH stabling and out-houses, and about a quarter of an acre of Garden and Coffee land attached.

ALSO

TWO COTTAGES WITH SMALL GARDENS ATTACHED.

ANNUAL RENTAL £108.

Price £800 Cash.

To an approved purchaser, at a slight increase on above price. Easy terms of payment will be given, and the above rental guaranteed for 2 years.

For further particulars,
Apply to

R. J. SMITH,
KANDY.

WANTED.

A COMPETENT BOOK-KEEPER, accustomed to store accounts. A liberal salary will be given to a really competent man.

Apply to

C. E. H. SYMONS,
Uplands,
MUTWALL.

NOTICE.

IS hereby given, that the Nawalapittia REST HOUSE (during the time it is undergoing repairs) to the RATTEMAHATMEY'S HOUSE, a quarter of a mile from the present House on the Ambegamow Road.

Nawalapittia Rest House,
6th January, 1870.

EX "GLENARAY"

CARGILL & Co.

Have received by the above Vessel

A SUPPLY OF
PLAIN GALVANIZED ROOFING SHEETS 7 feet x 30 inches

Corrugated Galvanized Sheets 7 feet x 27 inches.
Galvanized Ridge Capping in 6 feet lengths.
Galvanized Iron Screws, &c. &c.

Colombo, 6th December, 1869.

Allsopp & Sons

EAST INDIA PALE ALE

IN HOOGSTRAETS.

Full to the Bung 47 1/2 Casks.

CARGILL and Co.

Colombo, 17th December, 1869.

FINE BONE DUST.

THE UNDERSIGNED having received a fresh supply of BONES, are now prepared to register orders for BONE DUST, and to forward same up-country when required. Samples forwarded on application to

C. SHAND and Co.

Slave Island Mills.

FOR SALE.

ASKA SUGAR—CRYSTALLIZED in 84 lb. Bags do Unrefined in 164 lb. Casks.

COHEN'S English Bottled Sherry. 1 at 70/

Henry's do do 1 at 70/

Do do Brandy. 1 at 70/

Hantley & Palmer's 4 lbs. Cakes Biscuits in Cases of 72 tins.

Do do do in Cases of 144 tins.

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Ind Coops & Co's E. B. Beer in 4 doz. Casks.

AND

JAIL GUNNY BAGS.

ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co.,
KANDY.

FOR SALE.

At the Godowns of the undersigned.

GIESLER'S PALE DRY SHERRY at 50/ per doz

DUFF GORDON & Co's SHERRY at 48/ p. doz.

PRELLER'S BRANDY at 45/ per doz.

Do. Do. LORIMONT CLARET quarts. 24/ per doz.

Do. Do. CHATEAU BELAIR MARGAUX 45/ "

EXSHAW'S BRANDY No. 1 at 70/

Do. Do. No. 2 at 40/

Do. Do. CLARETS 30/ at 75/

HENNESSY'S V.V.P. & JULES ROBIN'S

BRANDY at 44/

Do. LOSSY & Co's CHAMPAGNE at 60/

POMMERY & GRENON'S Do. at 52/

J. GIBSON THOMSON & Co.

Colombo, 23rd Oct., 1869.

JUST RECEIVED.

"Ex Helen Finlayson" & "Aboyne."

GOLDEN SHERRY in Quarter casks

PORT WINE in casks, at 28/ to 218.

J. GIBSON THOMSON & Co.

Colombo, 23rd Oct., 1869.

MR. HARRY EMANUEL.

18, NEW BOND STREET, LONDON.

DIAMOND-MERCHANT AND JEWELLER TO THE QUEEN.

Bags to state that he is open to receive Consignments of Precious Stones and Pearls, either on Purchase or for Sale on Commission.

THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital £2,000,000.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS IN HAND

£1,500,000.

Is entitled to rank amongst the first.

LIFE.

Large participation in profits, undoubted security, and exemption of insured from liability of partnership.

Forfeiture of a policy cannot take place from unintentional misstatement.

FIRE.

MODERATE PREMIUM, PROMPT AND LIBERAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.

AGENTS FOR CEYLON.

LEACHMAN & Co.

Agent in Kandy, J. RUSSELL GRANT.

Agent at Galle, P. L. VANDERSTRAATEN, M. D.

LIFE and FIRE risks accepted on the spot without reference to England.

At the Godowns of the Undersigned,

FIRST-CLASS ESTATE TOOLS, &c.,

including

Hilling and Weeding Mammoties,

Belling Axes,

Catches,

Pruning Knives,

Grass Knives,

Brial Hooks,

Sails from 1 1/2 " to 6,"

Cotr Yarn.

Trincomalee Street,
Kandy, 6th December, 1869.

RANGODDE AND NUWARA ELIYA

A WAGON in connection with the NIGHT MAIL

CART from Peradeniya, will on and after the 22nd Instant, leave Rangodde for Nuwara Eliya on SATURDAY, TUESDAY, and THURSDAY mornings at 6 A. M., leaving Nuwara Eliya on SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY at 4 P. M., until further Notice.

THROUGH JOURNEY FROM PERADENIYA... 50s.

SINGLE JOURNEY FROM RANGODDE... 25s.

CHARLES BYRDE,
Manager.

Peradeniya Farm.

JUST RECEIVED

PER OVERLAND.

The following Christmas Delicacies.

CHEESE, Sifton, Cheshire, and Cheddar.

PINK FRENCH BUTTER in 2 lb. tins.

GALANTINE OF GAME, TRUFFLED.

TRUFFLED BIRDS.

PLUM PUDDING.

MINCE MEAT.

LEDWARD & Co.

FOR SALE.

At the Godowns of the Undersigned.

A Fresh Supply of the

FINEST AUSTRALIAN FLOUR

in 50 lb. tins, at 10s. 6d.

LEE, HEDGES & Co.,
Trincomalee Street,
Kandy, 19th November, 1869.

FOR SALE.

On Board the Ship "Koladyne,"

A COTTAGE PIANO

NEARLY NEW

7 1/2 Octaves

By Mayridge & Ralph,

thoroughly secured for the climate, and guaranteed a first-class Instrument.

PRICE Rs. 400,

delivery to be taken from the Ship.

FOR SALE.

"MERLIN,"

A thorough bred hunter, and weight carrier—broken for a lady.

"WALWA,"

A handsome Iron Grey Cob, broken to harness, and to carry a lady.

THE HORSES can be seen at Mr. Budd's stables, and Merlin's pedigree is with the undersigned, to whom apply for further particulars.

VENN and Co.

PARTICIPATION CHARENTAISE

La Grande Marque Cognac

LONDON OFFICES (for the trade only)—22 and 23, GREAT TOWER STREET.

Mr. V. JOUANNET, Man-aging Director, Cognac, for the U. K., London.

THE largest holders of vintage 1865, and old Brandies of 1st growths.

Blue labels 6 years. Yellow labels 12 years. Red labels 14 years. White label from 18 to 40 years.

Orders registered for supplies in early vessels.

J. GIBSON THOMSON and Co.

Agents in Ceylon.

Galle, 15th December, 1869.

CONTRACTS

FOR

Military Purveyor's Stores.

PARTIES desirous of tendering for supplies for the Military Hospital at COLOMBO, KANDY, NUWARA ELIYA, GALLE, and TRINCOMALEE, from 1st April to 31st December next, are informed that all particulars and forms of tender may be obtained to application at the Control Offices of the various Stations.

Tenders in duplicate must be delivered at the Office of the Assistant Controller, Colombo, on or before noon of the 10th February next, to

ALEX. CROWDER CROOKSHANK, A. C. G.

Department of Control,
Colombo, 20th January, 1869.

NOTICE TO VISITORS.

PARENTS desirous of having their Children instructed at their homes by a PRIVATE TUTOR during the season, will kindly address by letter to

X. Y. Z.,
Post Office,
NUWARA ELIYA.

Nuwara Eliya,
4th January, 1870.

WHYTE AND CO.

APOTHECARYS HALL,
KANDY.

ALWAYS on hand a fresh supply of all the MEDICINES in general use, and a great variety of Patent Drugs and preparations. Physician's prescriptions and family recipes prepared with the utmost care.

WHYTE & Co. have much confidence in drawing the attention of the public to their select assortment of GENERAL GOODS

comprising

OILMANSTORES and GENERAL GROCERIES

WINE, SPIRITS, BEER and PORTER,

SODA WATER & LEMONADE,

TOBACCOES

And a variety of Smoking Requisites,

PERFUMERY, STATIONERY, NOVELS,

DIARIES for 1870.

GLASS-WARE, CROCKERY, CUTLERY,

PLATED-WARE.

OUTWARD MAILS FOR THE MONTH
JANUARY, 1870.

23.	CALCUTTA AND MADRAS.	Mongolia.
	(ENGLAND, MEDITERRANEAN &c.)	Hindostan.
24.	THE STRAITS AND CHINA.	Travancore.
	(BOMBAY.)	Madras.
	THE AUSTRALIAN COLONIES &c.	Malta.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are compelled to omit from our present issue, two communications from Kornegal and other papers of local interest.

The Ceylon Times.

COLOMBO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1870.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS.

Special for the Ceylon Times.

London, January 18th.

On the opening of the French Chambers Mons. Olivier made a very moderate and conciliatory speech.

Prince Pierre Bonaparte had challenged Mons. Rochefort to a duel at Marseilles. Victor Noir (Query Victor Hugo Jr. Editor.) calling on the Prince to arrange preliminaries, an altercation ensued, during which the former assaulted the Prince who thereupon drew forth a pistol and killed him. The Prince has since been arrested.

The death of General De Lacy Evans is announced.

Arrival from Ceylon, the *Hollingside*.

London, January 17th.

The entire capital required for the Australian Submarine Telegraph Company has been subscribed. The line is to be completed and ready for work in 1871.

A private telegram of the 15th quotes Tinnocely Cotton 94d.

The *Madras Mail* has the following:

LONDON, 20th January.

The Battalion ordered to India will not be augmented. Eight companies will go abroad, and two will remain at the depot, owing to intended reductions of regiments on foreign service, and no officers will be transferred to corps proceeding out.

Reuters China Express gives following items:

SHANGHAI, 20th December, 1869.

The present French mail had her departure postponed a day to allow of the arrival of the French Admiral who has been requested to proceed to Saigon immediately in consequence of the severe illness of the Governor of that colony.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been convened to take into consideration a draft of a remonstrance to the British Government of the Revised Treaty.

HONGKONG, 4th January, 1870.

The British ship "Laurel," London to Shanghai, has arrived here dismantled and is discharging for repairs.

THE GOVERNMENT.

It will be seen by reference to an advertisement in our columns, that the subject of the Galle Harbor Improvements is to be discussed at the approaching Annual Meeting of the Planter's Association. We fail to see any good reason why this matter should not be brought forward on that occasion, as it is a subject of paramount importance regarded from every point of view. We trust however, that the question will be considered in a different spirit to that which has been indicated to us as likely to predominate. It signifies nothing whether the matter be taken up by any new coalition or by individual members of the Association, but it will be matter for regret if it be handled in a way that may be turned to account by those who would repress popular discussions on all topics affecting the best interest of this island.

There is unquestionably a very strong feeling of discontent abroad at the manner in which the Galle Harbor question was settled on the final discussion by the pre-emptory refusal of the Government to consent to the absolute adoption of a contract. The fashion of this refusal is made a matter for adverse comment upon in a letter appearing in our present issue; but it seems to us altogether beside the question we recently discussed, to dwell upon the utter absence of tact displayed by Government Officials on the day in question. We consider still that the government acted wisely in withholding their consent to any absolute pledge, but we confess that the refusal was given ungraciously. Let us for a moment suppose the pledge to have been given and mark the consequence. The Government being under an obligation from which they could not withdraw, would have found themselves in the unpleasant predicament of being forced to accept a tender however unreasonable its amount or terms. By declining to give the required pledge the government will escape this awkward situation, and all that we have to regret in the matter is that the explanation was not given as fully and as candidly as would have completely overcome all reasonable opposition and at the same time have averted unpleasant strictures. Be this as it may however, we cannot admit the correctness of our correspondent's objection: the absence of tact on one particular occasion from the Council proceedings of government, can hardly be made an argument against the usefulness of unofficial members in Council, and it should moreover be remembered that by no possibility can any progress be made in the direction of a Representative Council. That delusion has long since disappeared from the public mind.

With regard to the other point to be urged at the Kandy meeting, the provision of any requisite amount beyond £250,000, the Government cannot possibly give any pledge pending a reference to the Imperial authorities, and we consider it will be highly injudicious to demand it.

LIVE AND LEARN.

A sum of Ten Thousand Pounds has been voted by the Legislature in part payment for a new Steamer, in replacement of the *Pearl*, and in fulfillment of the pledge to the Coconut Planters of Jaffna and Batticaloa, as some return for their payment of the Railway Export Duty. A few days ago it was presented to the Government that the Steamer "Lord Elphinstone," then in our harbor, awaiting the departure of the Governor of Bombay, is for sale, and might be obtained on reasonable terms. An inspection of her was made under the Governor's instruction, but the report was not favorable, as, in addition to the fact of her drawing too much water for the Paumotu Channel, she is iron-built, and would in consequence require to be frequently despatched to Bombay for cleaning, as was the case with the *Pearl*.

We learn that specifications have been received from the Crown Agents, for a screw steamer of 446 tons, builders measure, and 100 horse-power, with a guaranteed speed of ten knots an hour, which Messrs. Money, Wigram & Co., of Blackwall, have tendered for at £16,400—which amount is to include all fittings and a small steam launch of two-horse-power. These launches are now in use by nearly every man-of-war, and are now no doubt, found very useful for landing passenger &c., off Kaitis, Batticaloa, etc., where the Steamer is unable to approach

within a considerable distance of the shore. We may mention that, by a peculiar mechanism, the engines for these launches are detached at will, and are hoisted upon deck before hauling the launch up to the davits. On arriving at an anchorage the engine is lowered into the launch, with steam already up in the miniature boiler, so that within a few minutes from the fall of the anchor the commander and his passengers may be seen steaming towards the landing place at the rate of six knots an hour.

There should be no difficulty whatever in finding a building firm able to provide us with a vessel suitable in every way, to the requirements of our coasting trade. But we have unfortunately experienced so many difficulties and disappointments in the past, that it is impossible to avoid a feeling of uneasiness as to the results of our present naval venture. The question really at issue is, not whether the Crown Agents of the Colony can find a capable and honest builder, but whether it will suit them to give us for our money, a vessel in which speed, capacity and comfort are combined, or an unmanageable tub of the "Scaphor" type! There are so many considerations to be taken into account in a vessel for this service, especially in reference to passengers, that we hope the Government may be induced to act upon the suggestion of the Sub-Committee of Council, and send home Captain Donnan to see to the fittings and internal arrangements of the vessel, matters in which we feel assured the Colony would save far more than that Officer's expenses. If in such matters we are to live and learn, let us profit by our lessons, and do not let us from any maudlin desire to save a few pounds be led into another bungle—saddling the Colony with a second *Scaphor* monstrosity.

AN ILL USED DEPARTMENT.

A correspondent in our columns to-day directs attention to an act of injustice which we had omitted to notice in our last, when giving publicity to the changes to be made consequent on the approaching departure of the Director of Public Works. Our approval as then signified, had reference to the temporary transfer of Capt. Fyers to the Public Works Department, knowing well as we do, that gentleman's business capacity. We certainly cannot say as much for the proposal to place the Survey-General's Department in the hands of the Commanding Officer of the Royal Engineers. There may not be a word to urge against the scientific qualifications of this officer, but we fail to understand why an experienced and tried Surveyor like Mr. Noad, should be passed over, especially when we remember that he has on a former occasion taken charge of the Department to the entire satisfaction of the Government and the public.

There would appear to be an unfortunate predilection for slighting this scientific branch of the service. When the Committee on the Public Works Department sent in its report in 1864, it was in the belief that the measure of justice which was about to be meted to that branch of the Service, would be equally conceded to the sister branch. Unfortunately there have been none in the Council since that date, sufficiently impressed with the unfairness of the treatment accorded this department, to do more than insert recommendations in Sub-Committee reports on the Supply Bill, hence we find that in 1870 there are a large number of gentlemen who have served the government as surveyors, for many years, in the most unhealthy parts of the Island, and who are still left on the "Provisional List,"—in other words left without a chance of a pension if incapacitated by sickness in the service of the Crown. This should not be: it is a deep reflection on the character of our government, and must ever act as a bar to the further entry of qualified gentlemen into the department.

THE RIFLE BAND.—The Band of the Ceylon Rifles will not play in the Cinnamon Gardens this evening as advertised.

THE SERVICE.—We believe Mr. Macready intends returning to Ceylon, in October next. The *Examiner* has learnt that Mr. Reginald Pole, has been allowed six months' additional leave, in extension.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHY.—We understand that instructions have been received from the Secretary of State, to have Photographs taken by a skilful artist, of all the principal public buildings and other objects of interest in the island, for transmission to the Colonial Office. We believe that Sir HERCULES ROBINSON is an accomplished photographer, many of his works hanging on the Colonial Office walls, and it is quite possible that he may have suggested the idea the execution of which has been entrusted to the supervision of Captain Fyers.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.—His Excellency the Governor left Colombo as arranged, on Wednesday afternoon, driving to Calcutta where he remained overnight, proceeding on the following day as far as Ambalagode, and on Friday (to-day) to Galle. The whole of the two following days will be spent at Galle. Matura will be reached on Tuesday afternoon, and on the following morning His Excellency will ride out to inspect the works at the Bore Tank: Hakmane with the adjacent irrigation Works at Kekamadura and Denaguma will occupy the whole of Wednesday and Thursday, and on the two following days the Kirima and Urubukka Dams will be visited. Sunday will be passed at Anikande, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be occupied in visiting other portions of the Morowakorie. On Thursday and Friday the party will return to Morowaka and Akurese and on the Saturday to Galle, where His Excellency will remain until the following Wednesday, the remainder of that week being occupied in the return to Colombo.

ALMANAC FOR 1870.—By the aid of the Government Printer we have been enabled to forward to each of our Subscribers, an Almanac for the current year printed from the official type.

EDUCATIONAL.—We learn that Mr. Hill, the Principal of the Normal College, will open the new Institution on the 1st March: during the month of February he will be occupied in Colombo, in conducting the examination of Candidates for admission to the College.

THE FORT WALLS.—The work of demolition goes on apace. There are, in addition to about six hundred coolies employed on the task of removing the remains of the fortification to the ditch, a party of men of the 73rd Regiment at work every morning and evening, and already a portion of the upper bastions is being brought down by pick and barrow. On the evening of Tuesday last the Royal Engineers sprung a mine of 450 pounds of powder in two charges of 300 and 150 lbs. The depth of the shaft was 25 feet below the surface, the charges being placed 74 feet apart. The walls were about 14 and 10 feet thick.

The mine was situated under the left shoulder of the Rotterdam Bastion, and opposite the Bridge leading to the Parade Ground of the Ceylon Rifles. The mass brought down by the explosion was about five hundred yards, in addition to a considerably larger quantity shaken and loosened.

THE JURY SYSTEM.—Although we have written in favor of our Jury system, believing that on the whole it works very fairly, we are aware there are occasionally some very absurd freaks played by our enlightened Jurors. A case occurred but a few days ago, in which a man stood charged with forgery: it was proved beyond a doubt that the document with which he was accused of tampering, had been delivered to him intact, that he delivered it up with alterations on it, and on his own admission the document never left his possession until handing it over at the Colombo Cutchery. The Judge charged very strongly, perhaps too strongly, for a conviction, yet strange to say the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty!" In the *Examiner* we read of a case very similar. Our contemporary says:—"In the Supreme Court yesterday, there was some sensation created by a case that came on for hearing. Two men were tried for assault and robbery. One of the accused bore marks of a blow received in the scuffle. They were both caught at the spot and secured, and the evidence was conclusive of their guilt. The Deputy Queen's Advocate had selected a Tamil Jury. Mr. Coomaraswamy appeared for the defence, and evidently aware of the hopelessness of his cause, sought only to gain the sympathies of the Jury; but the Judge charged for a conviction. The jury retired came back, and acquitted the prisoners. The whole Court was astonished. The Judge said that the verdict was entirely opposed to the evidence, and sent the jury back to reconsider their verdict. They returned after some time, and then, most strange, they pronounced the prisoners guilty. They then explained that the Foreman made a mistake in counting the numbers on the occasion of the first verdict, and that even then there were seven against six for guilty. The accused were sentenced each to two years imprisonment at hard labor."

CAPTAIN PARSONS.—We regret to announce the death of Captain G. M. Parsons of the Ceylon Rifle Regiment whose rank in the corps dated from the 13th March 1861. The deceased officer who had been in indifferent health for some time, was interred in the Military Cemetery, Galle Face, with the usual honors, on Wednesday evening last.

ECCLÉSIASTICAL.—A further exchange of duties between Dr. Schrader and Revd Lovelink, has been allowed up to the 31st proximo. Mr. Lovelink, we believe, then go on leave, being succeeded at Trinity Church by the Revd. S. D. J. Ondaatje.—*Examiner*.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—At the half yearly general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to-day, the Report of the Committee was adopted, and Mr. Theodore Kramer, Mr. F. W. Bois, and Mr. L. J. Mercer were elected as the new members of Committee, in room of those retiring.

SYMPATHY.—The General of the Cuban insurrectionary army declares that he requires only weapons for his adherents. According to the *Pall Mall Gazette*—"The General declares that there are 30,000 Cuban ladies half naked, living an aboriginal life" on the hill sides, and appeals to American ladies for sympathy." Under these circumstances we should have imagined the Cubans required sympathy in another shape than firearms—say for instance a ship-load or two of under garments for the army of Cuban ladies living an aboriginal life on the hill sides, in a state of semi-nudity: happily however, the climate of Cuba does not necessitate any abundant supply of fine linen, and possibly the aboriginal life may not be altogether a novelty to many amongst the Cuban dames and damsels.

REUTER'S AGENCY.—The complaints against Reuter's Telegraphic Agency contained in the extract below, are of precisely the same nature as those which compelled the Editor of this Journal to seek for Telegraphic Intelligence, on more equitable terms elsewhere. To what extent we have succeeded in doing this, may be gathered from the circumstance that on more than one occasion we have been enabled to give telegraphic news from Europe of several days later date than a cotemporary who dwells with unctious pocket-emphasis, on the costliness of his own special arrangements! In a very short time direct cable communication between India and Europe, will remedy much of the state of things referred to below:—

The present telegraph charge from England to India is Rs. 28 per 20 words. So, making due allowance for addresses, &c., and even Rs. 1,000 for Agency and Indian wire expenses the Rs. 3,600 subscription should give the Press 2,000 words a month, or say 66 words a day. Let our readers who have had but too great cause to complain of the paucity of the telegraphic intelligence in our columns for a long time past, judge whether they have been treated to anything like 66 words, for five days a week, and 132 words on Mondays. And yet Reuter's Company have continued to draw the full monthly subscription. Reuter's Indian service should be most profitable to Reuter, but its news have had but too great cause to complain of the paucity and unsatisfactory. Both Press and merchants should by co-operation serve themselves far better, and secure money's worth for money spent. Under these circumstances we have thought it only due to the public to inform the Agent of Reuter's Company that in consequence of the extremely unsatisfactory manner in which the service has lately been performed, and in the expectation that a much better and more economical system of telegraphic communication will be inaugurated with the opening of the new lines between India and Europe, we shall hold ourselves at liberty to make other arrangements for procuring telegraphic intelligence after the 30th June next.—*Madras Mail*.

KANDY.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Planters' Association Annual Meeting and Dinner are to take place as usual on the 17th February. The Galle Harbor question is to be brought forward by the new coalition party one member of which has arranged that he the present Chairman of the Association, shall retire to make way for the other. Of course there can be no possible objection to such a proceeding, on the contrary it is a very desirable move in many respects, but we do object to the attempt that will be made by the "coalition" to run-a-muck against the Government in reference to the Galle Harbor project. It will, I believe, be their object to attack the Government but especially the Governor, for making "a hasty and ill-considered move."

I do not think the Planters as a body care very much for the matter, and those who have given any consideration to the subject, feel assured that even though the outlay should amount to half a million the increased trade of the port will cover all the interest &c. so that Ceylon need not fear any pecuniary responsibility on that score. I hear that the coalition will go in for insisting upon government giving a guarantee as to the cost, or that any amount beyond the quarter of a million shall be provided by the Imperial authorities on similar terms to the loan already made. About that report from the Gampola Committee, in reference to Coolie Mortality, the Committee I hear, will be able to send a "crushing reply" to Government.

The weather up here is fine, but the receipts of Coffee are not so heavy as were expected, recent cloudy, damp weather having had the effect of keeping back curing operations. We may look upon the native crop as pretty well

over, and as a consequence the price is moving upwards.

The proceedings in the Nittewella Murder case, that of the Buddhist Priest, are at length closed and forwarded to the Queen's Advocate. The witnesses, with the Pittagegode Corale, are still in the custody of the Police who have been very successful in eliciting a connected chain of evidence, all of which is necessarily kept from the public, the proceedings having been taken at the station house.

There is a report of a murder at Galle-gedere by a Moor boy of fifteen years of age, who killed a child of about seven years, and afterwards stole some money and trinkets from the house. The young villain has been seized and depositions are now being taken.

RANGALLA.—A correspondent writes as follows:—"We have regular North East monsoon weather now, cold mornings and clear bright days, not too hot even in the middle of the day. Crops are well over, some Estates are quite stripped and every one is busy weeding."

NUWERA ELIYA.

(17th January, 1870.)

The Xmas and New Year's holidays have passed away quietly and soberly, and quite in keeping with the monotonous existence of the small social circle, whose duties compel them permanently to vegetate here.

The surpentine "lovers walk" and the inevitable "Scandal Corner" do not now present so cheerless and unfrequented an appearance as it did a month or two back, as the few visitors who have yet arrived, take a harmless ramble there, "when evening's own pleasures draw nigh." During the next and following months, doubtless those "dear lovely bowers of innocence and ease" will be teeming with life.

Rumours from reliable sources, were yesterday current here, that a telegram offering Mr. L. the Acting District Judgeship of Negombo, had been received by him, and which offer he very properly accepted. While congratulating him on his advancement and promotion, it is but just and fair to remark, that he has discharged his duties through good report and evil report to the best of his abilities. If he has fallen short of that *very rare achievement* during his stay here, of pleasing everybody, he doubtless on the other hand feels the conviction of having done his duty conscientiously. Being every way qualified to fill a higher judicial office, in preference to many of his juniors in the service who are above him, it is satisfactory to his well-wishers to find merit suitably rewarded. In short he carries with him the congratulations of those who know him well, and his intrinsic worth.

Sir Seymour Fitzgerald arrived here on Friday evening, and it is believed paid a visit to the top of Pedro Talia Galla yesterday, and returned the same day to Colombo.

The weather since New Year's day till very lately, continued wet and gloomy, now presents a cheerful aspect, and will it is to be hoped continue.

KNUCKLES, January 18th, 1870.

Crops are being despatched as fast as carts can be procured the fine weather enabling us to dry our parchment off with something like despatch. Cart hire to Kandy 4d per bushel: to Colombo 9d. A good deal of fever has prevailed for some time back of a light type, the changeable weather no doubt being the cause of it: for some days back the wind in the mornings has been quite strong from the S.W. and very cool. Our road is in capital condition, for which we should be glad, seeing so many complaints in the Papers on the state of roads in other districts.

RAMBODDE, January 19th, 1870.

The bright, cold, mornings and hot burning days of the North-East Monsoon have come at last, only however a few days after they might have been expected. The early part of the month showed a somewhat unusual style of misty wet days, hardly expected at this season.

Those whose Stores have been full of partially dried coffee, will have ample opportunity of completing the curing. As regards the crops themselves, it has been a good year for Rambodde and Poonduhoolya, not an estate in the whole district short of its estimates, many far over it and still picking heavily. It must not be supposed that the estimates were unusually short—oh no, large estimates and crops in excess. Carts have been tolerably plentiful, and a large portion of crops have gone forward. Naturally all other Estate works have fallen into abeyance, and arrears of weeding will now have to be made up. The roads are tolerably good, save always the unfortunate Poonduhoolya road, which is never in a state deserving that adjective, and I may add never likely to be. Coolies are much as they were a few months ago, nobody has yet been enabled to pay off any—and as they have made plenty of money, I suppose a considerable number of them will be waiting to visit their country this season. Like many other districts the complaint this season is that the coolies have not tried their best to make money, but have as a whole spent about a quarter of their time in idleness.

ESSENCE OF MUNIANDI.

EXECUTIVE ON-DIT.—It is pretty generally understood in official circles that the Members of the Executive Council will be expected to escort the Duke of Edinburgh from the landing place to Queen's House, on horseback. There is no truth whatever in the report that some of these gentlemen asked permission to use Elephants instead of horses, on the contrary we understand that most of them take maternal lessons in horsemanship with great regularity, under the auspices of a professional, who is in great hopes that by April next the horses will be sufficiently accustomed to the style of their riders.—*Muniandi*.

"WHAT FOR THEY DID PLUCK ME?"—A rejected Law-student writes an indignant and partly unintelligible letter on the subject of a recent Law-examination. He had answered all the questions put to him, and cannot account for his rejection. As a specimen of the answers, he has forwarded the following:—

II. BANKRUPTCY.

1. Q.—What are the requisities to constitute a Petitioning creditor's debt?
- A.—That he should be a creditor, and able to draw petitions.
2. Q.—Describe some of the acts of bankruptcy most frequently occurring.
- A.—Trading without capital; cheating one's customers; paying high interest; refusing to pay shop-bills; betting at horse-races; frequenting cheap auctions; making secret settlements on one's wife; hard drinking; and driving about Galle-face in double harness.
3. Q.—When may a vendor exercise his right of stoppage in transitu?
- A.—When the debtor is about to abscond, the creditor may take out a warrant of arrest. Sometimes this may be done by telegraph.
4. Q.—Can you prove against a bankrupt estate for liquidated damages?
- A.—Yes. As for instance where a cask of brandy has leaked, the value of the liquid is the measure of damages, to be ascertained by experienced ship-captains.

IV. EVIDENCE AND COMMON LAW.

1. Q.—State the various kind of evidence, and the objections, if any, to their reception.

A.—(1) The evidence of your senses; (2) the evidence of accomplices; and (3) hearsay evidence. The evidence of your senses is generally admissible in cases of Municipal management, in matters of sewage, drainage and manuring. (Vide TYTLER on *Sombroerum*, page 1273.) The evidence of accomplices is only admitted on accomplished facts. (Vide COOMARASWAMY'S *Treatise on Kandyan Marriages*; and HARRISON'S *Notes on the Galle Harbour*.) Hearsay evidence is where the witness says one thing and means something else. Deaf people are exempted from giving hearsay evidence.

2. Q.—Give an instance of a leading question, and one which is not.

A.—A leading question is for instance where a man says to another "will you follow me?" A non-leading question is where the latter replies "shall I go before you, or after you?"

3. Q.—How can the credit of a witness be attacked at a trial?

A.—By proving that he dishonoured his Bills at the O.B.C. For this purpose you must issue a *Subpoena duces tecum* to the Bank-peon or his deputy.—*Muniandi*.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KANDY.

No. 51,356.

C. Skelton.....Plaintiff.

Vs.

Mr. Advocate Van Langenberg with Mr. A. Van Twest for Plaintiff.

Mr. W. Staples for Defendant.

Judgment.

It is admitted that on the 6th of September 1864, P. Ryan and Geo. McLachlan granted a joint note for the sum of £200 payable "three months after sight" to Robert McLachlan.

There is an endorsement on the back of the note admitted to be in the handwriting of Robert McLachlan and bearing his signature in the following words "Received from C. Skelton Esq."

"£200 11 1, being payment of this note and interest to 31st January 1866.—Skelton, the Plaintiff now claims from the Defendant, George McLachlan, one of the joint debtors on the note, the sum of £100 being the Defendant's proportion of the amount for which the joint note was granted to Robert McLachlan, and which he claimed to be paid to the payee as per receipt just referred to."

The defence is payment to Plaintiff through James Ryan a third party—James Ryan has been called by the Defendant and he tells us that on the 31st of January 1866 he traced the form of a receipt in pencil on the back of the note, that then the Payee wrote in over the words so traced in pencil, the receipt on the back of the note and signed it and that thereupon he, James Ryan, handed the note to the Plaintiff. This is admitted. Under these circumstances the Defendant's liability to the Plaintiff must be regarded as having accrued on the said 31st of January, 1866. James Ryan however proves no payment by him to Plaintiff since then for and on behalf of Defendant. There is therefore a clear prima facie case for the Plaintiff entitling him to Judgment.

In examination of the Defendant however James Ryan relies on a payment to the Plaintiff some ten days previous to the said 31st January, 1866, which he states was made by him personally for and on account of the Defendant. The payment was by cheque. The Plaintiff admits the receipt of this cheque, but denies that it was handed to him on account of the Defendant. To arrive at a correct conclusion on evidence so diametrically opposed to each other it is necessary to look at the surrounding circumstances as between the Plaintiff and James Ryan. It would appear that at the time the cheque was given by James Ryan to the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff was, as well prior as subsequent to that time, the Superintendent of coffee estates owned by James Ryan, and that of such Superintendence he was in the habit of receiving from his employer, James Ryan, cheques for large amounts in respect of the upkeep of the estate under his charge. The Plaintiff swears that the cheque in question was one of those he was in the habit of receiving from James Ryan on account of the estate and that he expended the amount thereof on the estate. Considering then the relative position of the Plaintiff and James Ryan at the date of the cheque, that the Plaintiff was not the holder of the note at the time, that he admittedly had no interest whatever in it at the time, and that in fact no debt was then due from the Defendant to the Plaintiff in respect of the note, coupled with the fact that it was James Ryan himself who handed the note to the Plaintiff on the 31st of January 1866 with the receipt on the back of the note, the natural and irresistible inference, apart from the Plaintiff's oath is that the cheque, which passed from James Ryan to the Plaintiff previous to the 31st of January 1866, was one given for and on account of James Ryan's Estate. The contrary inference would be to suppose that the cheque was given for and on account of the Defendant, and that it was in fact the Plaintiff's evidence is believed, and it is clear that James Ryan's memory is greatly at fault in this matter. The plea of payment having failed, let judgment be entered up for Plaintiff in terms of his prayer.

(Signed) C. H. DE SARAM.

It is decreed that Plaintiff do recover from Defendant one hundred pounds sterling, with interest thereon at nine per cent annum from the 9th day of February 1866, until payment in full and the costs of this suit.

C. H. DE SARAM. A.D.J.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—As so much has been said in the columns of the *Observer* about the "Latest from Holland" which appeared in the Xmas number of the *Examiner*, I think it would be fair to the Public, and satisfy all parties, if the Government Record Keeper will be good enough to translate the letter, and give it publicity in all the Colonial papers, commencing with the *Observer*.

Yours truly,

A NATIVE.

SIR,—I beg to draw the attention of the Municipal Inspector of the Pettah Ward, through the medium of your valuable Journal, to the state of the Drains in this quarter: for the last few days I noticed that the drains were never washed out, and now the water is become stagnant, which causes a bad stench, and if proper steps be not taken in time to remedy the evil, I trust that not before long an epidemic of some serious nature will break out.

The upper division of Maliban Street (the quarter near the Racket Court,) is just as bad, and small thanks to the Inspector if he does not attend to these things better.

Yours &c.

A RESIDENT.

Mitcho's Lane, January 20th, 1870.

DEAR SIR,—Your Dimbolla Planting correspondent has, I hope, by this time recovered from the effects of the Xmas and New Year's festivities, and perhaps, will now furnish you and thro' you, an expectant public, with a more elaborate statement of his views on the "Labour Question, and a few results of that experience which he confidentially tells us "teaches fools." Perhaps, too, he will tell a "young hand" what means by "men of the stamp of the Gampola orators," who have not learnt "their lesson in planting properly, and will drop their money &c." It must be consolatory to the Gampola orators to know that there is a man living—and a literary man too, (being a newspaper correspondent,) who can impart to them—for a consideration, no doubt—very valuable advice about their own affairs—who will be to them "a guide, philosopher and friend"—who will teach them "how not to drop their money"—who will tell them their lesson in planting "properly" as "their betters have learnt it before them," and perhaps—refreshing consideration—enable them to reach that Planter's El Dorado, a Coffee Estate in Dimbolla! There is one drawback however Your correspondent may take a very proper view of Planting and

Gampola Orators," but does he take a grammatical one? I might almost ask, an intelligible one? What with "bumper toasts," "Gampola Orators," "experience, fools," "threats," "warnings," "advice and the three baronets"—alive—who were much pleased with all "they say," we have a medley of nonsense and tautology too absurd, I should think, even for the capacious swallow of a Gampola Orator.

The author should remember the old saw "no sutor ultra crepidam."

I hope we shall have no more silly raids on "Gampola Orators" and "young hands," and I trust your correspondent will learn that drivel and tautology do not constitute good advice, and that modesty is expected even in a Dimbolla Correspondent.

Yours faithfully,

M. C. A.

January 14th, 1870.

"THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY."

SIR,—*"Aliques"* in Monday's *Observer* fixes upon a portion of my letter of the 13th, and professes to wonder upon what grounds one can be dissatisfied with the government.—He enlarges upon the legislation of the past Session in a manner which bears unmistakable marks of inspiration.—He intitles his letter as an affair between "The Government and the Community" and gives a deliciously innocent hint as to its real author when he refers to language which the Governor "did not use and was meant to use." With an official as an opponent the intility of an *unofficial* argument is at once apparent.—The closing scenes in the Session just ended abundantly exemplified this; and when "Aliques" so well reminds us that the united opinion of the members of the Chamber of Commerce is of no account in the eyes of officialdom, I might well be excused if like Mr. Coomaraswamy I plaintively cry "If you wish I will sit down."



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INVESTED FUNDS OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, 30th June, 1869.

Real Property owned by the Company £219,571 11 3

Mortgages on Freehold Property 35,500 0 0

£20,000 Reduced 3 per Cent. Consols. 28,081 1 3

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English Railway Debenture Bonds 59,090 17 7

First-class English Railway Preference and Guaranteed Stocks 355,476 11 11

Loans to Local Authorities of various towns in Great Britain, who have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State to borrow the amounts: Bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board 1,560 12 6

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Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks with margins from 20 to 50 per Cent. on market values 34,106 11 6

Loans on Security of Life Policies 477,193 0 0

64,938 8 5

£1,672,356 16 11

The above is a complete list of the Investments of the Company at the date specified, in addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents. At 31st Dec, 1868, these stood at—

£168,089 2 0

For the satisfaction of the Public, the whole of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—

"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-books, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."

THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT,
After payment of Losses, Annuities, and Expenses of every description, have been as follows:—

Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec, 1864, £621,474 15 5

Aided to 31st December, 1865 1,314 7 3

" " 1866 124,105 7 5

" " 1867 128,083 5 10

" " 1868 144,945 12 2

Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of shareholders' Capital £1,122,275 8 1

THE DIRECTORS ALSO THINK IT DESIRABLE TO STATE THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE ROYAL HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.

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THE CEYLON CURRENCY QUESTION.

THE last phase of the discussion regarding the position of the Ceylon currency is represented by the Report of a Commission appointed by Sir HERCULES ROBINSON to determine, not whether any alteration of the currency is desirable, but what will be the effects of an alteration that he has decided shall forthwith be made. The Governor is fully alive to the value of the old maxim "*Divide et impera*." He found the colonists all but unanimous in opposing any change at all, and finding so strong a combination as this rather awkward to deal with, he sought to divert the attention of the people from the principal question at issue to some smaller one on which they might probably disagree, and accordingly threw them—as a bone of contention—the problem, how their accounts should be kept when the sterling currency was abolished; whether in rupees, annas and pie, after the Indian fashion, or in rupees, shillings and pence, or again, by decimal method of rupees and cents. The Report of the Commission on these points is an exceedingly curious document, but therefore commenting on it we must for a brief space revert to the original difficulty, as to the necessity, or otherwise, for abolishing the sterling currency and making the rupee not only the sole legal tender, but the standard for all contracts and accounts. The Governor's view, of the case seems to be this; though willing to admit that for thirty years or more the system of keeping accounts in pounds, shillings, and pence, while all payments have been made in rupees at the rate of ten to the pound, has worked well, he nevertheless contends that it may lead to grave difficulties, in his way—a person to whom the Colonial Treasury is indebted in the sum of, say, a thousand rupees, might at present refuse to accept payment in silver, and demand a hundred golden sovereigns, which, if accepted to, would entail a loss to the Treasury of £6 5s., the intrinsic value of each rupee in English money being only 1s. 10½d. Whence he concludes that the use of sterling denominations is altogether dangerous, and should be done away with entirely. The popular view, however, is this,—that English currency has nothing to do with the question at all, for the "pound" in this case would not mean a golden sovereign, but a Ceylon currency pound, which is simply ten rupees, or the equivalent of ten rupees, at their actual intrinsic value. The value of an imaginary coin, such as the Ceylon pound, must depend solely on its relation to the coin actually and tangibly in circulation. Beyond similarity of nomenclature, there is no affinity whatever between English and Ceylon currency, and the discrepancy that certainly exists, in the circulating medium being a coin that never enters into accounts, might be readily overcome by ordaining that the rupee should be a legal tender for sums to any amount, at a fixed value of two shillings. The inhabitants of Ceylon would then be in precisely the same position as we should be in England if our sovereigns, half-sovereigns, crowns, and half-crowns fell into disuse, leaving us only the florin and its subsidiary coins (the shilling and sixpence being virtually half and quarter-florins) as circulating medium. We might still keep our accounts in pounds, and an English pound would then be ten florins, just as a Ceylon pound now is ten rupees. This, which, as we have said, is the "popular" view of the case, is, we are convinced, the correct one also. It is very fairly embodied in a report drawn up by a sub-committee of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce consisting of Messrs. MACDONALD, WALL, and RICHMOND, who recommended that a memorial should be addressed to the SECRETARY OF STATE for the COLONIES, deprecating any alteration in the denomination of the currency. This recommendation was acted on, but the memorial was disregarded, and, as we stated in a recent issue, the affair is so far settled that the banks here connected with Ceylon are now sending out rupee notes to replace the pound notes hitherto in use.

Reverting to the Report of the Commission above alluded to, the first thing that attracts attention is, that out of ten Commissioners only three sign the document without dissenting therefrom! Some of the members were officials of the Colonial Government, while others were merchants, or independent residents; and from the first it became evident that no unanimity on any one point was to be hoped for. So it was decided to take legal evidence, in the first place, to decide what a "pound currency" in Ceylon really meant; and several members of the Ceylon bar, on being examined, agreed in holding that "a pound" in Ceylon meant a pound in English currency, and nothing else; a conclusion so extraordinary, and so diametrically opposed to the facts, that we can only conclude that the subject was strange to them, and that they all went to the same source for information. However this may be, their joint dictum was adopted as the basis of the Report itself, while three members signed it only subject to a "memorandum of dissent," wherein they adduce ample reasons for adhering to exactly the opposite opinion. Then, as regards the best manner of subdividing the rupee, in accounts, there is also a great diversity of opinion. The Report itself recommends that the Indian system be adhered to; but another "memorandum of dissent" is signed by four out of the ten Commissioners, who think that as there is to be a total revolution in the monetary system of the colony, the great advantages known to attend the use of the decimal system, should be availed of. Indeed (and here is another curious inconsistency in the Report) it seems that though the Indian system is avowedly recommended, the majority of the members voted in favour of the decimal system! The *inbroglio* was brought about in this wise—firstly, the decimal system was brought forward, but was rejected by a majority of the composed of the joint supporters of the two other systems; and next, the Indian method was brought forward as opposed to the rupees, shillings, and pence method. For the decimal system there were four votes; for each of the others, three—yet one of the latter is recommended in the body of the Report! The upshot of it all is, evidently, that the Governor will carry his own wishes into effect, to the great and not unreasonable discontent of the majority of the colonists.—*London and China Express*.

THE ROYAL FAMILY.—The *Court Journal* reminds its readers that the Prince and Princess of Wales have now five children, two sons and three daughters—viz., Prince Albert Victor, born January 8, 1864; Prince George Frederick, born June 3, 1865; Princess Louise Victoria, born February 20, 1867; Princess Victoria Olga, born July 6, 1868; and the Princess born November 26, 1869. Their Royal Highnesses were married on March 10, 1863. Her Majesty has now sixteen grandchildren. The Crown Princess of Prussia has three sons and two daughters; the Princess Alice one son and three daughters; the Princess of Wales two sons and three daughters; and the Princess Helena two sons. One of the Queen's grandchildren, a son of the Crown Princess of Prussia, died in July, 1866.

THE LIBEL ON SIR JOSEPH HAWLEY.—At the Old Bailey to-day, before the Common Serjeant, Dr. J. H. Shorthouse, surrendered to take his trial. Dr. Shorthouse is editor and proprietor of the *Sporting Times*, and in that paper an article was published imputing to Sir J. Hawley dishonourable conduct in the scratching of certain horses which were to have run for the last Liverpool Cup. The article had been apologised for, but the apology had not been accepted. It was, however, read to-day to the jury. After the learned Serjeant had stated the case, and the necessary formal evidence had been put in, Sir J. Hawley was examined. He said: I have been for many years the owner of racehorses, and had three horses entered for the Liverpool Cup—Siderolite, Lictor, and Blue Gown. I had backed Lictor for about £500. I have no doubt the articles in these papers refer to me. Cross-examined by the defendant: I accompanied Mr. Lewis to purchase the papers. We had taken some other copies to Bow-street before the magistrate granted the summons. I have no other means of knowing that you wrote or published these libels except from seeing your name to the paper as the editor. The Common Serjeant: That is a question of law. Cross-examination continued. Mr. Farrah, the publisher, was in the office, and he was told that I was Sir Joseph Hawley, and that it was intended to take out summonses against him and myself for libel. I know that you published an apology, but I did not go for an apology. I believed the apology was only made through fear after the summons had been taken out. The defendant: Have you suffered much through the libel? Sir J. Hawley: It was very unpleasant to have such a charge made against me. I showed it to my friends and they told me it was such a gross libel that it was my duty to prosecute. I do not know that my friends thought I had cleaner hands to go into court with than they had. (A laugh.) I am not aware that I have been libelled before in the same paper; if I had been I should certainly have proceeded against you. I know that upon one occasion an article appeared expressing a hope that I should not win a particular race. I believe there were some remarks made in reference to the case of Pretender, but I very seldom read your paper. I have been connected with the turf twenty-seven years, and have had a great many races. I have been criticised before, but have never brought an action before. The Duke of Beaufort was then called. He said he had read the articles in question, and he had no doubt they referred to Sir J. Hawley. The terms "milking" and "roping" were synonymous with swindling. He was aware of the rules of the turf, and knew that Sir Joseph Hawley had scratched his two horses for the Liverpool Cup. He did so quite in accordance with the rules of the turf, and in an honourable and proper manner. Cross-examined: He should consider that if a man laid against his own horse and scratched him it would be swindling. It was a very different thing when a man had three horses, and he considered that one of them was able to win a particular race, for him to scratch the other two. By the common Serjeant: In the latter case I should consider it a perfectly honourable proceeding for an owner of a racehorse to act in such a manner. Gen. Peel gave similar evidence, and said there was nothing dishonourable or contrary to the laws of the turf in the course adopted by Sir Joseph Hawley. The common Serjeant, in summing up, said there could be no doubt that the article complained of was a libel, and the defendant himself appeared to have admitted that fact; the publication was proved, and the only question for them to consider was whether the defendant was responsible for that publication. The jury, after considerable time, found the defendant guilty of not exercising due caution in the publication of the article in question. Serjeant Ballantine said that the matter would probably not have been pressed so strongly against the defendant but for another article that appeared in the same paper, which he handed to his lordship, but which he said he would not read in public. The defendant was then called up for judgment, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of £50 and to be imprisoned for three months. The defendant was removed in custody.—*F. Farrah*, printer and publisher of the same paper, next surrendered and pleaded guilty, at the same time expressing his deep regret at having published the article, but he knew nothing of the contents of the paper at the time he published it. This defendant was allowed to enter into his own recognizances to appear and receive judgment when called upon.—Gilbert Robbins next surrendered and pleaded guilty to the publication of a libel relating to the same matter in a publication called *The Man about Town*. Mr. Giffard, Q.C., urged on behalf of the defendant that he had acted upon the information of a friend who had backed Siderolite to the extent of £75, but the moment he discovered the mistake he inserted a retraction, and had never since had any further connection with the journal in question. The defendant was fined £25, which was immediately paid, and the proceedings terminated.—(*Pall Mall Gazette*.)

LIFE AT A DISCOUNT.—It is a pity that poor Broadhead could not have delayed his departure from that land which has loved him so well for two days longer. After a series of farewell gatherings and addresses he left Liverpool for the United States on Saturday in the *Etna* with the satisfaction of feeling that probably in no other country in the world than that he was leaving would a murderer have been more tenderly fettered, more universally admired. If he had remained in England until Monday evening, he might have heard the result of the trial of Mr. Davis at the Leeds assizes for attempting to murder Sarah Sykes in July last. The affair happened in "dear old Sheffield." Mrs. Syke's husband had taken a side in a trade dispute at the Manor colliery, three miles from that town, at which Davis, a unionist, had been engine-tender. He had expressed ill-will towards the injured woman, and during a disturbance arising out of his violence deliberately shot her with a revolver. Of course, if it had not been a trade-union outrage Davis would have had penal servitude for life; as it was, he was let off with seven years, from which sentence there is reason to fear he may be relieved by the Home Secretary as soon as the necessary forms can be gone through. As, however, this must take a little time, and Davis may be put to some inconvenience, we hope he will excuse the slight nominal punishment we are obliged to inflict on him. He must remember that, although the enlightened majority of us not only wink at these murders, but do honour to the murderers, there are still a few people left who are weak enough to think he richly deserved the gallows.—(*Pall Mall Gazette*.)

SENSATIONAL ADVERTISING.—If Mr. Babington White or Ouida or any of our sensational novelists were to write a tale called, "The Romance of the Broken-hearted" it is hardly probably that even to their vivid imaginations there would appear to be anything suggestive of pathos in the Cattle Show. Let them take a hint, however, from the following advertisement:—

DARLING CHARLIE.—Am quite broken-hearted. Do meet me any day at the Cattle Show, about 2 P.M., by H—'s F—R—M—, Stand No.—, in the Concert Hall. Don't disappoint.—Your own, LAURA. There is reason to believe that the heartless Charlie did not respond to this touching appeal. At any rate, a correspondent informs us that thinking he might get a "thrilling situation" for his book, he went on the first appearance of the advertisement to the trying place, at the appointed time, waited a whole hour without seeing anything that looked like a lover's meeting or anybody answering to his ideas of a broken-hearted Laura. There were signs rather of fatty degeneration. However, the advertisement continued to be inserted until the last day; but on the morning of that day it was not in its place. Can Charlie and Laura have met on Thursday? Perhaps they may; but a suspicion arises that the advertisement was only an ingenious dodge for collecting a knot of expectant persons at a certain spot, and calling their attention to a certain article exposed for sale. It is a great blow to lovers of the romantic to be forced into a belief that Charlie, and Laura, and Mrs. Harris must be put in the same category.—(*Pall Mall Budget*.)

THE WELSH "FASTING GIRL."—The inquest on the body of Sarah Jacobs was opened yesterday at Carmarthen. The main feature in the day's proceedings was the evidence of Mr. Thomas and Mr. Phillips, the surgeons who made the post-mortem examination. They stated that the body of the girl was plump and well formed. No indications of paralysis of the brain. No obstruction to the alimentary canal. The stomach contained three teaspoonfuls of semi-gelatinous substances. The small intestines were empty; but in the colon and rectum half a pound of hard excrement was found. No malformation anywhere. Body free from disease. It was believed that the deceased had been afflicted with hysteria. Mr. Phillips said there was a large hollow under the girl's left arm capable of secreting a half pint bottle. Mr. Davis, surgeon, deposed to Sarah Jacobs having been in a fit for the period of one month in 1867; it was then difficult to tell whether she was dead or alive. The inquest was adjourned.

A NEW DELICACY.—In these days of horse, donkey, and kangaroo, is a new meat worth adding to the list? The great French gourmet thought the invention of a new dish more precious than the discovery of a fresh planet, but then he never tasted Australian beef. The *Revue Militaire* has an article on the passage of the Eastern Cordilleras by the French in the Mexican campaign, in which "le rôti d'iguane à la sauce caraibe," a dish which alternated with "suprême de perroquet," is introduced to the notice of Parisian epicures. It appears to be the sauce that makes the iguana, for its white, soft, mucilaginous flesh, which recalls the turtle or the porcupine, has a flat dull flavour requiring a background. This gives rise to the sauce, which is said to be worthy of meats of higher distinction. The following are the ingredients. Their nice adjustment would call for the wisdom of the counsellor who puts the salt to the salad in the Spanish proverb. The base of the sauce is of vinegar, wine, and oil; it is toned with salt, peppercorns, mustard, pickles, and allspice; the aromatic components are garlic, onion, leek, laurel, thyme, cloves, and nutmeg. Besides the vinegar and pickles, other acids are to be added in the shape of tomato and green citron. Finally yolk of egg is to unite these divers elements in one "harmonious, velvety, odorous, and stimulating whole." Caribbee sauce is then complete.

ESSENCE OF PUNCH.

A FORBIDDEN PLEASURE.—Ladies should never indulge in anticipation, for we all know how objectionable a woman is who looks forward.

A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS. If there is Self-Government in St. Pancras, why are the Guardians always losing their tempers?

I WISH.—said an anti-Christmas Boxer, that somebody would invent a new felicitation card. I hate those Redbreasts. At this time everybody's a robin.

THE ROOT OF IRISH EVIL.—It used to be said that the Irish people were unwise in relying on the potato. Their reliance on potatoes was foolish enough, but still more foolish is their faith in agitators.

RAW MATERIALS IN RIBBONS.

(By an Old Brute.)

Adorned with ribbons red and blue,
Fat turkeys, fowls, and joints of meat,
In many a shop now court the view,
As we perambulate the street.
Carcase, and haunch, and sirloin, why
Thus decorated do we see?
Of course, that people so to buy
The ribboned meat allured may be.
And so are many, and foretaste
Their banquet with augmented zest,
When they view grub with fal-lals graced—
The raw material gaily drest.
But can such goods attract the wise?
They reck not of external rig.
A sucking-pig is in their eyes,
Trimmed, or untrimmed, a sucking-pig.
The gazing crowd those baids entice,
Unless they did, they ne'er would pay;
They serve to make the flesh look nice,
As, fair ones, ye are wont to say.
And you, so nice yourselves, ye fair,
With aim to look yet nicer, will
Variety of ribbons wear,
And ornaments more costly still.
And in the matrimonial mart,
Your ribbons are of much avail;
To thoughtless wights, of beauty's heart,
Or hand, they expedite the sale.
Light fancy is by ribbons caught,
So beauty's sale, like beef's, is sped;
But beef's found simply beef, when bought,
And beauty proves as simple, wed.
But then, thereafter, for excess,
In ribbons, there's no more excuse;
Superfluous, then, is flaunting dress,
Such as adorns the Christmas goose.
No wife in finery should care
Save by her husband, to be seen;
What pleases him need only wear—
Nay, Ma'am, don't call this moral mean!

INDIAN JOTTINGS.

THE FANCY BALL AT CALCUTTA.

THE unanimous verdict of those most interested, those, that his, who were present, was that the Fancy Ball was a very great success—far more successful than anything of the kind Calcutta has ever witnessed. The ordinary costumes assumed by gentlemen on such occasions, were so few as to be of once peculiar. This example was, to a great extent, followed by the ladies, but for once the gentlemen fairly outdid the fair sex in the matter of dress. There were many ladies as Night, several as Snow, two or three as Morning, several as Shepherdesses, &c., and thus reduced the number of character dresses to a figure which gave the gentlemen an easy victory. Seldom at any Fancy Ball has there been such a variety of costumes, of such pains taken to assume the character with the dress. The epochs most affected were those of Elizabeth, the Stuarts, and Georges the First and Second. The splendid dresses of the earlier periods gave the gentlemen a grand opportunity for display which was availed of to the utmost. Besides these two grand divisions there was a multitude of national and class costumes, Mexican gentlemen, Spanish boatmen, Italian brigands, Russian, Persian, Circassian, Polish and even Wallachian noblemen, quite a contingent of Afghan Chiefs and Sirdars, Tewes, Moguls, and a sprinkling of Chinese and Maddarins. Friars and monks were indeed present, but that was all. We only remember seeing one nun, and one quaker. The Viceroy and party entered the rooms about ten, and almost immediately took their places for the opening quadrille. The Viceroy danced with Lady Napier, and the Prince with Lady Mayo. The following ladies and gentlemen also took part in the quadrille: Lord Napier, Major Burne, Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, Hon'ble Mr. Grey, Lord Ulick Browne, Hon'ble Mrs. Burne, Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Fytche, Lady Ulick Browne, Miss Plowden. At the conclusion of the quadrille, a waltz was played by the Band, and as if by magic the crowds in the two large halls were set in mazy motion. The effect of such large numbers dancing, and the incongruous juxtaposition of costumes were both singular and bewildering to a well ordered mind. The majority of those who were not dancing framed the dancers in long rows of magnificent dresses, leaving the side rooms almost free for the few who preferred to promenade. Here were met a Chinese mandarin walking with a lady of the Court of George III, a representative of the great Mogul with a Queen of the May, an officer of the original levy of the Camerons with a very pretty representa-

tative of Morning. Amongst the dancers an Italian brigand had secured as a partner no less a personage than Cupid, Charles II. was dancing with a Roman peasant girl, a Russian noble with a Norman lady, a Roundhead with a Cavalier lady.

But to return to the costumes, the ladies seemed to prefer the costumes of the Georges. These formed the centre around which were grouped quite a band of Jewish ladies in garments rich with gold and jewels, an Armenian lady with a richly jewelled head-dress, Flower girls, Turkish ladies, Undine, &c., &c. One lady as Snow had got up a most effective costume by the way in which robin-redbreasts were arranged in her hair, and amongst the folds of her dress. The Viceroy was dressed in snuff colored satin, richly trimmed with gold, as a nobleman of the Court of Louis XVI. while his staff were dressed in the uniform of British Officers of the close of the 18th century, the Hon'ble Major Bourke taking the lead as Lord Cornwallis. Lady Mayo's splendid dress of blue and cerise was also of the Court of Louis XVI. Lord Napier wore the very handsome dress of a French Marquis of the time of Louis XV; Lady Napier as the Marquise was richly dressed in blue satin covered with costly lace; the Hon'ble Mr. Napier, and Captain de Robeck wore the costumes of officers of the guard to Louis XVI. Sir Seymour Fitzgerald appropriately assumed the costume of the first Portuguese Governor of Bombay, Major and the Hon'ble Mrs. Burne were magnificently attired as Lord Darnley and Mary Stewart.

The Prince wore the uniform, blue and silver, of a Colonel of Volunteer Artillery, and during the evening danced with Miss Money, Miss N. Durand, Lady Ulick Browne, Miss Plowden, Miss M. Thomas, &c.

Sir William Mansfield went back to the founder of the British power in India for a very appropriate dress, and was recognised as Lord Clive. His staff were in various costumes, one as an officer of the period, another as Charles IX. Several of the more prominent costumes attracted marked attention; amongst them were the following:—Baron Dawleas as Marquis of Louis XV this time; Major General Fytche as Prince Rupert; Mrs. Fytche as a Sultana of Turkey; Hon'ble E. Yorke as Hamlet; Mr. Garstin as Pictro de Medici, Captain Strabensee as Rochester; Dr. Lowry as Caesar Borgia; Mr. L. Bowring as Charles I.; Colonel Sir Seymour Blane and Colonel Reilly as members of the Melton Hunt; Mr. Sassoon and Messrs. Ezra and Gubby as Charles d'Albert, and two noble of his court; Mr. R. H. Davies as Stafford; Colonel Power as Lord Falkland; Mr. Talbot Wheeler as Cromwell; Miss Atkinson as Queen Elizabeth; Colonel Meade as a Spanish Muleteer, Lord Ulick Browne as Louis XV, Colonel Walker, R. E. as Henri IV.

To describe the scene at once so brilliant, so gay, and changing is impossible; one might as well endeavour to describe the changes of a kaleidoscope. We shall tomorrow publish as complete a list as possible of the names of those present, and would here suggest that those ladies and gentlemen who wish there assumed characters to be correctly described, should acquaint us with the same with as little delay as possible.—*Englishman*.

CALCUTTA PREPARING.—All except one of the Daillies have been up and doing, calling upon us, loyal subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, to—"illuminate" "illuminate"! to invest all our spare cash, (and precious little we have of that I am sure, in these expensive times) to chiraugs and oil. All the shops in the immediate vicinity of Government House are covered over with bamboos, and colored lamps, and chiraugs, and gas pipes, and the Duke's Motto, and ugly, half naked niggers, bawling themselves hoarse in abusing one another with an energy worthy of a better cause. All along the balustrade extending towards the maidan, thousands of earthen chiraugs are to be seen, with gaps here and there, where a thieving young rascal has "appropriated" a few, or a sailor, in his cups, slipped some into his pocket, as Indian curiosities, for his black-eyed Susan at home, and all is even now bustle and excitement in the great city which has awakened into life for the three months of the year. Crowds of *ticca glarees* (aren't they at a premium just?) rush along the streets regardless of the lives and limbs of Her Majesty's subjects, crammed full as they can hold, with the tag-rag retainers of the Native Chiefs, double rows of these said *ticca glarees* line the streets from Charles Nephew's (the jewellers) to Ramsay Wakefield's; they render ingress into the *Great Eastern Hotel* almost impossible; and on all sides may be seen heavy swells rich in barbaric pearl and gold, thronging into the shops, and spending their money like—like—well, we'll say like Princes, not comparing our illustrious visitors to a certain wise looking animal with an unusually good crop of ears, to whom poor Jack is likened when he goes in for a spree on shore and spends his money. Yes! Our illustrious friends are patronising the much-abused tradesmen, as they are seldom patronised, and the said much despised tradesmen know, (don't they?) how to put on the pressure when a loyal heathen comes within their clutches. Long live the Trade.—*Delhi Gazette Correspondent*.

MUNIANDI.—We have to acknowledge the receipt of the "*Muniandi*" Almanac for 1870, from Ceylon. We thank the Publishers for their courtesy. This publication aims at being the *Punch* of the Island, and it speaks well for Ceylon's spirit that it can start such a publication; Madras cannot boast of having performed such a feat. We only hope that *Muniandi* will have good staying powers, and increase in prosperity and wit; not but that the witticisms displayed in its first almanac are creditable and point-bearing. *Muniandi* doubtless can find ground in Ceylon for profitable cultivation, and its existence will supply the need there is in India to bring the powers of wit and ridicule to bear upon many political and social abuses. Ridicule, although a dangerous weapon in unskillful hands, has its legitimate uses, and can often cure, when well directed, an obstinate disease after other and more pretentious remedies have failed. The chief difficulty in this country with periodicals of the *Muniandi* class is the production of good illustrations. This one has resorted to lithography—an art never very successful either at home or in India in producing good pictures. One illustration in the *Muniandi Almanac* represents the Coffee Planter as he really is, and as he exists in the British imagination. The latter represents him got up in "howling" style—fashionable hat, side-boards, scarf, surtout, pants (strapped), gloves, patent leather boots, silk umbrella and all; standing on a nicely gravelled path-way, smoking a Manilla, while he looks on at the coffee-picking, which is performed by graceful and prettily attired cool girls. In the back ground, men-coolies in swell turbans, jackets, and unthinkables, are taking away the coffee-berries in wheelbarrows, whilst in the fore-ground, the Head Butler is making a graceful salaam to "master," and asking him, of course, if he'll take a B. and S.: a sprightly grey hound at the same time apparently urging his well-got-up master to extend his walk a little further down the avenue. The picture of the coffee planter as he really is—well our readers can easily supply that pictures for themselves. Altogether we should say, if *Muniandi* can improve its illustrations it will be a success; perhaps, however, *Muniandi* might reverse the sequence, and say, if I am successful, I can improve my illustrations. May the two grow together, and *Muniandi* "laugh and grow fat."—*South of India Observer*.

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