SHIPPING ANNOUNCEMENTS. SERVICES MARITIMES

Messageries Imperiales.— PACQBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS STEAMERS will leave Point de Galle

on or about the following days

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For Suez, Mauritius and Mediterranean.	20	17	17	14	10	7
" Cochin China, Chi- na, and Japan	18	15	15	12	10	7
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Passengers for London can obtain at Marseilles Railway tickets direct, either via Calais, Boulogne, or via Dieppe and Newhaven at the following rates,

Viz:
Via Calais or Boulogne Fs. 175.......£6 12 0
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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.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL Steam Navigation Company. STEAMERS will leave Point de Galle

on or about the following dates:

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	
For Suez and	12	9	9	6	4	13	
England	26	9 23	9 23	20	16 30	27	
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For a reserved cabin for one persons......† £160 for two persons......† 210 Transit through Egypt £4 10s. extra.

Children-above 3 and under 10 years, half of first class rates.
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MESSRS. GREEN'S 13 Years A. I. Ship WINDSOR CASTLE," 1,074 Tons Register,

DAILY expected from Bombay and will load with despatch.

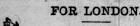
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Colombo, 10th February, 1870.





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THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed Transit Agents at this port for the above Company, and will be glad to furnish any information in respect thereto on application at their Office.

FRYER, SCHULTZE & Co. Colombo, 9th November, 1869. FOR LONDON DIRECT.

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WILL load to the above ports on
Monday, and will sail with

Please apply to N. M. ROCHE VICTORIA.

FOR LONDON. VIA GALLE AND COLOMBO. The fine A. I. Iron Ship "RAJPOOT."

1,244 Tons Registe, J. Andrew, Commander. EXPECTED from Galle about the 27th Instant, and will load with despatch, the greater portion of her Cargo being already engaged.

LEE, HEDGES & Co.,

Colombo, 12th February, 1870.

SALES BY AUCTION.

FISCAL'S SALE.

No. 50,918.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KANDY.
uwaker Lebbe Sinna Tamby of Kandy...Plaintiff. Talgahagodagedara Tikiri Banda of

1. The field called Weralakwela Kumbura of two amunams and two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

2. The field called Muttettuwe Kumbura, of pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

The garden called Talgahagodawalauwewatta,

3. The garden called Talgahagodawalauwewatta, of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less, and the chena land appertinent thereto.

4. The paddy field Welicotuwe Kumbura, of two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

5. The paddy field called Ranawana Kumbura, of two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

6. The garden called Waralokwellewatte, of five amunams in extent in the whole, more or less.

7. The garden called Araphabiliar courts of two

amunams in extent in the whole, more or less.

7. The garden called Arachchillagewatte, of two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

8. The garden called Pannagamayhitapuwatta, of two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

9. The garden called Pitiyegedara Polwatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less.

10. The garden called Kekulallapitive Pahalamata, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less, and the chena lands appertinent thereto.

11. The paddy field called Siyambalamaruwe Kumbura, of two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

12. The paddy field called Gedarawele Kumbura, of two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

13. The paddy field called Parawela Kumbura, of two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

14. The paddy field called Adurudeniya Kumbura, of one pela and six lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

15. The garden called Welawatta, of one pela and five lahas in extent in the whole.

and five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

16. The paddy field called Ratninde Kumbura, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less. The garden called Medagedarawatta, of one ,17.

17. The garden called Medagodarawatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less, and the chena land appertinent thereto.

18. The paddy field called Koskanuwe Kumbura, of one amunam and one pela in extent in the whole, more or less, all situate at Dnllawa in the Asgiri Korla of Udasiya Pattu of Matale South.

That on Tuesday, the 1st March, 1870. 19. The garden called Higahapolawatta, of two amunams in extent in the whole, more or less.

20. The paddy field called Alutwave Kumbura, of one amunam and two pelas in extent in the whole,

21. The paddy field called Othkaranda Kumbura, of two amunams and two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

22. The paddy field called Kendawellege Kumbura, of one amunam in extent in the whole, more

or less.
23. The paddy field called Waharage Kumbura, of one amunam and one pela in extent in the whole

24. The paddy field called Ambagaha Kumbura of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less.

25. The paddy field called Welidegoda Kumbura, of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less, 26. The paddy field called Linda Kumbura, of one amunam and one pela in extent in the whole

more or less.

27. The paddy field called Pitawela Kumbura, of ne amunam in extent in the whole, more or less.

28. The paddy field called Balleive Kumbura, of two amunams and one pela in extent in the whole

more or less.

29. The paddy field called Magurudeniye Kumbura, of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less.

30. The paddy field called Wewa Kumbura, of

one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less.

31. The paddy field called Wewala Kumbura, of one amunam and two pelas in extent in the

of one anunam and two pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

32. The garden called Kongahawatta, of eight lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

33. The garden called Ranewanewatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less.

34. The garden called Ranewanewatta, of two pelas and five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

35. The garden called Meegahamulawatta, of eight lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

36. The garden called Udagedarawatta, of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less.

37. The garden called Wandigewatta, of five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

38. The garden called Neinamudaliayawatta, of five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

39. The garden called Kaluhambankarayahitapuwatta, of five lahas in extent in the whole.

40. The garden called Malliyagewatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less.

pela in extent in the whole, more or less.

41. The garden called Siyambalagahamulawatta, of eight lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

42. The garden called Dewalewatta, of eight lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

43. The garden called Atukonawatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less.

44. The garden called Wedaralagewatta, of one pela and five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

45. The garden called Silwatgedarawatta, of two peles and five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.
46. The garden called Betanpalawatta, of eight

lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

47. The garden called Mahagedarawatta, of one pela and five lahas in extent in the whole, more

49. The garden called Pusumbahitapuwatta, of

two pelas and five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

50. The garden called Horanekarayagewatta, o five lahas in extent in the whole, more or less. COLOMBO:-TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1870.

51. The garden called Etabendapuwatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less.
52. The garden called Yakdessahitapuwatta, of one pela and five lahas in extent in the whole, more

53. The garden called Kiriyahitapuwatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less, and all the chena lands appertinent thereto, all situate at Nugahapola in the Udugoda Pallesiyapattu of Matale

54. The paddy field called Madaheliye Kumbur

of one amunam and three pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

55. The paddy field called Meegaha Kumbura, of three pelas in extent in the whole, more or less.

56. The paddy field called Hataraliyadde Kumbura, of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less.

or less.

57. The paddy field called Serugaha Kumbers of one pela and seven lahas in extent in the whole, more or less.

58. The paddy field called Nikala Kumbura, of

one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less.

59. The paddy field called Einbulunuwe Kumbura, of two amunams in extent in the whole, more

or less.

60. The paddy field called Badannakotuwe Kumbura, of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less, together with all the appurtenances, belonging, all situate at Medabedda in Udugoda Pallesiyapattu of Matale North.

61. The paddy field called Kadidikwewe Kumbura, of four amunams in extent in the whole, more or less

62. The paddy field called Dambawe Kumbura. of one amunam in extent in the whole, more or less,
63. The garden called Kadikawewatta, of one pela in extent in the whole, more or less, all situate at Kadadekawewa in Landepalle Korle of Matale G. S. WILLIAMS, Deputy Fiscal.

Deputy Fiscal's Office, Matale, 31st January, 1870.

FISCAL'S SALE.

No. 50,402. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KANDY. Mutu Carupen Chetty......Plaintiff.

Mutu Samy Cangany...... NOTICE is hereby given, that on Monday, the 28th 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 control of the premises.

Kiriwanagode Copie watte, of about 2 amu-mans with the Buildings and plantations there-on, and Kalegolley Heney Copie watte of 2 amunams, situate at Udugode in Pallegamphae, of Lower Dumbera. T. SKINNER.

Fiscal's Office, Kandy, 1st February, 1870.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE UNDERSIGNED is instructed by G. S. Dawes, Esquire, to sell by public auction, on Thursday, the 24th Instant, to commence at 1 P. M. THE WHOLE OF HIS WELL-KEPT

Jackwood Household Furniture. GLASS, CROCKERY, &c. ALSO A PHÆTON FOR SINGLE OR DOUBLE

HARNESS. H. D. GABRIEL. Colombo, 17th February, 1870.

MESSRS VENN & CO. A RE instructed by J. F. DICKSON, Esq., C. C. S., to sell at his residence, The "Rotunda," Colpetty, on Saturday, the 26th of February, at

WELL-KEPT TEAK, SATIN, AND JACKWOOD Household Furniture, PLATE, GLASS, CROCKERY,

PLATE, GLASS, CROCKERY, HORSES, VEHICLES, &c. INSOLVENT ESTATE OF

MACHLACHLAN, MACKENZIE & Co. FOREST LAND FOR SALE.

O BE SOLD AT OUR OFFICE IN KANDY on Tuesday, the 8th of March next, at 1 o'clock P. M., (by order of the Official Assignees) AN UNDIVIDED ONE-THIRD SHARE OF ALL THAT ALLOTMENT OF LAND,

Situate in the Kotmalie District numbered 73,426 in the Government Plan, and known as The Ferhaue Estate,

being 240 acres in extent, 50 of which have already been felled and are now ready for planting. LEE, HEDGES & Co. Colombo, 3rd February, 1879.

MERCANTILE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Allsopp & Sons EAST INDIA PALE ALE

IN HOGSHEADS.
Full to the Bung £7 15s—Cash. nbo, 17th December, 1869.

FOR SALE.

At the Godowns of the Undersigned.

do. Yellow Seal in do 40s. do. Claret Maroon Seal in do. 40s do. TATHAM and Co. Colombo, 16th September, 1869.

SUPERPHOSPHATE OF LIME.

THE UNDERSIGNED have received per "Caro-line" from JAMES MACMICKAN and Co., Mel-bourne, a trial shipment of the above valuable Manure, price here £15 per Ton. It is packed in bags Leechman and Co. Sole Agents in Ceylon Colombo, 21st June, 1869.

E. J. BRAND & CO.'S WINES.

CROWN SHERRY, Pale and Dry, in quarter Casks MADEIRA CLARET, Superior in one dozen Do. PORT, fine old FINEST VERMOUTH Do. CURACOA Do. CROWN WHISKEY

L supply of Bones, are now prepared to register orders for BONE DUST, and to forward same upcountry when required. Samples forwarded on ap

C. SHAND and Co. Slave Island Mills NORTON'S PATENT TUBE WELLS. Reduction in Prices.

10 FEET WELL AND PUMP FIXED 2 7 0 0 15 " do do ... 2 8 0 0 0 20 " do do ... 2 9 0 0 0 25 " do do ... 2 12 0 0 30 " do do ... 2 14 0 0 THE undersigned having been appointed sole Agents
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ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co.,

COLOMBO. R. J. DUNLOP. JAFFNA.

JUST LANDED EX "PALESTINE."

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FOR SALE. BY PRIVATE CONTRACT Those Valuable Premises

In King Street, Colombo, formerly occupied by the Bank of
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THE HOUSE has been thoroughly repaired, and
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For particulars apply to

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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 large, quantities for experiments, if required, also
Tartaric, Citric and Sulphuric Acids.

EX "BRITOMART."

CARGILL & Co.,

A RE NOW LANDING from the above Vessel Reid & Co.'s Brown Stout IN WOOD, Orders registered. COLOMBO AND KANDY.

HAMS, CHEESE, AND BUTTER

VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Undersigned have just received per steamer "WILLIAM MILLER." PRIME WILTSHIRE HAMS. STILTON AND CHEDDER CHEESE. FRENCH BUTTER IN TINS 21 lb, each. LEDWARD & Co.

Finest Breakfast Claret @ 18s. per dozen Cash. LEDWARD & Co. Colombo, 18th February, 1870.

NOW ON HAND FOR SALE Robert's Coconada Lanka Cheroots BURMAH SHAPED in Boxes of 500

No. 1 Babington in Office Cheroots in Do. in do. Orders registered at lowest rates DELMEGE, REID & Co., Sole Agents for Ceylon Galle

FOR SALE. HOUR VALUABLE COFFEE ESTATES AND SPICE GARDENS IN THE TRAVANCORE TERRITORY. For particulars, apply to

ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co. FOR SALE.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S CABIN BISCUITS I in 4 lbs. & 2 lbs. Tins.
Do. FANCY do. in 2 lbs. Tins. ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co.

FOR SALE. A SSAM TEA IN 10 lbs. BOXES.
@ 4s. P fb. ALSTONS SCOTT & Co.

Colombo, 3rd February, 1870.

FOR SAL.

COSEN'S ENGLISH BOTTLED SHERRY.
Hemery's do. do BRANDY. Huntley & Palmer's 4 lbs. Cabin Biscuits in Cases of 2 lbs. do in cases of 144 tins. 2 lbs. do in Cases of 2 lbs. Fancy Biscuits in Cases of 144 tins. Ind Coope & Co.'s E. B. Beer in 4 doz. Cases.

AND

JAIL GUNNY BAGS. · ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co., KANDY. 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. Rupp's stable and Merlin's pedigree is with the undersigned to whom apply for further particulars. VENN and Co.

> AUSTRALIAN HORSES. JUST ARRIVED

Nine First-Class AUSTRALIAN HORSES, specially selected for the Ceylon market, and adapted for general work.

FOR SALE. At the Godowns of the Undersigned. A Fresh Supply of the FINEST AUSTRALIAN FLOUR in 50lb tins. at 16s 6d.

LEE, HEDGES, & Co., Trincomalie Street, Kandy, 19th November, 1869: BONE DUST.

A CARGO WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE FROM Messrs. Askunas & Co.'s NEW BONE MILLS IN MELBOURNE.

verful Mills according to the latest im and powerful Mills according to the latest improved mode, which gives it the advantage, that it acts quicker than usual, enabling Planters and others using it, to derive an immediate benefit from its application, which is much required in these times of progress and expensive labour.

The Ammonia (in the above) which is of animal substance is fairly developed, hence it does not remain inert, and therefore enables this bone dust to act as quick by as Peruvian Guano does, while its fertilizing qualities are much longer lasting in the soil and the price much lower.

Orders for the above will be registered at £9 per ton, by

per ton, by DUNCAN, SYMONS & Co. FOR SALE.

At the Godowns of the Undersigned,

LIRST-CLASS ESTATE TOOLS, &c., Holing and Weeding Mamoties, Felling Axes, Catties,
Pruning Knives,
Grass Knives,
Briar Hooks,
Nails from 1½ "to 6,"

Coir Yarn. LEE, HEDGES & Co. Frincomalie Street, Kandy, 6th December, 1869.

> COURT DRESSES. NOTICE.

NICHOLLS AND CO., AVING communicated with Calcutta, find they can procure materials for COURT DRESSES.

Orders for same registered up to the 23rd of this month, after which date N. & Co. will not undertake to guarantee the execution of orders.

17th February, 1870.

FOR SALE.

THE "POUNAGALLA" COFFEE ESTATE, in the District of Hapootelle.

For particulars apply to DAMBEGASTELAVA, Newera Ellia, 14th February, 1870.

CAMP BEDS HORTHE KRAAL:

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NICHOLLS & Co.

FOR SALE. AUSTRALIAN BONE DUST NOW LANDING and of the finest quality.

GEORGE WALL & Co.

NOW LANDING Britomart. MARTELL'S O O BRANDY of a selected vintage. W. C. BRODIE & Co.

A SHIPMENT OF CHEESE, HAMS, BUTTER; AND BACON Ex " Teviot." W. C. BRODIE & Co.

EX "BRITOMART." S OLDIERS BLUE TUNICS, FOR COOLY COATS. W. C. BRODIE & Co.

GENERAL.NOTICES ENTERTAINMENT TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF

EDINBURGH. S UBSCRIBERS to the above are urgently requested to pay their and quested to pay their subscriptions to any member of the Committee, to the undersigned, or into the ORIENTAL BANK, to the Credit of the Committee, as the expenditure attending the construc-tion of the buildings can only be defrayed from

M. W. TOCKE, OVERLAND CEYLON TIMES WANTED COPIES OF THE "Overland Ceylon Times

OF JANUARY 11TH.

this source.

A NY PERSONS having copies of this number and not requiring them, can have their value on forwarding them to the office of this paper. Ceylon Times Office, Feb. 8th.

THE GAMPOLA DISPENSARY (Late DAVIDSON & Co.'s) WELL-STOCKED Medicine chests fitted up for Estates. S. R. WILLIAMS,

No. 5, KADUGANNAWA STREET, GAMPOLA. ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed AGENTS IN CEYLON of the above Company

Colombo, 12th January, 1870. NOTICE.

LEECHMAN & Co.

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. R. V. DUNLOP.

MR. HARRY EMANUEL 18, NEW BOND STREET, LONDON DIAMOND MERCHANT AND JEWELLER TO THE OUEEN.

No. 15.

NOTICE. THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to supply good steam Coal to Steamers calling at this Port, with quick despatch.

JOHN BLACK & Co., Galle, 21st January, 1870. THE ROYAL VISIT.

THE INDIAN. SPORTSMAN

Mr. J. D. Dougall, GUN AND RIFLE MANUFACTURER;
St. James's Street, London,
ires to bring into special notice the fact of hing had the sole charge of the equipment of

The unrivalled skill of the Advertiser in adapting Rifles and Shells of his own invention to Indian requirements, &c., &c., having obtained for him the patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, he now announces that all Indian orders are executed with the same care and fidelity as for the Royal Family. Drawings, Prices, &c., &c., post free on application.

MARAVILLA COCOA. -For Breakfast.—The Globe says "Various importers and manufacturers have attempted to attain a reputamanufacturers have attempted to attain a reputation for their prepared Cocoas, but we doubt whether any thorough success had been achieved until Messrs. Taylor Brothers discovered the extraordinary qualities of 'Maravilla' Cocoa. Adapting their perfect system of preparation to this finest of all species of the Theobroma, they have produced an article which supersedes every other Cocoa in the market. Entire solubility, a delicate aroma, and a rare concentration of the purest elements of nutrition, distinguish the Maravilla Cocoa above all others. For homœopaths and invalids we could not recommend a more agreeable or valuable beverage." Sold in packets only by all Grocers, of whom also may be had Taylor Brothers' Original Homœopathic Cocoa and Soluble Chocolate. Steam Mills—Brick Lane, London.

NOTICE.

THE COMMISSIONERS of the Lean Board are onent, per annum, upon the security of Land as well as House Property, situated within the towns of Colombo, Kandy and Galle.

Loan Office, Colombo, 18th December, 1869. PARTICIPATION CHARENTAISE

La Grande Marque Cognac LONDON OFFICES (for the trade only)—22 and 23,
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Mr. V. JOUANENT, Managing 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 11 years. Red, labels 14 years. White label from 18 to 40 years.

Orders registered for supplies in early vessels.

J. Gisson Thomson and Co. Agents in Ceylon.

Galle, 15th December, 1869.

PRUNING KNIVES of the same approved make as those of the last season. MPORTED direct from Messrs. HARRISON BROTHERS and Howson. Orders of 5 dozen and upwards delivered free on neighbouring Estates of Rambodde, Pussilawe, Kotmalie and Dimboola; also in Kandy, Gampola and Newera Ellia.

Apply to E. WOODHOUSE, INDO-EUROPEAN TELEGRAPH

Price 18s. per dozen.

Company, Limited. THE TELEGRAPH LINES of this Company are now open for the transmission of private messages from this country to the United Kingdom. The charge for a message of ten words from Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, or any other place West of Chittagong, will be £1. 17. sterling. Messages intended for this line will be received at all the Government Telegraph Stations throughout India, and in order to insure their safe transmission should be marked by the sender via Indo-European.

London 31st January, 1870.

Note by Editor.—The above Advertisement was received by Telegram this day, and we cannot therefore guarantee the correctness of the rate given in the Telegram.

TURF-CLUB

Special Notice. A GENERAL MEETING of the CEYLON
TURF CLUB will be held in the United
Service Library, at one o'clock on Friday, the 11th
Instant, to consider the ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING A RACE

MEETING DURING THE VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TO CEYLON.

G. V. LAMBE,

Signed February 7th, 1870.

NOTICE.

OUR MR. C. H. LEDWARD being about to leave Ceylon for a shorttime, begs to intimate to his friends and supporters that his business will during his absence be carried on as punctually and efficiently as heretofore, and that all may be favored with will be A. Archbald.

LEDWARD & Co. Colombo, 4th February, 1870.

FOR SALE.

AT THE GODOWNS OF THE UNDERSIGNED THE FOLLOWING EXCELLENT SHERRIES in one dozen cases. White Seal at 48s, per Dozen Yellow Seal Red Seal Green Seal at 42s. at 36s. at 30s.

ALSO EX "BRITOMART." SHERRY in Quarter Casks and Hogsheads Hoop Iron $1\frac{1}{4}$ in, $1\frac{1}{2}$ in, and $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. KEPPEL JONES & Co.

Colombo, Feb. 10, 1870. TO BE LEASED.

The Hangroogamua Coffee Estate, SITUATED IN THE MEDEMAHANEWERA DISTRICT, Consisting of 388 acres, of which 278 acres are under Coffee and in full bearing,
14 acres in Grass, 61 acres
Pattana, and 35 acres

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The Lease will be for a Minimum term of ten years. For further particulars

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12th February, 1870.

BX "NARDOO." Acting Manager J. P. GREEN & Co. Oriental Bank Corporation,
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> Begs to state that he is open to receive Consignments of Precious Stones and Pearls, either on Purchase or On view at Alstons, Scott & Co.'s Mills, at Borella. for Sale on Commission.

G. DENIS H. HARRISON, Attorney for Official Liquidator. Kandy, 9th February, 1870.

IN CHANCERY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ACT, 1862.

AND OF THE ASIATIC BANKING CORPORATION. 4, Lombard Street, London, January, 1870.

I beg to inform you that, on application to my Attorney, in Ceylon, on or after the 22nd February next, you may receive a Cheque for the amount payable to you, in respect of a Fifth Dividend of 1s. in the £, which by the direction of His Honor the Vice-Chancellor Stuart, has been declared in this metter.

Honor the Vice-Chancehor Stuart, has been in this matter.

Upon application for payment, this Notice must be produced, together with the last account rendered to you by the Corporation, also any Deposit Receipts, Bills of Exchange, or other Securities held by you. If you do not attend personally, you must fill up and sign the subjoined forms of Receipt and Authority, when a Cheque, payable to your order, will be defivered.

I am, Your obedient Servant, W. TURQUAND, Official Liquidator.

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PLATED-WARE. WHIPS, UMBRELLAS, AND CANDELSTICKS, &c. &c. Kandy, 12th January, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES BRODIE has been admitted a partner in our firm.

W. C. BRODIE & Co. 2nd February, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE CEYLON CATHOLIC MESSENGER will THE CEYLON CATHOLIC MESSENGER will from the 15th Instant, be printed and published at the Colombo Catholic Orphanage Press, Cotanchina, and all communications, correspondence, &c., are to be addressed to the Editor Ceylon Catholic Messenger, Office No. 23, St. Lucias' Street, Cotanchina, Colombo.

All payments from and after the 15th Instant, are to be made to Mr. W. B. Rodrigue, No. 2. Silversmith Street, Colombo, whose receipt will alone be considered a sufficient discharge.

Colombo, 14th February, 1870.

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MUNIANDI, No. 14. NOW READY

CONTENTS: CARTOON—" Which way has the Work gone." SOCIALS—Valentines Day, B. C. 64.
Educational—What's in a name. Masonic Phantasies

THE HOMEWARD MAIL No. 11. From Walker

The Diary of a late Director General.

VALENTINES—From a Royal Duke to his Royal

Mother. From a confirmed Maniac. De Lunatico. Ye Scribe of Baillie. A Definition—Mottos ▲ Definition—Mottoes.

A Hint to the Reception Committee.

Notices to Correspondents.

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SEALED TENDERS I L L be received by the Manager of the Oriental Bank Corporation, Colombo, up to noon on Monday, the 14th March, next, FOR THE ERECTION OF A RESIDENCE

AND BANK HOUSE AT HALDAMULLE.

Copies of the Plans and specifications can be seen, between the hours of Eleven and Two o'clock each day (Mail days excepted) at the Oriental Bank Colombo, and at the Branch Banks at Kandy, Badulla and Haldamulle.

Persons tendering must be prepared with approved security for the performance of the work.

Tenders to be addressed to the Manager of the Oriental Bank Corporation, Colombo, and to be marked on the outside "Tenders for the Haldamulle Bank House."

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Oriental Bank Corporation, Colembo, 15th February, 1870.

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Applications will be received between the 20th and 27th March.

Capt. A. D. C. Queen's House, Colombo, February 18th, 1870.

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JAMES ROBERTSON, Colombo, 1st January, 1869.

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WILL load with despatch.
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GEORGE STEUART & Co., Colombo, 21st February, 1870.

MESSRS. VENN AND CO., A RE instructed by Messas. Alston, Scott & Co. to sell on the Esplanade, on Friday, the 25th February, at 2 P. M.,

9 very first class well bred Australian Horses, Ser of the series in fine working condition and qualification for general work.

MESSRS. VENN & CO., WILL sell on Thursday, the 24th of February, at 3 P. M., on the Esplanade. 12 COWS OF THE DURHAM STOCK, 2 PURE BERKSHIRE PIGS. 6 THOROUGH BRED FOX HOUNDS,

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46 AUSTRALIAN HORSES nearly all thorough bred, and broken to Saddle and Harness.

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VALUABLE SADDLERY. NOW LANDING

Ex " Teviot." FURST-CLASS SADDLES, HARNESS, WHIPS, Thongs, Bits of all descriptions, Horse Rugs, Weymouth, Pelham, Snaffle, and Ladies' Bridles, Saddle Cloths, Knee Caps, Horse Brushes,

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D. THOMAS. Colombo, 21st February, 1870.

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CARGILL & Co. are now showing an assortment of GENT'S HATS of the newest styles just received ex above vessel, comprising

Gent's Zephyr Satin Velvet Hats, GENT'S DRAB SHELL HATS CORK LINED. GENT'S BLACK OXONIAN FELT ANGLESEA, GENT'S DRAB OXONIAN FELT ANGLESEA Gent's Black Oxonian Stiff Felt

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REVOLVERS. MESSRS. LEDWARD & Co. have just received per "Spirit of the North" A FEW SMITH AND WILSON'S CELEBRATED REVOLVERS ALSO

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EX "FRENCH STEAMER" OVERLAND.

W. YOUNG & Co. have to hand a large and well selected invoice of JEWELLERY comprising: LOCKETS, CHARMS, NECKLETS, EAR-

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&c. &c. 5, Baillie Street, Colombo, February 19th, 1870

NOTICE.

HAVING RECEIVED the major portion of our GOODS.

Ex 'Spirit of the North,' 'Britomart' and 'Teviot, We are in a position to offer to Outstation Store-Keepers a selection of Goods seldom procurable in Ceylon vide the following list:—

Hennessy's and Martell's Brandy

Tanqueray's Unsweetened Gin
Hodge's Old Tom
Noilly Pratts Vermouth
Prize Medal Hollands
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St. Julien's Claret in Hhds.
Burdon's Sherry in Quarter Casks
Barclay and Perkin's Porter in Hhds.
Hunting, Gig, Driving and Riding Whips
Girths, Mane and Curry Combs
Saddle Cloths, Cruppers and Dandy Brushes

A large assortment of John Moir and Son's, Oilmanstores, Comprising a selection of all their Manufacture

AN ASSORTMENT OF BOOTS from Homa and Co. Blasting Powder, (Curtis and Harvey's) Rifle do (Hall's) Gun Caps, Gun Wads, and Patent Shot Meerschaum, Briar, Bog Oak, and Clay Pipes CIGAR HOLDERS AND CASES TOBACCO in 20 lb. Boxes, Tobacco Pouches

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5, Baillie Street, February 19th, 1870.

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M. YOUNG & Co. have just received their January shipment of FRESH EEUCHONG TEA 5th Baillie Street, Colombo, February 19th, 1870.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

COLOMBO. ARRIVALS.

Feb. 18—British Barque Catherine, 4'4 tons, Capt. T. N. Currit from Melbourne 1st December 1869. King. George's Sound, '8th December 1869, cargo Cattle and Horses, passengers W. Mainly, J. Cartney and Mechail Ryan. do. 18—3ritish Steamer Woodhum, 648 tons, Capt. J. Hill from South Shield 29th December, and Aden 6th Feb. carea Rela gards.

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do. 19--British Ship Windsor Castle, 1075 tons, Capt. C. Douglas from Bombay 9th February in ballast, passengers Mrs. Douglas, Miss Douglas and Miss Nightingale. Feb. 20-British Ship Grand Duckess, 822 tons Capt. J. E. Coster from Shield November 10th 1869, cargo Coals. a do. 21--British ship Saint Hilda, from Catcutta Co. 22--British Steamer Oriental, 1006 tons, Captain A. Irvine, from Calcutta 8th Instant, Galle 21st instant, bound to Bombay, cargo general, Passengers, Miss Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Kendrew, Calld and servant; Mr. and Mrs. Russell and 3 servants, Messrs. Trauqui ont, P. Morris, H. A. D. Macleod, Hoare, E. England, Fraser. Bristowe. Mackwood, F. Erniston, and Jervis; one Staff Serjeant and 5 Native deck.
do 22--British steamer Arabia, 698 tons, Captain T. Zanders, from Bombay 15th instant, Tuticorin 1st instant, for alcutta, cargo general, Passengers, Col. Balmay, Mr. F. C. Natzath and 14 dock.

DEPARTURES.
Feb. 19-British Barque Shepherd, from Melbourne.
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do. 19--British Barque Cambridge, 498 tons, Capt. W. Cockerll for London corgo general.
do. 18--Norwegian Barque Ilix, for Akyab.

GALLE.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 19---H. M. S. Sir John Lawrence from Bombay 11th February with the Light Ship Ceylon in tow.
Feb. 20---British Steamer Geelong, from Sydney 29 Jany.
Melbourne 1st and King George's Sound 6th February Passengers for Galle, Messrs Wattine, Joshua, Dalzill Zanwyski and servant.
do. 21---British Steamer Oriental, from Calcutta 8th and Negapatam 19th February.
do. 21---British Big Elliott, from Chittagong 2nd Feb. Do do---British Big Elliott, from Chittagong 2nd Feb. Do do---British Big Elliott, from Suez 6th and Aden 12th Febv., Passengers for Ceylon, Messrs. Morris, Mackwood, England, Bristowe, Fraser, Weleod, Parker, Jervis and Firmstone, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Rus sell, Mr and. Mrs. Kendrew, infant and ayah.
do 20---British Barque Timireelly, from Shields.
do do---British steamer Oriesa, from Hongkong---Passenger for Galle, Mr. Waters.
do do---British steamer Mooltan, from Calcutta---Passengers for Galle, Messrs. Smith, Blacher, Arbuthnot and servant.

TELEGRAPHIC STEAMER REPORTS. From Madras, 20th February, 10-10 a. m.
Mail Steamer Moollan left for Galle.
From Galle, 20th February 6-20 a. m.
Mail Steamer from Australia signalled.
From Galle, 22nd February, 7-54 a. m.
Mail Steamer f.om Caloutta sign Illed.
From Galle, 22nd February, 6-20 a. m.
Mail Steamer from China signalled.

HAMBANTOTA.
METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT HAMBANTOTA. Height of Station above the Sea, 40 feet.—Lat. 6 ° 7'3" N. Rain Guage above Ground, 2 feet. Long. 81 ° 7' 33" E.
Hour of Observation, 9:30 A. M.

Day of Month.	نږ	Barometer at 32°.	Thermometer mean.	Rain fall in the 24 hours previous to observation.	.0.	Wind at Observations.		
	Day of Week				Ozone 0:10.	Direction.	Velocity Miles per hour.	
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2.00 REMARKS .- S: bright hot day, shower at night. M REMARKS.—S: bright hot day, shower at night. M. hot day, thunder and lightning at night. Tu: very hot. W: hot day, thunder, lightning and rain at night. Th: hot day, rain at night. F: bright morning, slightly sh wery in the sternoon, cloudy in the evening. Sat: bright hot day. Thunder and lightning have been frequent du ing the week. Heavy showers fell all over the district on the 13th, 16th, 17th and 18th. The rivers have again been fleeded. The weather is very unusual for the time of year.

T. STELLE,

Hambantota, Kutcherry, February 19th 1870. PASSENGERS BY THE GALLE COACH. Feby. 17-Mr. and Mrs. Cocq, and Mr. Marston from

A. G. A.

Galle.

18—Capt. Graham, Mr. G. T. Marston, Revd.
Barnet, and Capt. Alexander, to Galle and
Mr. Dias Modliar to Caltura.
do—Mr. W. F. Jansz, & Mr. Gavarry from Galle.
19—Mr. J. B. Stephens, and Mrs. Green to Galle.
20—A. C. Hoare, Mr. Macfarlane and Mr. Russell, and servants to Galle.
21—Mr. F. Schrader, Mr. J. Macfarlane, and Mr.
W. F. Meres to Galle.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES. -BIRTH.

At Pettiagala Estate, Palangodde, on the 17th February, the wife of John Bagra, Esq., *f a daughter.

DEATH.

On the 19th February, at Manaar, of child-birth, Louisa Sophia, the beloved wife of J. A. Herft.

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20* MADRAS & CALCUTTA.
ENGLAND & MEDITERRANEAN. Tigre. Deccan. Mooltan. STRAITS & CHINA.

BOMBAY. AUSTRALIAN COLONIES &C. • These days are Sundays: Letters &c., will be forwarded, as usual, to Galle, where the Mails will be made up by the Packet Agent next day.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are compelled to omit from our present issue correspondence from Galle, and other places, which shall however, have room in our next.

"LAYMAN" AND "ENQUIRER" shall have room in

our next, also Correspondence from Haldamulle, Badulla, &c.
"FAREWELL" is not exactly suited to our columns. Holloway's Cintment and Pills.—Tumours, Glandular Swellings, and Bad Breasts.—If any departure from heith requires earlier attention than another to prevent disastrous consequences it is the class of diseases now under review. To save hazard and future pain, the budding tumour must have prompt treatment, or discomfort and nights of disquietude will be the sufferer's portion. Whenever the ailment first appears, after fomenting the spot with warm water, Holloway's Cintmentmust be energetically rubbed on the part till a considerable quantity is absorbed. The Pills, too, must be commenced with early. If these remedies be diligently preserved with, the simplest tumour or the contracted and stiff joint is arrested. In case s of bad breasts, with a without milk fever, relief is almost instantaneous.

The Ceylon Times.

COLOMBO, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1870.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS.

London, February 16th. The Irish Land Bill introduced last night. Government are opposed to the perpetuity of tenure of land: it is proposed to give Landlords the power of selling in fee simple, and of advancing power of selling in fee simple, and of advancing money to Tenants, r covering the amount by yearly instalments. Two Courts to be established for the arbitration of civil bills and the adjustment of questions between Landlord and Tenant. Compensation of from two to seven years' rent to be paid by evictors and compensation for improvements may be claimed by Tenants. Landlords granting leases to Tenants for 31 years at rents approved by the Court to be exempted from claims approved by the Court to be exempted from claims for compensation. Leases for thirty one years' to be exempted from claims for compensation. Second reading fixed for March 7th.

Mr. Cardwell brought in bill in reference to War office. A Financial under Secretary to be created.

Advices from Paris state that that the French Contingent for the current year is to be consider-

ably reduced.
From New York a telegram has been received to the effect that Congress admits the expediency of recognising the belligrent rights of the insurrectionary Cubans. London, February 17th. The Ministerial Educational Bill has been introduced. The scheme proposes interference only when absolutely needed. Grants to all denominations when schools reach a certain standard and allow inspection. District Schools supported

by local taxation and aided by Government Grants with inspection. School fees to be remitted for destitute children. All children between the ages of five and twelve years to attend compulsorily. QUOTATIONS OF PRODUCE IN THE LONDON

MARKET BY LATEST TELEGRAMS. Coffee - Plantation Middling, 74s. Native good ordinary, 54s.
Cotton—Tinnevelly good fair, 98d. Cocoanut Oil 43s.

THE SERVICE. The Governor left for Kandy having recently held several Executive Councils, at which we understand it was decided that -as regards Mr. Twynam-the sum of his share in recent proceedings may be sufficiently met by an official censure: with regard to Mr. Atherton, we regret to say the Government feel compelled to deal somewhat severely, and that gentlemen will be removed to a lower position, -a sufficient lesson we trust for future irrascible and ill-advised Civilians. The retrograde movement arising out of this unfortunate affair will, we understand, be as follows: Mr. Atherton comes to Colombo as Landing Surveyor at the Customs: this will unfortunately have the effect of sending Mr. Mainwaring to Galle, Mr. Withers to Bally-pettimodera and Mr. Boake to once more do

duty as a Writer in Colombo until something "turns up." Mr. R. Morris has been appoint ed Assistant Agent at Manaar vice Atherton. There are one or two rumoured changes in the Service, anticipated from removal to other Colonies, on promotion. Report has it that our present Inspector General of Police our present Inspector General of Police will shortly be transferred to a Colony not far distant, where he will fill a higher position, the island Police being in that case placed under Captain Tweedie R. A. An acting Government Agent is said to stand well for promotion elsewhere, whilst a member of the Executive is mentioned for the highest office at Malacca, not the first who has been promoted thither from this island .--

THE DUKES VISIT. It is generally understood in official circles

that the higher officers of government, such as the Heads of Departments, will be expected to appear before the Prince in Court Dress. Many feel that this announcement has been rather tardily made, indeed so tardily that it rather tardily made, indeed so tardily that new will be impossible at this time to procure a sufficient number of suits from the local establishments for all those who will be expected to rush into buckles and bagwigs, and there is certainly not time to to procure a supply from England. A question has been reised in some quarters as to what constitutes full dress for non-officials for high-noon: can "evening dress" be regarded as appropriate for a mid-day appearance. It certainly does not commend itself to our approval, with white neck-tie and swallow-tailed coat for daylight, reminding one too much of waiters at the London Tavern, but we fear there is no help for it, as there is no alternative between evening dress and the ordinary morning surtout. As for the mysteries of ladies court-dresses we leave them for discussion within the sanctuary, but we cannot help feeling some doubts as to the Colombo establishments being equal to such a sudden run upon them in the matters of lace and feathers, and satins! There is perturbation in many a boudoir on this same subject: almirahs and trunks are ransacked in vain by fair hands.

her wonder-working wand which levels all distinctions between pumpkins and chariots, and by one magic pass convert calicoes into sarsenets, narrow insertions into ample Valenciennes. Possibly Calcutta, Bombay and Madras might be indented upon for a supply of these precious materials without which there is an official superstition, no lady can be presented to a Prince or Princess. We learn that the Duke of Edinburgh will

our fair friends just the slightest touch of

we learn that the Duke of Edinburgh will be entertained at Colombo by the De Soysas, whose wealth, liberality, and intelligence, are well-known in the island, Mr. Charles Soyza is enlarging and embellishing Bagatelle for the purpose. The entertainment will we believe, commence in the afternoon, comprising Dancing in the Hall, with Singhalese Theatricals, a Nautch, Juggling &c. in various portions of the extensive grounds, which in the evening will be illuminated, the whole concluding with a brilliant display of fireworks. The host being resolved that no expence shall be spared, has secured the services of a cuisinier of Gunters the well known London Confectioners, for the occasion.

GALLE HARBOR IN KANDY. No doubt the introduction into its proceed-

ings of such a question as that of the Galle Harbour, involving as did Mr. Wall's Resolution, a vote of censure on the Government, went far to attract a more numerous audience than usual, at the Planters' Annual gathering. than usual, at the Planters' Annual gathering. But the feeling of the planting community on this subject had become manifest, and the appearance of the densely packed room told too plain a story to have been misunderstood, and so the discussion fell to the ground. In his closing speech as Chairman, Mr. Wall alluded to a circular which he had addressed to the members on this subject. In that document he debers on this subject. In that document he declared the question of the Galle Harbour im-provements to be not more political than the Railway so often discussed by the Association, that although the work has already been decided upon, and therefore cannot be adversly affected by opposition, the present time is more appropriate to consider its practical con-sequences, which are very important to the Plan-ters. What these consequences are, the Members of the Association are told: they are assured that "whilst the Galle Harbour is in progress," we suppose Mr. Wall intended to have written we suppose Mr. Wall intended to have written the Galle Harbour "Works,"—and until its (their) cost is fully provided for, other public works of vital importance to local interest will be deferred." The reason for assuming this is because the Imperial Government had declined that during the construction of the railway no other work of magnitude should be undertaken. The writer who it unable to detect undertaken. The writer, who is unable to detect any analogy between a work to be constructed by means of an Imperial loan, and one undertaken entirely by local resources, must be gifted with an imagination of a very high order indeed. Not a word is said, as to what works of vital importance "would be laid aside for the Galle Harbour improvements." Beyond the completion of the Batticaloa, Moro-wakkorale and Dickoy roads, and the extension of the Dimbola road, all of which will be well through or advanced by the end of 1870, there is not a road of importance to be taken in hand. No allusions is made to the Gampola railway extension, nor do we remember Mr. Wall ever urging its considerations. At any rate, even could it be shewn that the Galle Breakwater would interfere with other works, which we deny, surely the Planters could not well com-plain, when so much has been done for them in roads, bridges, &c. As well might they complain that votes for Irrigation works were a deprivation of their rights! When the Government made Mr. Faviell a present of £60,000 on account of the Railway the Planters tild not meet together to protest against that vote as a squandering of public money: no, it was felt that although it came partly out of their pockets, it was paid for their railway. and they were approvingly silent.

The Association is next told that if any Breakwater is to be constructed, it should be not at Galle but at Colombo-where an. open roadstead is a permanent danger to exported produce. No one knows better than the propounder of that fallacy how complete a myth is the danger of the Colombo roadstead. Were it not so, would the Colombo Merchants have remained so long content without some

improvement. The Planters are, moreover, assured that the Jalle Harbour works have been extorted under a threat of annexation to India! Our own idea is, that the threatened measure was annexation to Trincomalie, from which there would have been no escape, and which would have cost us nearly as much as the Galle Breakwater—without any Port dues to cover the interest! Would Trincomalie be a desirable competitor with Colombo as a port of ship-Would the " vested interests" of our capital be quite safe, would recently erected mercantile buildings retain their normal value, in the event of such an innovation?

found in the well filled room of the Association on the 17th instant and the abandonment of the proposed resolution. INVOCATION TO HERCULES.

The discussion at the Planters' Meeting on

the subject of Labour Supply elicited an almost

The reply to this illogical production was

unanimous opinion as to the necessity of some action being taken in order to supply our growing requirements, and so avert both a general rise in wages and loss of crop It would be mortifying in the extreme, if planters after expending money on high cultivation and new land found their toil in vain from inability to gather their abundant crops. Yet this is what appears to be dreaded by those who spoke on the 17th, with but two exceptions. The proposal to subsidize a line of Steamers between Ceylon and India, maintained by a tax on Coffee, found little favor from the meeting; but we were unable to follow the argument of one gentlemen against the proposal, which was that too many steamers would be required to bring over the coolies who now frequently came over, but that by and bye when railways in India brought more to the Coast, they might prove servicable! To our mind the proposal of the new Chairman to adopt the Mauritius mode, was the most feasible. In this the Government undertakes the expense and cock individual. pense, and each individual planter sends an in-dent of the number of coolies he requires, and he individually has to pay the bill. The whole island should support the subsidising of steamears, as an experiment for the improvement of communication with the island, and individuals should bear the cost of passage of their coolies.

No proposal of the kind was however, made and eventually a resolution was adopted, at the suggestion of Mr. Corbet, to the effect. This at once met with general approval as it went to the root of the question, new fields of labour supply: when that is determined further steps may follow to introduce the labour from the new fields, and then Government might be asked to bring into operation the Mauritius system in regard to subsidized steamers. With the action to be adopted there is no possible objection, but we certainly think that in asking Government to undertake to defray the cost of making enquiries for Planters savors rather too strongly of that "imperfect unselfishness" of which the Chairman spoke in such bitter terms as characterising too many in Ceylon. We cannot see

Alas! colors will fade. Honitor is not imperishable, and the stoutest two-guinea silks are not proof against the inroads of the moth and the behalf of a particular section who do want the color of the moth and the behalf of a particular section who do want the color of the moth and the color of the color of the moth and the color of the colo climate. Oh! for Cinderella's Fairy, to lend coolies. We concede the importance of the en-

February 14th, 1870.

A NNEXED is a Copy of a Circular letter which
I have forwarded this day to those Creditors
of the Corporation who have registered their claims
in accordance with the notice given.

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On behalf of the Landing Committee,
G. W. CHAPMAN.

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INTEREST.

quiry, and the strength of the link which connects the Coffee interest with all others, but shall it be said that eight hundred Estates cannot afford or will not subscribe one or two pounds each for this enquiry, but must need ask a donation from the public purse They are content to act the waggoner in the fable and instead of helping themselves they pray to HERCULES for assistance! At any rate we suspect that in the event of the go-vernment agreeing to defray the cost of the enquiry, they will retain the selection of the Agent in their own hands.

STEAMERS OUTWARDS-The Steamer Mooltan for Suez and Orrssa for Bombay will leave at 10 A. M. to-morrow. Steamer Deccan for Calcutta, and Geelong for Australia will leave at 5 this evening.

THE GAZETTE. - Saturday 19th February 1870.—It is proclaimed, that from and after the 1st day of March, 1870, a Police Force for the effectual procection of person and property shall be established in the Town of Kanuwana, within the following limits, and that the tax payable on the annual value of all houses, buildings, lands, and tenements whatsoever in the said town, within the said limits, shall be at the rate of five per cent. Limits referred to.
The limits of the town of Kanuwana shall be, the North, the village Tudella; East, the villages Ekala, Bandigoda and Batagama; South, the villages Rilaulia and Kandana; West, the villages Indiwitiya and Delature, and old Canal from Colombo to Negombo.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint J. F. Dickson, Esq., to be a Justice of the Peace for the Island: and Don Carolis Gunawardana to be additional Singhalese Registrar for Dasiya Pattu, Alutkuru

His place of Office will be at Udugampola. In pursuance of instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize Mr. Henry Richard Vanderspaar as Acting Consul for the North German Confederation at Point-de-Galle, during the absence

of Mr. L. Vanderspaar.
With reference to the notice, dated the 9th instant, which appeared in the Gazette of the rath instant, it is notified that the powers conferred on Mr. W. E. T. Sharpe have been cancelled, and similar powers conferred on him for a fortnight, dating from the 7th proximo.

The Oriental Bank Notes in circulation during the month of January last amounted to 1236,442.
Notice is given, that the Governor, with the

advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant a moiety of f 1,788 for the improvement of the Deltota road, between the boundary of the "Wedeheti" Estate and the Dunally Bridge, the Provincial Committee will on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1870, at noon at their Office, proceed to assess the following Estates to make up the other

moiety.

North Vedahette, West Vedahette, East Vedahette, Galaha, Kittoolmulle, Dunally, Erin, Colgrain, Amblamana, Galantenne, Deltota, Bellwood, Little Valley, Great Valley, Bopittiya, Aloowawatta, Bowlana, Mausakelle, Pattyagamma, Naranhena, Loolcandura, Waloya, Gonawa.

Notice is given, that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant a moiety of £3,748 for a further extension of the Dimbula road, from the present terminus to the Nano Oya, a distance of 1 mile and 1078 yards, in the District of Kotmalie and Dimbula, the Provincial Committee, will on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1870, at noon at their Office, proceed to assess the following Estates to make up the

to assess the following Estates to make up the other moiety.

Trouge, Katookolle, Lot No. 3772, Ryan's block, Lots No. 4404, and 4406, Harper's, Lot No. 4405-Witham and Pilkington's, Lot No. 4407, Braba, 200's, Lot No. 4408, Maitlannd's. Lot No. 4409, Rollo, Wiggons, and Ritchie's block, Lousia, Scalpa and Ratmalkelle, Galcondawatta, Nano Oya, Barewell, Ratnageria, Massa Ella No. 3971, Tellicutty No. 3974, Dyenelle No. 3972, Dyenelle-kelle No. 3973, Agrakanda No. 3975, Caledonia, Fassifern, Lalawakelle, Belgravia, Combewood, Middleton, Logie, Lamaliere, Lindoola, Conon, Newton, Wallah, Somerset, Palmerston's Lots, Nos. 65,781, and 65,682, Mattakelle, Wangioya, Langdale, No. 4295, Wattrim, Nos. 4301 and 4302, Snith and Thomas' Lot, No. 4299, Laurie, and Willox Land, Lot No. 4296, Hunt's, Lot No. 4297, Thomson's, Lot No. 4298, Sike's.

Notice is also given, that the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative

uncil, having agreed to grant a mojety of from aking good the portion of the Pundalu Oya road damaged by the late heavy rains, the Provincial road Committee, will, on Monday the 28th day of February 1870, at noon, at their office, proceed to assess the lowing Estates to make up the other moiety.
Rockside, Choisy, Eton, Pundalu Oya North,
Maussawa, Lot 57,286, Kahapatena, Arbuthonots' block of land, Pundalu Oya East, Sheen,
Harrow, Fern ands, Kalu Oya, Kaipugalla.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS.—His Excellency the Governor visited the Galle Face on Friday morning for the purpose of inspecting the plan of the proposed new Assembly Rooms, which had been previously set out on the ground, and His Excellency having expressed his approval of the site selected, the ground

was at once opened and the work commenced The building will be oval in form and is to consist of two stories containing the following accommodation; on the upper floor a lofty ball room one hundred feet long and 31 feet wide (convertible into a theatre or club rooms) two card rooms, ladies' room &c; and on the ground floor a supper or reading room 57 feet long and 31 feet wide, a billiard room, refreshment bar, gentlemen's room, store room &c, with Verandahs 14 feet wide all round the building on both stories. The upper Verandahs will be used as a public stand during the races. The principal easy staircase will lead to the upper story.

The building which is to be of a substantial

as well as an ornamental character, has been designed by Mr. Smither, the Government Architect, under whose directions the work is to be carried out. We understand it will be completed for use by the month of August next, in time for the Races.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS. - A Suggestion. Since the transfer of the telegraph lines of the island to the Indian Government we have received advices by wire of the departures of the mail steamers from Madras, but not of their arrival, and as this in nearly every instance in the north-east monsoon occurs on a Sunday the actual mail day for Colombo correspon-dents can never be officially determined until Monday, when the telegram is publicly notified. We notice that the Chamber of Commerce have requested the government that the departures from Calcutta and arrivals in Madras of European Mail steamers, may be telegraphed to Ceylon, which request has been referred for the consideration of the Director General of Telegraphs in India. The Chamber might as well have confined its demand to the arrival of the steamer at Madras, seeing that the de-partures from Calcutta are on fixed days the arrival at Madras depending on weather and qualities of the particular steamers. Until the decision of the Director General of Indian Telegraphs be known, we would suggest that

various religious denominations who could then announce from their respective pulpits the departure of the Mail Steamer from Madras. Who can say but the fact of this announce ment being expected on each alternate Sabbath, might attract some to the Church or Chapel who might otherwise absent themselves!

GENERAL TREASURY.-We learn that the Head Clerkship of the Treasury is rendered vacant by the retirement of Mr. Wendt. Among the candidates for the post are Messrs. Beven and De Vos, Treasury, Mr. Raux, Cutcherry Mr. Gomes, Surveyor General's Office, Mr. Alwis, Register-general's Office, and Ginger, Audit Office.

ANTIQUITIES OF HANBANTOTTA -We notice by the mail papers just to hand, that at a meeting of the Asiatic Society in London paper, by Mr. Thomas Steele, Ceylon, S., was read, "Notes on some Antiquities, &c., in the District of Hambantota, Cevlon, with Specimens of Singhalese Poetry. writer describes a number of objects of chiefly antiquarian interest, such as dagobas, monasteries, caves, pillars, &c., in that district of southern Ceylon. Besides, copies of inscriptions are given, as also specimens of popular legendry lore, and part of an elegant metrical translation of the Kusa Jataka, a Singhalese peom of 687 stanzas, descriptive of one of the transmigrations of Buddha, as Kusa, Emperor of Dambadira. In the course of the discussion following the reading of this paper, Mr. J. Fergusson remarked that some of Mr. Steele's notes were especially valuable for the history of architecture, to which materials of this kind were highly welcome.

STEAMERS via SUEZ CANAL.—During the past few days we have had two Steamers arrive at this port from England via the Suez one the "Willam Miller" consigned to Messrs. J. Gibson Thompson & Co. and bound to China: the other chartered out and home for a cargo of Coffee by Messrs. C. Shand & Co. These are no doubt but the precursors of a continuous line of steamers that will before very long ply regularly between British Ports and the East. difficulties in the way of extended steamer communication by this route that may not be overcome by degrees. We hear that tons of steam shipping are now being con-structed in Great Britain alone, for this navigation, and when this vast fleet comes into work ing it will not be difficult to conjecture the future of the existing sailing vessels. .

The present outgoing steamer will carry away from Ceylon, Mr. Laurie, the late Director of Public Instruction Mr. and Mrs. Lemarchand and family, and Mr. J. Whyte of Dolos-

Passengers.			 697	19	2
Horses					
Carriages	 		 3	13	C
Dogs	 		 1	19	0
Live Stock			 26	5	6
Mails			27	1	8
Parcels	 		31	17	2
Merchandize			3955	10	6

Do. corresponding last year 4008 7 3 Increase . 5196 Train Mileage THE KORNEGALLE KRAAL .- The work at

the Kraal is being pushed on with vigour, and the different buildings are rising into the shape sketched out on paper, --- that for His Royal Highness is commodious and beautiful, the Chiefs of Saparagamuwa, I fear, will have a tough job of it, should they attempt to carry away the palm from the intelligent Chiefs of this District, who are quite au fail in the matter of Kraals, and providing suitable accommodation for the distinguished visitors, for whose pleasures they are got up. The accommodation for the general public will be more limited than that at the last Kraal, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring covering materials for the roof. I expect however, that 50 to 60 rooms will be got in spite of all obstacles in the way of doing so. Some 50 boutiques are already open, and as the paddy rents are to be sold at the Kraal, so as not to interfere with the work going on, they will have to provide creature comforts for from 2 to 3,000 people, in a locality that was

ENTERTAINMENT OF THE DUKE OF EDIN-BURGH.—At a meeting of the Committee charged with this Entertainment, held on Saturday last, it was resolved, that, as there was every assurance of a very successful Ball, the application of the messman of the 73rd Regiment, who is the contractor for the supper, or an advance of froc, should be granted.

We understand that the members of the Committee are Mr. C. P. Layard, Chairman, Lt. Col. Young, Capt. Warren, 73rd Regt. Capt. Watson, Mr. Wise, Mr. Wall, Mr. Councillor Venn, Mr. Smither, P. W. D., Mr. K. Jones, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Advocate Dias, Mr. Advocate Alwis, Mr. Advocate Coomaraswamy, Mr. J A. Martensz, Mr. Advocate Lorenz, Mr. Cowasiie Eduljie, Mr. Abdul Raheman, Mr. C H. De Sovsa, with Mr. M. Tocke as Secretary who will be glad to receive the name of any gentleman desirous of becoming a subscribe and who on the receipt of one guinea, is prepared to forward a ticket of admission to the Ball.

Horse Sales .- Intending purchasers of horses at the two sales on the 25th and 28th Instant, will find amongst those batches some very superior animals of great promise, possessing qualities rarely found in importation into this Country,

PLAN'FERS' ASSOCIATION

We resume our report of the Planters Annual Meeting, with a list of the District Committees as re-elected:—
Ambegamoa-W. R. Waller, J. Whyte.
Badulia—A. H. Baillie, G. A. Cruwell.
Dickeya—R. Sillery, H. T. Pilkington.
Dimboola—A. Hood, J. Martin.
Dolosbagie – J. A. Beil, W. Rollo.
Dumbara—S. Shelley, R. B. Tytler.
Gampola and Kaduganawa—G. Anderson, A. F. Harper.
Hantane—W. D. Gibbon, H. Fraser.
Hewahette—W. C. Buchanan, D. Mac Master.
Hunasgeria—H. A. Clarke, W. C. Duncan.
K rnegalle—C. E. Caulfield, C. F. Blacklaw.
Kotmalie—G. H. D. Elphinstone, J. F. Macleod.
Knuckles—A. G. K. Borron, F. Laurie.
Matah.—W. A. Swan, C. J. V. Bluett.
Maturatte—R. W. Boulton, G. M. Ballardie.
Pusselawa—A. G. Carey.
Saffragam & Morowa Korle—S. Le Crocq, D. Mitchell.
Uda Pusselawa—A. E. Carey.
Kandy—G. Wall, W. G. Ptoctor, W. B. Smith, A. Annual Meeting, with a list of the District Uda Pusselawa—A. E. Carey.
Kandy—G. Wall, W. C. Ptoctor, W. B. Smith, A. Brown, R. B. Downall, G. D. B. Harrison, J. A. Clarke, J. Walker. J. Shipton, G. Maitland, J. Munton, K. McLe.l.in, A. Sinclair.

Mr. W. A. Swan moved the resolution in regard to Labour as follows :-

That this meeting do respectfully memo rialise His Excellency the Governor on the great and undoubted benefits that would result to the planting interests from the insti-tution of a line of coasting steamers plying regularly on fixed dates and at low rates beween Colombo and opposite ports. The meeting would also suggest that if such a line were

particularly calculated to be reproductive and beneficial.

The Chairman, he said, had alluded to the fact that one part of the body could not be healthy when the other was diseased, so he would say was it with labour : one district could not be in a prosperous condition if other were suffering. The shortness of labor af fected directly one or two new districts, but it would affect indirectly the whole of them. and for that reason he asked them to support the resolution which he had just moved.

Mr. W. Sabonadiere seconded the resolution,

and in doing so said, that he thought the time had come when the Labour Question should be seriously considered, and Mr. Swan had done well in bringing forward the question: from several causes the supply of labour has fallen far below actual requirements. believed that many planters were short-handed last crop, and that had it not been for a very avorable season much coffee would have been ost: on many young estates which had hitherto been kept free of weeds, the con-tractors had to be taken off to save the crop. What will it be when all the land lately planted comes into full bearing, unless a larger supply of labour be provided? He had been told that a scheme, such as that proposed, should be carried out by the Planters themselves. If unanimity could be ensured, no doubt it would be, but they all knew that agreement on such things is unknown in Ceylon. He would cite as an example the case of this body, there being only some 130 estates registered, whereas there are about 1,000 in the Island. A duty of 3d. per cwt. on one million cwt

would produce £12,000. Some who are well supplied with coolies might object, and ask why they should pay for others, but the Badulla and Happotella planters thought it hard to pay for the Railway, yet it has benefit-ed them in the cheapening of cart hire. With the above sum a steam company might be subsidized to bring over coolies at low rates from the ports on the coast to Colombo. Any surplus might be used for the payment of Agents to be located in such places as Tuticorin, Negapatam, Madura, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Tinnevelly, &c., whose duties would be to engage coolies for estates, receive advances, to e paid to Kanganies on presentation of an order from the managers of the Estates to which they belonged; as also to prosecute, and recover from dishonest Kanganies any monies not repaid to their employers. Planters are aware what difficulty now exists to recover money from a dishonest Kangany who has bolted with the advance money, as there are not any legal means of redress at hand whereas in such cases the Agent would receive power to act, and could prosecute the man on the spot, he having himself made the advance. Another evil would be remedied, that of having to pay the money in Ceylon; for no doubt a great deal of money paid as advances, does not now find its way to the coast, but is paid to Chetties and others by the Kanganies, are heavily indebted to the former. On the other hand, the money would be remitted to the Agent to be paid to the Kangany in his own country, on presentation of an order from the Manager of the est tes to which he belonged. The Agents would of course be men of strict integrity, and should give Government security for their good conduct, but at the same time they should receive liberal salaries. He left the subject in their hands, feeling he could not say more of the present evils of the advance system. He trusted that some good scheme would be agreed upon, yould ensure the increase of the Labour population of coffee Districts, without their having to pay higher rates of wages.

Mr. A. Brown said the present was no new cry. He remembered when there were not more than about two hundred Coffee estates in the island. Then it was said, "What on earth shall we do for labour. When another hundred estates are opened, and we are fast approaching that period, we shall be all ruined." He had lived to see the two hundred estates quadrupled, and somehow labour has kept pace with them always On one of these exciting occasions we went to the Governor and said "Let us be taxed, but give us labour." It was not for the Railway that we wished to be taxed, the Colombo merchants did that, but it was for the importation of labour we were willing that our labour should be taxed, so as to pay for a scheme of importing coolies. A gentleman was selected for the purpose, a man, after the Governor's own heart, and he had sub-agents all over southern India. But Notice is also given, that the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Elephants, &c."-Catholic Messenger.

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There were many and did not bring him a man! Afterwards the Government allowed the use of the *Pearl* steamer for six months between Tuticorin and Colombo, but very few availed themselves of the opportunity; and she frequently returned with scarcely half cargoes of coolies, although the fare was low: and the experiment was carried on at a loss to the Government, of £600 a month. After that it was said, we had not tried the right districts Try new fields with private agency. This was done, and he knew what the Ganjam experiment had cost, he was one of three. It cost him about f 1,000, and he was glad when the last of the worthless lot so imported bolted from their engagement (for they were bound under a three years' indenture and left the country—(laughter)
The Government had not succeeded better

The Public Works': Department imported f20,000 worth of Sikks for the Pioneer force, and with what result? They would not work, and they were allowed to leave the country in driblets, no one knowing or caring how they left. The Contractor for the Railway tried it, and he did not succeed better Now in the face of this experience were they to ask for a repetition? He would say let those who are short of labour form themselves into a Company or Committee for the purpose of procuring it. They can then employ own agent, select their best man and send him to the district of their choice. But he should protest against the whole body of Plante's being taxed for the necessities of others. Last year there was a complaint of want of labour, but owing to the famine in India there was a great influex of Coolies into Ceylon, and all went on well. There had often been a glut in the market, but some of their labourers made money and would return. Every year they found the supply adapted itself to the demand. He had no fear about the future, and believed there would always be good supply of labour in (eyion. He moved that the consideration of the motion be deferred to that time six months.

Mr. Gibbon would second Mr. Brown's amend ment. He did not see how they would benefit by the use of Steamers. He spoke from experience, as he had been to the places fr m which the supply of lab ur was drawn. Coolies were in the habit of coming in batches of a housand a day to Negapatam, and in five lays there might be as many as five thousand waiting, and he did not see how the Steamers could find accommodation for so many. Steamers of large draught could not go through the Paumben, and those plying between the Indian coast and Ceylon could carry each only about three hundred. When railways were opened through the labour districts Steamers might perhaps be profitably employed.

Mr. Corbet thought that this was a matter of ver great importance. He knew that the proposer and seconder of the Resolution had no personal motive in bringing it forward, for they were as well supphs be known, we would suggest that steamer telegrams invariably reach steamer telegrams invariable reach steamer telegra piled with labour as any present, and the thanks of the meeting were due to them for bringing the subject forward. He did not think there was another Colombo from Madras on Sunday morning, and per cwt. equal to £12,500 a year would much as he did, and he knew that serious consequences might be sent to the Ministers of the go far to defray the expenses of an outlay so quences would follow if steps be not taken at once

to secure a larger supply of coolies. This year, to secure a larger supply of coolies. This year but for the way the crop come in, most people would have lost a fair share of it for want of hands. He did not think that they should abandon the proposal merely because it involved taxation. Mr. Brown had stated that past experiments were found wanting. That might have heen because the Agent they employed was bad. He knew that the Steamer employed was a tug and was unfit for the purpose. His own idea was that new fields of labour should be opened, and he would therefore submit the following:—

"That an agent should be selected by the

"That an agent should be selected by the Planters' Association to proceed to the Coast of India to ascertain what labour can be procured from new fields, and the Government should be requested to defray the cost of the same out of the general revenue." eral revenue.

general revenue.

Mr. Harrison said the subject was of immense importance to the Planting Community, and ought not to be treated in a light manner. While some not to be treated in a light manner. While some were fortunate to have a good supply of labour, they should remember that others had not. He agreed with a previous speaker, who said that a part of the country could not be said to flourish while another portion was in want of labour. Those who had not a sufficiency, would hold out inducements to obtain the labour which others had, and these would have to raise the rate. Thus it cannot be said that deficiency of labour would be confined to one district only. He would rather consider the subject in the light that Mr. Corbet had regarded it, than that in which Mr. Swan had considered it. Mr. Swan was a bold man. He did not take precautions to gild his pill. He declared the pill was noxious and desired us to take it, but the cure looked worse than the us to take it, but the cure looked worse than the disease. He sympathized with those who said that they abominate taxes. There was a story told of a prisoner who when released from the Bastile and brought to the light, prayed that he might be sent back. They had obtained a remission of the Export duties, and now when they had succeeded, it was proposed that they should go to Government and ask to have the burden put on again. There was undoubtedly a want of labour at the present moment and it would be a most desirable thing to facilitate their communication with India, for facilitate their communication with India, for it would benefit not merely the planting com-munity but also the community of Colombo, He the Chairman) would support a motion for the ubsidizing of steamers as a trial, but it was a very different thing to propose to be taxed directly. Only those who corresponded between India and Britain were interested in the subsidzing of the great mail steamers, but the subsidy was paid out of the general revenue of the empire. He thought of the general revenue of the empire. He thought they might, to a certain extent, adopt the Mauritius plan, where the planters were individually called upon to pay the cost of importing Coolies. They had had such immense difficulty in getting rid of the export duties—and their most cordial thanks were due to the Governor for the part he had taken—that it would be very unwise and absurd to go to Sir Hercules Robinson and asked to be taxed again. They might not in future have such have to continue to bear a tax after the necessity for its imposition had ceased. Of course it might be said that the tax was a special tax for a special purpose. But the Railway Tax was the same, and yet Government refused to withdraw it. He thought it desirable to open new fields of labour. He thought there was no harm in seeking for information which must benefit them. He would therefore

which must belief them. The would therefore support Mr. Corbet's motion.

Mr. Swan said that in his long experience this year was the first time he had to complain of want of labour, though the cry had often been raised. His proposal was no new thing; all that he suggested was that facilities should be afforded for the ingress and egress of labour. He thought that Mr. Gibbon's objection amounted to nothing. Coolies were auxious to have the Steamer, and his own men had frequently asked him when they were to be

Mr. Tytler said he had had great experience of

the difficulty attending labour supply. In early days no Tamil coolies were procurable, and they had to make shifts with Singhalese. Then came suggestions to procure coolies by means of steamers. These came up periodically, and if one did not make the suggestion, somebody else did. There was nothing new under the sun, and it was revived. It was said that experience taught fools, but he did not think so, for it seemed to confine its lessons to wise men. Why should Planters with plenty of coolies be asked to pay for those who had not? If any of them had no money in the Bank, would he think it fair to levy a contribution from his friends. Should Dick Oya when it was very wet tax the whole of the planting districts in order to get a little sun! That he should be taxed was most infair. It was often difficult to keep his checkfoll down to the amount of expenditure he restricted himself to. He believed that except in new districts, there was really no short supply of labour. t seemed to confine its lessons to wise men districts, there was really no short supply of labour. Some he knew were helping one another, and that was very right and commendable. He was surprised to find a neighbour dismissing his coolies asking him what he should do if he could not get them in crop time. "Do! said he," you have lots always, crop time. "Do! said he," you have lots always, I should get a lift from you" (laughter.) These were the men for whom they were to be taxed. There were of course rascals amongst coolies as well as honest men, and he had got one such before the Kandy Court, of whom he hoped they would soon hear that he had got seven years' transportation. But, as a rule, if they gave fair play to their coolies he did not believe they would be short of men. A he did not believe they would be short of men. A country, and the first thing they did was to get on the top of a horse, and then to call for brandy and soda, and then they neglected their business. One such had visited him lately, and had since complained that he had some work to do, and was not ashamed to go and do it. The fact, was, he had left his guest to look over the papers, and had heard he had said, "What do you think! The beast went to look after the niggers, and left me alone." He knew that coolies were and left me alone. He knew that coolies were exceedingly pleased at the present arrangements for their transport, and this from the coolies themselves. He wished the amendment withdrawn altogether, if it was to be considered that day six

months they would have to go over all their arguments again.

Mr. Brown explained that the form of amendment was equivalent to shelving the resolution

entirely.

Mr. Swan withdraw his resolution. The Resolution proposed by Mr. Corbet was put to the vote, and carried unanimously.

MR, WALL ON THE GALLE HARBOUR. The following Circular was addressed by Mr. G. Wall to the Members of the Planters' Association in support of the motion of which

notice had been given for the 17th:— DEAR SIR,—My object in proposing the discussion of the Galle Harbour question at the approaching annual meeting was explained to the Committee, but does not seem the but does not seem to be generally understood, and I therefore take this means of explaining it to the

members.

It is objected that the question is political and that its discussion would seem like a mere futile opposition to the Government. But it is certainly not more political than the Railway question, which was the subject of several most important and aniwas the subject of several most important and animated meetings of the association. Nor can its discussion at this stage be regarded in the light of opposition, either to the Government or to the work itself; seeing that the matter has already been inself; seeing that the matter has already been finally decided by the legislature. Still though it is too late to discuss the subject in its political or scientific bearings, it is the proper time to consider its practical consequences, which are very important

to the planters.

Whilst the Galle Harbour is in progress, and un til its cost is fully provided for, other public works of vital importance to local interests will be deferred. It must be remembered that the Home Gored. It must be remembered that the Home Government peremptorily ordered that during the construction of the Railway no other work of magnitude should be undertaken, although the planters had submitted to a special tax for the work such as rendered it almost independent of the general revenue. The Galle Harbour will therefore assuredly defer, to a greater or less extent, those works on which our local interests depend and should it involve, as nearly every other similar work in the world has done, a local interests depend and should it involve, as nearly every-other similar work in the world has done, a far greater liability than was originally estimated, or, if its completion should require a much longer time than its supporters now calculate, it will become a very serious matter to the planters. In such an event, the planters, unless they now disclaim all responsibility, will be told that they accepted the scheme with their eyes open, and must endure the consequences. It will be too late to enter a disclaimer after difficuties have arisen. It is believed at home that the planters are in favour of the work, and that in fact the body on whose enterprise the revenue, commerce and status whose enterprise the revenue, commerce and status of the colony mainly depend accept the responsibi-lity of the undertaking. The truth is however that lity of the undertaking. The truth is however that they were not consulted in the matter, and have had no voice in it, and this fact ought to be put on

The commerce of the island, of which Coffee is the mainspring, suffers serious disadvantage for want of a harbour at Colombo. Our exposed Roadstead causes a risk and considerable cost, and f the revenue can afford the cost of a harbour it is right our own commerce should first be provided for, and we should not seem to choose to forego our own urgent local requirements in favour of a harbour accommodate the ocean traffic of the empire. We bow to the decision of the authorities but we are not called upon to endorse it, either actually or by

implication.

The argument which is put forward as conclusive in favour of this great work being undertaken by the colony is that we are thereby to escape ennexa-tion to India. If it be really true that it is the price of our freedom then this is a serious consideration which should not be overlooked.

Of this question of annexation one of two things must be true. Either the Home authorities believe it to be a disastrous change, which we would make any sacrifice to avert, or they believe it to be sound any sacrifice to avert, or they believe it to be sound policy and for the interests of the island. If it be true that the Imperial Government would deliberately threaten us with ruin in order to extort money and concessions from us, then the Galle Harbour is as little likely to satisfy them as the military contribution has proved, which was exacted under the same threat. To yield to such an argument would be acceptable as few would be undernified. the same threat. To yield to such an argument would be as futile as it would be undignified and unenglish. But if, on the other hand annexation is for the welfare and interest of the Island what has the Galle Harbour to do with it? We are in fact to concede the Galle Harbour either to avert a threatened disaster, or as a huge bribe to prevent the natural course of a righteous policy.

As good subjects we shall all agree to submit with deference to the will of the authorities, but as planters we should do well to declare that we have

as planters we should do well to declare that we have no responsibility whatever in this matter and that therefore we should not be implicated in any consequences injurious to our interests.
Sincerely trusting the meeting and dinner may

be characterized with their customary cordiality.

I remain, &c. GEORGE WALL.

KANDY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—A special meeting was held on the 13th Feby., 1860. President:—J Van Langenberg in the chair, Wm. Jayetilleke, and Capt. Byrde. The Accounts for 1869 audited by Mr. Proctor, were laid before the Council, together with the usual monthly returns, and a sta'ement of the

Municipality. Mr. Van Langenberg gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting, that the Constables now employed in attending upon the Municipal Inspectors, and Tax Collectors, be withdrawn from that duty, and that Peons

distribution of the Police maintained by the

be appointed in their places.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Van Langenberg that the following be substituted for Bye-law No. 1 Chap. XI. and that the new bye-law be forwarded for the sanction of the Governor, and Executive Council. XI. - Bench of Magistrates.

Sittings off 1 - The Bench of Magistrates, the Bench shall sit at the Town Hall or such other place within the Municipality, as may be fixed by Resolution of the Municipal Council, at one o'clock every Friday afternoon, (holidays excepted) in every month, which shall be the ordinary Municipal Court days: or at such other place, day and time, as its sittings may be fixed by order of Bench made in open Court Formerly the sittings of the Court were held on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays in

every month. The Tender of Assen Sally for supplying ime at is, per bushel delivered to any part of the Municipality was accepted.

The persons who tendered to supply bricks to be ordered to deposit samples, and the time for receiving tenders for the supply of Tools and other materials was extended to the 4th Instant.

For following estimates were sanctioned. For improvements to the Municipal Council Chamber £ 29, 198, 6d.

For a double Canoe-bridge Tenders are to be invited for the latter.

A letter from the Colonial Secretary was

read, suggesting that the Municipal Council should insist on the urinal &c forming part of the District Court premises should be kept in order by the establishment of the District Court. Resolved that a special report of its present condition be submitted to the Council It was resolved that as the Lewelle Ferry Boat has not been constructed according to the specification, that Government be requested

to make a reduction in the charge for its construction, and refund the amount overpaid. According to the specification the boards should have been one and a half inches thick: but the thickness was reduced to one inch by the Factory officials "for the purpose of lightening the boat' as explained by them, a corresponding lightening of the cost having been probably forgotten.

Mr. Van Twest complained of a nuisance existing on the premises of Messrs. Keir, Dundas, & Co. on the 11th January, The Council has decided that in future notices shall issue to persons suffering any nuisance to exist on their premises requiring the immediate removal thereof. Inattention to this notice will render the offender liable to a penalty of Two Pounds and to a further penalty of One Pound for each day, that the nuisance shall continue after service of the notice. The nuisance in this instance was caused by storing Bone Dust or Guano.

Mr. Ambrose, who purchased the right to cut grass round the Lake, complains of the grass be-ing injured by Dhobies. He was referred to his The spreading of clothes along the road side is

The spreading of clothes along the road side is calculated to terrify horses, and offenders may be taken into custody by any Police Officer who sees such an offence committed. Vide ordinance 16 of 1865 clause 53 sect. 4.

Messrs, De Visser, and Joseph, complained of warrants having been issued against their property for the recovery of double commutation Tax. It

was resolved that under the circumstances the sum of 3s be returned to each of the complainants. It was resolved that Messrs. Middleton & Co. be called upon to carry out their contract with M. C. for the supply of Timber for the repairs of Peradeniaya Bridge.

It was resolved that as the contractor had failed to supply the house numbers within the stipulated time, the tenders be circulated with a view to the

selection of another tender.

It was resolved that notice be issued to the

owner of huts in alley No. 5 Castle Hill. It required him to demolish the same within ten days, and in default that the work be done by some officer of the Council under the authority of Ordinance 17 of 1865 clause 104.

It was resolved that the attention of the Go-

resolved that the affection of the Government be called to the application of the Council for £60 towards the repairs of Lady Horton's Road.

It was resolved that those jack trees on the

Municipal premises be cut down and sold.

It was resolved that £1000 of the Balance on No. 1 account be placed on fixed deposit in the Oriental Bank. It was resolved that the usual permission be given to M. N. S. Tambe to build on lot 727 Pera-

lenia Road, the Municipal Council having nothing to do with disputes as to ownership.

It was resolved that the Chief Inspector be directed to report more fully on the alleged en-croachment by the owner of 212 Peradeniya Road,

It was resolved that notice be issued to the owner of No. 893. Requiring him to remove the building referred to in the Chief Inspector's report No. 11. It was resolved that the time for receiving enders for the construction of drains be extended

tenders for the construction of drains be extended till noon on the 4th Proximo.

It was resolved on the application of Capt. Durnford that Mr. Lappen be directed to submit an Estimate for clearing Upper Biherowe Kande Road from Asgeria to Kornegalle Road.

It was resolved that when no property is found belonging to persons who have failed to pay commutation Tax a certificate be forwarded to the Bench in order that warrants may be issued

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against the defaulters.

It was resolved that £2 0 0 be paid to Mr. Vandort for Plans supplied to the Council.

The consideration of applications from Mr. Lappen and Mr. Vandort to receive certain orders of the Council was deferred,

DIMBOOLA .- February; 1870.

I am glad to be able to report the completion of our crop operations in a most satisfactory manner. All in this direction are quite the result and now that we have reathing time to look about us, which has not breathing time to look about us, which has not been the case for months past, we can form some idea in the aspect of matters for the ensuing crop. All the places look in first rate bearing condition, and with the present favorable weather they should give bumpers again. Transport, pruning, and weeding are now all the order of the day, with a prospect of very large blossom in a month or two.

KNUCKLES .- February, 1870.

Crops all over and field work well in hand, viz., stripping, pruning, and weeding, the two latter giving the trees a far deeper tinge of green than they have had for some time. Our oads are of course not in the best possible condition, but they have had a trying time of it: it is to be hoped they will be looked after before long.

Cart hire at present without change, but it has an upward tendency. We have had a fair average blossom for the time of year, with any amount of good bearing wood to be ready for March and April.

DOOMBERA, February 16th, 1870.

Crops all despatched, weather magnificent, a fine blossom coming forward, and nothing to distract our attention but the usual routine of weeding and pruning—planting reports would be dult reading if confined to dissertations on these two subjects, not that the system of pruning has been exhausted, either in the columns of the local journals, or as topic of conversation in reunious of planters—it strikes me however, that reports would be much more readable and consequently appreciated, if composed of a few more subjects than are usually embraced in the orthodox "weather, work, appearances &c., for instance, a dash of politics, criticising or commenting on the questions of the day that move our little world—the labor question, and how to solve it, dissertations labor question, and how to solve it, dissertations on pruning (vide above) that endless topic, havon pruning (vide above) that endless topic, having as many systems as our planetary, and as many advocates for each as you will find in a long day's walk through the legal domain of the Temple or if any one is poetically inclined let him give us a song, not of the Shut but of the Mamoty, and how Ramasamy ignoring his master's interest, thinks only of "how not to do it,"—the various subjects and questions of the day that might be written upon, are numerous enough if your correspondents would only think a little, and combining planting reports with correspondence add a piquancy to both, and make it quite a feature of your paper. To put in practice what I preach, let me have a little say aneut the Galle Harbour question—every sensible planter regrets the Planters Association, or rather a clique, should bring this forward for discussion, the powers that bring this forward for discussion, the powers that be have decided that the improvement shall be carried out, and because forsooth we have to pass carried out, and because forsooth we have to pass the bill, we or rather some of us begin to cry out that it is an imperial undertaking, and ought to be carried out with imperial funds, if we so totally ignore the usefulness of Galle Harbour for Colonial purposes, what would we say if the home Authorities taking us at our word, were to undertake the work themselves, and drawing a cordon round Galle were to appropriate all available lands (other than private), establish an octroi or duty at the gates on all supplies, so by octroi or duty at the gates on all supplies, so by causing prices to go up to make their sale almost prohibitory, in fact to separate Galle Harbour prohibitory, in fact to separate Galle Harbour and its surroundings as far as practicable from Colonial interests: under these circumstances, and when too late, we should regret not having accepted the liberal terms of the home Government. That the work, if thoroughly carried out, will repay itself in course of time nearly every one believes, though instead of a quarter million it were even to cost 3 or 400,000. Who, looking at the gigantic strides of the world's commerce, with the facilities offered by the Suez Canal to its extension gamtic strides of the world's commerce, while the facilities offered by the Suez Canal to its extension, and the increasing adoption of steam over sailing vessels (and bear in mind we have to build many more 'Great Easterns' yet, modified as to draught) could think for a moment of calculation. as to draught) could think for a moment of calculating, or even limiting the tonnage that will as a matter of course, after the completion of the improvements, make Galle Harbour, not only its coaling and transhipping station, but the port for shipping our produce! A cheap light railway will yet have to be made between Colombo, and Galle. —let us not therefore grumble, and throw away
a good thing, because some amongst us are
afraid of their pockets, or so short-sighted as not
to see the benefits that will accrue to the Colony from so magnificent an undertaking.

HAPHTALE DISITRICT, 12TH FEBY, 1870. Weather.—The weather has been decidedly moist lately, rain fell on twenty three days in January, showing a total for the month of 12-47 in. Gales of wind have prevailed occasionally, but not of sufficient strength or duration to occasion da-

mage.
Condition of Estates.—Estates look very well notwithstanding the large autumn crops and Occupation of Coolies .- It is a misfortune that

the small interval between the autumn and spring-crops will prevent the completion of those two necessary works, Pruning and Handling, all hands are now or will be shortly employed securing the

are now or will be shortly carped; are now or will be shortly carped; spring crop.

Crop operations and prospects.—There are generally but small crops left for spring, though if difficient in quantity, the quality of the bean is much better than that of the crop just picked.

Health.—Coolies very healthy.

Roads, Transport, Rice, &c.—Roads are much had transport scarcer than has ever been

cut up and transport scarcer than has ever been experienced since our cart road was made. Cartmen seem to have abandoned their callings or is it that they have not yet got over the dissipation of the New Year holiday? The reason, as have been stated, that cattle disease is the preventitive cause, is incorrect, cattle disease is not more prevalent than usual among cart bullocks. It is to be hoped that traction engines will soon unt an be hoped that traction engines will soon put an end to the present wretched means of transport. Though we have not as yet reached the same deplorable state of things as our Badulla neigh-

bours, there has still been a great and growing scarcity of rice in the district. Cart hire on rice from Ratnapoorum is now 3/9 per bushel, almost on a par with the old tavalam rate 4/0, before the cart road was opened.

> LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM.

DEAR SIR,—As I see the "Observer" Newspaper and accusing the Governor and accusing the own ends DEAR SIR,—As I see the "Observer" Newspaper is always abusing the Governor and accusing him of perpetrating "jobs" to serve his own ends (or those of his friends) I am sure you will readily give insertion to the following FACT. An officer and a gentleman, who from his position has intimate relations with His Excellency, informed ME the other day when at Galle (before starting on that interesting tour in the S. P. of which we have heard a much) that had the Sacrature of State confirmed. so much) that, had the Secretary of State confirmed the suspension of the Director General of Education the suspension of the Director defeated of the Governor to have given the Educational Department to the Hon'ble and Gallant head of the Prisons, and to have appointed Gallant head of the Prisons, and to have appointed one of the many Civil Generals to inspect the Schools for erring adults, effecting by the arrangements a saving of £700 or £800 a year in salaries and four hundred a year in travelling allowances alone to the Government. Now Sir, is not this an instance of His Excellency's having the welfare of the Uolony at heart? and should not it be known throughout the length and breadth of the island? These facts I trust will put our Governor's disparagers to shame if that be possible.

Yours &c., PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT. Galle, 15th.

DEAR SIR.—I amsone of your "constant readers," and have taken great interest in the extracts you have published from the Cattle Commisioners' report lately presented by the Government to the Legislative Council; I am desirous of knowing more on the subject, as I have a number of cattle under my charge; you will therefore oblige me, and perhaps some of my brother Planters, by letting us know whether the report can be purchased, if so, where, and the cost of it.

Yours faithfully, SINNE DOREY.

The Watte, Central Province.

(In the absence of any notice in the Newspapers can give no information.—Editor.)

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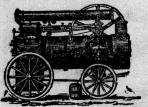
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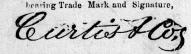
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ENGLISH MAIL OF JANUARY 28TH.

The Deccan arrived at Galle yesterday morning shortly after 8 o'clock. At 10 o'clock the Express Coach started with the mails and the Express Coach started with the mails and letters were delivered in Colombo by 9 o'clock. The following are the passenger's for Ceylon by this steamer:—Mrs. Russell Mr. and Mrs. Kendrew, infant and ayah, Mr. Parker, Mr. Jervis and Mr. Fermstone, Messrs Morris, Mackwood, England, Bristowe, and Fraser, Miss Robinson, and Mr. McLeod.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF NEWS

Parliament will assemble on Tuesday, Feby. 8. The Queen at Osborne is recovering from a

severe attack of neuralgia.

M. Rochefort has been tried, found guilty, and M. Rochefort has open tried, found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment and a fine of 3,000 fr., for his attacks on the Emperor.

The great strike at Creuzot is at an end. The military have not left the locality.

The rumours of dissension in the French

Ministry are distinctly contradicted.

M. Thiers has made another speech in the French Chamber against the Treaties of Com-

the Spanish Throne.

Telegrams report the arrival of Prince Arthur at New York.

COLLIERY RIOTS IN YORKSHIRE.—Some serious colliery riots are reported from a district in South Yorkshire, in the neigbourhood of Sheffield. A short time since, it appears, Messrs. Newton and Chambers, the owners of the Thorneliffe coal mines, gave notice that they would discharge all their men colliery riots are reported from a district in South Yorkshire, in the neighbourhood of Sheffield. A \$4,50. d., inteed, at 465. t. 69; and greenish Java kind I short time since, it appears, Messers. Newton and Chambers, the owners of the Thorncliffe coal mines, gave notice that they would discharge all their men on a particular day, and would re-engage none who all of the state o

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.—W learn from Stockholm that Professor Tordenskjold, of that University, is organising another scientific expedition for Arctic exploration which will sail from Gothenborg in the spring, and of which he will again place himself at the head. With regard to the non-arrival of news from the German Exploring Expedition there is no reason to entertain any fears for their safety. Dr. Petermann writes from Gotha under date of the 18th inst. :— I do not expect to hear from our Expedition till October next, and shall not be alarmed 18th inst:—"I do not expect to hear from our Expedition till October next, and shall not be alarmed if accounts should not be received till October 1871, considering their first-rate and even luxurious outfit, abundance of provisions, excellent vessels with steam as an auxiliary, and experienced officers and picked crews of tried men."

PROPOSED FRENCH PORT ON THE RED SEA.—The Prach cannot appearedly forcive us for having

Proposed French Port on the Red Sea.—The French cannot apparently forgive us for having anticipated them in seizing the island of Perim, and thus adding a Malta to our Gibraltar of the Red Sea, as they call Aden. According to the papers, M. Poilay, one of the engineers of the Suez Canal, has determined to counteract our influence in that quarter of the globe. He has with this subject purchased a large tract of land at Babelmandeb, where the purposes to "creer me ville et un port." The he purposes to "creer une ville et un port." The future of this magnificent scheme is according to his prospectus, already assured; for the neighbour-hood is rich in coal mines, which can be worked

hood is rich in coal mines, which can be worked (with forced labour, we suppose) at a trifling cost. FEARFUL ACCIDENT IN LIVERFOOL.—The most serious accident that has occured in Liverpool for many years took place on the night of the 23rd inst. in a Roman Catholic chapel. The disaster originated in a false alarm of fire, and has involved the loss of fifteen lives, besides injuries to other persons. It appears that two services were in progress at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Chapel, Grosvenor-street—one in the chapel itself, and the other in the school-room beneath; there being large congregations in both places. In the school-room some confusion arose through the intrusion of a drunken man, and in the midst of this excitement the alarm of "Fire!" was raised. The panic soon extended to the chapel above, and a simultaneous

Irush from both divisions of the edifice ensued. The stream of people from the school-room ascending, encountered another stream from the chapel, descending a few steps to the level of the street. In this narrow landing-place a fearful crush took place. The people shrieked, as they were crushed to death or trampled under foot, and the space was literally choked with dying and struggling men and women. It was all the work of a few minutes, but in that brief time fifteen persons had been killed, and it is feared that others will die of the injuries they have sustained in the fearful panic.

A MENTING of merchants and others has been held at the London Tavern, to discuss the "projected steam communication with Australia and New Zealand, via Milford Heaven, Portland, and San Francisco, within forty daya." Sir George Grey, R. C. B., took the chair. After lengthened explanations of the details, the service was highly approved, and a resolution was unaminously adopted recommending that "steps be forthwith taken to establish a company to carry the same into effect."

The final transfer of the property and undertakings of the Telegraph Companies to the Postmaster-General will commence on the 28th inst., and will be completed by the morning of the 5th February, when the Post-office will assume the conduct of the proposed a mecting with Mr. Firth for the purpose it is presumed of coming to terms, but at 633 at 755 to 463 at 635 at 455 at 645 at 458 at 645 r at 545. Ettrick Forest, I cask sold at 685 at 645 at 663 at 663 at 663 ta 664 ta 75 to 63. Medical foot at 68 to 63 ta 663 ta 664 ta 695 ta 16 ds 1 at 755 da 64 to 63 at 465 at 365 to 64 to 63 at 465 at 365. Medical foot at 685 to 64 to 63 at 465 at 465 at 665 at 665

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COMMERCIAL.

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China merchants are urging that the new convention with the Chinese Government should not be ratified in its present form.

An India Office despatch on Army Reductions goes to India by this mail.

Reductions in the Staff and of certain Native Corps are agreed to, in accordance with recommendations from Lord Mayo in Council.

Only one, instead of three, Royal Infantry regiments will embark for India next month.

Mr. Stansfeld and the Brighton members have addressed their constituents this week.

An agitation has been commenced for Government aid to promote emigration on a large scale.

Considerable opposition is raised to the proposals of the Birmingham Educational League.

The Telegraphs of this country pass into the hands of the Government to-day.

There was a panic on a cry of "Fire!" at a Roman Catholic chapel in Liverpool, on Sunday, which caused the loss of sixteen lives.

A terrible fire is raging at Newcastle.

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SHIPPING.

DEPARTURES FOR CEYLON.

14 -- British Constitution

29-- Navigator

18--S D. Thurston

18--Como

ARRIVAL FROM CEYLON.

15-Star of the South, at Deal.

PASSENGERS PER OVERLAND ROUTE. 5—Southampton to Galle, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brownrigg and two children, Miss Allen. do—Marseilles to Galle—Mr. G. Goodeve, Mr. A. Wiggin Feby.

LIST OF MARKS AND PRICES OF CEYLON COFFEE BROUGHT TO PUBLIC SALE IN MINCING LANE FROM DEC. 17TH, TO

JANY. 14TH, 1870.

(CONTINUED.)
Ouvah, 1 cask sold at 79s 16 at 73s 6d 2 at 65s 1 a

is, Colpetty, 3 casks sold at 50s. Ouvah, 61 barrel sold at 58s 6d 43 at 51s 6d 3 at 42s d 9 at 56s 6d. Haldamulla, 8 casks sold at 80s 36 at 74s 15 at 74s

6d 3 at 63s 6d 5 at 76s 6d.

Octumbe, 2 casks sold at 75s 6 at 70s.

Macaldenia, 2 casks sold at 73s 4 at 69s. Meriabedde, 5 casks sold at 84s 1 at 77s 18 at 76s 6d at 63s 6d 2 at 81s 6d. Mahadowa, 2 casks sold at 76s 10 at 70s 6d to 71s 4 Mahadowa, 2 casks sold at 76s 10 at 76s 6d

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at 62s 6d 2 at 78s 6d.

Mahadowa, 3 casks sold at 82s 10 at 77s 1 at 65s.

Mahadowa, 3 casks sold at 76s 6d 18 at 71s 6 at 62s
1 at 77s 6d 1 at 43s.

F. S. & Co. A. T. Co. Ouvah, 248 bags bought in 57s.

Pallai, 30 casks sold at 73s 5 at 70s 15 at 69s 6d 5 at 69s 6d 61 at 70s 6d 6 at 64s 6d 2 at 64s 10 at 80s 6d 15 at 80s 19 at 47s 2 at 75s.

P. K. I cask sold at 50s 4 at 42s 6d.

Gauga, 7 casks sold at 75s 5 at 71s 13 at 70s 6d 1 at 62s 6d 1 at 79s 6d 3 at 79s 5 at 47s 1 at 74s.

G. W. 2 casks sold at 61s 2 at 50s.

Raja, 3 casks sold at 61s 2 at 50s.

Raja, 3 casks sold at 76s 6d 14 at 71s 168s 6d 178s 6d 2 at 49s 1 at 61s 3 af 47s 6d.

Amba, 12 casks sold at 77s 6d 31 at 71s 4 at 80s 6d 4 at 51s 6d 2 at 72s.

Angroowelle, 1 ck sold at 67s 6d 10 at 57s 6d 2 at 45s.

Moncrieff, 1 ck sold at 67s 6d 10 at 57s 6d 2.

At 55s 6d 14 at 65s 6d.

Nugagalla, 5 cks sold at 64s 5 at 61s 6d 39 at 62s 10 at 55s 6d 14 at 65s 6d.

Nugagalla, 5 cks sold at 67s 6d 26 at 63s 6d 2 at 58s 5 at 70s 6d 5 at 49s.

Nartawakelle, 3 cks sold at 67s 6d 12 at 65s 1 at 50s

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Cannaverella, 5 cks sold at 79s 6d 32 at 73s 5 at 67/6

Cannaverena, 3 cas sond at 1,5 s at 675 c at 815 3 at 55s.

Kallupahane, 9 cks sold at 84s 14 at 76s 2 at 65s 6d at 65s 6d 2 at 80s 2 at 51s 1 at 58s.

Verellapatina, 4 cks sold at 72s 4 at 68s 6d 1 at 90s at 72s

I at 78s.

A. A. Ouvah, III bags bought in 56s.
D. B. C. 10 cles sold at 79s 10 at 71 fd 19 at 71s 1 at 63s 4 at 80s 2 at 47s.
D. B. C. 12 cks sold at 79s 6d 5 at 66s 6d 33 at 71s 6d 10 at 63s 6d 3 at 63s 3 at 79s 4 at 72s 6d 6 at 36s 1 at 69s 6d 1 bag at 20s.

Knuckles, 4 cks sold at 77s 6d 24 at 78s 6d 5 at 71s 6d 24 at 71s 2 at 61s 10 at 80s 6 at 41s 6d.

Pallameotta, 4 cks sold at 77s 6d 5 at 69s 6d 1 at 62/6 1 at 73s.

Pallamcotta, 4 cks sold at 71s 6d 5 at 69s 6d 1 at 62/6 I at 74s.

Battigodde, 4 cks s I la: 79s 7 at 71s 1 at 77s 1 at 42s.

C. H. C. I ck sold 74s 2 at 76s 1 at 63s 1 78s.

Allacolla, 3 cks sold at 72s 6d 2 at 64s 3 at 52s.

St. John I cks sold at 70s 5 at 70s 6d 1 at 71s 1 at 62s 1 at 75s 6d 4 bags at 50s 6d 2 at 59s 6d.

N. H, 2 cks sold at 57s 19 at 52s 2 at 54s 6d.

Qunally, 3 cks sold at 76s 5 at 70s 6d 3 at 71s 6d.

4 at 47s 1 at 64s.

N, 90 bags sold at 52s.

P, 17 bags sold at 52s.

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P, 17 bags sold at 54s 6d.

S, 12 bags sold at 54s 6d.

P. B, 2 bags sold at 54s 6d.

C. & Co, 42 bags sold at 57s 6d 20 at 58s 8 at 57s.

C. & S, 38 bags sold at 52s 6d 26 at 53s.

Blackwood, 2 cks sold at 83s 6d 5 at 76s 6d 7 at 76s 2 at 63s I at 39s. at 63s l at 39s. B. C, 105 bags bought in 62s 49s bid. Y. B. K, 5 cks sold at 75s 2 at 65s 6d 1 at 79s 6d. Goodwood, 4 cks sold at 83s 1 at 73s 1 at 80s 3 bags

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

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The aspect of affairs in New Zealand is again threatening. It is stated that 200 King natives have cautioned Major Kemp who arrived at the Waikato boundry in pursuit of Te Koati not to enter the King's territory. A collision between the two parties is imminent. Te Koati supposed to be at Tokongamutta. Large number of Kingites assembled there, with what object is uncertain.

Coffee, moderate demand. Rice, market depressed, Patna quoted at 920 to £21.

MELBOURNE.

Parliament is to re-assemble on the 15th instant when the Macpherson administration will state their policy. During the recess the ministry has been re-constructed, is also expected to have a walk over, while the Treasurer is to be opposed by a local candidate. The ministry have during the recess been entertained at two public banquets which passed off successfully. Compared with 1868 the revenue for 1869 exhibits an increase of £187,982. The Customs revenue shows an increase of £116,318 above the estimate.

Mr. Edward Deninson, M. P., for Newark, who came out here for the benefit of his health, died in Melbourne on the 26th January, and was buried in the Melbourne General Cemetry.

An arrival by "Yorkshire" named C. J. Davis was arrested upon landing on a charge of forgery at Southwark, Surrey. He has been remanded to England and will probably sail in a week with Detective Meiklejohn.

Harvest prospects are now not quite so satisfactory as anticipated owing to the intense heat which prevailed during the middle of the month.

The meat preserving industry is progressing. Since the Christmas holidays the goldfields exhibit signs of activity and good yields are reported.

The Diamond Mines Company are obtaining gems steadily but an increase in the number of machines

A contract has been signed for a line of mail

steamers from Sydney to San Francisco calling at Auckland and Honolulu, the first steamer leaves Sydney, March 26th and San Francisco, April 10. An extensive system of fraud has been discover-

ed in conection with the exports of goods from Glasgow to Melbourne. Hewit, Bird and Topley, the English Pedestrians, have appeared in public but have been beaten Victorians in handicap races. In Sydney Parliament was opened on the 26th

It is young rarnament was opened on the Zola ultimo by Royal Commission.

News received to-day from New, Zealand is more re-assuring. The rebel chief Ti Kooti was at Paterere, hammed in by Colonel McDonnell and the New Zealand forces. His escape is almost impossi-

PLANTING NOTES.

The Weather is at no time a more fertile subject of remark than in a season like the present, when it is so fitful and uncertain. We generally look for dry weather in the two first months of the year—and we seldom fail in getting it—sometimes to an extent which we feel oppressive. This year on the contrary, we have scarcely had a week on end of sunshiny weather. Clouds or showers have occurred every few days—sometimes for a week or ten days on end. Old Planters say it is just the weather we want: and we hope and trust they are right, for old estates in most districts want working up.

Crops continue to come forward. But many districts are so short of transport as to be at a stand-still. The numbering of the carts at this most inconvenient season beginning from 1st January is a serious loss to many Planters, a loss that there seems no good reason for introducing a perpetuating. It was done away with some years ago at the instance of the Planter's Association: but the bad practice has been revived at Colombo, and those requiring transport must suffer for this official error. We hope it will soon be remedied. The Planter's Association we hear have again taken it up.

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Blossom is shewing to some extent, but is not general. This fine showery weather must put the trees in good heart however. A month's dry weather now would force out an abundant flowering.

Garden Parchment comes in more shortly! and the busy season for it will soon be ended. So also for Native, which has this season been scant and very dear. Nor has the quality borne a favorable comparison with that of previous seasons. It appears that the bulk of what used to be proper pative is now passed through the seasons. It appears that the bulk of what used to be proper native is now passed through the Pulper, and Garden Parchment is theresult. After this month both descriptions will be very quiet, and no doubt equally the case at the end of the season, and the season has this year been protracte!, owing to the unusual lateness of the crops.

AGRICOLA.

COMMERCIAL.

(From the " Ceylon Commercial Circular")

at 59s.
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43s 1 at 78s 6d 3 at 49s 6d 1 at 68s 16 bags at 43s 10
at 49s 14 at 43s 6d.

EXPORTS.—Shipments of produce have gone forward very freely: six vessels have cleared outwards with cargoes for London and one for New York, and have taken considerable quantities of our staple.
The exports of Native Coffee continue tuch below those of 1869. The distribution of he se is as given below:—

	PLANTATIO	on Co	FFER.	Cwts
	Cwts.			
	To Great Britain, 306,424		last year,	
h	do Foreign Ports, 3,597	do	do	1,030
S	do Australia & India 6,532	do	do	8,252
n	316,547			315,299
s	NATIVE	COFF	EE.	
e	Cwts.			Cwts.
0	To Great Britain, 29,720	agains	st last year,	77,579
n	do Foreign Ports, 12,894	do	do	21,161
d	do Australia & India 1597	do	do	3,299
of				tot 200

The weather, although unsettled at COFFEE. intervals, has been generally favorable for the curing of crop: transport in the interior continues scarce, but sufficient quantities of plantation parchment have found their way to Colombo to maintain all curing establishments at full work. Garden parchment is now being received in very small quantities, whilst the supplies of native sorts are still more restricted. are still more restricted.

FREIGHTS.-We are without any material alteration in the rates of freight for London: the following are current quotations:—Coffee in Cask Per Ton ...£3.

Do in Bags 15s. Cocoanut Oil Cinnamon ... Do. Chips£2 5s. to £2 10s.Nominal 17s. 6£1. 17s. 6d. to £1. Coir Yarn Ebony Plumbago Plumbago £1. to £1 5s. Cotton from Tuticorin ... £3.

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IMPORTS.—During the past fortnight the following vessels have arrived here with general cargoes from London, viz: the "Britomart," "Teviot," "Thos. Blythe" and "Warrior" also the Woodham" (str.) and "William Miller" (str.) via Suez Canal, the latter bound for Hongkong with a part cargo for Colombo.

GREY GOODS.—The landings of these have been on a rather liberal scale, but buyers have come forward somewhat freely for 40 in. 3½ lbs., 45 in. 9 lbs. and 50 in. 10 lbs. goods which have in most instances commanded full rates. In other goods we are unable to report any transactions, and quotations for them must be considered nominal. Very small sales are reported of Grey Very small sales are reported of Grey

RIEE.—Our market for this grain continues very depressed, and we hear of but one sale of a part cargo of new white Chittagong, recently arrived. EXCHANGE.—Our Bank quotations for 6 months

bills on England remain without change, say 11 to 2 per cent. discount for purchases and par. for SOVEREIGNS .- We quote these as under :-Australian 21 per cent premium.

British 4,, do. Very dull of sale.

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