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SHIPPING ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SERVICES
Messageries Maritimes.—
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

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

	November.	December.
For Suez, Mauritius and Dieppe and Newhaven.....	23	7, 21
"Cochin, China, and Japan.....	23	21
"Pondicherry, Madras and Calcutta.....	23	21

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

H. AUER, AGENT.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL Steam Navigation Company.

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

	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
For Marseilles and Southampton.....	30	28	25	22	19	6
Bombay.....	29	27	24	21	18	5
Madras and Calcutta.....	29	27	24	21	18	5
Straits and China.....	30	28	25	22	19	6
Australia.....	30	28	25	22	19	6

Rates of Passage Money.

To Suez.....	£65
"Southampton.....	80
"Marseilles.....	75
"Bombay.....	16
"Madras.....	14
"Calcutta.....	20

Transit through Egypt £3 extra.
Children above 3 and under 10 years,—half of first class rates.
One child under 3 years. (if with Parent) free.

To Marseilles. To Southampton
2nd Class Passengers..... £48 * £50 *
European Servants..... 48 * 50 *
Native do..... 24 * 25 *

* Transit through Egypt £2 extra

Return Fares.
Passengers embarking within six months of their arrival from Europe or Suez, and within three months of arrival from all ports Eastward of Suez and vice versa will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the return passage money.

THE COMPANY reserve the option of forwarding all Goods, shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by Rail or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose, they also book goods on through Bill of Lading to Trieste, Venice, Genoa, Barcelona, Marseilles or Havre.
For rates of freight and further particulars, Apply to
F. BAYLEY, AGENT.
Point de Galle.

THE MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE FOLLOWING reduced scale of charges from Galle to Marseilles is now adopted by this Company:—

FIRST CLASS (ordinary cabin).....	£75 0 0
SECOND CLASS.....	£59 0 0
THIRD CLASS.....	£35 0 0
DECK PASSAGE.....	£23 0 0

For further particulars apply in Galle at the Office of the Company, and in Colombo at the Office of Messrs. ARMITAGE BROTHERS.

H. AUER, Agent.

British India Steam Navigation Company (LIMITED).

ONE OF THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL LEAVE COLOMBO FOR CALCUTTA—Calling at Galle, 3rd 17th and Negapatam, Madras, 31st Oct. 14th Coconada, Vizag, & 25th Nov. ptam, Bimlipatam and 12th & 26th Gopulpore, on or about 1 December.

FOR BOMBAY—Calling at Tuticorin, Cochin, Calicut, 4th and 18th corin, Cochin, Calicut, Oct. 1st 15th Beypore, Cannanore, & 29th Nov. Mangalore and Carwar, 18th and 27th on or about 1 December.

ALSTONS, SCOTT & Co., Agents.

PASSAGE FOR LONDON.

Calling at the Cape of Good Hope, for fresh provisions.
To Sail about the end of December.
Messrs. GREEN'S fast sailing and well-known Passenger Ship
"LADY MELVILLE."
966 Tons A. I.
N. HARRISON, R. N. R., Commander.

THIS Ship like the whole of Messrs. GREEN'S noble fleet is noted for her beautiful Cabin accommodation, offering a splendid opportunity for families and invalids.
The ship has a MILCH Cow on board, and there is a PIANO in the Saloon for the use of the passengers.

For plans of Cabin, and for Passage, Apply to
FRYER, SCHULTZ & Co., Agents.

NOTICE.

THE S. S. "BREADALBANE," to replace the "Scotland," via Suez Canal, expected to arrive about the 17th or 18th instant, will have room for 400 Tons cargo to Calcutta.

Apply to
LEE, HEDGES & Co.
Colombo, 15th November, 1870.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MESSRS. VENN & CO.

WILL SELL ON SATURDAY, the 17th December, at noon, at the residence OF THE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE STEWART, MARADAHN, HIS VALLAH.

SURAT AND COAST COWS, CARRIAGES, PHAETON-WAGON, AN EXCELLENT PIANO

By Broadwood, GLASS, CROCKERY, KITCHEN UTENSILS, POULTRY, &c. &c.

On view two days before sale.

FOR SALE.

THE STAFFORD ESTATE.

WILL be sold by public auction, in January next, if not previously disposed of by private bargain. The Estate is situated in the neighbourhood of Udupussellawa, a fine healthy climate. The extensive Patna in the neighbourhood afford great facilities for manuring. Acreage consists of about 60 acres fine coffee in full bearing, 4 1/2 acres of heavy jungle and 20 acres Patna. There is a comfortable BUNGALOW on the property and 32 head of cattle.

For further particulars, Apply to
Messrs. GEORGE WALL & Co., Colombo or KANDY, or
A. BULLOCK, Esq., on the Estate.

MERCANTILE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMENT FOR THE SEASON NOW LANDING

EX "SEAFIELD."

J. & F. MARTELL'S BRANDY in Quarts and HENNESSY'S PALE BRANDY in do do.

UNITED VINEYARD PROPRIETORS in one dozen cases only.

COGNAC'S SUPERIOR BRANDY in Quarts.

THOS. HINE & Co.'s do do.

MARTELL & HENNESSY'S double and treble Star Brandy.

ORDINARY PALE BRANDY in Quarter Casks.

SUPERIOR DARK BRANDY in do do.

PRIZE MEDAL GENEVA in Quarts and Pints.

do do in large cases of 15 Flasks.

OLD TOM, HODGE'S, Tanqueray's and Thomson's.

FINEST OLD JAMAICA RUM and RUM SHRUB.

GLENLIVET WHISKY

NOILLY PRATT & Co.'s Vermouth.

GINGER WINE, CHABRIE'S, Bernard and Thomsons.

ORANGE BITTERS Cherry Cordial.

LIQUEURS.

IMPERIAL TOKAY

CONSTANTIA

AMBROSIA

CHARTREUSE

MARASQUIN

CURACAO

GENEPI

NOYAU.

ALLSOPP'S PALE ALE in Quarts and Pints.

BASS'S PALE ALE in do do.

GUINNESS'S DUBLIN STOUT in do do.

J. R. BELL & Co.

EX "SEAFIELD" Landing in Wood.

BASS'S PALE ALE

BARCLAY AND PERKIN'S LONDON PORTER

BARCLAY AND PERKIN'S XXX STOUT

DAWSON'S SUPERIOR YORKSHIRE PALE ALE

DAWSON'S SUPERIOR YORKSHIRE STOUT.

J. R. BELL & Co.

PALM'S SUPERIOR BREAKFAST CLARET.

In Hhds. and in Bottle.

J. R. BELL & Co.

Colombo, 2nd November, 1870.

IN CAPITAL CONDITION.

BASS C. B. PALE ALE upwards of four months in Bottle, in Quarts and Pints.

BARCLAY AND PERKIN'S XXX STOUT the same.

J. R. BELL & Co.

Colombo, 2nd November, 1870.

EX S. S. "STATESMAN."

CARGILL & Co. have received via Suez Canal by above Steamer a supply of

EXTRA SUPERFINE FLOUR IN BARRELS.

Prime York and Belfast Hams

Prime Wiltshire Bacon in Tins

Prime North Wales Cheese

PRIME DUTCH CHEESE

Patent Preserved Ox Tongues in Tins

1 lb. Tin Soups assorted

Salmon Cutlets in Indian Sauce

Finch Haddocks

COD ROES, WHITEBAIT,

Rock Island Fresh Lobsters.

Herrings a La Sardines

Truffles, Champignons

Pate de foie Gras

Pate de foie D'Oie

Pate de foie de Canard

Petits Pois an naturel

Petits Pois an Beurre

Potted Meats assorted

LIEBIG'S EXTRACT OF MEAT

Moore's Chocolate and Milk

Epps' prepared Cocoa

Macaroni and Vermicelli

Zante Currants and French Plums

Mascatel Raisins and

RAISINS AND ALMONDS

Crystallized Desert Fruits

Bonbons, Lozenges and

Assorted Confits

Cal-foot Jelly

French Olives and Capers

Pickles assorted

GENERAL WAREHOUSE,

Colombo and KANDY.

8th November, 1870.

NEW STATIONERY.

AND FANCY GOODS.

CARGILL & Co. have received ex "S. S. STATESMAN" via Suez Canal, a large and well selected assortment of the above, comprising

STATIONERY.

Water lined O'Land Note paper, assorted Colours.

Egyptian O'Land do.

Water lined O'Land Post.

Cream and Blue laid Note paper.

Blue Wave Bank Post, ruled.

Faint and Double E. S. d. Columns.

Blue and Cream Laid Fools ap.

Superior Music Paper.

Cream laid Envelopes, all sizes.

8vo. and 4to Carbonic Books, for Market Writers.

Stationers Rubber.

Propelling and other Pencils.

TARTAN PEN, PENCIL, AND KNIFE,

Tartan Pen-Holders,

Fancy Bone Pen-Holders,

Silver Mounted Pearl Pen-Holders,

Silver Mounted Ivory do.

Mahogany, Walnut, and Leather Date Cases,

Walnut Ink-Stands,

Flowered Walnut Ink Stands,

Ivory and Gilt Mounted Ink-Stands,

Bronzed Ink Stands,

Pewter Ink-Stands for Office use,

Patent Glass, and Spring Ink-Stands,

EBONY RULERS,

Oak Stationery Cases of sizes.

Dum's Circular Time Tables.

Ladies and Gents Visiting Cards.

do. do. Black edge.

A very large assortment from

DE LA RUE & SON.

Purses and Pocket Books.

Red and Black Sealing Wax.

Cut and uncut Quills and Quill Nibs.

Waverly, Pickwick and Owl Pens.

Waverly Barrel Pens.

Gillott's Steel Pens, various numbers.

Gum Mucilage with brush complete.

Faber's Lead Pencils.

LETTER FILES ASSORTED.

Memo. Books, Metallic Note Books.

Blank Books and Office Books of all sizes and descriptions.

Blotting Pads, single and double.

WRITING DESKS.

BEZIQUE,

in sets for 2 and 4 with quill and markers complete.

Bezique Guides, by "Cavendish,"

Whist Makers by do.

ALSO

LETTS DIARIES

FOR 1871

FANCY GOODS.

Ivory and Gilt mounted Walnut Glove Boxes,

do. Card Boxes,

Papier Macle Work Boxes,

Mahogany Kettle Stands,

Morocco Handkerchief Boxes,

do. Glove Box with Ivory Stretcher complete.

LADIES COMPANIONS.

Ivory Glove Stretcher,

Bronzed Watch Stands,

Fancy Watch Stands with glass shades,

Metal Drinking Cups,

Wilson's Patent Egg Beaters,

Fancy Pin Cushions and Ring Stands,

Glass Toilet sets in 2, 3, 4, 5 pairs,

ALSO

A few really first-class

PERAMBULATORS,

of the best English make, specially imported.

CARGILL & Co.

Colombo & KANDY.

Colombo, 15th November, 1870.

NEW PERFUMERY

EX S. S. "STATESMAN."

CARGILL & Co. are now showing an assortment of the above, received by this Steamer, via Suez Canal,

CONSISTING OF

Moelline, Golden Oil.

Quinine Cream, Brillantine.

Limes and Glycerine. Bears Grease.

Flang-Flang, Frangipanie, Philliconie and other Pomades.

HAIR OILS ASSORTED.

Rowland's Macassar Oil.

Rowland's Kalydor

Rowland's Odonto.

Tooth Powders Assorted.

Violet and Rose Toilet Powder.

Powder Puffs in Boxes.

COLD CREAM OF ROSES.

Perfumed Spirits of Lavender.

Lavender-Water.

ROSE WATER AND FLORIDA WATER.

RIMMEL'S TOILET VINEGAR.

Perfume Fountains.

Assorted Essences in Fancy Bottles.

Assorted Essences in Fancy Boxes

of 3 and 6 Bottles each.

VOLATILE SALTS.

FANCY SOAPS

INCLUDING

New Court, Marlboro, Brown Windsor,

Elder Flower, Musk Rose, Fancy Almond,

Petroline Cosmetic, Glycerine and Wall

Flower Soaps.

MEDICATED SOAPS.

Carbolic Acid and Tar Soap.

Juniper Tar Oil Soap.

Petroleum Soap.

Rock Oil Soap

ALSO

"BABY'S SOAP" IN TABLETS

AND

Naldires Tablets for Washing Dogs.

Colombo and KANDY.

15th November, 1870.

SNUFF.

A Fresh supply of the above just to hand.

EX S. S. "STATESMAN"

Via.

HIGH DRIED WELCH,

MACAOUBA.

ROB ROY.

RAPPEE, NO. 1.

AND

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The Fine Barque
"LADY LAWLINSON,"
391 Tons,
J. BROWN,
Commander.
HAS FINE ACCOMMODATION for
Passengers.
For Freight or Charter to any Port on
the Coromandel Coast.
Apply to
GALLO VENCATEAREDDY,
Agent.
Colombo, No. 3, Fourth Cross Street,
PETTAH.

TONNAGE

REQUIRED FOR CONVEYANCE OF
Military Invalids and others
TO ENGLAND ABOUT FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY NEXT.
SEALED TENDERS in duplicate
will be received by the under-
signed up to noon on Thursday, 5th
December, for the above Service.
All information and forms of Tender can be
obtained on application, at the Office of the Asst.
Controller.
A separate Tender in duplicate for Fittings
should be enclosed in each Tender for Tonnage.
H. J. BROWN, Esq.,
Asst. Controller.
Department of Control, Ceylon,
Colombo, 18th November, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE SHIP
"SULTANA,"
722 Tons,
WILL SAIL about the 10th of December.
Has excellent accommodation for a few
Passengers.
Apply to
LEE, HEDGES & Co.
Colombo, 22nd November, 1870.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

THE "LINCELES"
A. I. 15 Years.
HAVING a full cargo engaged will
sail early in December and has
splendid accommodation for Passengers.
For a plan of the Cabin and terms
Apply to the Agents
DARLEY, BUTLER & Co.

On Wednesday, the 23rd instant,
AT 1 P. M.
THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL
AT THE WHARF,
One Barrel Plantation Coffee
marked G A No. 125
weighing Cwt. 2. 16.
On account of the concerned.
H. D. GABRIEL.
Colombo, 21st November, 1870.

AUCTION SALE

OF
SUPERIOR NELLORE AND SURAT COWS
WITH AND IN CALF,
and also
Nellore and Surat Heifers.

THE UNDERSIGNED is instructed to sell opposite
his Rooms, on Saturday, the 10th of December
next, at 1 P. M.
A Superior Lot of Nellore and Surat
COWS
WITH AND IN CALF,
also
NELLORE AND SURAT
HEIFERS.
H. D. GABRIEL.

FOR SALE.

GRINDSTONES 12 inches diameter
GRINDSTONES 18 inches diameter
GRINDSTONES 24 inches diameter
GRINDSTONES 30 inches diameter
12 inch 7s. 6d., 18 inch 10s. 6d., 24 inch 21s.
30 inch 30s., each.
O'HALLORAN BROTHERS.

THE LONDON GUINNESS SHERRY.

Per Qu. Case, Ten Guineas
Per Dozen, One Guinea.
A FIRST SHIPMENT of this most pleasant
Wine, now so popular in England, has
arrived per "Seaford."
J. R. BELL & Co.
Colombo, 21st November, 1870.

THE UNDERSIGNED will sell on Saturday, the
26th instant, at 2 P. M., opposite his Rooms:
EIGHT PONIES,
just landed and adapted
for jungle work.
TWO LARGE SIZE DRAUGHT BULLOCKS
AND A
ROOMY MADRAS BUILT PHAETON.
H. D. GABRIEL.
Colombo, 21st November, 1870.

STATIONERY
ON COMMISSION SALE
At the Rooms of the Undersigned.

SUPERFINE COPYING PAPER
Foolscap and Demy size @ 10s. per Ream
BEST ENGLISH FOOLSCAP @ 13s. 6d. do
FRENCH FOOLSCAP @ 2s. 6d. do
CREAM Laid NOTE PAPER @ 2s. 10d. do
ENVELOPES NOT SIZE @ 6s. 6d. per 1000
J. AUWARDT.

FOR SALE.

600 feet Pine Planking
From 20 to 26 feet long
10 to 16 in. broad
1 in. thick.
Apply to
J. AUWARDT.

THE UNDERSIGNED is instructed to sell by
public auction, on Monday the 28th instant:
THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
AND OTHER EFFECTS,
belonging to
SIR E. S. CRESSY.
ARTHUR C. BULLOCK,
Auctioneer.
Newera Elia, 16th November, 1870.

NUWERA ELLIA

FURNISHED HOUSE TO BE LET
for the ensuing season
ROSE BANK
Fitted up with every convenience
for a family requiring a
comfortable residence.
Apply to
F. R. SABONADIERE,
Colombo.

SUN FIRE OFFICE, LONDON,

ESTABLISHED 1710.
INSURANCES effected upon Dwelling Houses,
Warehouses, Shops, Coffee Works, Estate
Buildings, and their contents, at the Current Rates
of premium.
Claims arranged by the Local Agents, and paid
with promptitude and liberality.
FRYER, SCHULTZE & Co., Agents,
Colombo.
KEIR, DUNDAS & Co., Agents,
Kandy.

MUNIANDI.

No. 6 JUST PUBLISHED.

CARTOONS.—THE LABORS OF HERCULES.—No. 3.
CLEANSING THE AUGER STABLE.
THE LEGISLATIVE CACOPHONY.
SOCIALS.—SURVEYING FOR RAILWAY EXTENSION.
FLESHING THE MAIDEN SWORD.
CONTENTS:
The Brave Wife.—A Jinglesque Legend.
Essence of Council.
Legal.
Another on the Black List.
The Modern Lempriere.
Ad Rajecuram.
Science, from a Dyspeptic point of view.
Nursery Rhymes and Unofficial Songs.
Notices to Correspondents, &c. &c.

Colombo Boat Company, Limited.

AT A MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the
Colombo Boat Company, Limited, held at
their Office No. 37, Chatham Street, Colombo,
on Thursday, the 10th instant, a call of £2 per Share
on Shares Nos. 156 @ 400 being 245 Shares, was
made and is now due, and the holders of these
Shares are hereby required to pay the amount of
this call at the Company's Office No. 37, Chatham
Street, Colombo, not later than Monday, the 19th
December, 1870.

By Order of the Directors,
ROBERT DAWSON,
Secretary.
Colombo, 18th November, 1870.

PER "SEAFIELD" AND S.S. "STATESMAN"
AND "NYANZA."

THE undersigned has just opened a fresh supply
of GOODS by the above route,
CONSISTING OF
BLACK AND WHITE
BONNET SHAPES AND FLOWERS,
HAIR CORD MOHAI,
BRIDAL VEILS AND WREATHS,
Penelope Canvass, British Copy and Printed Books,
Blue Black Cloth,
White, Green and Black Serges,
BOND'S MARKING INK, SCOTCH PLAID
FOR CHILDREN'S DRESSES,
White Pink and Green Flowered
SATIN AND SILKS,
TUMBLERS AND WINE GLASSES,
and Sundry other Articles.
P. T. SINNE LEBBE MARKAR.
Shop No. 51.
Colombo, 21st November, 1870.

FOR SALE.

BEST TWILED
CALCUTTA GUNNIES.
LEE, HEDGES & Co.
Baile Street,
Colombo, 21st November, 1870.

WANTED.

A STEADY YOUNG MAN AS ASSISTANT
PHOTOGRAPHER, and to make himself
generally useful.
Apply to
J. LAWTON & Co.,
Kandy.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.
Colombo.
Nov. 20—British Barque Lady Rawlinson, J. Brown,
391 tons, from Calcutta 27th October, cargo rice and
sundries.
do do—British Ship Belvidere, F. Gedge, 684 tons, from
Galle 19th instant, cargo general.
Passed by on Saturday evening two Barques, and one
Ship towards the North.
November 22—The American Ship Tanager, from Maher.

ARRIVALS.
Galle.
Nov. 19—British Ship Sappho, from Mauritius 20th
October—Passengers Mrs. Mackenzie, 2 children and
servant, Mr. Parandoo.
do do—French Steamer Peiko, from Hongkong 8th
November—Passengers for Galle, Mr. and Mrs. Richard,
Mr. Kill and 1 native.
do do—French Brig of war Mayre, from Penang 4th
November.
do do—British Barque Comite, from Maher 8th
November.
do do—British Steamer Province, from Mauritius 30th
Oct.—Passengers Mr. Fouchet, Mr. Bonjean, Mr. Francaut,
Marie Joseph, Mr. Chaval, Mr. Mitchell.

TELEGRAPHIC STEAMER REPORTS.
From Bombay 20th November, 8-5 a. m.
China Mail signalled.
From Bombay 20th November, 1-45 p. m.
Overland Mail Steamer signalled at 12-25 p. m.
From Galle, 21st November, 7-10 a. m.
French Mail Steamer from China signalled.
From Galle, 22nd November, 7-30 a. m.
French Mail Steamer from Suez signalled.

PASSENGERS BY THE GALLE COACH.
Nov. 17—A native from Galle.
do 18—Mr. Dias Modilar to Galle.
do 20—Two natives from Galle.
do 21—Capt. J. G. Bates from Galle.
do 22—Bates and Revd. Martin to Galle.
do 23—Mr. and Mrs. Prescott from Galle.
do 24—Two natives to Galle.
do 25—Capt. J. G. Bates from Galle.
do 26—Two natives to Galle.
do 27—Two natives to Galle.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"A CHRISTIAN" has favored us with his opinion
of the discourses of Mr. Taylor, the American
itinerant preacher, which he considers not at all
calculated to serve the end in view. We are sorry
to hear it. But the subject is scarcely one for dis-
cussion in a newspaper.
"LANDING ORDER" too late for our present issue.

The Ceylon Times.

COLOMBO, TUESDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1870.

THE WAR

REUTL'S TELEGRAMS.
FOR THE CEYLON TIMES.
(By Indo-European Telegraph.)
London, 21st November, 3 p. m.
A pacific solution of the Eastern question
is generally expected.
Prince Gortschakoff's action has caused
great enthusiasm throughout Russia.
It is asserted that there are fifty Russian
Ironclads at Nicollin.
General Manteuffel's army has reached
Rheims.
A portion of Prince Frederick Charles'
army has joined the Duke of Mecklenburg.
The French defeated at Dreux belonged
to the army of Brittany.
London, 17th Nov. Afternoon.
The Coffee market closed irregular.
Plantation Ceylon middling 65s.
18th Nov. Afternoon.
The Coffee market is in an inanimate
condition.
Plantation Ceylon middling 63s.
Arrivals from Ceylon "Margaret Pugh"
"Harkaway" "Golden Fleece."

CURIOSITIES OF OFFICIALDOM.

In another column will be found the
Petition of the Javelle proprietors against the
Police Tax levied on them. If our readers
will peruse this document, seeming as it does
with cogent arguments against the extension
of the Police Force to that rural district, and
compare it with the statement ventured upon
by the Government Agent of the Western Pro-
vince in his place in Council, viz, that "no
reasons were assigned either in the petition or
by the hon. gentleman for removal of the
police force from Javelle," there can be
no other reasonable conclusion than that
the honorable Member had not read the
Petition which is quite probable, or that he had
forgotten its substance, which is still more
probable. But in either case what a remark-
able instance of official capacity! Can it be
matter for wonder that the other honorable
member, the gentleman who introduced the
question, spoke warmly on the subject!

So much stress was laid by the Govern-
ment Agent upon his extreme readiness to
rectify any errors in assessment, and upon the
fact that he had lowered the amount on due
representation having been made, that it
might well be supposed Mr. Wilson had com-
plained on that score somewhat groundlessly.
Let us look into this other little peculiarity
of Officialdom, and see how facts stand. Mr.
Wilson complained of the high rate at which
a property was assessed for the Police Tax.
The reply from the Colombo Cutchery was
that no reduction could be made. On the follow-
ing day Mr. Wilson made his motion in Coun-
cil, and on the day after a letter was addressed
to his Superintendent saying that one half of
the assessment would be remitted! This is what
actually occurred. Here is what the Govern-
ment Agent stated in Council: "the amount
struck him at once as being large, and after
enquiry into the matter, the assessment was
altered in accordance with the opinion ex-
pressed by the Modliar of the District who
had paid a personal visit to the property!"
The reflections arising out of all this are
not pleasant, but we suppose Officialdom is
quite satisfied!

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

So much has been written about our system
of taxation and its pressure on the industry
of the country, and so much has been said about
annexation to India, that it may not be
altogether unprofitable or uninteresting to see
what is doing in the neighbouring Presidency
of Madras in taxation, with a view to
ascertain if we can profit by example, and be
somewhat prepared when the eventful period
of annexation arrives.
First, in the event of annexation all our
paddy growers will at once be made to pay
for the water taken from Irrigation works at
rates varying from four shillings to eight
shillings the acre, whilst they would be called
upon to pay at the rate of 35 pds per head for
land tax, our present paddy tithes being at the
rate of 10d per head of the population; they
would however, be slight gainers under the head
of Salt, for which in Ceylon the people are taxed
at the rate of 71d per head, in Madras at only
5d.

With the above rates of payment for irriga-
tion it is not a matter for much wonder that
the capital expended on such works should
return a good interest. Taking the Irrigation
works on the Godavari, a recent writer has
given the following approximate results.
In 1864-65, the ryotwari lands in the God-
avari district contained 200,000 acres, and
produced 12½ lacs aggregate land revenue and
water rate. In 1848-49, before the works were
constructed, the irrigated area was 127,320
acres producing Rs. 4,13,513. There has been
therefore an increase of about 75,000 acres in
cultivation and eight lacs in revenue on ryot-
wari lands alone. To this is added about 7
lacs for the increased revenue on Zemindari
and Inam lands, bringing up the total income
from irrigation and navigation to Rs. 12,40,000
per annum. The annual outlay on repairs is
taken at Rs. 2,63,000 leaving a net income of
Rs. 9,76,000, or about 22 per cent. on the
capital laid out.

This is one side of the picture. The Indian
Government have at length been aroused to
the fact that high taxation is not consistent
with the prosperity of the country and the
happiness of the people. A return of twenty-
two per cent on irrigation outlay means
poverty throughout the land and the non-culti-
vation of waste lands, in other words it is kill-
ing the goose. A return of six per cent would
signify an extended cultivation and a large
increase in the food supply of the people.
The Bengal authorities with the sanction of
the Supreme Government, have with a view to
mitigate the extreme distress prevailing in the
famine stricken district of Orissa resolved to
make a second reduction from two shillings
to one shilling per acre to the moderate
though owing to the costly nature of the canal
works constructed in that district, such a rate
will not suffice to cover interest on capital and
maintenance.

The Madras Government on the other hand
have resolved on a re-adjustment of the land
assessment which it has been long felt was
fixed at such a rate as to preclude all chance
of the cultivator bettering his position and
attempting to bring fresh lands under cultiva-
tion. A new assessment and commutation
has been completed on such a scale as may
protect the cultivator against all the mis-
chances of seasons, so liable with unirrigated
lands. According to this new arrangement the
commutation rates fixed for grain are
based on the average of the last forty-five years,
and are therefore little more than half the
current rates in the market. For instance,
Government tax the cultivators on the pres-
supposition that paddy is worth Rs. 85 per Garu
while the market value in 1869 was Rs. 166 per
Garu. The immediate result is that the ryots
are benefited by reduced taxation, and if
prices continue to rise during the next thirty
years their burdens will grow lighter with
each year. The revelations made by the
Madras Board of Revenue that the Presidency
was the most highly taxed in all India, quite
justifies this reduction. The waste lands form
a very large portion of the total area of the
Province, and capital is required to bring
them under cultivation. The capital can be
produced only by a low Government assess-
ment.

Let us draw a little moral from the wise
action of the Madras Government and see in
how far it differs from the conduct of our own
officials in similar circumstances. At com-
mencing it may be well to observe that so im-
pressed are the Indian Governments with the
importance of action in regard to grain assess-
ments, affecting as they do the welfare of the
country, that Collectors are never allowed as
are our Government Agents, to follow their
own caprice in these matters which are in-
variably taken in hand by the Executive Govern-
ment. The Government Agent of the Western
Province (we trust the Colonial Secretary
will not accuse us of personality) stated in his
Report, in regard to Commutation, that the
cultivators of the Maritime Districts of his
Province, at once objected to commute
the Paddy Tithes, giving reasons which we
believe to have no foundation whatever in
fact, whilst with reference to the Pascoo
Korie he said the people had declined to
commute at the rate fixed by Government
i. e. by himself, viz. 5d. per bushel. Turn-
ing to the Blue Book returns we find the
bazaar retail price of paddy set down at 2s 6d
to 3s, and yet the Agent expected the culti-
vators to commute for the entire crops

of a district, subject to all the vicissitudes of
weather, insects, blight, &c. at the retail price
in the bazaar! What a contrast is this to
the large-minded policy of the Madras Gov-
ernment by whom the assessment has just been
fixed at one half of the wholesale price of the
grain! How is it possible to expect that the
people of this country can raise themselves
to a prosperous condition if they are treated in
this way! Is there not one of our unofficial
members of Council competent and willing to
take up this important question, and force our
Government to some more reasonable action
in this matter? We fear not!

THE WIRE TRAMWAY.

A correspondent whose letter appears in
our columns to-day, appears to entertain some
singularly remarkable apprehensions in respect
of the operations of the Wire Tramway Com-
pany. It would almost seem from the contents
of his letter, that he apprehended the Com-
pany would be legally empowered to com-
pel Planters to use the Wire Tramway in
preference to any other mode of transport.
We are not aware that any such despotism
power will be given them: we are inclined to
believe that every Manager of an estate will
remain at perfect liberty to employ the means
of transport which suits him best. "Haldam-
mille" complains that a scheme which has
never been explained is going to be forced
down the Planters' throats! Two of the local
Papers at least have contained several columns
of extracts from Scientific Journals at home,
explanatory of the mode by which this Tram-
way is worked, and more explanation could
not possibly have been given without the aid
of wood-cuts.

Our correspondent declares that he repre-
sents the opinion of all in the district except
two. If this be the case Happtelle must have
undergone a marvellous change in the matter
of unanimity since we were acquainted with it.
But be this how it may, the Haldammilles need
be under no apprehension as to having seven-
ty miles of wire-rope thrust down their throats.
They can stick to their bullock carts, or they
can try horse-vans, or the Hungarian tramway,
or a corduroy railway, or anything else they
please. Let every project have a fair trial, and
in conclusion we can only say that if "Haldam-
mille" does not understand Coffee Planting
better than he does the descriptions given by
us of the Wire Tramway, we fear he will not
have much crop to forward by the Hungarian
Tramway.

EUROPEAN COMPLICATIONS.

Recent telegraphic advices from Europe, how-
ever they may be glozed over, however hope-
fully regarded by some, are unquestionably
calculated to arouse uneasy feelings in regard
to the future. It may be quite true as stated
by Reuter in the telegram received this morn-
ing, that a pacific solution of the Eastern
complications are generally anticipated. If
war does not now result it will be simply be-
cause it does not suit the views of the un-
principled men who under the name of
"Statesmen" rule the councils of Russia.
The apparent indecision of Prussia who ad-
mits a secret understanding with Russia, the
lukewarmness of Italy, the weakness of Austria,
the powerlessness France, the unpreparedness
of England thanks to Gladstone, Bright & Co.,
all tend to give encouragement to Russian
duplicity.

Each turn of events but confirms us in the
belief we have all along expressed in the
existence of a deep-laid plot against the balance
of Power in Europe. France has been crushed
most effectually, and she would not if she
could help us in the future. How easy it will
now be for Russia and Prussia together to carry
out their designs against the liberties of
Europe, we may have practical illustration
much sooner than many like to believe.
For the Prussians as a nation we entertain a
high regard. They have kindred sympathies
with us, and they should be our natural allies.
But such would not be the policy of King
William and Count Bismark who have other
ends in view unfavourable to the pro-
gress of liberal ideas in Europe. A few days
more and the plot will be unravelled.

SIR HERCULES ROBINSON.

Our cotemporary of yesterday put forth what
may be regarded as a semi-official announce-
ment, to the effect that SIR HERCULES ROBIN-
SON will obtain an extension of leave for one
year, carrying on his tenure of office in this
island, to the middle of 1872. We always
regarded this as a certainty in the event of
nothing "turning up" in the mean time.
Nothing has turned up, and as far as we are
informed nothing will turn up until next year.
So that the result is more than probable.

Recent information which has reached this
island from reliable sources, leads us to believe
that our Governor's destination will be, not
Madras, as was at one time thought probable,
but Jamaica. The Presidency is wanted for
near connection of the Ducal Secretary, whilst
on the other hand it is well known that Sir
J. P. Grant now in London, is anxious to quit
such an unsatisfactory government as that of
the Sugar Island. This can easily be held on
until 1872, and appears to be the only gov-
ernment of £7000 a year likely to fall in.
Jamaica, although not liked by the old
Indian Civilian, is, after all, not such a bad
place. We could name worse stations. Sierra
Leone for instance. It is true there is a
strong Baptist party in the island, but unless
we are mistaken SIR HERCULES is on the best
possible terms with one at least, of that sect
in Ceylon, who would assuredly give His Ex-
cellency a good certificate on his departure.
Then again the Yellow Fever is not nearly so
virulent in the old sugar island as formerly,
and as for the predominance of the
"nigger" element in the country, our Gov-
ernor with his extended experience of
native character, and his just appreciation of
native worth in this country, cannot fail to
make a favorable impression in the West Indies,
should fortune direct his steps thither.

THE RIFLE BAND.—The Band of the Ceylon
Rifle Regiment, will play on Friday next,
the 25th instant in the Cinnamon Gardens at
5 p. m., the weather permitting.

COMPOSERS
1.—Overture.....Guillaume Tell.....Rossini.
2.—Waltz.....Fringing Grove.....Bach.
3.—Selection.....La Fuglia del Regiment.....Donizetti.
4.—Gallops.....Le Postillon.....Zabel.

THE BREADALBANE.—This steamer which
replaced the "Scotland," left Liverpool on the
20th October, with a general cargo for Ceylon
and other Indian ports, and a number of pas-
sengers amongst whom are Mr. and Mrs.
Mitchell. She is expected to arrive in a few
days.

THE FRENCH MAILS.—The French Mail
steamer *Arta* from China will leave for Suez
to-morrow morning. The steamer *Provence*
(late *Imperatrice*) arrived at Galle from Suez
this morning. The Mails were landed at
8 o'clock and the Express Coach started at
half past 8. Letters will be ready for delivery
by 7½ p. m. She brings a Brindisi and South-
ampton Mail, and letters posted *via* Marseilles
for the last steamer and not forwarded. The
Marina will leave for Calcutta at 6 p. m.,
to-day.

CATHEDRAL SERVICES.—Special Sermons
will be preached in the Cathedral on the
Sundays in Advent at the afternoon Service.

The preachers will be
Sunday Nov. 27th The Revd. The Precursor
" Dec. 4th The Revd. E. T. Higgins
" 11th The Revd. Canon Bailey
" 18th The Bishop of the Diocese.

A NEW STEAM LINE FOR THE EAST.—Ac-
cording to a statement in the columns of the
Englishman, Messrs. Thomas Wilson, Sons,
and Co., of Hull, are about to establish a
regular line of steamers between Calcutta and
London. These steamers will be eminently
adapted for carrying passengers, being fast
and very powerful; and provided with all the
comforts of the well-known Cunard line,
ladies' saloons, state cabins, smoking rooms,
and spacious dining saloons amidships,
besides having extensive bathing accommoda-
tions. The second-class cabins will also be
fitted up in an excellent style. The same
authority informs us that the first of these
steamers is due in the Hooghly about Christmas
time, and will start on her homeward voyage
about the 15th of January.

NOTHING NEW.—True enough, there is
nothing new under the face of the sun. Here
have we been instituting competitive exami-
nations as though it were an entirely original
idea, when it turns out, according to an American
Review, that the system has been in practice
in China for the last four thousand years! According to the statement in this periodical
Yushan, "the model Emperor of remote
antiquity," who lived B. C. 22000 examined
his officers every three years, and after three
examinations either promoted them or dis-
missed them. A thousand years later, candi-
dates as well as officers were examined, and a
thousand years later, or about, roundly stated,
the beginning of the Christian era, there is a
record that the district magistrates were to
send up for examination young men of filial
piety and integrity; and these young men
having passed this first and fundamental test,
were examined in "the six arts"—music,
archery, horsemanship, writing, arithmetic
and the "rites and ceremonies of public and
social life." They had also to show a know-
ledge of civil law and military rules, agricul-
ture, revenue administration, and geography,
especially, in the last case, with reference to
the rivers and roads of the Empire. Coming
to the present day the writer shews that while
the University of London admits annually
1,400 candidates, and passes one-half, the
Government of China admits annually
2,000,000, and passes only one per cent.
Having regard to the present condition of
the Colonial Empire, the system does not
appear to have done as much for that country
as might have been expected. A recent
number of the *North China Herald* informs
us of a fact curiously suggestive of "ye man-
ners and ye customs" in this competitive land.
It says that at a late literary examination at
Hangchow there were ten thousand candidates,
of whom six died during the confinement in the
hall. The bodies were thrust out through a
hole in the wall, and left there to be taken
away by friends.

SALT ADULTERATION.—In accordance with
a request made by the Planters Association the
Government has caused experiments to be
made in the adulteration of Salt by means of
Pitch oil. The following are the results as
given in the report thereon by Asst. Col.
Surgeon Mr. Kock and which appear to be ef-
fectually to dispose of that mode of adultera-
tion:—

1st. A mixture of Salt and Pitch Oil in the pro-
portions mentioned by Professor Anderson, with-
out the aid of heat remained in a humid state for
a period of four weeks. At the end of that time
the mixture contained more aqueous matter than at
the commencement of the experiments.

2nd. The salt was easily separated from the
Pitch Oil by simple solution, filtration, and eva-
poration.

3rd. The union of two bodies appeared to be-
come more intimate by the application of heat,
which also rendered the mixture dry, but there was
still a tendency to deliquesce.

4th. It was quite easy to separate the salt from
the mixture in this experiment as in the former
and by the same simple means.

The contents of the three accompanying phials
will illustrate my remarks. Phial A. contains
the sample of salt operated upon. Phial B. contains
the mixture heated to expel water and to bring
about a closer union. Phial C. contains the salt
separated from the mixture in Phial B.

These experiments lead me to the opinion.—1st.
That a mixture of Salt and Pitch Oil can hardly be
obtained in a dry state, and 2nd, that the salt can
be effectually separated from such mixture by
means which are simple and within reach of any
ordinary cooly.

THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.—The last
Gazette contained Drafts of proposed Ordi-
nances one of which is an Ordinance to amend
the Ordinance No. 3 of 1870. By inadvertence
the names of the Sinhalese Villages in two
divisions of the Mannar District were omitted
in the enumeration of places in which the Or-
dinance is to come into operation, contained
in the Schedule attached to the old Ordinances
of 1859 and 1870. This Ordinance is brought
forward to supply the omission in the latter
Ordinance.

An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance
No. 17 of 1869.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Man-
agers of the Banks in Ceylon have represented
to the Government that it would be productive
of great advantage to the trade of the place,
if Warrants of goods warehoused in the Queen's
and Bonded Warehouses were legalized in the
form of the Warrants issued by Dock Com-
panies in England, and such Warrants were
made transferable by endorsement and carried
with them the right and title to such goods.
The draft Ordinance is brought forward to
enable Collectors of Customs and Warehouse
Keepers to issue such Warrants. Advantage
is taken of the opportunity, to make a few
minor amendments of the Customs Ordinance.
viz. Collector to regulate the storing of in-
flammables, and the traffic of vehicles, &c.

Time for instituting claims under 122nd
section of Ordinance 17 of 1869 extended to
one month.

An Ordinance for raising £150,000 on Debentures
for the Extension of the Railway from Peradeniya
to Nawalapitiya.

All receipts from the said extension of the line
of Railway shall be carried to the account of the
General Revenue of the Island.

The Bill is introduced for the purpose of obtain-
ing authority to borrow the additional funds re-
quired for the proposed Railway extension to
Nawalapitiya, over and above the sums to be taken
from surplus balances and general revenue.

An Ordinance to apply a portion of Surplus
Revenues to the Extension of Railway Communi-
cation. It is proposed to apply a sum of £50,000
from surplus balances for the purposes of the Rail-
way extension to Nawalapitiya.

The following Despatch, received from the Sec-
retary of State for the Colonies, is published for the
information of the Civil Service.

Downing Street, 18th October, 1870.

SIR.—I have read with much interest the able
Administration Report made by the Officers of

