

cial Government, it is said, are building 30 boats in Canton, under the direction of five Chinese boat builders hired in Macao. They are to be double banked, 28 oars on each side; and are to be well armed and equipped for the service of capturing opium ships, brigs and schooners. *Canton Register*, March 10.

The *Singapore* papers, to the 24th March, state that some pirates had lately taken forcible possession of one of the *Bird's Nest Islands*, which was formed by a British subject from the Government of Siam. The Cruiser and steamer *Diana* were gone in pursuit of the Pirates.

The French colonial schooner of war the *Rachel* commanded by a Lieut., arrived at *Sierra Leone* during the *Bonetta's* stay; but as she did not salute the British flag, nor offer any excuse for not doing so, no attention was paid to her commander by the British officers, nor by the Governor of *Sierra Leone*.

Lieut. Symonds, R. E., the active assistant of Col. Paisley, has succeeded in finding two guns (supposed to be brass) under the buoy on the *Edgar*, a ship of the line blown up at *Spithead* in the reign of *Queen Anne*, the wreck of which will probably be blown up once more, and cleared away by the same means as those now successfully employed on the *Royal George*.

The navigation of the *Euphrates* will soon be accomplished. The British have there now four steam boats of 40 horse power. The mails will be about six days coming across *Syria* and *Bassora* to *Aleppo*, and it is expected that only 30 days will be required to come from *Bombay* to *Paris*.

Captain Courtenay Boyle, R. N., nephew to the Earl of *Cork*, has been appointed Groom of the Chamber to His Royal Highness *Prince Albert*.

A letter from *Perpignan* of the 5th July affirms that *Cabrera's* sisters certainly had 60,000 francs in gold, which they declared at the Custom house. A mule driver was stopped with a chest containing a magnificent service of plate (silver gilt), which he was endeavouring to bring into *France*, and which he declared belonged to *Cabrera*. It has been sent to *Paris*.

FINING THE SHERIFFS OF LONDON.

In the *Court of Queen's Bench* on Saturday, an action on a contract was tried at *Guildhall*, in which the jury retired to consider their verdict. Lord *Denman* directed a fresh jury to be empanelled, in order that the Court might proceed with the other cases in the paper; but as only ten of the jury answered to their names, his Lordship was under the necessity of adjourning the Court, but before doing so he fined the Sheriffs *Twenty Pounds*, for their neglect of duty in not providing a sufficient number of jurymen.

On the circuits the High Sheriff is invariably in the Court during the Assizes; and by law the Sheriffs of London are bound to be present in the Court of Queen's Bench during its sittings.

A private letter from *Toulon*, of the 2d inst., states positively that the *Bey of Tunis* took the field on the 4th June, at the head of 6000 infantry, besides cavalry and artillery (the latter consisting of 18 pieces of cannon). An auxiliary force of 2,000 *Bedouins* co-operated with them. Several thousand camels carried the baggage of the army.

*Prospects of the Harvest in IRELAND.* The present is a most important and critical period, in regard to the prospective harvest. From personal observation, we are enabled to report very favourably of the promising state of the Crops in the counties of *Antrim, Derry, Donegal, Fermanagh, Sligo, Cavan, Monaghan, Tyrone, Armagh, and Down.* The Wheat crop is said to be short in the straw; but it appeared to us healthy, and is generally in ear, without any lodgment. The Oats are most luxuriant, perhaps too much so, should dry weather not immediately succeed; generally, this is the best prospective crop we have; indeed, in many districts, farmers are cropping off the heads, with shears, to relieve the plants. Rye and Barley are excellent, and both in ear. A greater breadth of Potatoes has been planted this year than has hitherto been known; and they are put into the ground in a more scientific manner than we have before seen. Drilling has become almost universal; and the wildest districts of bog and mountain have been, this season, converted into potato plantations. The failure talked of is very partial. Flax, particularly *Donegal* promises uncommonly well. Nothing is wanting but dry and warm weather to secure almost an abundant harvest. *Northern Whig.*

The Marquis of *Westminster* has given the magnificent donation of five hundred guineas, to the Society for the *Universal Extinction of Slavery*, of which *Prince Albert* is President.

The *Royal Marines* have been supplied with new undress jackets, which are white instead of scarlet, with blue facings.

*The Wellington Testimonial.* The committee of subscribers to the equestrian statue of the *Duke of Wellington*, have recently had the gratification of receiving Her Majesty's subscription of *Five Hundred Guineas*, and from *Prince Albert* a subscription of *One Hundred Guineas*.

The death of *Major Armstrong*, 45th regiment, has given promotion to that old and meritorious officer *Brevet-Major Stack*, who commanded the company of the 45th which quelled the riots at *Newport*.

*Army in Ireland.* Total strength of the Army in Ireland for June is as follows: Royal Artillery, 827 rank and file; four regiments of cavalry, 6th Dragoon Guards, 6th

Dragoons, 12th Lancers, and 17th Lancers, 1070 rank and file; ten regiments of infantry, and 28 depots, 13,892. Total, 15,789.

The British army alone has probably more Generals than all the armies of the rest of the world put together.

The *London Times* newspaper, of Thursday, June 25, printed on four sheets, contained 1482 regular advertisements, paying a duty of £185 15s. for advertisements alone. Taking these advertisements at 25s. each which is a fair average, the charges being very high, the clear profits amount (for the sale of the paper must very considerably more than pay all expenses) to £1000 7s.—the profits of one day.

It is understood at Berlin that the coronation of the King and Queen of Prussia will take place in Sept. at *Koenigsberg*, as Sovereigns of the Prussian provinces and *Posen*; in Oct. at Berlin, for the *Brandenburg, Saxon, Pomeranian, and Silesian Territories*; and in Nov. at *Cologne*, for the *Rhenish provinces* at *Westphalia*.

*Extensive Felony.*—£1030 Reward. This morning information was given at the Mansion-house and metropolitan police-stations of the following felony:—that is to say, £17,000 Danish bonds, £21,000 Brazilian bonds, and 100,000 guilders, Dutch 5 per Cent. bonds, and which amount together in value to about £40,000, were recently stolen from a foreign house, and were traced to the possession of Robert Brine, formerly carrying on business under the firm or style of Robert Brine and Co. wine merchants, 21, Pudding-lane, monument yard; and having absconded being charged with feloniously receiving the said bonds, knowing them to be stolen, the above reward of £1000 has been offered for his apprehension and the recovery of the securities. It is supposed that his wife and three children have accompanied him in his flight. A great sensation was created on three or four placards being posted in the City; many others are now printing, and will be posted during the day.

*SYRIA.*—The intelligence from *Beirut* comes down to the 4th inst. It states the insurrection continued to extend itself, and to gather strength. In every skirmish that had taken place the bravery of the insurgents was (as we are told) as remarkable as the cowardice of the Egyptian troops. They have numerous leaders, who appear to possess courage at least, and expect others still more distinguished. We find also that there are in their ranks two Frenchmen, Messrs. *Orfroy* and *L'Heretier*, to whom the title of General is given. The insurgents had hoisted the Turkish flag, and proclaimed that they fought for their legitimate sovereign—the Sultan.

*Great Steam Project: The East Indian Steam Navigation Company*, (by way of the Mediterranean, Egypt, and the Red Sea: to be incorporated by Royal charter, capital £800,000. The following abstract will show the estimated outlay, charges, and revenue of this great enterprise:

Outlay.—Building and fitting seven steam ships, cost of stations abroad, and incidental expenses . . . . .	£600,000
Annual Charges.—Wages, coals, victualling, insurance, &c. sinking fund for wear and tear, and renewal of ships, and charges of all kinds.	£239,000
Income.—Passengers, less victualling, and land transport . . . . .	281,000
Freight, consisting of light parcels, periodicals, bullion, &c.	24,000
	305,000
Yielding a clear annual profit of £66,000 or upwards of 11 per cent. upon 600,000 dol.	

The vessels are to be constructed of such tonnage and power as to be applicable to the route by the *Cape of Good Hope*, in case of any interruption to that through *Egypt*.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1840.

To Correspondents.

A letter on the use and abuse of *Sunday School Treats* came too late for publication; it shall be duly attended to in our next.

A Correspondent has suggested that a tall *Fir tree* encircled with a wreath composed of the *Rose, Shamrock and Thistle*, would be an appropriate crest for the *Newfoundland Natives' Society*: the tree to be represented as growing upon the summit of an island with bold and precipitous cliffs, and rising from a gently agitated sea.

Since our last we have been favored with *New York* papers to the 22d ulto., but they contain nothing of importance.

Ship News.

Port of Harbor Grace.

ENTERED

- Sept. 4.—Spanish Schooner *Joven Entemia*, Villabano, Bilbao—ballast.
- 5.—American Brig *System*, Trathen, New York, 500 bls. flour, 100 bls. pork, 300 bgs bread, 20 bls. tar, 30 bls. beef, 20 kegs tobacco, 9 bls. ale, 100 bls. apples, 15 bls. potatoes 4 crates onions, 20 hams.

Port of St. John's.

ENTERED

- August 20.—Robert, Enmar, New Brunswick, lumber.
- Nancy, Boudrot, Cape Breton, butter, oxen & sheep.
- Catherine, Smith, New Brunswick, lumber.
- Helen, Banks, Greenock, general, cargo.
- 21.—Assistance, Chessong, Cape Breton, cattle.
- Blandford, Field, Cadiz, salt.
- Cygnat, O'Neil, New Brunswick, lumber and laths.
- Amphiam, Edwards, N. Brunswick, lumber.
- Castlereagh, Kellar, St. Michael's, potatoes.
- Comet, Davis, Cape Breton, coal.
- 22.—Spanish Schooner *Juliano*, Corbina, Havannah, specie and ballast.
- St. John, Percey, New York, provisions.
- T. C. T., Muggah, Cape Breton, coal.
- Three Brothers, M. Kenzie, Cape Breton, coal.
- Tryon, Neal, Cape Breton, coal.
- Adventure, Palfrey, Newport, coal.
- Ratchford, Flavin, Cadiz, salt.
- 24.—Dewdrop, Furler, Cadiz, salt.
- Fox, Fox, Dondon, general cargo.
- Malvina, Geran, New Brunswick, lumber.
- 27.—Spanish Lugger, *Dos Hermanos*, Echebarria, Bilbao, ballast.
- Spanish Schooner *Doretia*, Millet, Corunna, potatoes, onions and raisins.
- 28.—Neptune, M'Isaac, Bristol, manufactured goods.
- Waterlily, Mutchmore, Cape Breton, coal.
- 29.—Superb, Gordon, Liverpool, salt.
- Southampton, Richardson, Cuba, coffee, sugar, rum, molasses, and segars.
- Spanish Brig *Paquete de Cantabra*, Mandicollanda, Bilbao, ballast.
- 31.—Lively, Gillis, New Brunswick, board.
- Jane, Yonden, New York, provisions.
- Dartmouth, Glass, Kinsale, ballast.
- September 1.—Russel, Kielly, Nova Scotia, cattle, sheep, and butter.
- Annandale, Kemp, P. E. Island, board.