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# STANDARD EXTRA!

## Arrival of the Steamship Columbia.

Standard Office, Friday Morning, March 24, 1843.

The March Mail with dates to the 4th instant, by the Steamer Columbia arrived at Halifax on Saturday afternoon, in 14 days from Liverpool, and was received here last night. The Columbia brought 56 passengers, 47 of whom were for Boston.

We lay before our readers this Morning in an Extra, the principle items of Intelligence, by this arrival.

The new Governor General of Canada, and suite, came passengers in the Columbia. They will probably proceed to Canada via Boston.

His Excellency had the pleasure of dining with Her Majesty, at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, previous to taking leave.

The news by this arrival is anything but cheering. Business in the manufacturing districts, and trade generally, remained in a depressed state. The Overland Mail had arrived, and advices from China are favorable. Votes of thanks passed both Houses of Parliament to the Indian army. A farewell dinner was given to Sir G. Metcalfe.

The steamship Calcutta arrived at Liverpool on the 17th Feb. after a boisterous passage of 13 days from Halifax.

From Charles Willmer's News Letter.

The character of the incidents which have occurred since the date of our last publication, is neither cheering nor satisfactory.

The condition of the working classes in our country is truly deplorable. The lengthened and unrelenting continuance of eastward winds, as it has retarded the arrival of homeward bound vessels, deprives their means of subsistence the men who depend on the shipping for their daily bread, and at the unhappy contingency has not been stored for by a revival of trade in the manufacturing districts. At other periods the briskness of some particular branch of trade has been cited as a contradiction to the assertion that "times are bad," but at the present juncture the most tortuous ingenuity fails to convince us that the condition of the labouring classes is not fearfully and unequivocally wretched. Over the entire length and breadth of the community, one wide cloud of gloom is spread.

The suspicious circumstances, from the operation of which a beneficial change may be anticipated, few even of the most sanguine will even venture to predict. That distress—deeply seated, widely extended, and long endured, does exist—the admission of the Ministry themselves—the men whose purpose and policy it would be to gloss over or to conceal it—sadly and surely proves.

The Anti-Corn Law League are untiring in their exertions to agitate the country. They have convened meetings in the principal towns, and if they have gained no proselytes they have, at least, mustered numerous audiences.

The trials of the Chartists, among whom is the would-be famous Feargus O'Connor, are proceeding at Lancaster.

We regret to learn from the tenor of advices, which are tolerably extensively accredited, that the mission of Mr. Ellice to the Brazils is likely to be productive of no beneficial result. The Brazilians refuse to enter into a negotiation with us except upon terms so decidedly disadvantageous to Great Britain that it would be impolitic, and perhaps dishonourable to this country, to accept them.

Sir CHARLES METCALFE.—This distinguished personage leaves England to-day in the Columbia, to assume the functions of Governor General of Canada. No appointment of recent occurrence has afforded more unequivocal satisfaction. It has been Sir Charles' fate through life to be placed in the battle front of the most perplexing difficulties, and most nobly has he invariably overcome them.

The Colonial Society entertained him at a splendid banquet on the 27th instant; Sir Augustus D'Eate in the chair.

News from Sir J. Ross.—Intelligence has just been received from Capt. Sir J. Ross who has, it appears, penetrated the Antarctic Circle to 71 40. He has surveyed the coast discovered by him along its west boundary, and has proceeded to do the same along the eastern line.

Mrs. Wood, the celebrated vocalist, has become a convert to Catholicism, has left her husband, and entered a convent.

Mr. Joseph Leman, of North Cadbury, has proved before a Scotch court, his claim to the title and immense landed estates of the late Sir Wm. Leman, Bart., of Northham, Herts, besides the sum of £1,699,000 in the funds.

LIVERPOOL, March 4.—The London papers of last night contain no news of importance. The trial of McNaughten for the murder of Mr Drummond had commenced at the Central Criminal Court, but at the hour of the mail leaving had not terminated. So far as the evidence had gone it bears strongly against the prisoner. The interest and anxiety to gain admittance into the Court is described as having been immense.

In the House of Commons last night, in answer to a question by Lord Palmerston—Sir R. Peel said he had no objection to lay before the House copies of or extracts from communications between Lord Ashburton, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Mr. Webster, in reference to the Treaty signed at Washington on the 9th of August, 1842.

Death of Lord Alcester.—We have to announce the demise of this amiable and venerable nobleman, which took place at Alcester Castle, Scotland, on Wednesday. His lordship was in his 71st year.

Thirty-seven Protestants, sixteen of whom were females, embraced Catholicism in the diocese of Rochelle during the past year.

The roof of that part of Windsor Castle appropriated to the royal residence, took fire on Thursday morning, the 18th ult. by the ignition of some soot in one of the chimneys, but it was speedily extinguished without danger to the building.

The marriage of the Crown Prince of Hanover with the Princess Mary, daughter of the Grand Duke of Alenburgh, took place on Saturday, the 18th ult. Queen Victoria, has presented to the young couple a splendid table service for 36 persons and six courses.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Lord Seaton, K. G. C. B., to be Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner in and for the United States of the Ionian Islands.

It is currently reported, in the leading political clubs that Sir James Graham is likely to be selected to succeed Lord Ellenborough as Governor General of India.

We understand that Mr. Thomas Pottinger, the brother of Sir Henry Pottinger, the able negotiator of our peace with China, has been selected by the Government for the chief office as resident at Hong Kong, and is to take his departure forthwith.

Misery in Scotland.—It gives us much pleasure to find that a commission has been appointed by the Government for the purpose of inquiry respecting the administration of the laws for the relief of the poor in Scotland.

H.M.S. Modeste, 18, arrived at Plymouth on 24th Feb. from China, with a million of dollars.—H.M.S. Calliope, 28, from China, has arrived at Cove.

Russia.—The treaty of commerce and navigation between Great Britain and Russia, signed at St. Petersburg on the 11th of January, and ratified in London on the 1st of this month, is eminently calculated to bind and maintain the continuance of the amicable relationship existing between the

parties to it, and it is a circumstance which our French neighbours do not seem complacently to regard.

India.—By the Overland Mail, advices has been received from India of the date of the 24 Janyary.

The army had succeeded in crossing the Sutledge, under the command of General Pollock.

CHINA.—The News from China comes down to the 19th of November from Macao, to the 15th from Hong Kong, and to the end of October from Chusan, and is most satisfactory.

The last division of the fleet having left the Yank Tze-Kiang River, had on the 17th of October reached Chusan, where a portion of the troops was to be stationed for a time, other portions were stationed at Amoy and Hong Kong. This latter colony is governed by Lord Saltoun. It was thriving, and a proposal had been made for erecting a theatre there. Captain Balfour, of the Madras Artillery, who gained a considerable knowledge of the Chinese language and character, was named British Consul-General, to reside at Shanghai. There were various decrees published by the Emperor, in which the national dislike of the Tartars to all foreigners was in some measure concealed and a wish to maintain the "everlasting peace" exhibited. English merchants and their "families" are to be permitted, according to these decrees, to reside at Canton, at Fouchow, at Amoy, Ningpo, Shanghai; and their ships are to have prizes for repairs. Hong Kong is ceded in perpetuity as a colony to Great Britain, and the "Hong" or money merchants, are to be abolished.

The Imperial Commissioners were expected at Canton in December, and the adjustment of the pending disputes would occur early in the present year.

Sir Henry Pottinger was expected to arrive at Hong Kong towards the end of November or beginning of December, in order to carry on the negotiations respecting the commercial tariff. The Commander-in-Chief, Sir Hugh Gough intended, it was said to sail for Calcutta in the beginning of December.

Several of the regiments appear to have suffered severely from sickness. The Chinese were repairing all their fortifications.

The following is from a commercial circular dated Macao, 5th of November:—

"We have the pleasure of continuing our advices from the 10th of September. Trade generally has been in a very languid state since that time, owing to the uncertainty which prevails respecting the new scale of duties to be arranged by her Majesty's Plenipotentiary with the Imperial Commissioners."

Liverpool, Timber Market, March 1.—

This month is generally one of light import, but unusually so in the present instance, only one arrival having taken place, consequently there are few sales from the quay to report. Pine Timber.—A small parcel of Lower Port, from the quay was sold at 14d per foot, and from the yard a cargo of middling quality St. John, of 55 feet average, at 17d per foot, a cargo of Bay Chaleur at 16 1/2d, per foot, one good Quebec at 14 1/2d, to 15 1/2d per foot. 193 logs St. John Red Pine of middling quality, have been sold by auction at from 10 1/2d to 11d per foot. Birch, &c.—Middling St John has been sold by auction at 15 1/2d per foot, and very old and inferior St. Andrew's at 8 1/2d per foot. St. John Spruce Planks have been sold at 2d 9-16th per foot.

St. John Yellow Pine, 1s. 4 1/2d, to 1s. 8 1/2d per foot; Red Pine, 11 1/2d to 1s. 4d; St. John Birch, 1s. 3d to 1s. 6d; N. B. and N. S. pine and spruce Deals, per foot of 2 inch, 2 1/2d to 2 3/4d.