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DESPATCHES, with Enclosures, of which the following are Copies, have been received from Rear-Admiral Sir James Stirling, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels on the East India and China Station:—

REPORTING SUCCESSES AGAINST PIRATES BY  
RATTLER.

*Winchester, at Sea, lat. 25° 17' N.,  
long. 120° 10' E.*

*October 23, 1855.*

SIR,

On the 23th of May I had the honour to report that Commander Fellowes, of Her Majesty's steam-sloop Rattler, had made a successful attack on a piratical horde near Hong-Kong, and I have now the satisfaction to forward herewith reports from that zealous and attentive officer of further and more important successes.

2. To the last of the operations therein reported, I venture to solicit the particular attention of their Lordships; for I feel assured that, while they will deeply regret that so many brave men should have fallen and suffered in the execution of the services described, they will appreciate highly the gallantry and resolution exhibited, equally by the officers, seamen, and marines, of the United States frigate Powhatton, as well as by the officers, seamen, and marines of Her Majesty's ships who were engaged, and will perceive that the success obtained reflects great credit on Commander William Abdy Fellowes, who planned and directed the attack.

Every attention shall be given to promote the recovery and provide for the comfort of the wounded men, and to afford such of them, as may desire it, an early return to their native country.

I have, &c.,

J. STIRLING, Rear-Admiral and  
Commander-in-Chief.

*The Secretary of the Admiralty.*

*Her Majesty's steam-sloop Rattler,  
off Mios Bay, May 29, 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I started from Hong-Kong on Sunday afternoon, the 27th, and proceeded to the harbour of Samchow, where we arrived at daylight on Monday the 28th, and with the assistance of some neighbouring fishermen and our own boats away

sounding, we were enabled to get up near to where the captured lorchas were lying. Immediately we hove in sight they all weighed and ran up to what, to us, appeared a river, but was a continuation of the harbour, forming an island; the boats were sent away fully armed, under the command of Lieutenant Wrey, and after a good deal of firing the junks were run ashore and deserted. I ordered them by signal to be all burnt; but besides the re-captured lorchas, three lorchas were claimed by the Chinese we took with us; so there were burnt in all, six; brought off, five. We took four prisoners, one of whom was recognised as the Second Chief, and one other was wounded by a musket ball in the knee. No casualties occurred on our side. Owing to the lateness of the hour before we could secure the prizes, I was obliged to remain for the night, and got out this morning with a very slight touch on the ground.

I need scarcely inform your Excellency that from first to last a most gallant spirit was shewn by every individual engaged, and as the whole affair was seen by myself, I can attest the good behaviour of every one; indeed the boat attack on the five large junks on shore, which were firing heavy guns until the boats got near, when they were deserted, was gallant in the extreme, at the same time proper caution was used in approaching.

The boats destroyed were as follows, averaging from fifty to sixty men each:—

One large junk, 14 heavy guns; 24, 18, and 12-pounders.

One large junk, 12 guns; two 24-pounders and ten smaller guns.

Two junks from 8 to 10 guns; 6, 8, and 12-pounders.

Two large fishing-boats; no big guns.

From 28 to 30 of their men were either killed or wounded. The lorchas, which were also heavily armed, fired on the boats, but were soon deserted when they found our two smaller boats coming up in their rear.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral  
Sir J. Stirling, Kt.*



*Her Majesty's steam-sloop Rattler,*  
*Hong-Kong, 28th June 1855.*

SIR,

SINCE my last letter, dated May 29th, in which I informed you of a successful expedition against the pirates at Samchow, I have had information supplied of two more robberies having been committed; the first they could not make out any English ownership or that the plundered vessel belonged at all to Hong-Kong, so I let them alone; as to the second, on the 4th June Mr Caldwell came off to say an English lorch had been captured near St John's, with a very valuable cargo on board, and the informants said they had no doubt the pirates were still there. I got up steam instantly, and proceeded so as to arrive there at daylight, which was done, and the boats sent into the harbour, where we unfortunately found only one small piratical boat, which was burnt. I then, from information received from a boat, went as far as Nampang, which we went completely round without seeing anything. I then stood back and managed, by lying to during the night, to fetch into Tyloo very early in the morning of the 6th, and cruized round, as far as the shallow water would allow, without seeing anything. I then steered for the Ladrone Islands, and as we neared them observed two large piratical boats come round a point, and when they saw us they ran in shore and deserted their boats, the crews running away in all directions, carrying large bundles. The boats were sent in and the vessels brought out. I then landed the boats' crews under the command of Messrs Wrey and Greer, to search for some of the property we thought we had seen them secrete. Nothing of any importance was found on shore, but on board we found piratical flags—mandarin's and rebel. Mr Caldwell concurring with myself that there was no doubt as to their character, they were towed out to sea, the guns thrown overboard, and the vessels burnt. I then went and looked into some more small harbours among these islands, and it getting dark, I thought it better to return to Hong-Kong, where I have remained up to this date without any more reports I could act on.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES,  
Commander.

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral*  
*Sir J. Stirling, Commander-in-Chief.*

*Her Majesty's steam-sloop Rattler,*  
*Hong-Kong, August 6, 1855.*

SIR,

My last letter apprised your Excellency of pirates being once more abroad committing depredations. Now I have the honour to inform you that I started from Hong-Kong on the 30th ultimo, after these plunderers, touching at Macao for information which led me on the 31st to look into all the bays for some distance to the southward of Macao; but seeing nothing, I crossed over to the Ladrones, taking a turn round all the islands in the neighbourhood, with the like want of success. Not despairing, however, of finding their haunt, I retraced my steps back to Macao, where, with the assistance of Mr Caldwell, late Government Interpreter, I obtained some Chinamen who stated they knew their whereabouts. Standing again to the southward as far as Tyloo I came up with part of the junks the pirates had captured; but the pirate chief, with several armed junks, keeping in shore, where the water is shallow, prevented the ship reaching him or our shot and shell doing him or his vessels any harm. Suspecting the pirates would remain in their fancied security, I

hastened back to Hong-Kong, landing the Chinamen at Macao on my way, called on his Excellency Sir John Bowring on the 2d, and, with his concurrence, had an interview with Captain McCluney, of the United States steam frigate Powhatton, who, on my personal application, placed a volunteer force at my disposal, consisting of two paddle-box boats and a cutter, fitted each with a 12-pounder howitzer, and manned with 66 seamen and 28 marines, under the command of Lieutenant Pegram. With this additional strength and the Eaglet, a small steamer drawing 7 feet of water, lent by Mr Caldwell for the occasion, I quitted Hong-Kong once more on the 3d instant, with the steamer and boats in tow of the Rattler, and anchored the same night as near the point on the north side of Kulan as practicable. At daylight on the 4th all the boats of the Rattler and the Powhatton, manned and armed, were taken in tow of the Eaglet, the depth of water not permitting Rattler to proceed farther, and stood at once for Kulan, which was found to be empty; but, looking round, a creek, apparently on the main land, was discovered, where the mast-heads of several junks could be distinctly seen, and about the same time a lorch was observed to leave the creek with the evident intention of escaping, but, to prevent her doing so, I despatched the Rattler's pinnace, in charge of Lieutenant Wrey, and Powhatton's cutter, to endeavour to cut her off; the boats on coming up with her found she was in possession of the usual sailing letter, and the master stated he had that morning effected his escape, after being plundered of everything of value. The Eaglet soon towed the boats abreast of the creeks, the pirates as we neared firing several ineffectual guns by way, I suppose, of defiance; we returned in exchange five 24-pounder rockets that I had procured before starting. These, fired from the steamer, alarmed the pirates, numbering in all 34 junks, crowded with guns and men, as they immediately hoisted their sails and made for the head of the creek. Perceiving this the boats pushed off in chase. On reaching a small island at the head of the creek, the larger junks made a stand, with their broadsides towards us, firing with much rapidity and in an excellent direction, but the boats returning their fire with shell and grape, and closing rapidly amidst a shower of shot, made a dash, and the junks were ours, the crews taking to the water. Leaving a small party of men in charge, the boats pursued the others, who had, with a light air, gained the middle of a large bay or rather lagoon which opened out of the creek, and succeeded in taking many of them.

Nine war junks, mounting 130 guns of all sizes, and nine small junks (traders) the pirates had detained, were captured.

We felt ourselves obliged to burn and destroy the war junks, as also two of the trading junks; night approaching, and being a great distance from the steamer, compelling us to do this to prevent them falling into improper hands.

This success, obtained from a regularly organized pirate fleet, was, I am sorry to say, attended with the loss of two men killed, and eleven officers and men wounded on the part of the Americans, and three men killed, and seven men wounded belonging to this ship; while the loss of the pirates must have been immense, for, taking the number of men in the junks at the time of our opening fire to be 1,000 men, their killed, wounded, and drowned could not have been less than 500 men; the shell and grape from the boats, guns, and musketry of the marines must have told upon them severely

as they stood fighting at their guns with unusual firmness.

Five of the junks are deserving more than ordinary mention, being built of very substantial materials, large, and roomy, evidently built for war purposes, as they differed in many respects from trading junks; their armament, besides the usual complement of spears, muskets, stinkpots, &c., comprised many large guns, there was a 68-pounder and a large 18-pounder not weighing less than 50 cwt., 32, 24, 12, and 6-pounders; one junk had twenty-one guns mounted.

It is impossible to speak too highly of the American co-operating party engaged; they were with the Rattlers emulating each other in the thickest of the attack. It was in capturing a junk which blew up, killing two and wounding eleven of the Americans, and capsizing my gig, that I witnessed the cool bravery of Lieutenant Rolando, U.S.N., to whose timely rescue I am indebted for my life; but my warmest thanks in particular are due to Lieutenant Pegram, the American senior officer; his encouragement of the men, and coolness under a heavy fire, and determined bravery when surrounded by a persevering and revengeful foe, was conspicuous to all; indeed, every officer and man belonging to that frigate acquitted themselves much to my satisfaction.

While bestowing all due credit on our American friends, I cannot pass over the conduct of Mr R. Brownsdon, Paymaster, in charge of the first cutter, whose boat, in an attack on a junk, had three men killed and seven men wounded by stinkpots and spears; nor that of Mr John James, the boatswain, who gallantly attacked a junk in a five oared gig, with musketry, till Lieutenant Pegram generously came to his aid and enabled him to take possession. Lieutenants Wrey and Greer, and Mr Lomax, mate, in the pinnace, returned from their chase of the lorch in time to burn all the junks we had captured, when I was obliged to retire with the wounded. I regret for their sakes they were not in the action, as they have always, when the opportunity offered, greatly distinguished themselves.

In conclusion, I must express to your Excellency my entire satisfaction with the conduct of every one employed under me; indeed, all exhibited on this occasion the same gallantry and coolness under fire that they did on the three former occasions when I had the honour of commanding them.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES,  
Commander.

P.S.—I placed the use of the hospital at the disposal of Captain McCluney for the treatment of his wounded, who at once accepted my offer.

(Signed) W. A. F.

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral  
Sir J. Stirling, Commander-in-Chief.*

List of the Names of Men belonging to Her Majesty's steam-sloop Rattler, Killed and Wounded, &c., in the engagement of the 4th August 1855, with the Piratical Fleet near Kulan.

KILLED.

John Massey, Gunner, R.M., Artillery.  
George Mitchell, A.B.  
James Silvers, Carpenter's Crew.

WOUNDED.

John Lindsay, Gunner, R.M., Artillery, burnt severely.

David Lloyd, Gunner, R.M., Artillery, burnt severely.

Richard Clark, Stoker, slightly wounded and burnt.

James Poulter, A.B., burnt severely.

John Eade, A.B., burnt severely.

James Paull, Boy, 1st Class, burnt badly.

William Robinson, Gunner, R.M., Artillery, contused head.

MISSING.

William Oliff, Private, R.M., supposed to be drowned.

(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES, Commander.

(Signed) F. B. PRITCHARD, Surgeon.

*Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Rattler,  
Hong-Kong, 6th August 1855.*

List of Killed and Wounded in the Engagement with Pirates at Kulan, on the 4th August 1855.

United States Boat Division.

KILLED.

Joseph A. Halsey, Landsman.

Isaac Coe, Landsman.

WOUNDED.

Lieutenant Pegram, contusion of hand.

Lieutenant Rolando, burn of hand.

John Pepper, Seaman, mortally (dead).

B. Adamson, Marine, gun shot, dangerously (dead).

J. Pendergast, Landsman, fracture of left clavicle and burns.

Samuel Mullard, Marine, burn, very severely (dead).

Frederick Hommel, Marine, burn, very severely.

P. Walderschmidt, Marine, burn, very severely.

Joshua Lewis, Seaman, burn, very severely.

William Taylor, Captain Aft. Guard, burn, very severely.

Charles Tingwell, Seaman, cutlass wound.

(Signed) ALBERT SCHRIVER,

Assistant-Surgeon U.S.N.

U.S. Steam Frigate Powhatan.

(Copy.)

(Signed) W. A. FELLOWES,

Commander H.M.S. Rattler.

TRANSMITTING REPORTS FROM COMMANDER VANSITTART OF CONFLICTS WITH PIRATICAL JUNKS.

*Winchester, at Hong-Kong,  
9th November 1855.*

SIR,  
I HAVE the pleasure to transmit herewith a report from Commander Vansittart, of Her Majesty's Sloop Bittern, detailing certain operations against pirates in the Gulf of Leotung, together with a copy of my reply to that officer in acknowledgment of the services above referred to.

I have also the honour to forward the accompanying Reports from Commander Vansittart, in relation to a later action between the Bittern and a greatly superior force of junks in Shiepo Bay, on which occasion the pirates appear to have commenced hostilities. I also forward my reply to Commander Vansittart's Report upon that service; and I cannot recommend to the notice of their Lordships in terms too high, the skill, gallantry, and resolution, displayed by Commander Vansittart, and by the officers, seamen, and marines who were engaged.

I regret to add that success was not achieved without serious loss, and I beg to recommend to the consideration of their Lordships the case of the family of Mr Turner, late Master of the

Bittern, who fell in the last-named action while gallantly conducting the ships towards the pirate junks. I have, &c.,

J. STIRLING,

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief,  
To the Secretary of the Admiralty.

*Her Majesty's sloop Bittern,  
Woosung, 2d September 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report the return this day of Her Majesty's sloop under my command from a successful cruize in search of the pirates referred to in paragraph 5, and enclosures of my letter of proceedings to your Excellency of the 1st August. Bad weather and other circumstances detained us until the 7th ultimo, when we started from Woosung in tow of the Confucius steamer; that vessel, manned and armed from the American frigate, having been supplied by the Chinese authorities with necessary officials, pilots, and informers.

2. At the port of Tsing-hae-wei, near Staunton Island, the Confucius obtained information of the pirates' movements, the fleet, numbering by various accounts from thirty-seven to forty, including, as the Chinese said, two European vessels, with Europeans on board, had proceeded northward; this went to confirm the information I had already received of Englishmen having joined themselves to these villains, rendering them vastly more formidable; so I decided to prosecute the search, and in tow of the Pavushan followed the Confucius round Shantung promontory, and she having examined Wei-hai-Wei, rejoined us in Che-fou Harbour, which we found rudely stockaded, in preparation for the pirates. They had, however, passed on, and unfortunately the shortness of coal obliged the Confucius to give up the chase.

3. Passing through Mid-Tao Strait, and striking northward for Ross Bay, in the Gulf of Leotung, at length, on the 18th ultimo, the pirates were observed in the unexplored bight northward of that bay, ending in the sizeable river which leads to the city of Fuchan. The Pavushan having towed us in, we still found ourselves obliged to anchor between two and three miles outside the pirates, in two and a-half fathoms. The boats returned with soundings that rendered it doubtful if they could be approached; although over the bar of two fathoms, at about half a mile distant from the pirate fleet, we found a hole of three fathoms which was buoyed after dark.

4. On the following morning the pirates, numbering from thirty to forty, including two lorchas with canvas sails, formed two divisions, and with a leading wind bore down in pretty style and opened a respectable fire on Her Majesty's sloop, which weighed and stood off to lead them out. I tacked and returned their fire, perhaps somewhat too soon, although they had already struck the ship, and continued working their guns with spirit, for they then began a clever manœuvre, joined their two divisions, and running for shoal water and a reef, kept in such a position that it was necessary to yaw up to bring our guns to bear, each time increasing our distance, and improving their chances of escape. Owing to the continued down-pour of rain, and misty weather, it was difficult to count the exact force opposed to us, but that Europeans served the guns of two of the largest seems highly probable; for having obtained their range they continued firing until they were dismasted and in a sinking state. As one boat was disabled another would take it in tow, and although surrounded with wreck, I was glad to

heave aback and work out of a dangerous corner into which they had led us, without taking possession of any of their vessels. Eight of their number, however, were sunk or abandoned.

5. Having communicated with the authorities, on the following morning we proceeded northward to release the merchant fleets. These we found had taken shelter high up various streams—upwards of 100 of them in a river leading to the City New-Chang, off which we anchored in 4½ fathoms, in lat. 40° 38' N., long. 122° 0' E., eight miles distant from the low entrance to the river. Between two or three miles within the bar is the seaport itself, of respectable size, with large establishments of grain. Here we learnt the pirates had already been, and, disappointed in obtaining their calculated ransom (the junks that had ventured past them having paid 1,200 dollars each, others having been burnt that had not the money), they seized a Chinese of no great rank, and, quartering him, sent his remains on shore in a basket to the authorities, with a threat that unless 100,000 dollars were immediately forthcoming they would treat the mandarins in the same way. Having obtained their booty, they were loitering on the coast for merchant craft when we fell in with them.

6. Turning to the southward, and searching various corners, we came up with thirteen of the fleet westward of Mid-Tao Strait, and the day being favourable, secured eleven of them, which I sunk or burnt; one only surrendering herself, was taken in and given over to the authorities at Tang-chow-foo; this, quite one of the smallest, had a crew of forty-one. The prisoners assured our interpreter that a lorch, which was one of the number, this day captured a white man and two Portuguese, as part crew, and that they escaped to the hills on our leaving her stranded to secure others making off with sweeps. She did not, on this occasion, return our fire; but when on shore, after having suffered severely from its effects, opened with her big gun upon the country people, and clearing a lane, a great part of her crew got away, armed with baggage.

7. Finally, on the 30th ultimo, northward of Staunton Island, we overtook another of the fleet, the crew of which must have been prepared to land, and expecting an attack by boats, would have blown the boarders up; for no sooner did our shot pass through her than the crew took to the water, and landing with spears, made for the hills; one man remaining aft threw a fire-ball forward, and sprung overboard immediately, before the explosion took place. This completed twenty out of a well provided daring fleet that we were enabled to destroy, besides probably having inflicted considerable damage on many that escaped us during the thick weather of the 19th ultimo. On different occasions when the boats were employed they were under the command of the Second Lieutenant Mr Brooker, Master Mr Turner, and Acting Mate Mr Todd, whose names I am glad to bring forward for favourable consideration.

8. I have troubled your Excellency somewhat fully, as the strengths of the armaments of these vessels, with their crews averaging not less than fifty men each, and the apparently established fact that Europeans have joined them, proves the extent to which piracy has arisen, and the formidable scale on which it is now conducted. I am convinced a merchant vessel could only have escaped such a fleet by out-sailing it, and the frequent calms of this season would have rendered her fate more certain for these pirates sweep with ease three and four knots, and with wind free many of them distanced

the Bittern. That they would not hesitate to attack merchantmen is evident from the vigorous manner they opened and maintained their fire upon us; their guns, six or seven to fourteen and upwards in each, vary from 24-pounders downwards; perhaps an occasional 32-pounder may be met with, but a nice sort of medium 18 is the most common in use. This fleet, all of which is called the west coast build, and of from I should say 90 to upwards of 200 tons burthen (excepting two, which seemed considerably larger), had a hide crow's nest (said to be musket-ball proof) at the main and foremast heads, capable of sheltering men who sling the stink-pot to a considerable distance; vast quantities of these were found, and an almost incredible supply of ammunition, pikes, knives, &c., on board those captured.

9. It is impossible to estimate the amount of trade thrown open for the present, if Chinese are to be credited, fully to the value of two or three millions of dollars; the prisoners talked of two hundred thousand dollars having been amongst the fleet, and assured us a considerable portion of it went down in the largest of their vessels which had sustained their fire with such spirit. It would have been well to have brought away the heavier guns, but the delay would have cost us some of the fleet; the officers saw quantities of rich furs and other booty on board those vessels which they burnt.

10. I am happy to say none of our people were wounded, one only was hurt in a trifling manner; a round shot took an awkward score between two and three inches deep out of the bowsprit, besides rending the spar; the carpenter tells me it can be rendered permanently secure by a fish we have prepared. I have, &c.,

(Signed) E. W. VANSITTART,  
Commander.

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral  
Sir James Stirling, Kt.*

*Winchester, at Hong-Kong,  
October 30, 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th September, in which you report that Her Majesty's sloop under your command, accompanied by the Confucius and Pavushan steamers, the former manned and armed from the United States frigate Macedonia, and the latter employed by the parties interested in the object of your intended expedition, and supplied by the Chinese authorities with necessary officials, pilots, and informers, had proceeded to the head of the Gulf of Leotung, and had accomplished the capture or destruction of 20 junks, whose piratical outrages had for some time previously infested the coast of China to the north of the Yang-tze-Kiang, and greatly obstructed the legitimate channels of trade.

I cannot but express the satisfaction I feel at your report of the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Brooker and of Messrs Turner and Todd, nor can I allow the present occasion to pass without conveying to you the expression of my high opinion of your own personal merit in the direction of the expedition, the success of which reflects the greatest credit on all concerned; and it will afford me great pleasure to forward to the Admiralty a copy of your communication and of this reply. I have, &c.,

(Signed) JS. STIRLING,  
Rear-Admiral, &c.

*Commander Vansittart,  
Her Majesty's sloop Bittern.*

*Her Majesty's sloop Bittern,*

SIR, *Sheipoo Harbour, September 22, 1855.*

It is my painful duty to report the death, at 8.55 A.M., of Mr Charles Turner, late Master of Her Majesty's sloop under my command. Being in tow of the Pavushan, Mr Turner on board, that steamer had successfully piloted us into port on the 18th instant, and it was some time after, during the heat of the action, whilst altering the position of the steamer, he was led to pass outside of us into the direct line of all the piratical fire that went over the Bittern, when he received his death wound from a round shot which tore away part of his right side.

Your Excellency is well aware of the loss Her Majesty's service sustains in the premature death of this valuable officer. A thorough sailor and a first-rate master, doubtless when represented by his Commander-in-chief, his services will be favourably considered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in awarding some pension or assistance to his family. His mother, Mrs Turner, the widow of an old Lieutenant who died a Retired Commander, resides in Parker's Place, Exmouth, Devon, and with two daughters was, I am informed, chiefly dependant on the support she received from the late lamented officer and another son in the merchant service.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) E. W. VANSITTART,  
Commander.

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral  
Sir Jas. Stirling, Kt., Com-  
mander-in-Chief, &c., &c., &c.*

*Her Majesty's sloop Bittern,*

SIR, *Shanghai, October 5, 1855.*

I HAVE the honour to report the return last evening of Her Majesty's sloop under my command, from the contemplated cruize mentioned in my letter of proceedings of 11th ultimo. On clearing the Yang-tze-kiang the following day, instead of steering for Ningpo, as intended, we were induced, by information that morning received, to make direct for Chusan, and in Tanghai Harbour found five doubtful looking well armed west coast boats, a part of the Ningpo batch in Imperial Bay; we then learnt how a strong squadron of piratical craft had lately blockaded the island of Potoo, on which some English ladies were at the time, and in Sinkeamoon Channel, only a few miles distant, captured an Englishman's boat, with European passengers, bound from Ningpo for Potoo; and further, that the pirates had just gone southward, as supposed, to their favourite haunt of Sheipoo; so, hurrying across to Ningpo, we anchored off Chinhae on 15th ultimo, and found there the Pavushan merchant steamer, which vessel had again been placed at my disposal. This was most fortunate, for the information received from the Chinese at Chu-an proved correct; the ladies were in great danger; some of their friends with a Mr Russel, had already been taken within sight of Potoo, making the case far too urgent to await the assistance of the much hoped for steamers-of-war, and the towing power of the Pavushan, little as it is, enabled us to proceed to Sheipoo with more confidence.

2. Taking the time of slack water, we entered the secure and beautiful harbour of Sheipoo by its N.E. pass, on opening which, the piratical craft were seen, bearing many different banners, moored in an excellent defensive position close off the village of Sheipoo, with crowded decks,

men at their guns pointed for the passage. I ordered Mr Turner, the Master, who, on board the Pavushan, was towing a-head and piloting us in, to keep her at fullest speed, and with sail on the Bittern to the last moment, we were still exposed for more than ten minutes to a heavy raking fire before a shot was returned, and the ship could be brought up and sprung into position; then we found our port broadsides engaged at about 500 yards with a line of twenty-two west coast boats, lashed head and stern, the left wing of which was sufficiently advanced to cross their fire; this they kept up with astonishing spirit for some time, and it took more than an hour to silence them altogether; fortunately, being much within their first range, we suffered less than might have been expected.

3. On deserting their vessels the remains of the crews collected in bodies, with gingalls, spears, and other arms, and made for heights overlooking the village. A body of forty or fifty tried to escape in one of their captured vessels. This we dismantled and drove on shore; the pirates, scrambling up some rocks, were seized or destroyed by country people. Another body attempted to escape in a like boat, by passing round the small islands opposite Sheipoo village. The Pavushan chased her out of the harbour and drove them on shore. On taking possession only one of the whole twenty-two vessels was found uninjured enough to move; she had eleven guns bearing on us, which had evidently been well served. A larger craft, pointed out to me early in the action as working fourteen guns, was singled out for our best shots, and was quickly sunk. I cannot resist bringing to your Excellency's notice the beautiful practice and cool management of his gun by a young able seaman, John E. Matless, who had been raised to the situation of captain of a gun from my experience of his proficiency when exercising on a target. We removed all the guns practicable from such of the squadron as had not been sunk or blown up, and burnt the whole of the remains of the hulls at low water.

4. The only prize I have brought into port was saved by the pirates having lashed a merchant vessel on her engaged side, laden with mud, coals, &c., sunk deep enough just to admit of their firing over her. A double tier of bales of cotton on the deck completed this perfect fender and battery, through which our shot could not penetrate. A shell had fired part of her upper works. Two other merchant craft moored in like manner, but not laden, had proved useless as fenders. Vast quantities of powder, stink-pots, iron pointed rocket arrows, &c., were destroyed, and about one hundred guns brought away, these varying from long 18-pounders downwards, some larger could not be removed, and many were lost in vessels sunk or blown up. From the country people and a prisoner whom I have kept, as he volunteered information, we learn that the fleet had about two hundred guns, with about one thousand men, chiefly Cantonese; that twelve of them had met us to the northward, and that their chiefs had given out, some days before, they expected the arrival of a war brig and steamer; that it would be seen how they, the pirates, would handle them.

5. On the 19th ultimo, the morning after the action, I landed a strong party under the Second Lieutenant to dislodge a body of some 300 of the escaped pirates that had established themselves in a gorge overlooking the town of Sheipoo, which they threatened. The mandarins, greatly alarmed, were powerless, and explained through Mr Interpreter Sinclair the evils that must befall all honest people in the neighbourhood should I leave these

men, then become desperate, at large. I desired the officials to be in attendance to receive prisoners, and the force turning the pirate flank, escaped a fire of gingalls which were pointed down a causeway leading into the town, and overpowered them without any serious casualties; the excessive heat however, told,—one marine has since died from its effects, and the Second Lieutenant is suffering. This town of Sheipoo is about a mile further south than the village off which the pirates were moored, and in which many of them resided. I much fear the village is thoroughly piratical; but seeing crowds of children, women, and old men about, during an armed examination, I agreed with Mr Sinclair that it would be impossible to deal severely upon the doubtful evidence collected, so warning them of the risk all incurred who had anything to do with pirates, we required them to deliver up all guns and munitions of war, and continued the search of suspected spots on either side of the harbour.

6. We received three European anchors, the smallest fitted for an iron stock of about 16 cwt., without mark, and the two others of from 25 cwt. to 28 cwt. each, one marked "Tom Bowline," Newcastle, the other 3185, this latter confirming the statement of an American, Eli M. Boggs, a copy of whose deposition was enclosed in my letter of proceedings to your Excellency of the 11th ultimo. Besides three merchant vessels we re-captured the Ningpo boat taken from Mr Russel, but could find nothing of the lost property beyond an umbrella, and a letter addressed to a Mrs Martin, Potoo; so, with the boat in tow, we proceeded direct for the channel of Sinkeamoon, where the outrage had taken place, and sending armed boats to examine it and Potoo, saw nothing of any more pirate craft, and learnt that the ladies, hearing the coast was clear, had escaped three days before, and I am happy to say we found them the following day in safety at Ningpo; indeed, news of the complete success of Her Majesty's sloop at Sheipoo had already reached the Chusan archipelago, and doubtless frightened many smaller villains into good behaviour for the time. We should find great difficulty in dealing with this class of boats, generally with white sails and the Ningpo rig. I examined one; the officer could find nothing European on board, and we had no information against her. The Chinese official sent with us from Ningpo pronounced her a pirate at first, then thought her honest. Within an hour of allowing her to proceed, fishing-boats pulled alongside and declared she was a pirate.

7. I beg to bring conspicuously forward, for your Excellency's favourable consideration, the name of the Second Lieutenant George A. C. Brooker, who was slightly wounded on the 18th ultimo, carried the heights on the following morning, and who, besides conducting a laborious and hazardous work in destroying the deserted fleet of piratical craft, within musket range of the shore, on which some hundred of their crew had collected, was again employed in the boats in Sinkeamoon Channel, and at Potoo on the 24th ultimo. Mr Todd, Acting Mate, and the Assistant-Surgeon Mr Newton, were under the Second Lieutenant on these occasions, and of whom he speaks highly. Mr Interpreter Sinclair, from Shanghai, accompanied the expedition, and was of the greatest service throughout, occasionally at personal risk; and besides that of the seaman John E. Matless (who was a boy in the Excellent), it becomes me to bring forward the name of Henry Hurneyman, Quartermaster, Captain of a Gun, a good and cool shot, and at whose gun the men's

legs were taken off. The enclosed list of wounded is large, and painfully distressing to us all, as including the death of a valuable officer—the Master, already reported to your Excellency from Sheipoo Harbour, where he was buried. But considering the number of guns bearing upon us, and the determined way the pirates served them for the first half hour, it is wonderful the casualties were not much more numerous. The greater part of the fire passed over us, and the rigging, sails, &c., were much cut up; besides twenty-five shot in the hull, the boom boats, fore-yard, foretop-sail yard, &c., were shot through.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) E. W. VANSITTART,  
Commander.

*His Excellency Rear-Admiral  
Sir James Stirling, Kt.*

A List of Men who have received wounds or hurts on board Her Majesty's Sloop Bittern, 18th September 1855.

- M. 3 C. 20. William Hanvey, aged 25, Private, R.M., wound of right leg by round shot, amputation below the knee.  
S. Co. 74. Thomas Ellis, aged 21, Ordinary Seaman, wound of left leg by round shot, amputation below the knee.  
B. 2d C. 22. James Brownlee, aged 15, Boy 2d C., wound of left leg by a splinter from round shot, amputation below the knee.  
1st List 2. Mr Charles Turner, aged 32, Master, very severe lacerated wound of right side of abdomen, by a round shot. Died on the 22d September.  
1. Mr G. A. C. Brooker, aged 25, Lieutenant, slight splinter wound of right cheek.  
S. Co. 18. John Ridley, aged 26, A.B., slight contused wound of right hand.  
43. John Flynn, aged 23, A.B., contusion of scrotum and testicles.  
B. 1 C. 15. George Scott, aged 19, Boy, 1st C., slight splinter wound of right foot.  
M. 3 C. 5. Elijah Mordey, aged 30, Corporal, R. M., contused wound of left shin.  
16. John Claw, aged 23, Private, R.M., contused wound of right heel by a shot.  
M. not C. 1. Benjamin Matthews, aged 42, Sergeant, R. M., splinter wound of scalp, back of head.

19th September. Wounded on shore.

- S. Co. 72. Robert Funnell, aged 32, A.B., lacerated wound of left cheek and face (slight).  
20. Andrew Carfral, aged 21, Ordinary Seaman, contused wound of left hand (slight).  
S. L. W. and V. 1. Robert Livingstone, aged 22, Ordinary Seaman, contused wound of fingers of left hand (slight).  
S. Co. 65. John Bennett, aged 28, A.B., contusion of left arm by bullet (slight).  
19. Henry Fordhan, aged 25, A.B., wound of left foot (slight).

Men who suffered from the Sun whilst on Shore,  
19th September.

- S. Co. 27. James James, aged 24, A.B., severe headache and fever.  
B. 1 C. 18. William Woodley, aged 19, Boy, 1st C., severe headache and fever.  
S. Co. 8. Peter Pinkerton, aged 21, Ordinary Seaman, severe headache and fever.  
M. 3 C. 21. George Tweedale, aged 23, Private R. M., severe headache and fever.  
18. Thomas Stevens, aged 30, Private R. M., very great pain of head and fever. Died on 24th September.

19. John Wallis, aged 28, Private R. M., severe headache and fever.  
S. Co. 14. Charles Wichelo, aged 24, A.B., severe headache and fever.

(Signed) GEORGE GORDON,  
Acting Surgeon.

Approved.  
(Signed) E. W. VANSITTART,  
Commander.

*Winchester, at Hong-Kong,  
October 30, 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 22d of September and of the 5th October, in relation to your operations against the pirates in the neighbourhood of Sheipoo; in the course of which, with the aid of your well-trained and efficient ship's company, you appear to have accomplished one of the most remarkable exploits within my knowledge.

It will afford me the greatest pleasure to bring to the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your transactions above mentioned, and to point their attention to the excellent conduct of all who were engaged in the occurrences referred to, and more especially to the cases of Lieutenant Brooker and of the late lamented Mr Turner, and of Messrs Todd, Newton, and Sinclair, and of the Captains of Guns, Matless and Hurleyman.

The satisfaction caused by the good conduct thus evinced would indeed be without alloy if it were not accompanied by deep regret at the losses and injuries sustained. Although personally but little known to me, I was well aware of Mr Turner's merits; and I trust the Admiralty may, with its usual liberality, consider the position in which his family are left by his death. To the other cases reported in your Return of Casualties, I will give my earliest attention on the arrival of the Bittern at this port, with the hope of alleviating in some small degree the fate of those severely wounded, by an early transmission to their native country.

With reference to the part which fell to your own share in these operations, it will be highly gratifying to me to bear testimony to the zeal, skill, and intrepidity you have displayed in this, as well as on two previous occasions within the present year, and I feel assured their Lordships will feel as much pleasure in receiving, as I shall have in communicating so favourable a representation of your conduct in your present command.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) JS. STIRLING,  
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

*Commander Vansittart,  
Her Majesty's sloop, Bittern.*

In consideration of the services mentioned in the above Despatches—

Commander Edward Westby Vansittart and Commander William Abdy Fellowes have been promoted to the rank of Captain;

Lieutenant George Augustus Cooke Brooker has been promoted to the rank of Commander; and Mr John James, Boatswain of the Rattler, has been advanced to the 2d Class;

Mr Richard Brownsdon, Paymaster of the Rattler, Mr George Gordon, Acting-Surgeon of the Bittern, and Mr George B. Newton, Assistant-Surgeon of the Bittern, have been noted for favourable consideration.

WAR-DEPARTMENT, January 14, 1856.

**L**ORD PANMURE has this day received two Despatches and their Enclosures, of which the following are Copies, addressed to his Lordship by General Sir William Codrington, K.C.B.—

*Sevastopol, January 1, 1856.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose the copy of a letter from His Highness Omer Pasha, addressed to General Sir James Simpson, in acknowledgment of a Despatch from him, dated 30th October 1855, announcing the gracious intention of Her Majesty to bestow the Crimean Medal upon the Ottoman troops.

I have, &c.,

W. J. CODRINGTON,  
General Commanding.

*The Lord Panmure, &c., &c., &c.*

Enclosure.

*Au Quartier Général sur le Tivi,  
Mingrélie, le 26 Novembre, 1855.*

MONSIEUR LE GENERAL,

J'AI eu l'honneur de recevoir la Dépêche du 30 Octobre, dans laquelle votre Excellence m'a transmis copie d'une Dépêche du Ministre de la Guerre, annonçant l'intention gracieuse de Sa Majesté la Reine d'Angleterre, d'accorder aux soldats Ottomans la Médaille qu'elle a déjà conféré aux soldats de son Armée.

Je vous prie, Monsieur le Général, de faire part à Sa Majesté de la reconnaissance que je partage avec les soldats de l'armée que j'ai l'honneur de commander, de la condescendance de Sa Majesté en bien voulant accorder aux soldats de Sa Majesté Impériale le Sultan, cette marque de son approbation de leur conduite, qu'ils regarderont comme un souvenir de sa bonté condescendante, et des faits glorieux qui ont eu pour résultat la prise de Sévastopol.

J'aurai l'honneur de faire part à mon Gouvernement de la gracieuse intention de sa Majesté la Reine, pour que je puisse prendre les ordres de Sa Majesté Impériale le Sultan à ce sujet.

Agréez, &c.,

Le Généralissime de l'Armée Ottomane,  
(Signé) OMER.

*A son Excellence le Général Sir J.  
Simpson, G.C.B., Commandant-  
en-Chef l'Armée Anglaise en  
Orient.*

*Sevastopol, January 1, 1856.*

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to enclose Dr Hall's Weekly Report, dated 31st December 1855, and have great pleasure in calling your Lordship's attention to the very satisfactory state of the general health of this Army, which is therein detailed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. J. CODRINGTON,  
General Commanding.

*The Lord Panmure, &c., &c., &c.*

Enclosure.

*Head-Quarters, Camp, Crimea,  
December 31, 1855.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to report the weekly state of sick to the 29th instant. The health of the Army continues very satisfactory; there is an absence of serious disease, and although the admissions under the heads chest affections and frost bite are numerous, it is satisfactory to know that the former are, for the most part, merely simple catarrhs, and the latter slight vesications of the fingers, toes, and tips of the ears. The few serious cases there are were all occasioned by exposure when drunk.

The Land Transport Corps does not enjoy the same health that the troops do, and more than one-half of the deaths which have occurred during the week have taken place in that corps alone. Under the head of fever, one-third of the admissions and two-thirds of the deaths were in the Land Transport Corps; that is 65 out of 182 admissions, and 11 deaths out of 15, leaving only four for the whole Army, which is as great an exemption from serious febrile disease as can well be expected.

The diminution of bowel complaints in the Army is equally remarkable, and here again three out of the seven deaths which occurred took place in the Land Transport Corps. It is difficult to account for this disparity of health between this corps and the military, as they are as well fed and clothed as the soldiers, and of late they have certainly not been over worked. Numbers of men have recently joined the corps, and as they get better organized, matters will doubtless improve. Nearly one-half of the force is composed of natives, not of the Crimea, but of Asia Minor, and other places, and they bear the winter ill.

The following Abstract shows the Admissions and Deaths during the Week, and those during the previous Week:—

	This Week.		Last Week.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
Fevers,	182	15	173	16
Head affections,	9	2	2	2
Chest ditto,	279	0	221	1
Diarrhoea,	117	3	204	4
Cholera,	3	3	12	7
Dysentery,	8	1	40	0
Rheumatism,	44	2	58	1
Frost Bites,	98	0	269	1
Wounds and } Injuries, . }	72	4	48	6
Ophthalmia,	37	0	22	0
Other diseases,	425	6	374	2
Total,	1,274	36	1,423	40

I have, &c.

J. HALL,  
Inspector-General of Hospitals.

*General Sir W. J. Codrington, K.C.B.,  
Commanding-in-Chief.*

DUBLIN CASTLE, January 8, 1856.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint Robert Andrews, Esq. LL.D., Assistant Barrister for the County of Carlow, to be Assistant Barrister for the County of Wexford, in the room of M. R. Sausse, Esq. resigned; and Sir Colman Michael O'Loughlen, Bart, Queen's Counsel, to be Assistant Barrister for the County of Carlow, in the room of Robert Andrews, Esq. appointed to the County of Wexford.



WHITEHALL, January 10, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baron of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto The Right Honourable Sir James Parke, Knt., late one of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, for the term of his natural life, by the name, style, and title of Baron Wensleydale of Wensleydale, in the North Riding of the county of York.

WHITEHALL, January 4, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto William John Venables Vernon, Esquire, commonly called the Honourable William John Vernon, second son of George John, fifth Lord Vernon, Baron of Kinderton, the son of George Charles, fourth Lord Vernon, Baron of Kinderton, deceased, by Frances Maria, his wife, only child

and heir of the Right Honourable Sir John Borlase Warren, of Stapleford Hall, in the county of Nottingham, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Admiral of the White Squadron in the Royal Navy, both deceased, her royal licence and authority that he may take and use the surnames of Borlase Warren, in addition to and before his family name of Venables Vernon, and that he may be called William John Borlase-Warren-Venables-Vernon, and bear the arms of Borlase and Warren quarterly with those of Venables and Vernon, and that such surnames and arms may be taken and used in like manner by his issue; such arms being first duly exemplified according to the laws of arms and recorded in the Heralds' Office, otherwise the said royal licence and permission to be void and of none effect:

And also to command that the said royal concession and declaration be recorded in Her Majesty's College of Arms.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, January 9, 1856.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, forwarding copy of a French Imperial Decree, fixing, for the present, the duties on the importation of Sugar, as follows:—

Sugar of a quality equal at least to the present 1st quality, . . .	in French Vessels,	From the French Colonies in America and beyond the Cape of Good Hope, . . . . .	} present duty.	per 100 kilos.
		From China, Cochin-China, the Philippines, and Siam, 45 frs.		
Sugar of a quality superior to the present 1st quality, . . .	in Foreign Vessels,	From other countries of India, . . . . .	} same duties as above, augmented by 3 frs. per 100 kilos.	
		From elsewhere, out of Europe, . . . . .		
		From the Entrepôts, . . . . .		

Board of Trade, Whitehall, January 10, 1856.

The Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Oporto, reporting that upon the arrival of vessels intending to enter that port off the Oporto Bar, questions will be put to them through the telegraph at the lighthouse at S. Joao da Fez, by the officers of the Board of Health, which they must answer satisfactorily, to be admitted into the Douro; and that to enable them to reply to such questions, Masters of vessels ought to be furnished with Marryat's Code of Signals, which is the one used at the telegraph above-mentioned.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Kent.

East Kent Regiment of Militia.

Ensign James Bartholomew Schlotel to be Lieutenant, vice Wimperley, resigned. Dated 1st December 1855.

John Hampden Waller, gent. late King's Own Light Infantry Tower Hamlets Militia, to be Ensign. Dated 31st December 1855.

West Kent Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

Michael Clare Garsia, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 21st December 1855.

Charles Hamilton Sams, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 22d December 1855.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Northampton.

Northamptonshire Militia.

Ensign William Henry Worge-de-Capel Brooke to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th January 1856.

Ensign Felix Masheter Whitehurst to be Lieutenant. Dated 7th January 1856.

Charles Jennings to be Ensign. Dated 7th January 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Fife.

Fifeshire Militia Artillery.

Henry Moore Johnstone, gent. to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 7th January 1856.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Stafford.

1st Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia. Edward Essex Digby Boycott, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 20th December 1855.

2d Regiment of King's Own Staffordshire Militia. Ensign George Walton to be Lieutenant, vice Levett, promoted. Dated 2d January 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cornwall.

1st Rifle Regiment Royal Cornwall Rangers. Ensign Murray to be Lieutenant. Dated January 1856.



Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Monmouth.

Royal Monmouthshire Light Infantry Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant John Richard Russell to be Captain. Dated 1st January 1856.

Ensign William Leigh to be Lieutenant, vice Homfray, resigned.

Ensign William Owen to be Lieutenant, vice Leigh, promoted.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

2d or Edmonton Royal Rifle Regiment of Middlesex Militia.

Charles Bridger, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 3d December 1855.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

1st Durham Regiment of Militia.

Lieutenant William Dale Trotter to be Captain, vice Forester, resigned. Dated 1st January 1856.

Ensign Thomas Kipling to be Lieutenant, vice Trotter, promoted. Dated 1st January 1856.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

West Essex Militia.

Lieutenant John Manners Tharpe to be Captain, vice Brett, appointed to 28th Foot. Dated 2d January 1856.

Charles Gregory Way, gent. to be Ensign, vice Horwood, resigned. Dated 2d January 1856.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Forfar.

Forfar and Kincardine Regiment of Militia Artillery.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Broun to be First Lieutenant, vice Carnegie, resigned. Dated 1st November 1855.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Leicester.

Leicestershire Militia.

John Buckley, Esq. to be Captain. Dated 31st December 1855.

Hercules Akeman, gent. to be Ensign. Dated 31st December 1855.

Kerry Militia.

The O'Donoghoe to be Second Major. December 13, 1855.

Lieutenant Dominic Cronin to be Captain, vice The O'Donoghoe. December 13, 1855.

Honourable Edward Alured De Moleyne to be Lieutenant, vice Dominic Cronin. December 17, 1855.

F. CROSBIE,  
Clerk of the Peace, County of Kerry.

County of Cork.

Commissions signed by the Earl of Bandon.

West Cork Artillery Militia.

First Lieutenant—Richard Piggott Beamish, vice Henry Longfield, resigned. Date of Commission 7th January 1856.

Second Lieutenant—George Horace Hayes, vice A. H. Cotter, resigned. Date of Commission 2d January 1856.

North Cork Rifle Regiment of Militia.

Commissions signed by Colonel Hodder.

Lieutenant—Ensign Richard W. Stokes to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission 1st December 1855.

Lieutenant—Ensign Wm. L. Howe to be Lieutenant. Date of Commission 1st December 1855.

Ensign—Henry A. St. Clair Keogh. Date of Commission 20th December 1855.

NOBLE JOHNSON,

Clerk of the Peace.

Peace Office, 9th January 1856.

Donegal Infantry Militia.

Commissions signed by the Marquess of Abercorn, Colonel of the Regiment.

Ensign Thomas Carre to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Colhoun, appointed to a Commission in the 17th Regiment of the Line. Commission dated 31st December 1855.

Ensign J. Dombain Weiss to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Grant, appointed to a Commission in the 76th Regiment of the Line. 31st December 1855.

Thomas Mason, gent. to be Ensign, vice Ensign Jenkins, appointed Adjutant in the Land Transport Corps. 31st December 1855.

JAS. COCHRAN, Clerk of the Peace.

Peace Office, Lifford, January 9, 1856.

#### BANKRUPTS

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

#### BANKRUPTCY ANNULLED AND DISMISSED.

George Weatherhead, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, joiner, house carpenter, and builder.

#### BANKRUPTCIES AWARDED.

Robert Turner, of Nos. 16 and 17, Ludgate Hill, London, and of No. 45, New Street, Birmingham, Warwick, draper and mercer.

James Wilson, of Grafton Road, Kentish Town, Middlesex, out of business, but formerly of West Strand, Whitehaven, Cumberland, and of King Street, Liverpool, Lancaster, ship and insurance broker.

Thomas Hampton, of Broadwater, Sussex, corn and coal merchant.

Alexander Anderson, of Stourbridge, Worcester, innkeeper, plumber, and glazier.

Thomas Whitehead and Joseph Lassey, both of Morley, York, dyers.

James Pratt and Charles Abson, both of Castleford, York, earthenware manufacturers.

George Longden, of Welton-in-the-Marsh, Lincoln, draper and grocer.

Edward Rheam Sanderson, of West Kinnald Ferry, Lincoln, seed crusher.

John Richards, of Cardiff, Glamorgan, ship owner.

Charles Fox, of Manchester, Lancaster, artist's colorman, print seller, and picture dealer.

Samuel Lowe, of West Street, Oldham, Lancaster, provision dealer.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF CORN per Quarter (Imperial Measure), in England and Wales, for the Quarter ending Christmas 1855.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Pease.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
79 4	39 9	28 1	52 4	51 0	49 9

HENRY FENTON JADIS,

Comptroller of Corn Returns.

Corn Department, Board of Trade, January 5, 1856.

AN ACCOUNT of the Total Quantities of each kind of CORN, distinguishing Foreign and Colonial, Imported into the principal Ports of GREAT BRITAIN, (viz. London, Liverpool, Hull, Newcastle, Bristol, Gloucester, Plymouth, Leith, Glasgow, Dundee, and Perth,) and the Rates and Amount of duty thereon, in the Week ended 2d January 1856.

SPECIES.	Quantities Imported into the Ports of Great Britain, enumerated above, (being those into which Corn is chiefly Imported).						Amount of Duty received thereon.						Rates of Duty, (Foreign and Colonial.)				
	Foreign.		Colonial.		Total.		Foreign.		Colonial.		Total.		Corn and Grain of all sorts, per quarter.		Meal and Flour of all sorts per cwt.		
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	s.	d.
Wheat and Wheat Flour .....	84299	1	3703	1	88002	2	4810	8	9	185	9	10	4995	18	7		
Barley and Barley Meal .....	5376	2	—		5376	2	268	16	5	—			268	16	5		
Oats and Oat Meal.....	3312	0	17	4	3329	4	165	6	0	0	17	6	166	3	6		
Rye and Rye Meal.....	—		—		—		—			—			—				
Pease and Pea Meal .....	1053	5	101	0	1154	5	52	13	8	5	1	0	57	14	8	1	0
Beans and Bean Meal .....	13676	6	—		13676	6	683	16	10	—			683	16	10		
Indian Corn and Indian Meal .....	16888	4	—		16888	4	848	1	8	—			848	1	8		
Buck Wheat & Buck Wheat Meal.....	0	5	—		0	5	0	0	10	—			0	0	10		
Beer or Bigg .....	650	0	—		650	0	32	10	0	—			32	10	0		
	125256	7	3821	5	129078	4	6861	14	2	191	8	4	7053	2	6		

NOTE.—The Quantities of Corn admitted to Home Consumption within the week, were identical with the quantities imported.

Office of the Inspector-General of Imports and Exports, Custom-House, London, 9th January 1856.

JOHN A. MESSENGER,  
Inspector-General of Imports and Exports.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

AN ACCOUNT, pursuant to the Act 7th and 8th Victoria, cap. 32, for the Week ending on Saturday the 5th day of January 1856.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

	£.		£.
Notes issued, ... ..	24,421,180	Government Debt, .....	11,015,100
		Other Securities, .....	3,459,900
		Gold Coin and Bullion, .....	9,946,180
		Silver Bullion.....	—
	£24,421,180		£24,421,180

Dated the 10th day of January 1856.

M. MARSHALL, Chief Cashier.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

	£.		£.
Proprietors' Capital .....	14,553,000	Government Securities (including	
Rest .....	3,285,323	Dead Weight Annuity).....	10,827,515
Public Deposits (including Exchequer,		Other Securities.....	19,871,874
Savings Banks, Commissioners of		Notes .....	5,520,375
National Debt, and Dividend		Gold and Silver Coin.....	590,729
Accounts) .....	5,514,535		
Other Deposits .....	12,607,840		
Seven Day and other Bills .....	849,795		
	£36,810,493		£36,810,493

Dated the 10th day of January 1856.

M. MARSHALL, Chief Cashier.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the British Possessions in AMERICA, Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 8th day of January 1856,

*Is Twenty-Nine Shillings and Three Pence per Hundred Weight;*

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon, on the Importation thereof into GREAT BRITAIN;

No Return has been made of the Sale of BROWN or MUSCOVADO SUGAR, the Produce of the MAURITIUS, in the Week ending as above.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the EAST INDIES, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

*Is Thirty-three Shillings and Two Pence per Hundred Weight;*

The AVERAGE PRICE of the two foregoing Descriptions of SUGAR jointly,

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty, *Is Thirty-two Shillings and Eleven Pence Farthing per Hundred Weight.*

*By Authority of Parliament,*

HENRY BICKNELL,

*Clerk of the Grocers Company.*

*Grocers'-Hall, January 11, 1856.*

GENERAL AVERAGE PRICE OF BRITISH CORN, per QUARTER,

Received in the Week ended January 5, 1856.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Pease.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
76 10.135	39 0.583	26 9.413	52 7.467	47 7.901	47 3.508

AGGREGATE AVERAGE OF SIX WEEKS.

Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Pease.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
79 6	40 9	27 8	54 0	50 9	49 4

*Published by Authority of Parliament,*

HENRY FENTON JADIS,

*Comptroller of Corn Returns.*

*Board of Trade, Corn Department.*

RETURN, stating what has been, during Seven Years, ending on the Thursday next before Christmas Day 1855, the Average Price of an IMPERIAL BUSHEL of BRITISH WHEAT, BARLEY, and OATS, computed from the Weekly Averages of CORN RETURNS.

Published pursuant to an Act passed in the 6th and 7th Year of the Reign of King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the Commutation of Tithes in England and Wales."

WHEAT.	BARLEY.	OATS.
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
6 6	3 8½	2 7½

HENRY FENTON JADIS,

*Comptroller of Corn Returns.*

*Corn Department, Board of Trade, January 5, 1856.*

**THE Estates of JAMES HACKETT**, Provision Dealer, residing in East Adam Street, Edinburgh, were sequestrated on 11th January 1856.

The first deliverance is dated 11th January 1856.

The Lord Ordinary has nominated and appointed Donald Smith Peddie, Accountant in Edinburgh, to be Interim Factor, and has granted Personal Protection to the said James Hackett against Arrest or Imprisonment for Civil Debt, until the meeting of the Creditors for the election of Trustee.

The meeting to elect Trustee and Commissioners is to be held within Stevensons' Rooms, Saint Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, on Monday the 28th day of January 1856, at one o'clock afternoon.

A composition may be offered at this meeting; and to entitle Creditors to the first dividend, their oaths and grounds of debt must be lodged on or before the 12th day of May 1856.

All future Advertisements relating to this sequestration will be published in the Edinburgh Gazette alone.

J. M. MACQUEEN, Agent,  
72, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

**THE Estates of Mrs MARY KAY**, Milliner, Dress-maker, and Lace Merchant, George Street, Edinburgh, were sequestrated on the 15th day of January 1856.

The first deliverance is dated the 15th day of January 1856.

The Lord Ordinary has nominated and appointed Frederick Hayne Carter, Accountant, Edinburgh, Interim Factor on the estate, and has granted Warrant of Protection to the said Mrs Mary Kay against Arrest or Imprisonment for Civil Debt, until the meeting of the Creditors for the election of Trustee.

The meeting to elect the Trustee and Commissioners is to be held at two o'clock afternoon, on Tuesday the 29th day of January 1856, within Dowells & Lyon's Rooms, No. 18, George Street, Edinburgh.

A composition may be offered at this meeting; and to entitle Creditors to the first dividend, their oaths and grounds of debt must be lodged on or before the 15th day of May 1856.

All future Advertisements relating to this sequestration will be published in the Edinburgh Gazette alone.

JAMES A. ROBERTSON, S.S.C., Agent,  
56, Frederick Street, Edinburgh.

**SEQUESTRATION of JOHN CURRIE & COMPANY**, Grain Merchants and Millers in Glasgow, and of John Currie, Grain Merchant and Miller there, the sole Partner of that Company, as sole Partner thereof, and as an Individual.

**CHARLES GAIRDNER**, Accountant in Glasgow, has been elected Trustee on the estates; and James Reid, Sub-Manager of the Union Bank of Scotland at Glasgow, Robert Donald Robertson, Merchant in Glasgow, and Peter Rintoul, Merchant there, have been elected Commissioners. The examination of the Bankrupt will take place within the Sheriff-Clerk's Office in Glasgow, on Tuesday the 22d day of January current, at 12 o'clock noon. The Creditors will meet within the Office of Messrs White & Gairdner, Buchanan Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday the 30th day of January current, at one o'clock afternoon.

CHAS. GAIRDNER, Trustee.

Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

**SEQUESTRATION of ROBERT FAIRGRIEVE**, Merchant in Galashiels.

**HUGH LEES**, Solicitor in Galashiels, has been elected Trustee on the estate; and Andrew Hislop, Manufacturer, Galashiels, Thomas Clapperton, Chapel Street, Galashiels, and Alexander Jeffrey, Solicitor, Jedburgh, have been elected Commissioners. The examination of the Bankrupt will take place in the Sheriff-Court-House, Selkirk, on Wednesday the 23d day of January current, at 11 o'clock forenoon. The Creditors will meet in the Salmon Inn, Galashiels, on Thursday the 31st day of January current, at 12 o'clock noon.

HUGH LEES, Trustee.

Galashiels, January 12, 1856.

**SEQUESTRATION of PETER STOBO**, Smith and Ironmonger, Norfolk Street, Glasgow.

**JOHN MILLER**, Accountant in Glasgow, has been elected Trustee on the estate; and John Leslie, Manager for T. B. Campbell & Company, Lead Manufacturers, Glasgow and Edinburgh, and Thomas Charles Young, Writer in Glasgow, have been elected Commis-

sioners. The examination of the Bankrupt will take place in the Sheriff-Clerk's Office, Glasgow, on Monday the 21st day of January current, at 12 o'clock noon. The Creditors will meet in the Chambers of Thomas Charles Young, Writer, 13, John Street, Glasgow, on the 2d day of February next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of another Commissioner on said estate, and for the purposes of the Statute.

JNO. MILLER, Trustee.

Glasgow, January 12, 1856,  
71, Queen Street.

#### TO THE CREDITORS OF

**HENRY GLASS**, Manufacturer, Linktown, Kirkcaldy.

**A**S Trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said Henry Glass, I hereby call a meeting of the Creditors to be held within the Writing-Chambers of Mr Andrew Innes, Writer, Kirkcaldy, on Thursday the 7th day of February next, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider as to an application for my discharge, the funds being now realized and divided.

ROBT. R. DUNCAN, Trustee.  
Kirkcaldy, January 12, 1856.

**A**LLEXANDER RITCHIE, Accountant in Glasgow, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of **JAMES ALEXANDER**, Merchant, Wright, and Cabinetmaker, Troon, hereby calls a general meeting of the Creditors to be held within the Office of Thomsons, Ritchie, & Craig, Accountants, 101, Miller Street, Glasgow, on Thursday the 7th day of February next, at one o'clock afternoon, to consider as to an application to be made by the Trustee for his discharge.

ALEX. RITCHIE, Trustee.

Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

**JAMES THOMSON**, Junior, Accountant in Glasgow, Trustee on the sequestrated estates of **THOMAS HAMILTON & COMPANY**, Manufacturers in Glasgow, as a Company, and Thomas Hamilton, Manufacturer there, the Sole Individual Partner of that Company, as Partner thereof, and as an Individual, hereby calls a general meeting of the Creditors to be held within the Office of Thomsons, Ritchie, & Craig, Accountants, 101, Miller Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday the 6th day of February next, at two o'clock afternoon, to consider as to an application to be made by the Trustee for his discharge.

JAMES THOMSON, Jun., Trustee.

Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

**JAMES THOMSON**, Junior, Accountant in Glasgow, Trustee on the sequestrated estates of **M'CRACKEN & CHALMERS**, Manufacturers in Glasgow, as a Company, and of Robert M'Cracken and Thomas Chalmers, both Manufacturers there, the Individual Partners of that Company, as Partners, and as Individuals, hereby calls a general meeting of the Creditors to be held within the Office of Thomsons, Ritchie, & Craig, Accountants, 101, Miller Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday the 6th day of February next, at one o'clock afternoon, to consider as to an application to be made by the Trustee for his discharge.

JAMES THOMSON, Jun., Trustee.

Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

**NOTICE** is hereby given, that **JOHN WILKIE**, Engineer and Millwright, Founder and Boiler-maker in Glasgow, one of the Individual Partners of the Firm of **YULE & WILKIE**, Engineers and Millwrights, Founders and Boiler-makers there, has, with the concurrence of a majority in number and four-fifths in value of the Creditors of the said Company, and him as a Partner thereof and as an Individual, who have produced oaths in the sequestration of his and their estates, presented a Petition to the Sheriff of the County of Lanark, praying for a discharge of all debts and obligations contracted by him, or for which he was liable, either as a Partner or as an Individual foresaid, at the date of the sequestration of his and their estates, in terms of the Acts 2 and 3 Vic., cap. 41, and 16 and 17 Vic., cap. 53; and that the said Sheriff has ordered the Petition to be intimated by advertisement in the Edinburgh Gazette, in terms of the Statutes, which provides that unless appearance be made to oppose the same within twenty-one days from the date of the publication of said intimation, the Sheriff shall pronounce a Deliverance finding the Petitioner entitled to a discharge.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of said Statutes and Order.

JAMES RITCHIE, Agent for Petitioner.

Glasgow, January 12, 1856.

**JAMES ANDERSON** and **ARCHIBALD CURRIE**, Wine and Spirit Merchants in Glasgow, the Individual Partners of the Firm of **ANDERSON & CURRIE**, Wine and Spirit Merchants there, with concurrence of all the Creditors who have produced oaths in their sequestration, have presented a Petition to the Lord Ordinary officiating on the Bills, praying to be discharged of all debts contracted by them, or for which they were liable at the date of their sequestration. Of which Petition the Lord Ordinary, on 15th January 1856, appointed Intimation to be made in the Edinburgh Gazette, in terms of the Acts 2d and 3d Victoria, cap. 41, and 16th and 17th Victoria, cap. 53; and which is hereby given accordingly.

**JOHN WALLS, S.S.C.,**  
9, London Street, Edinburgh, Agent.

**INTIMATION** is Hereby Given, that **ALEXANDER BROWN**, Merchant, formerly residing in Moray Street, and now in Pilgrimage Place, Edinburgh, whose estates were sequestrated on the 13th of January 1854, has presented a Petition to the Sheriff of the County of Edinburgh to find him entitled to a discharge, in virtue of the provisions of the Statute 16th and 17th Victoria, cap. 53; and that the Sheriff, by a Deliverance of this date, has appointed the said Petition to be intimated in the Edinburgh Gazette, in terms of the Statute.

**JOHN ROBERTSON, S.S.C., Agent.**  
63, Hanover Street, Edinburgh,  
January 14, 1856.

#### NOTICE.

**JAMES THOMSON**, Family Linen Merchant, sometime in No. 8, North St Andrew Street, Edinburgh, and presently residing in Howe Street there, with the concurrence of a majority in number and upwards of four-fifths in value of the Creditors who have produced oaths in his sequestration, has presented a Petition to the Lord Ordinary on the Bills, praying his Lordship for a discharge of all debts and obligations contracted by him, or for which he was liable at the date of his sequestration (16th June 1855); and his Lordship, by Interlocutor of this date, has appointed Intimation thereof to be made in the Edinburgh Gazette, in terms of the Statute.—Of which Notice is accordingly hereby given.

**AL. H. CHALMERS, W.S.,**  
Agent for Petitioner.

Edinburgh, January 14, 1856.

**JAMES BLACKWOOD ANDERSON**, Merchant, Dundee, Trustee on the sequestrated estates of **THOMAS CARGILL**, Flaxspinner and Merchant in Dundee, hereby intimates, that an account of his intrusions with the funds of the estate, brought down to the 28th ultimo, and states of the funds recovered and of those outstanding as at same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estate, in terms of the Statute: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt on or before the 28th ultimo, and completed lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estate, and also of those whose claims have been rejected in whole or in part. Farther, that a dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted by the Trustee, at his Counting-house, New Exchange Buildings, Dundee, on the 29th day of February next.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Statute.

**J. B. ANDERSON, Trustee.**  
Dundee, January 11, 1856.

#### NOTICE.

**DAVID LAURIE**, Teller in the Union Bank, Kilmarnock, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of **JAMES MILLAR**, Bookseller and Stationer in Kilmarnock, hereby intimates, that an account of his intrusions with the funds of the estate, brought down to the 29th ultimo, and states of the funds recovered and of those outstanding as at the same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estate, in terms of the Statute: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt on or before the said 29th ultimo, and completed lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estate, and also of those whose claims have been rejected in whole or in part. Farther, that a dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted by the Trustee, at the Union Bank Office here, on the 1st day of March next.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Statute.

**DAVID LAURIE, Trustee.**  
Kilmarnock, January 11, 1856.

**JOHN FALCONER**, Writer in Stonehaven, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of **WILLIAM BUNNESS**, sometime Tacksman at Easter Lovat, by Bogroy, Inverness, and Grain Dealer, hereby intimates, that an account of his intrusions with the funds of the estate, brought down to the 2d current, and states of the funds recovered and of those outstanding as at the same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estate, in terms of the Statute: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt on or before the date hereof, and made up lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estate. Farther, that a second and final dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted, at the Trustee's Office in Stonehaven, on the 3d day of March next; and at the same place and time an equalizing dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims were not lodged in time to participate in the first dividend.—Of all which Intimation is hereby made, in terms of the Statute.

**JOHN FALCONER, Trustee.**  
Stonehaven, January 15, 1856.

**DAVID JUGURTHA THOMSON**, Leather Factor, Edinburgh, Trustee on the sequestrated estates of the Company carrying on Business at Silvermills, Edinburgh, as Leather Manufacturers, under the Firms of **WILLIAM & JOHN LAUDER**, and **JOHN LAUDER**, and at Longlane, Bermondsey, London, as Leather Merchants, under the Firm of **WILLIAM LAUDER**, and of William Lauder and John Lauder, Leather Manufacturers and Leather Merchants, residing in Edinburgh, as Partners of that Company, and as Individuals, hereby intimates, that accounts of his intrusions with the funds of the estates, brought down to 30th December last, and states of the funds recovered as at the same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estates, in terms of the Statute: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt on or before the 30th ultimo, and completed lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estates, and also of those whose claims have been rejected in whole or in part. Farther, that a dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted by the Trustee, at his Dwelling-House, No. 19, East Claremont Street, Edinburgh, on the 1st day of March next.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Statute.

**D. J. THOMSON, Trustee.**  
Edinburgh, January 14, 1856.

**JAMES CHRISTIE**, Banker in Dundee, Trustee on the sequestrated estates of **PETER M'DUFF & COMPANY**, Tanners, Carriers, and Leather Merchants, Dundee, and of Neil Malcolm Peddie, Tanner, Currier, and Leather Merchant, Dundee, as sole Partner thereof, and as an Individual, hereby intimates, that an account of his intrusions with the funds of the estate, brought down to the 1st current, and states of the funds recovered and of those outstanding as at the same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estates, in terms of the Statutes: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt, and completed lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estates, and also of those whose claims have been rejected in whole or in part. Farther, that a dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted by the Trustee, at his Office, No. 77, Murraygate, Dundee, on the 3d day of March next.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Statutes.

**JAMES CHRISTIE, Trustee.**  
Dundee, January 14, 1856.

**GEORGE ROBSON**, Accountant in Glasgow, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of **WILLIAM STEWART**, Farmer, Contractor, and Cattle-Dealer at Dumbreck, Parish of Kirkintilloch, Dumbartonshire, hereby intimates, that an account of his intrusions with the funds of the estate, brought down to the 29th ultimo, and states of the funds recovered and of those outstanding as at the same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estate, in terms of the Statute: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt on or before the 31st ultimo, and completed lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estate, and also of those whose claims have been rejected in whole or in part. Farther,

that a first and final dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted by the Trustee, at his Counting-house, 13, Prince's Square, Glasgow, on the 1st day of March next.

Geo. Robson, Trustee.

Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

NOTICE

TO THE CREDITORS ON

The Sequestrated Estate of NEIL LIVINGSTON, Wine and Spirit Merchant in Greenock.

JOHN DUNCAN, Accountant in Greenock, Trustee on said sequestrated estate, hereby intimates, that the accounts of his intrusions with the funds of the estate, brought down to 1st January current, and states of the funds recovered and of those outstanding as at the same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estate, in terms of the Statute: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt on or before the said 1st January current, and completed lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estate. Further, that a first dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted by the Trustee, at his Office, 2, Church Place, Greenock, on the 1st day of March next.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Statute.

JOHN DUNCAN, Trustee.

Greenock, January 14, 1856.

ROBERT CRAIG, Accountant in Glasgow, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of ALEXANDER M'RAE, Junior, Draper in Dingwall, hereby intimates, that an account of his intrusions with the funds of the estate, brought down to the 28th ultimo, and states of the funds recovered and of those outstanding as at the same date, have been made up and examined by the Commissioners on said estate, in terms of the Statutes: That he has examined the claims of the several Creditors who have lodged their oaths and grounds of debt on or before the 29th ultimo, and completed lists of those Creditors entitled to be ranked on the funds of the said estate, and also of those whose claims have been rejected in whole or in part. Further, that a first dividend will be paid to those Creditors whose claims have been admitted by the Trustee, at the Office of Thomsons, Ritchie, & Craig, Accountants, 101, Miller Street, Glasgow, on Tuesday the 29th instant.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Statutes.

ROB. CRAIG, Trustee.

101, Miller Street,  
Glasgow, January 11, 1856.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM GRANT, Accountant in Elgin, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of DONALD CAMPBELL GRANT, Writer, Shipowner, and Insurance Agent, now or lately residing in Forres, in the County of Elgin, hereby intimates, that he has had no intrusions with the funds of the estate since the last audit of accounts; and further, that the Commissioners have resolved to postpone a dividend till the recurrence of another stated period, and have dispensed with sending circulars to the Creditors.

WILL. GRANT, Trustee.

Elgin, January 11, 1856.

WILLIAM DODS, Merchant in Haddington, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of ANDREW PRINGLE, Wool Dealer and Merchant in Haddington, hereby intimates, that the accounts of his intrusions brought down to the 25th December last, have been audited and approved of by the Commissioners; and that these accounts, with states of the Bankrupt's affairs, lie at his Counting-House, Haddington, for the inspection of all concerned. The payment of the dividend has been postponed by the Commissioners until the next statutory period, and they have dispensed with the Trustee sending circulars to the Creditors.—Of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of the Statute.

Wm. Dods, Trustee.

Haddington, January 7, 1856.

THE Commissioners on the sequestrated estate of JOHN LAING, Wright and Builder in Glasgow, have postponed payment of a dividend till the recurrence of another statutory period.

JOHN C. REID, Trustee.

Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

ROBERT M'COWAN, Accountant in Glasgow, Trustee on the sequestrated estate of ROBERT JACKSON, Wood Merchant, Douglas Street, Glasgow, hereby intimates, that his accounts with the funds of the estate as at 28th ultimo, have been audited by the Commissioners; that payment of a further dividend has been postponed, and circulars to the Creditors dispensed with.

ROB. M'COWAN, Trustee.

Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

NOTICE is Hereby Given, that the Partnership sometime subsisting between us, the undersigned William Baker and Henry Van Wart, carrying on Business at Coatbridge, in the Parish of Old Monkland, in the County of Lanark, and Kingdom of Scotland, as Tube Manufacturers, under the Style or Firm of THE CALEDONIAN TUBE COMPANY, was, and the same stands DISSOLVED as and from the 1st day of January 1856. All debts due to and from the Copartnership Concern will be received and paid by the said William Baker, who will henceforth carry on the said Business on his own account.

Dated this 9th day of January 1856.

HENRY VAN WART.  
WILLIAM BAKER.

Witness to the signing hereof by both Parties—  
THOS. SLANEY, Solicitor, Birmingham.

NOTICE is Hereby Given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned William Baker, Job Cutler, and Henry Van Wart, carrying on Business at Coatbridge, in the Parish of Old Monkland, in the County of Lanark, and Kingdom of Scotland, as Tube Manufacturers, under the Style or Firm of THE CALEDONIAN TUBE COMPANY, was, and the same stands DISSOLVED, so far only as regards the said Job Cutler, as and from the 1st day of January 1856. All debts due to and from the Copartnership concern will be received and paid by the continuing Partners.

Dated this 5th day of January 1856.

WILLIAM BAKER.  
JOB CUTLER.  
HENRY VAN WART.

Signed by the said Job Cutler in my presence,

J. W. CUTLER.

Signed by the said William Baker and

Henry Van Wart in my presence,  
THOS. SLANEY, Solicitor, Birmingham.

NOTICE.

WE, the surviving Partners of the Company carrying on Business at or near to Ladyburn, near Greenock, and also in Glasgow, as Engineers, Ship-builders, Ironworkers, and General Mechanists, under the Firm of JOHN BOURNE & COY., do hereby declare the said Concern to be DISSOLVED. The Subscriber, Mr Campbell, is authorised to receive and discharge all outstanding claims due to and by the Company.

DUN. HAYLE.  
DUN. ALEX. CAMPBELL.  
ARCHD. SWORD.  
ALEX. ANDERSON.  
ALEX. CURRIE.  
JAS. CURRIE.  
J. BOURNE.

THOS. KING, Witness.

JNO. ANDERSON, Witness.

Works, Ladyburn,  
Greenock, October 23, 1855.

THE Subscribers, being a majority and quorum of the Trustees acting under the Trust-Disposition and Settlement of the Late Mr WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Fish-Curer and Cork Manufacturer in Leith, hereby intimate, that on 1st May 1853 they ceased to have connection with, or interest in, the Firm of DAVID ROBERTSON & SON, Fish-Curers, Coopers, and Cork Manufacturers in Leith.

JAMES RITCHIE.  
ALEX. CHRISTIE.  
JAMES WALKER.  
WM. YOUNG.

J. D. MARWICK, Solicitor, Edinburgh, Witness.

A. W. CUMMING, Clerk to Messrs Watt & Marwick, S.S.C., Edinburgh, Witness.  
Edinburgh, January 14, 1856.

**T**HE Copartnership trading as Calico Printers and Merchants in Glasgow, under the Firm of REID & WHITEMAN, and carried on by the Subscribers, as sole Partners, was DISSOLVED of mutual consent on the 31st of December 1855.

The Subscriber, W. W. Whiteman, is authorised to wind up the Business by collecting the outstanding debts and liquidating the Company's debts and obligations.

W. W. WHITEMAN.  
W. W. W. REID.

WM. F. WILSON, Witness.  
PETER C. ORR, Witness.

The Calico Printing Business, as formerly carried on under the Firm of Reid & Whiteman, (now Dissolved,) will now be continued by the Subscribers, W. W. W. Reid and John Leckie Ewing, under the Firm of REID & EWING.

W. W. W. REID.  
JOHN LECKIE EWING.

PETER C. ORR, Witness.  
WM. F. WILSON, Witness.  
84, St Vincent Street,  
Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

**I**. JAMES BUYERS, Manager of the Aberdeen Rope and Sail Company, only accepting Executor of my Father, the late James Buyers, Builder in Aberdeen, hereby intimate, that I as his Executor, and all others the Nearest-of-Kin and Representatives of the said Deceased, ceased to have any interest in The UNION BANK OF SCOTLAND, on the 10th day of November 1855.

Witness my hand at Aberdeen this 12th day of January eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

JAMES BUYERS, Exctr.

AL. DONALDSON, Witness.  
WILLIAM G. ROLLO, Witness.

**T**HE Copartnership carried on by the Subscribers, as sole Partners, in Glasgow, under the Firm of PEEBLES, FYFFE, & CO., and in Melbourne, under the Firm of FYFFE, BARR, & CO., was DISSOLVED of mutual consent as on the 31st of December 1855.

The Subscriber, Gavin Barr, is authorised to collect the Company's assets, and to liquidate its engagements.

WILLIAM PEEBLES.  
GAVIN BARR.

DAVID FYFFE,  
by his Attorney William Peebles.

ADAM MORRISON, Witness  
R. A. MACOME, Witness  
To the Signature of Gavin Barr.

R. A. MACOME, Witness  
JOHN B. CLARK, Witness  
To the Signature of William Peebles and David Fyffe.

#### DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

**T**HE Copartnership carried on by the Subscribers, sole Partners, as General Merchants, at Shield-dyke, in the Parish of Applecross, in the County of Ross, under the Firm of J. & D. M'KENZIE, was, on the 25th day of December last, DISSOLVED by mutual consent.

The Subscriber, Daniel M'Kenzie, who continues to carry on the Business on his own account, is authorized to uplift all debts due to, and will pay all obligations owing by the late Company.

Witness our hands at Hamilton this 14th day of January 1856.

JOHN MACKENZIE.  
DANIEL M'KENZIE.

JOHN CHRISTIE, Writer, Hamilton, Witness.  
ROBERT BELL, Clerk to the said John Christie,  
Witness.

#### NOTICE.

**T**HE Estate, and the Subscribers as the only accepting Trustees and Executors, of the deceased Mr JAMES M'EWAN, Junior, sometime Merchant in Glasgow, and lately residing at Partick, ceased, at and previous to 11th December 1855, to be Partners of, and to have any interest in the following Companies or Concerns, viz.:—THE WESTERN BANK OF SCOTLAND; THE CITY OF GLASGOW BANK; THE GLASGOW EQUITABLE LOAN COMPANY, and THE NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY;—the Subscribers having, at and prior to the above date, sold and transferred all the Shares formerly held by said deceased, and latterly by them as Trustees and Executors foresaid, in the said several Companies or Concerns respectively.

JAMES GIRDWOOD,  
WM. PATRICK,  
Sole accepting Trustees and Executors  
of deceased James M'Ewan, Junr.

J. C. PINKERTON, Apprentice to John Paul,  
Writer, Glasgow, Witness.  
W. SHAW, Clerk to said John Paul, Witness.  
Glasgow, January 14, 1856.

#### NOTICE.

**T**HE Subscriber, WILLIAM KELLY, Senior, retired on the 31st December last, from the Concern of KELLY & CO., Cotton Brokers in Glasgow,—the Contract of Copartnership having expired at that date.

WILLIAM KELLY, Senr.,  
Glasgow, January 11, 1856.

R. CARMICHAEL, Witness.  
R. S. CREE, Witness.

#### NOTICE

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JAMES DAVIDSON, residing in Abernethy, in the County of Perth.

**T**HE said James Davidson presented a Petition to the Sheriff of Perthshire on the 11th day of January current, praying for decree of Cessio Bonorum in his favor, and for interim protection from the diligence of his Creditors. Upon which Petition the Sheriff-Substitute of the said Shire, of the same date, pronounced a Deliverance, *inter alia* appointing the Petitioner to publish a Notice in the Edinburgh Gazette intimating that said Petition had been presented, and requiring all his Creditors to appear within the Sheriff-Court-Room in Perth, on Friday the 15th day of February next, at one o'clock afternoon, and ordaining the Petitioner to appear at said diet for public examination, and otherwise conform to Act of Parliament and relative Act of Sederunt.—Of which Deliverance Notice is hereby given; and the Creditors are required to appear before the said Sheriff, in terms thereof.

ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, Writer, Perth,

AND

WILLIAM BROWN DOW, Writer, Newburgh,  
Petitioner's Agents.

#### NOTICE.

**D**ONALD M'VICAR, Junior, Farm Labourer, residing at Auchnagoul, near Inveraray, and presently Prisoner in the Prison of Inveraray, has presented a Petition to the Sheriff of Argyllshire craving liberation, interim protection, and decree of Cessio Bonorum; and the Sheriff has ordained the Petitioner to appear for examination, within the Sheriff-Court-House at Inveraray, on Friday the 15th day of February next, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time and place his Creditors are also required to attend.

Q. MONTGOMERY WRIGHT,  
Pet'r's. Pror.

Inveraray, January 10, 1856.

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