NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

'I'HE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Office at Shaughai, are prepared to grant policies payable in Hongkong, Bombay, Calcutta and London.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Shanghai, 10th April, 1863.

N TICE.
have established myself at this Port as a
Merchant and Commission Agent, under the style of Norton & Co.
WALTER MILLER NORTON.

Tientsin, 13th March, 1863. NOTICE:

THE interest and responsibility of Mr WELLIAM GUNSTON HOWALL in our Firm ceased on the 31st ultimo, and Mr. THOMAS MONCHESEF was admitted a partner on the 1st Instant.
GEO. BARNET & Co. Shanghai, 6th April, 1863.

WITH reference to the above, notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore sub-sisting between the undersigned and Mr. P ANCIS HAMILTON GROVE, under the firm of style of MONORKIFF, GROVE & Co., in Shanghae, determined by mutual consent on the 31st

Their business has been transferred to Messrs G.o. BAUNET & Co., and will be carried on by Mr. F. H. GNOVE in London, in connection, as before, with Messrs H & J. Johnston & Co., of that city, and in China, with Messrs Gro. Barner & Co.

THOS. MONCREIFF. Shanghai, 6th April, 4863.

HE interest and responsibility of Mr. JAMES C. HASSON in our Firm, ceased on the 24th January, 1863. WAINWRIGHT & Co.

Shanghai, 12th March, 1863.

MR. JOHN THORNE is authorized to sign our firm per producation.

WAINWRIGHT & Co.

16 89 Shanghai, 12th March. 1863. NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have this day entered into Partnership as Bill and Bullion Brokers under the style of MILLER AND

ROWLEY MILLER, J. HOWARD GWYTHER.

DURING the temporary absence of Mr. MILLER the Business will be carried on solely by Mr. GWYTHER.
o 90 Shanghai, 8th April, 1863.

FOR KANAGAWA viá NAGASAKI THE S.S. HELLESPONT will have quick

dispatch as above. For Freight or Passage, having fine state-room accommodation apply to HOWARD & Co. o 91 Shangkai, 11th April, 1863.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE. - DIVING SERVICE is held in the Roman Catholic Chapel, near the French Consulate, every Sunday, at 8 and 10 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening.

NOTICE .- SEANEN'S CHURCH : Services in the meruing at 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

NOTICE-DIVINE SERVICE will be held in Union Chapel, London Mission, every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 9 o'clock

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Maria, (Br. bq.), for Hongkong; 10th, Fruitever, (Am. bq.), for Japa; 10th, Eenella,
(Br. str.), for Ningpo; 10th, Berdinkha, (Br.
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PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Hydaspe, from Hongkong, Mrs Ode and Infant, Messrs Vernerde, Petrocochino, Mazade, Engelhard, Emuljee Pramjee, Francis Bermojee, Williams, T. L. Hay, M, A. Correa, Bermojee, Evans, Sam. Wana, G. Brenier, Vaucher, Apollen, Bre-pier, Lear, and J. L. Hay.

DEPARTED.—Per Ganges, for Hongkong, Captain Eales, Mr and Mrs Medhurst and Infant, Mr and Mrs MacKenzie and 3 children, Mr and Mrs Hart, Mrs M. T. Yatos, Mrs Fay, Miss A. Yates, Miss J. Wild, Miss C. Wild, Mrs Eales and 2 children, Mr and Mrs Boniface, Mr and Mrs Barlow, Dr W. E. Eastlack, Messrs Iggulden, W. Davison J. F. Carter, W. Godfrey, R. Miller, Tan Lob Sing, J. H. Nichols, and C. R. Walter.

ARRETÉ CONSULAIRE.

LA Chancellerie du Consulat général de France est ouverte tous les jours, dimanches exceptés, de 11 h. à 4 h. Pour la bonne expédition des Affaires, le

Public est informé que : Les demandes et réclamations relatives

à la Police et à la protection des nationaux seront entendues de 11 h. à midi. 2° Les contestations en matière civile et

commerciale viendront à leur ordre d'inscription de midi à 2 h. 3º Les Capitaines et marins seront admis en leurs requêtes et plaintes tous les jours de

2 h. à 4 h. 4° Le lundi étant consacré aux seances du Tribunal Consulaire, aucune audience ne sera accordée ce jour là, sauf pour affaires urgen-

Le Consul Général recevra avec plaisir toutes personnes, mais il engage le public à s' adresser:

pour les réclamations et informations à M. Rameau, Vice-Consul, et pour la délivrance de pièces et actes à M. le Chancelier.

Le Consul Général, V. MAUBOUSSIN. [L. S.] V. MAUBOUSSIN. 92 Shanghaï, le 6 Ayril, 1863. 18ap 92

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL DE FRANCE. NOTICE.

Lest de nouveau et pour la dernière fois, donné avis que tout navire, bateau, ou sampan qui soit en mer, soit dans la revière ou ses affluents, arborera le pavillon ou les couleurs de France, sans y avoir été officiel-lement autorisé par le Consulat Général de S. M., sera saisi et jugé conformément à la loi et aux règlements établis,

Les sujets français résidents dans les pro-vinces de Kiang-sou, Fo-kien, Tche-kiang & Chan-tong et notamment à Shanghaï et environs, sont invités à se présenter au Consulat Général, pour, après avoir fait constater leur nationalité, s'y faire immatriculer con-formément à la loi.

Le Consul Général, [L. S.] V. MAUBOUSSIN, 18ap 93 Sbanghaï, le 6 Avril, 1863.

THE London Mail of 26th February, due in Hongkong on the 12th April, and here on the 17th. It was received last year on the 16th April, per Jin-kee.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer with the Mail for Europe is appointed to leave on Thursday, the 23rd instant.

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IMPARTIAL, NOT NEUTRAL.

SHANGHAL SATURDAY. 11 APRIL, 1863. Among the self-governing institutions of occidental nations, which form the political and social bulwarks of every independant state, perhaps there are none so practically useful for internal government as a well devised. Municipal corporation. - From the days of the ancient Roman municipium-from whence the name is derived—to the sturdy Aldermanic rule established in the hearts and memories of Englishmen, this principle has been sound in theory and practice for the body politic. On the one band, the laws which guide its members in council, provide for the peace of the community; while on the other all that relates to sanitary measures and public works in cities is under control. It may be said, therefore, that the municipal system of government is naturally the first which can be introduced into a young colony for the mutual benefit of all. Hence it was, that the present Sir Rutherford Alcock, while British Consul at Shanghai in 1854, saw the necessity of forming the foreign landholders, of what has been called the "British Concession" in this settlement; into an electoral body, to select from their numbers the members of a Municipal Council, with power to tax the inhabitants, native and foreign: For nine years this principle has been struggling in Shanghai to obtain root upon oriental soil, and, notwithstanding the many vicissitudes of time and clime, it has flourished and grown into a goodly tree with vigorous shoots. Our issue of this day bears witness to the rapid progress it has made in every branch of municipal government during the past official year. During a period of unparalleled perplexity in the history of this disturbed country, the members of that council have met the difficulties which rose up before them from time to time, with an alacrity and determination which showed that they were the men for the occasion. Not only have they overcome the unforseen obstacles which stood in the way of improvement, but they have built up a municipal superstructure out of the slender materials at their disposal, which bids fair to become

successors carry out energetically the various measures initiated, and the public works commenced, as detailed in their able reportation for this, the retiring council are entitled to the thanks of every foreign resident; and so far as our small, but independent meed of approbation extends, we cordially thank them for their unremunerated labour and oftentimes thankless task in providing for

the general welfare of the community. On referring to the report, with a knowledge of what has transpired recently regarding the legal status of the Land Renters from whom the Council is elected, it will be seen that the most important point for the new members to consider is to set at rest all doubts as to their locus standi on Chinese ground. Independent of the action taken by the select committee on the Land Regulations, it will be their duty to see that the recommendations appended to the assessment committee's report relative to the better registration of land be carried out, so that titles may be rendered as far as possible indisputable. On this point the opinion of the best law authorities should be ascertained. The more equitable mode of assessment proposed by the committee demands their best attention, in order to augment the revenues from foreign sources. We need not enumerate the other matters requiring their consideration; but above all, the financial conomy of the Council is of primary importance. However well the various parts of the municipal machinery may be controlled by the body of councillors and their staff of employés, unless the revenue and expenditure be judiciously managed, affairs are certain to get into an unsatisfactory state.

MINUTES of the annual meeting of Land Renters within the limits of the British & Settlement of Shanghae held at H.B.M. Consulate on Naturday, the 4th day of April, 1863.

Present:-Messrs. Medhurst, Turner, Pickwoad, Brand, Cock, Underwood, Loureiro, C. Thorne, J. F. Carter, Trautman, Hanbury, Dent, Schwemann, Davison, Coghill, J. Thorne, Forbes, White, Love Jr., Dow, Michie, Godfrey, Twombly, Alabaster, H. W. Carter, Reid, and others not Renters.

J. MARKHAM, Esq., H.M. Vice-Consul took the Chair :-

The Chairman explained the absence in consequence of indisposition, of Frederick Harvey Esq. H.B.M. Consul, and opened the meeting. He read the minutes of the last annual meeting.

Mr Thorne proposed that the minutes just read be adopted.

Mr. Brand seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Pickwoad read the Report of the Council for the past year as follows:-

MUNICIPAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1862.

THE present Municipal Council entered upon their duties at a season of general distrust and uneasiness, when, in consequence of the threatening aspect of the Taiping Rebels, new powers were brought into existence for

the protection of the Settlement.

The energetic action taken this time last year, by the Defence Committee, is so familiar to every one, that the Council need not refer to it in detail. The defences they erected and the works they recommended, have received, since entrusted to their care, that attention from the hands of the Municipal Council, which the magnitude of the interests involved so obviously demanded. It remains only for the board to lay succinctly before the Land Renters the mode in which they have dealt with these interests, and to offer such suggestions for the future, as the experience they have acquired in office would seem to entitle them to give. If it shall appear, after all, that the Council have left much to do, it will not be forgotten that much has been done-that this is a Foreign Settlement of no remote origin, and that a concurrence of circumstances, at this particular juncture, has led to its increase on a scale altogether disproportioned to the means at the disposal of the Council to control it.

This fact was made so apparent, that, at a special meeting of Land Renters held 8th September last year, fresh powers were granted to the Council and a large increase to their staff voted. Acting upon this, your Council have appointed an Assistant Secretary, a European Chinese linguist, and a collector of European taxes. That will lead

to very beneficial results. Increase of population .- The increase of the foreign population, more especially in the lower orders, within the last 12 months, has defied all the efforts of the Council to keep pace with it in police organization, many of these persons are known to be without any honest means of obtaining a living, several robberies have been committed, even within the Settlement, from which we have hitherto been exempt. But it is in the neighbouring district of Hongkew that a disorganized and even dangerous state of society is known to exist. To ob-viate this difficulty, it was proposed to in-corporate that district with this Municipality, giving to it all the privileges that were enjoyed here. Your Council, impressed with the identity of interests, unhesitatingly offered to assume the responsibility. This object, which will probably ere long force itself disagreeably upon the holders of office, has been delayed from causes so well known, that your Council refrain from alluding to them, further than to remark that they have

extended in principle; provided their all that your Council have been able to effect in the way of improvement will be found in the existence of a skeleton police, which must be largely increased before the almost reign of terror, which now prevails there, can be dispelled.

Police.—Council acting upon the authority given to them, at once indeuted for arms and accourrements for 100 men, but feeling the inadvisability of augmenting and recruiting their ranks from the only present source at command-the offcasts from the Mercantile Marine—they have only been enabled to raise the Force to its present strength, 69 men. Your Council, however, looking forward to the demands that they feel certain will be made upon their successors, have assumed the responsibility of ordering Enfield Rifles, and other necessaries for 150 men, which will arrive during the present year; and they have been led to believe that when the present pressure upon H. B. M. Forces here, shall have been relieved, the promise held out by General Sir John Michel of recruiting the ranks of the Force with men claiming or desiring their discharge from military service, will be redeemed. To meet the steady demand for recruits, your Council are of opinion that public attention should be directed to other sources. They learn that the Police in London, send out to Australia regular drafts of men, and they are informed that no difficulty would be expirienced in making similar arrangements for Shanghai. The scale of gratuities, which after much consideration, they have established for men entitled to retire from the service, is sufficiently liberal to secure the services of respectable men. To meet this large additional expenditure, your Council directed their at-tention to the existing taxes, which though they sufficed for the limited wants of other days, were quite inadequate to the present and prospective requirements of the Settlement. They felt, too, that their distribution bore very unequally upon foreign renters, leaving the greater burthen to be sustained by a few, whilst the many escaped their responsibilities in part, or altogether.

Imports and Exports.—The present system adopted, of obtaining returns through H. I. M. Customs, though unsatisfactory in itself, has raised this tax from Tls. 14.000 to Tls. 38,735 per annum. As the community extends, still further checks must be placed upon the unscrupulous, to ensure a fair division of the responsibility, until the time arrives, when this tax may be abolished

European House and Land Tax. - Up to the present time, this tax has been gathered upon the old assessment of 1856, which amounted to little more than Tls.
4,000 annually. To effect an alteration, a Committee was appointed at the special meeting of Land Renters held on 8th September last, who have spared no trouble in discharging the important duties confided to them, and who are now prepared to place before you the result of their labors. From this source, it is calculated that an annual revenue of no less than Tls. 23,000 per an-

num may be relied on.

Chinese House Tax:—This tax, necessitated by the vast inflex of native inhabitants to this settlement, will, it is calculated, somewhat exceed in amount Tls. 100,000 per annum. The Rev. Mr, Yates has been indefatigable in re-assessing the China houses, and from his intimate knowledge of the language, the most beneficial results may be expected to follow.

General Licensing Scheme. - This measure, which has from for some years past been an unprofitable item in our annual Municipal Reports, having been thwarted in another place, your council have failed to establish, but, in lieu of the more perfect and comprehensive scheme, they have been compelled. from the very unsettled and even threatening state of affairs, to place all houses of public entertainment under control, and your council have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the ready and timely support offered them in affecting this, by all the consular agents residing here. Thirteen houses here, and seventeen in Hong-que have been opened under license, which yield a revenue of \$6,000 per annum. The sampans, too, have been brought under control, and no less than one thousand three hundred and twenty-three boats have been numbered and licensed. This tax realizes \$5,292 per annum. The system has also been extended to sedan chairs, plying for hire, of which one hundred and thirty have been licensed. Your council must leave to their successors the perfecting of this scheme, and the decision as to how far it may be extended without trenching upon those social landmarks laid down for the governance of all civilized communities in every part of the world.

Whilst your council have to deplore their inability to perfect this long suggested mea-sure, they learn with surprise that the local authorities have elaborated a scheme of taxation, which they are seeking to enforce within this settlement, far more minute and comprehensive than that contemplated by the council; thus raising up an imperium in imperio that in its practical results, has already led to confusion and disorder. By Chinese authority, this foreign settlement has been divided into separate areas and farmed out to native proprietors of sedan chairs; whilst, by a fiat of the Municipal Council all monopolies in this regard, have been destroyed, and this occupation has been thrown open to general competition. Placed thus in direct and open antagonism with the native rulers of the district, your council are unable to control the evils necessarily arising from this clashing of authority.

The privilege of levying taxes, virtually renounced by them in 1854, when self government within this concession was unreservedly ceded to the Municipal Body, no longer in the belief of the Council, resides in the Chinese authorities, whose inability to afford those advantages for which taxes are levied, is undisputed, and if submitted to, the exercise of it by them, bids fair to terminate in hopeless confusion. It is no part of the duty of your Council to animadvert upon the conduct of others in authority upon this menacing assumption of a power that has one of the most efficient in practice and been wholly without their control. As it is, long since been abandoned, but as your engineer from home. In the meantime,

Council are a mixed Body and not responsible to, or controlled by the representative of any one power, however formidable, it is not difficult to foresee the defeat of the attempt, if the Land Renters are unanimous in adopting their views and affording the council their support in opposing the pretention. The opinion of this council on this. matter, has been fully set forth in a circular letter dated 6th December and addressed to all the consuls of the treaty powers here, who for the most part, have subscribed to the views held by your council upon this

Roads & Drainage: - Your council append a detailed statement drawn up by the superintendent of the public works on these subjects, as the best evidence of their desire to sustain and complete the suggestions made this time last year by the defence committee. To meet the immediate outlay consequent upon a comprehensive scheme for draining the whole settlement at once, the council advertized for a loan of Tls. 133,000, called the Shanghai municipal 10 per cent drainage loan, and Sinking fund at 10 per cent. The response to this appeal fell far short of their expectations, and a of only Tls. 20,000 was realized. Neverthe-less the council have steadily progressed in this important work as far as the means at their disposal would permit. To enumerate the difficulties that presented themselves in the furtherance of this work, from the want, not only of materials but of skilled and even ordinary labor, would occupy more time than your Council have to spare, and call for the display of more patience, than probably it would be reasonable to expect at your hands. Suffice it to say: in their anxiety to overcome the difficulties referred to, that no less than 100 boats, and 500 men with a considerable quantity of treasure, have been captured and confiscated by the Rebels, into whose hands they have unhappily fallen.

The new roads recommended by the Committee, on the old Race Course have been opened, and Chinese buildings are rapidly springing up in that locality. To meet the danger likely to arise from the damming up: of the old net-work of water outlet there, upon the approach of the hot season, the Council have ordered open drains to be constructed, as a part and parcel of the drainage scheme. These open drains would not only suffice to carry off the storm water from the surrounding land, but would be flushed with every tide, and thus save the community from the evils likely to arise from a collection of stagnant water.

The following statement comprises the principal works in this department. Shakloo Drain.

Flagging, piling, building, &c., 345 chang, 3 feet by 5 feet, with a granite front at each end. Owing to alteration in line of excavation 50 chang.

Drains leading from Shakloo Drain.

The one past dye house, a medium drain 2 feet by 3 feet, 71 chang. Nanking Road in continuation of Maloo,

137 chang, small drain.

Canton Road, one small drain, 12 chang. New street drain, medium 2 feet by 3 feet, 126 chang.

Kingse Road, late Church street drain, 3 feet by 5 feet, 127 chang.

Drains now in progress are:medium.

2. Smith Road, medium. Small Drains,

Are being put in all parts of the Settle-Public Latrine.

Jetties, are ;-Dent's, Hooper's and Russell's, and besides numberless repairs and alterations. Side Walks are-One in Nankin Road. One in Hangchow do.

One in Hankow do. New Roads are:-1. Continuation of Hangehow Road 150

chang, 30 feet.
2. Soochow Road, 400 chang, 30 feet. do. 387 " 4. Nankin do. 165 " 30 ,, Foochow do. 74

Buildings in progress, are:—
One police Barrack, 100 feet by 30 feet, stories with nine rooms.

Bunding Yang-king-pang creek with gra-nite stone, 150 chang.

Legal status of the Land Regulations.— Many persons have been induced to question the legality of our Land Regulations, and

your Council would be unmindful of a pressing duty were they to pass over this subject in silence. They feel, in common with every one, that some definite understanding should be arrived at on the subject, as our existence as a community is, to a great extent, based upon them, and vast capital has been invested in property which rests altogether on their faith. If they have been generally acknowledged and acted upon, it requires no very great amount of legal information to pronounce them-in absence of any other enactments-to be as binding on English subjects, at least, as the common or unwritten Law of England is.

Encroachments on Land surrendered to Public use.—The Land Regulations have hitherto been a dead letter in regard to this important subject; partly from the fact, it is presumed, that before the Council had any permanent staff to attend to these matters, it escaped the notice of preceding Councils, and partly, that, up to within a very recent period, our narrow thoroughfares have suf-ficed for the ordinary wants of the place. The sudden and almost unexampled increase of the population, has shewn how desirable it will be that the Land Regulations, in this regard, should be strengthened. Your Council, therefore, recommend that for the future it should be made compulsory on all. persons intending to build within this settlement, to give notice at the office of the Municipal Council of such intention, with plans of their proposed buildings, and there to receive the sanction of the Council for the

Civil Engineer.—Your Council are glad to report that they have every prospect of obtaining the services of a competent civil

your Council have received valuable assis- may compose the Council for the official year | recognized by the Packet Agent here by accitance from Mr. Carlisle, Superintendent of Public Works, who being a stone mason by trade, and having had advantages of long training in a scientific portion of II. B. M. Army, has shown himself quite equal to present emergencies. Your Council are glad to bear testimony to his intelligence and assiduity in carrying out the work entrusted to him. But your Council have desired to make provision for the coming day.

Supply of Water.—In connexion with the

foregoing, your Council have been restrained in the the prosecution of this all important matter, whether viewed in connection with the health or personal comfort of the inhabitants of the settlement. There can be no doubt, however, that with the control of competent professional skill, this great want may easily be supplied.

Registration of Land: — Your Council cannot do better, in regard to this important matter, than to lay before the Land Renters copy of a letter, covering memoranda on the same subject from the committee appointed to assess European houses and land within this Concession, and to recommend it to your favourable consideration.

Post Office:—At the special meeting of Land Renters held on the 8th September last, a proposal from the Post Master General of Hongkong was submitted by the Council, and with some reluctance adopted provisionally by the meeting. It was to the effect that the community should contribute the sum of \$2,500 for one year towards the support of the Shanghai Branch of the Post Office; in return for which the Council were to have the power to exercise a local control over the management of the Post Office, by which arrangement they hoped to have been able to increase the usefulness of the establishment and render it an aid instead of hindrance to business. It was further agreed that the revenue to be derived from the local mails which would be brought to the Post Office, so soon as the establishment was placed on such a footing of efficiency as to ensure prompt delivery of the letters, should pass to the credit of the municipal Council in reduction of their annual contribution of \$2,500 with an efficient staff, and a penny postage on all mails sent into the office here for delivery, the Council felt confident that consignees of vessels bringing mails would gladly have availed themselves of the use of the Post: Office, and a large revenue would have accrued from a source heretofore entirely unproductive,—for it is notorious that, of the aggregate correspondence arriving in Shanghai from the coast and river, a small fraction only at present

goes through the Post Office.
Your Council regret to have to report that the instructions issued by the Post Master General of Hongkong to the packet agent here have utterly defeated their plans, the Post Office refusing to carry out the view of the Council excepting as regards "Town Letters," a branch of Post Office Work Agents and Agents a work never contemplated when the arrange-ment was made last August. The result is that the great mass of correspondence continues to be managed without the intervention of the Post Office, and the community of Shanghai are burdend with the payment of \$2,500 for the year to support an insti-tution which is useless to them; and are deprived of the large revenue which would inevitably accrue were the Post Office placed at the disposal of the public on the terms stipulated

The correspondence on this subject is on the table, and the Council have only further to add that they have been compelled to notify the Postmaster General that his portion of the agreement having fallen through, the Council consider themselves absolved from any further obligation in the matter, and claim the refund of the moiety of the yearly contribution which has been already paid:

Proposed incorporation of the district north of the Soochow creek with this Settlement. The social state of the so-called American Settlement. Settlement, north of the Soochow creek, has en a source of much uneasiness to your Council, arising chiefly from the great influx of the lower orders of foreign people, who, doubtless are attracted there by the comparative immunity enjoyed by them from Police and other surveillance. Neither life or property can be considered safe within its limits at the present period; and experience has taught your Council that every coming day tends most materially to augment the evil. Obstacles have interfered to prevent the junction of the two districts, which your Council never contemplated, and are unable to control. They do not be approach with the to control. They do not however think the difficulties in the way of the incorporation by any means insurmountable, and do not doubt that by the joint action of their successors and the owners of property more especially interested, the powers of this Municipality may at no distant date be extended in the desired direction.

Finances - Your Council beg to submit a balance Sheet of the Receipts and Expenditure of the past year. These will fully bear out the statement of your Council in regard to at to the startling increase of both the foreign and native population, since the last annual meeting of land renters.

The Council have been enabled to pay off the balance of the Bund Loan amounting, egether with interest, to Tls. 6677.19.

The estimated income for the coming year, your Council have fixed as follows:
Chinese House Tax Tls. - - 100.000
European do. & Land do. , - - 23.000 Wharfage Dues ----Licence fees - 1 - - - - - - - 8.000

171,000 The expenditure for the same period, cannot with any regard to correctness, be estimated

The Secretary having officially intimated to Your Council his intention to resign his appointment at the Board, at the end of the current half year, your Council leave to the hew Board the duty of appointing a successor. The emoluments attached to the office, at Present, are not, in the opinion of the Council, commensurate with the largely increased duties required of the Secretary to this Muhicipality; and they have no doubt this will soon become apparent to the gentlemen who applied to them. These letters can only be Shanghai, 31st March, 1863.

next ensuing.
HENRY TURNER, Chairman A. MICHIE, JAMES COCK. Treasurer. Shanghai, 31st March, 1863.

SHANGHAR, 19th March, 1863. H Tunner. Esq Chairman Municipal Council,

SIN, -We have the honor to transmit here-with our list of Assessments on land and Foreign Buildings in the limits of the British Concession. At the same time we have to express our regret that the document is necessarily very imperfect and incomplete, owing to the confused state of the records connected with land here, and the impossibility of identifying many lots by the very vague and indefinite boundaries described in the records at our disposal.

We can only hope that our labors may be of ome present value to the Council, but we trust they will also prove of some ultimate advantage to the community, in shewing the necessity for a proper survey of the settlement by competent professional persons, and for organizing some more intelligible system of land registration than at present exists. We are strongly of opinion that unless some better means of identification be shortly adopted in reference both to the original registration of land and the numerous subdivisions continually occurring, the land records will soon be in the most hope-less and dangerous state of confusion, and we strongly urge the Council to take some immediate step towards lessening the evils which our somewhat laborious researches in the land records shew us to already exist, and to be daily increasing. We append to the list a few remarks and suggestions, which may be of use to the Council, and have only further to mention that great delay in the completion of our task has arisen from the difficulties of identifying the localities of many lots where owners are not resident in the settlement - We have the honor sir, your obedient servants, W. H VACHER, T. HANBURY,

C THORNE.

S. RAWSON. J. KEARNY RODGER, BARNES DALLAS.

MEMORANDUM TO ACCOMPANY ASSESSMENT List.

Localities of Lots -Owing to the impossibility of obtaining accurate information, from the Agents or representatives of absent Owners, the committee have at times been obliged to assume what they suppose to be the proper situation of some lots, and it may be found, that there are occasional mistakes, from this cause.

Unknown Lots .- Nos 126, 161, 237, 262, 359, and 397, the Committee can obtain no informa-tion about at present, and must leave the Municipal Officers to ascertain localities. Mr Wills' lots also, cannot be described by his Agents here, and have consequently not been assessed,

or placed in the accompanying List.

Rentals — Where no Rental is stated, the Committee, assume the property to be in the occupation of Chinese tenants, or to be unoccapied by buildings of any kind at all : rentals stated by the Committee are Foreign occupied premises. No notice is taken of Chinese Rentals. American Registered Lots - All the lots registered in the American Consulte, require identification, which the Committee were not in a position to furnish owing to the imperfect state of the Land Records. Several Properties were found to be registered twice over to differ-ent owners, and in other instances, it is believed title deeds have been taken out in the British Consulate, without being cancelled in the

Should any Lots be discovered in the British Concession not included in this List, the Committee will affix a valuation on receiving particulars of the locality, though in most instances, the value of adjoining Lots, may be taken as a

All words in pencil and alterations in Red Ink. should be properly filled in, and the calculations (which were somewhat hurriedly made) should be checked, before being acted on.

W. H. VACHER,
C. THORNE,

S. RAWSON, T. HANBURY, J. KEARNY RODGER.

PACKET AGENCY.

SHANGHAI, 7th March, 1863. SIR,—Having just observed your Advertisement in the North-China Herald, I take the earliest opportunity of informing you that your notice does not coincide with the instructions I

am prepared to obey, as thus :Toun Letters.—I have been made distinctly to understand are such as may be sent by you; for instance to Messrs. Dent & Co. here, and upon Letters of this description only does the rate of one penny per half ounce hold good.

Letters from the River. Northern, Japanese

and other ports are not included in the above, s before he charged at the rate of four and will a pence per half ounce.

These are what I understood to be the charges as conveyed in the Letter to Mr. Baker, and as pointed out to me by Mr. Michell personally. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
J. P. MARTIN,

Packet Agent.

E: Pickwoad, Esq., Secretary Municipal Council.

Council Room.

SIR.—Under direction of the Municipal Council, I do myself the honor to enclose copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Martin, from which it would appear that the council are as distant as ever from the prospect of securing the advantages that the Board conceives to be legitimately within their control.

A system of "Town Letters" as understood by you, the Council never contemplated, for

such a want has no existence.

After a careful consideration of your views, gathered from your correspondence with this office, the Council is led to believe that, in objecting to their system of a penny postage onjecting to their system of a penny possage upon letters arriving at this port by private vessels, you are hampering yourself with British postal regulations, which were never contemplated to apply to this portion of the dominions of the Emperor of Chida, where Foreign residents, under sufficience, are permitted by the native authorities to make such rules and regulations for the delivery of letters arriving here from outports, having no l'ost Office Agents, as

seem most adapted to their local requirements Consignees, or "Loose" letters daily arrive here by private vessels, which are now regularly advertised and left for distribution by private hands, the control of which the Council could dent or by common report, as sen or river letters, and consequently need not of necessity be liable to the established rule of 4d. each as laid down

by yourself.
The Council are utterly at a loss to conceive how the realization of one pienny aport lefters, which is ver have been and never will be given over to the Post Office, can either impriore with the regulations or revenues of the Imperial Post Office in Hongkong.

Be that as it may; it only remains for me, now, in obedience to the commands I have received from the Municipal Council, to notify to you the determination of the Board to withhold any further payments on behalf of a department from which they have derived no additional benefits, as well as to demand the repayment of the sum of \$ 1,250 already advanced on the faith of an engagement which the Council contend has not been kept on the part of the Hongkong Government.
Sir. your obedient servant
EDWIN PICKWOAD, kong Government - I have the honor to be,

Secretary Municipal Council Post Master General, Hongkong

Council Room,

January 21st 1863.

To the Post Master General,

ongkong. SIR .- I am directed by the Municipal Council. in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the toth Nov. last, to bring under your consideration the highly unsatisfactory working of the Post Office here, which, in the opinion of the Board, is traceable to the defective arrangements made by the Hongkong Government for its main-

I am directed to observe, that you appear from your letter of the 10th Nov. altogether to have been under a misapprenhension of the wishes and intentions of the Council in regard to their determinaton to affix a penny postage on a certain class of letters arising in Shanghae for distribu-

In the first place, the Council beg to call your attention to the fact, that very few letters from the North of China or from Japan find their way to the Post Office at all, and that it was with no intention of interfering either with revenue or expenditure of the General Post Office, that they proposed to collect an impost on all letters (hither-to delivered by private hands) arriving here in private Vessels The Council have been called upon to subsidize the Postal Revenues of this place with a view of increasing its staff and enabling the Packet Agent, with as little delay as possible, to distribute all letters sent to his office by private hands for the foreign Residents. This impost of one penny must not be considered, to include letters arriving here from your Agents

at other ports.
With this the Council do not wish to interfere in anyway. All that they claim to do is to make use of the Post Office staff for the delivery on the spot letters sent to them from the spot, for that purpose. Letters of this description are in the opinion of the Council entirely beyond your

The Council, therefore, desire me distinct y to give you to understand, that they contemplate an individed action over all such letters, and that any opposition on the part of the Hongkong Covernment to this reasonable de-mantl, will be looked upon us a breach, on their part, of the engagement recently, concluded between the Hongkong Government and them-selves As it is, they have paid, in advance, in addition to the heavy postal revenues of the place, \$1250, for which no equivalent whatever has

The Post Office, after a lapse of some months,

is as bad, if not worse, than ever.

This state of things, the Council feel, is to be attributed in a great measure to the want of local knowledge of the Hongkong Government, in sanctioning an outlay of £250 only for an assistant; an amount not simply inadequate to the duties required, but equally out of keeping with the requirements for the obtaining the oldinary necessaries of life here. Husty abundonment of the office by your first nominte, was the

The Council have much pleasure in bearing te timony to the assiduity and attention of Mr. Baker, but single handed, it cannot be expected that he will be enabled to inaugurate the reform, so loudly called for on all sides, and without wishing to interfere with the expenditure of your department; the Board cannot but point out the more liberal salaries given to others here, as likely at no distant period, to deprive the department of an efficient and painstaking officer,

I have the honor to be, Sir. Your obedient servent, EDWIN PICKWOAD. Secretary Municipal Council.

MUNICIPAL COUN IL FINANCE. Balance Sheet for Year ended 31st March 1863.

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To Balance received from	La chia	A STATE
Treasurer of last Council	and the	a highly a not
6th May 1862,		3,878.26
Drainage Loan,		The state of
Temporary do. (from Agra		
Bank),		
Chinese subscription to		
Touza Station	4 20 1 16	1,000.00
Mr. Ramsbottom's loan	40.5	मान्य पर पर दर्श
repaid,	4 11 11	300.00
Mr. Rogers loan repaid,		180 OJ
Reward fund (standing at		Carrier
credit)		611.25
Total revenue for year		20,000
ending 31st March 1863	1,150	89.395.53
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Total,	(fried)	138.465.04
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Chinese Taxes, to 31st		nearly street a
Dec 1862 uncollected esti-		5,000,00
mated,		3,000.00
Frontages on Shakloo	2.010	3,000.00
Foreign House and Land		4,500 00
Tax for 1862 on old Asst	100 20 400	1,000 00
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Wharfage Dues to 21st	13.1	46.
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Tax to 31st Dec 1862	SOL STR.	43,615.53
European House and Land		BANK X
Tax collected during 1862.	107 383 - FT	A JOSEPH CARLS
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of 1861,	440	2,160.58
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Spirit Shops,	851.25	2,859.01
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JAMES COCK

Treasurer

Mr. Dent proposed that the Report of the last Council with the accounts, just read to the meeting be adopted and pub-

Mr. P. H. Underwood seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Turner rose and said; one of not the least onerous and important duties of the public Municipal Council on retiring from office, posed. was to furnish the meeting with a list of fit and eligible persous who were willing to act as their successors. The difficul-ties the present board had encountered in this respect had been great; and they would, he believed, be increased every year in consequence of the heavy responsibilities and duties attached to Municipal Office in this growing Community. He was, however, he was happy to say, provided with the names of seven who would, he believed form a good and able Council for the current year, and he begged to propose therefore the following Gentlemen as Municipal Councillors for the year 1863-64 and was seconded by Mr. Medhurst.—Messrs. H. W. Dent R. Brand, G. F. Heard, J. R. Rodgers D.

Reid, A. Wieters and J. Cock. The new Council were then balloted for: and the votes appeared as follows:-Mr. Cock, 37, Mr. Reid, 35, Mr. Brand, 34, Mr. Dent, 33, Mr. Heard. 27, Mr. Rodgers, 27, Mr. Wieters, 26, Mr. Han-bury, 6, Mr. Porter, 5, Mr. Alabaster, 4, Mr. Dow, 3, Mr. Underwood, 3, Mr. Forbes, 3, Mr. Carter, 3, Mr. Cunning-ham, 3, Mr. J. Thorne, 2, Mr. May, 1, Mr. Lent, 1, Mr. Fltzroy, 1.

Mr. TURNER said the meeting would have gathered from the Report just read that the Municipality was much in want place like Shanghai, where the materials layed with this object. He proposed in a spirit of opposition to any well definthen:

That the Foreign House and Land Tax for the past year 1862 be collected on the new assessment.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Latireiro and carried unanimously:

Mr. TURNER remarked that the subject matter of the Resolution he was the question of encroachments on Public ings terminated with a vote of thanks thoroughfares to which it had reference to the Chairman. thoroughfares to which it had reference to the Charman. as so important, that they thought it better to obtain the sentiments of the

Land Renters in a separate and distinct form. The Council had had great difficulties during their vear of office in contending against Parties who sought to create obstructions or engine hinging on the Public Ronds and Streets, In some instances they had been foiled, and it appeared that the Land Regulations were not sufficiently explicit on the point. The Council Were indebtad to H.B.M.'s Consul Mr. Meddunst, for the suggestion that it should be niade binding on all Persons about to build, to produce, their plans at the ouncil Room for the in spection of the Superintendent of Public ? Works, that any contemplated formaintentional encroachment might be detected sie and stopped prior to its being carried out. Acting on this suggestion, he begged to

That from and after this date, all, per-viwithin the limits of this softlement be required to give infice to the Municipal Council of their intention to do so, and to produce their plans for the inspection; and approval of the Superintendent of Public Works with the view to prevent: encroachments on the public thorough-

This motion was seconded by Mr. Reid and carried unanimously.

Mr. G. F. CARTER proposed and Mr. . g. Dow seconded.

That a vote of thanks be given to the retiring Council for the able and energetic manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties during their term of

Passed unanimously. Mr. Timner the ? Chairman of the Municipal Council, briefly returned thanks. riers to W

Mr. HANBURY rose and said that he thought it most desirable that the portion of the Settlement known as Hong-que should be incorporated without delay, and be placed under Municipal authority. It was every day more apparent that stringent measures would ere long be required to preserve order there; and if some suitable steps were not taken, the evil would make itself unpleasantly felt even by those dwelling on this side of the creek. "At present, this important, " part of the Settlement was in danger of being much injured by the want of proper roads being out; and residents were building their lrouses in many instances without any regard to the wants of the public in this respect. He therefore pro-

That the newly elected Council he recommended to use every exertion to carry into effect the resolution passed at the last annual meeting relative to the incorporation of Hong-que into the present settlement, and to make such alteration there as, if found necessary, to secure either partially or wholly that desirable end. Mr. Michie seconded the

Mr. Pickwoad said it was not with

a view of offering opposition to any

measure that might conduce to the wel-

fare of Hong-que that he desired to make

a few remarks, but, in the position in see

which he stoody it might be supposed he at a was better able to form an opinion in regard to its wants, than persons who had a not bestowed equal-attention to the subsection ject. All were agreed that the time had arrived, when some measure for the amelioration of its condition should be carried. But men differed as to what that measure should be. He (Mr. P.) had some conversation with the U. S. Consul nearly twelve months ago on the subject; and even then, it was a matter for consideration, whether it should not be allowed to stand by itself. The subsequent unparalleled increase of this place, fully convinced him, that it contained sufficent vitality within itself to of funds. Drain and Road making in a be able to form a separate and independent municipality. It did not, at present, were so expensive, was very costly work, contain either the wealth or intelligence of Large as the estimate of the ensuing this Settlement three years ago, but, he year's income was in comparison with was satisfied, that a far greater revenue former years, the money would all be could be obtained from it, for its civil wanted and more too. Now he thought maintenance, thin was drawn from this that, as the Foreign Property in the settlementat that period. He felt certain, settlement had been so ridiculously under | that the amalgamation of that district with estimated for taxing purposes during the this, under existing circumstances, would last few years, the meeting would agree prove a drag to us, whilst it would failed with him, that it would only be fair and to procure for the residents there, those, right to allow the new Assessment, advantages, which nothing but constant which affixed something like a proper and active supervision could ensure, value to Foreign Hongs and land, to He was as anxious as any one could be was come into operation retrospectively for to procure municipal government for 1862: the collection of the House and Hong-que, and desired that these remarks Land Tax for last year having been de- should not be considered as being offered

Mr. HANBURY would not amend his original proposition, the community in ... V. Hong-que in his opinion having not vet sufficient weight or importance to carry on a separate municipal government; aid most of the property, was owned by those were resident on this side. new about to propose was embodied in Upon the motion being put, it was out-Upon the motion, being put, it was out-

ed measure for its relief.

WM. H. LAY, Sicretary.