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BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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February 16, 1863.

HALLIDAY, Major J. G., 12 N. I., is relieved from doing duty with the 44th N. I., and will proc. to join his own regt.

HODSON, Major (Brevet Lieut.-col.) D., of the late 3rd Madras Eur. Regt. is, with reference to G. O. C. C. dated Dec. 23, 1862, appd. to do duty until fur. ords. with the 44th N. I., and will proc. to join on arrival of the 9th N. I. at Moulmein.

BLAKE, Lieut.-col. W. H., 9th N. I., will continue to do duty with the Pegu sapper batt., and accompany the batt. in Madras in view to its being disbanded.

The undermentioned officers have been examined in the Hindustance language:—

WALTERS, Lieut. R. A., late 50th N. I., doing duty 33rd N. I., Bangalore, creditable progress. The Moonshee allowance is to be disbursed to him.

PLAYFAIR, Ensign W. M., gen. list, doing duty 33rd N. I., Bangalore, passed the exam. prescribed for officers of companies.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—

ARMSTRONG, Maj.-gen. E., commdg. ceded dists., from date of quitting his commd. for 40 days: Madras priv. leave.

BARWISE, Capt. W., late 45th N. I., doing duty 17th N. I., from date of departure to May 15, 1863: Madras and Eastern coast, sick cert., subject to provisions contained in para. 5 p. 290 gen. regs. of the army.

MARKHAM, Lieut. J., riding-mr. 1st L. C., is, with sanction of the Governor, appd. to do duty with his Excellency's body guard, until fur. ords.

February 19, 1863.

The undermentioned officers are appd. to do duty with the Sappers and Miners, until fur. ords.:—

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MASON, Capt. C. C. (late 48th N. I.), doing duty 31st L. I.

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ELLIOT, Lieut. H. R., 42nd N. I.

RAWLINS, Lieut. W., Staff Corps.

February 20, 1863.

SMYTH, Major W. P. S., of the Staff Corps (late prom.), is appd. to do duty, until fur. ords., under the officer commdg. Mysore div.

DIXON, Lieut. E. G., 10th N. I., is appd. adj. of that regt.

COMMERCIAL.—(Madras, February 21.)

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-Half per Cent.	12½ to 13 prem.
Five	5¼ to 5½ prem.
Four	4½ to 5 dis.

EXCHANGE.

On London, for Document Bills, at 6 months' sight 2s. 0½d.

BANK OF MADRAS.

Bank of Madras Shares	76 prem.
Discount on Government Bills	4 p. cent.
" on Private Bills, at or within 3 months	7 " "
Interest on Loans on Deposit of Government Securities	5 " "
" on Discount Loans on ditto	4 " "
" on Cash Credits, on ditto (subject to commission of one quarter per cent. on the sum granted) on amount drawn.....	5 " "

FREIGHT—To London, dead weight, 1l. 16s. per ton. Cotton, 4l. 10s. per ton.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.—*Grey Shirtings*, 7 lbs. and 40 in., 7-8rs. per piece. *Twist Mule*, No. 40s. good seconds, 6-10 rs. per bundle.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

VESSEL DEPARTED FROM MADRAS.

Feb. 14: Cheviot, Henderson, London.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BAMFORTH—Feb. 14, at Madras, wife of the Rev. J. Bamforth, Principal of the Military Male Asylum, son.

CHADWICKE—Feb. 18, at Arcot, wife of Assist. Apothecary J. Chadwicke, H.M.'s 41st N. I., son.

DAWSON—Feb. 8, at Ingeram, Mrs. J. A. Dawson, son.

GAGER—Feb. 16, at Madras, wife of Mr. F. D. Gager, Revenue Board Office, son.

HADOW—Jan. 28, at Secunderabad, wife of Mr. P. Hadow, R.A., dau.

STEPHEN—Feb. 20, at Black Town, wife of Mr. G. D. Stephens, of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of I. L. A. C., son.

MARRIAGES.

BREEKS—DENISON—Feb. 19, at Madras, J. W. Brecks, Esq., of the Madras C. S., to Susan Maria, daughter of his Excellency Sir W. F. Denison, K.C.B., Governor of Madras.

COMPTON—TAYLOR—Feb. 12, at Madras, the Rev. S. J. Compton, of Nellore to Cecilia Jane, daughter of J. H. Taylor, Esq., M.D., of Guildford.

HAYNE—STANES—Feb. 6, at Coonoor, John Henry, son of the late Major Hayne, of the Madras C. S., to Isabella, daughter of James Stanes, Esq., of Hampstead.

DEATHS.

PHAROAH—Feb. 14, at Madras, wife of Mr. J. B. Pharoad, Inspector Madras Railway, aged 24.

WAHAB—Jan. 30, at Bangalore, Louisa, widow of the late Major-Gen. J. Wahab, C.B.

Bombay.

Our advices from Bombay by the present mail are to the 28th of February.

THE GOVERNOR.—Sir Bartle Frere left the Presidency for Sedashgur on the 14th February, on a visit of observation and examination. He wished to inspect the works now in progress at that rising port, and to form a judgment from personal observation of what were still required to render it a convenient and commodious port of shipment for one of the finest cotton fields in India. Sir Bartle Frere's Government (says the *Bombay Gazette*) is doing all a Government can do, in the circumstances, to urge forward the most important public works, and to supply the greatest want of this Presidency, in common with all India, the means of cheap and rapid inter-communication.

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THE P. AND O. CO.'S STEAMER "NEMESIS."—The P. and O. Co.'s steamer *Nemesis*, Capt. Weston, which arrived at Bombay on the 21st Feb., having been repaired, left again on the following day, for Galle and Calcutta. The *Nemesis* struck on the Bellows Rock just off Galle harbour about eleven o'clock p.m., on the 16th, and backed off again in about ten minutes, not making very much water. Her passengers, baggage, &c., were transferred undamaged to the P. and O. steamer *Bombay*, which left for Aden and Suez on the 18th.

THE TELEGRAPH FRAUDS.—A wealthy opium speculator in Bombay had been committed for trial to the High Court for instigating to the commission of telegraph frauds.

THE OFFICERS OF THE HIGH COURT.—The *Bombay Saturday Review* says:—"Some erroneous statements have appeared in the daily papers as to the revised scale of salaries for the officers of the High Court. The prothonotary, ecclesiastical registrar and admiralty registrar is to have a salary of 2,500 rs. a month. The registrar on the appellate side, 2,000 rs. The taxing master, 1,500 rs. The commissioner to take accounts, 1,200 rs. The deputy registrar, 500 rs. The registrar on the appellate side is virtually the registrar of appeals from the Mofussil only. The master in equity will be paid at the rate of 2,700 rs. a month; but to the present master, Mr. Taylor, it is understood that compensation will be given equal to the difference between this salary and that of the old régime."

CONVERSAZIONE IN BOMBAY.—The *Bombay Gazette* reports a meeting, held on the 16th February, of a kind we could wish to see more frequent in Bombay—one of pleasant intellectual and social enjoyment. We allude to a conversazione of the members of the Bombay Christian Literary Society and other friends at Sir Alexander Grant's bungalow. No trouble had been spared by Sir Alexander and Lady Grant in preparing for the reception and entertainment of their guests—nothing certainly was wanting on their part to make every one present feel pleased and delighted. The assemblage was large and varied, the ladies well represented. The sources of instruction were varied. Dr. Giraud contributed not a little to the entertainment by the exhibition of the beautiful oxy-hydrogen light, by his interesting experiments with the galvanic battery, illustrating the convertibility of the forms of force, and by his explanations of some of the many diagrams which had been got together for the entertainment of the company, especially of the light thrown by recent spectrum analysis on the condition of the sun and the nature of his spots, and of the conditions necessary to the success of Artesian wells. Sir Alexander Grant read some extracts from old authors on the condition of Bombay in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, which seemed to be highly interesting to every one. Dr. Wilson gave some more antiquarian information on the same subject. And Mr. Newton exhibited the curious little machine invented by Foucault to illustrate and demonstrate the diurnal rotation of the earth. Doubtless the name of the gyroscope is in the *Index Espurgatorius*, for it for ever removes the rotation from the region of admirable hypothesis into that of incontestable fact. This instrument consists of a heavy disc of metal which can be made to revolve on an axis with great velocity, and which is so placed in a series of gimbals so delicately hung that it is almost at entire liberty to turn in any direction. If the disc be set in motion freely in space, it will—unless disturbed or constrained—preserve absolutely the plane of its rotation; and to effect this it will even overcome slight obstacles. This was beautifully illustrated by its even resisting the force of gravity. As the earth rotates, carrying the gyroscope along with it, the revolving ring or disc cannot remain precisely in its original relation to surrounding objects, because its displacement by the rotation of the earth would constantly change the plane in space in which it revolves. The company seemed greatly interested in the sensations produced,