

THE BARING ARCHIVE

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6.1.1 1828 6 Nov, Canton:

- a) Copy, Charter of Affreightment, between J Boelen, agent of the ship Wilhelmina & Maria, 316 tons, of Amsterdam, and Perkins & Co, of Canton, merchants

Whereby Boelan agrees to allow Perkins & Co to freight the ship, with tea and tin, for a voyage to Holland; money consideration stated, and conditions for stowage of the cargo given

- b) **1827-28**
Indents submitted by Perkins & Co to J Bates and J Baring for lace and other cottons, iron and other goods to be shipped to Canton in ships Augusta and Nautilus

6.1.2 1829 2 Apr, Macao: Power of Attorney. Given by Anna Maria de Rozario, of Macao, to Joshua Bates, partner of Barings
To obtain a legacy of 5000 Spanish dollars bequeathed to her by the Will of Sir Theophilus John Metcalfe, Bart, deceased. Two copies

6.1.3 1830 5 Jan, Canton: Houqua to John Cushing
Recipient to inform Barings that Houqua will guarantee 35000 dollars worth of raw silk shipped by James Sturgis to the United States for re-shipment to England addressed to Barings. Sturgis meanwhile wants to have a quantity of merchandise sent out from England

6.1.4 1831-37, Canton and Cowes: James P Sturgis and Samuel P Sturgis to Joshua Bates
Description of their house at Canton; bill of lading for a box of birds of paradise

6.1.5 1829-36: John W Perit, of Russell & Co, Canton to J Bates
China trade: Ship Dorothea, in which J Bates had a financial interest, carrying French manufactured goods, cochineal, quicksilver to Canton, and bringing back tea; JW Perit's account to J Bates; Gutzlaff, the missionary and trader

6.1.6 1835-39: Capt N de St Croix to J Bates
(St. Croix was master of the ship Alexander Baring, owned by Barings. The ship made voyages to Canton in 1835 and 1836). Reports of voyage to China 1836; condition of trade in China, intentions for homeward freight.
See HC6.1.7

6.1.7 1836 29 Nov, Canton: AC Maclean to J Bates
The voyage to China [perhaps in the Alexander Baring]; serious fire in Canton; condition of the Canton market; Maclean establishes a factory with warehouses in Canton

6.1.8a 1830-83, Canton: Russell & Co, merchants of Canton, to Barings, and to J Bates

- a) Part I: 1830-36
II: 1837-67
III: 1868-83

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Note: Russell Sturgis joined Russell & Co, Canton, in 1834. His letters to J Bates are included here from that date. In 1851 he became a partner of Barings. For his letters thereafter see HC1.20.14

The letters deal with China trade in Europe and the United States. Recurring in the letters are memoranda on the state of the Canton market for imports and exports

The following may be noted

1830: Samples of cloth ordered by Russell & Co

1833 15 Jul: Influence of the failures in Calcutta upon the exchange markets there and in Bombay

1835 Nov: Death of Joshua Bates's son, William

1837 14 Nov: A dispute about tea shipped from Canton (with notes made by J Bates on the reverse of a house bearer-cheque form)

1838 28 Sep: Return of James Price from Canton (HC6.1.10); Russell & Co, to act for Barings in Canton in future

1840-41: Trading difficulties; Chinese embargo

1840 12 Oct: Translations of Imperial Edicts against British trading

1843 14 Mar: Political

1844 3 Jul: Shipment of furniture for Mrs Bates

1849 23 Nov: Opium from Turkey

20 Dec: Gisborne & Co, (HC6.3.1)

1850 21 Jun: Opening of telegraphic communication from China, via Trieste; Russell & Co's telegraphic code

12 Oct: Balance sheet of the Manila House (HC6.1.8b)

6.1.8b **1833-76, Manila:** Russell, Sturgis & Co, merchants of Manila, to Joshua Bates

1834: Order for a hydraulic press for pressing bales of hemp

1875-76: Letters from members of the firm (HN Jeffries, F Griswold Heron, and Charles H Warren) to Russell Sturgis; the death of Jonathan Russell; the settlement of his estate; efforts to keep the firm in being; the demands of creditors; liquidation. See HC6.1.24

6.1.9 **1833 10 Nov, Canton:** C Gutzlaff, of Jardine & Matheson, merchants of Canton, to J Bates
The development of China; the maritime province opening up the interior by means of the Yangtze River; distribution of moral literature
See HC6.1.5

6.1.10 **1838-39, Canton:** James Price to Barings
Price was Barings' agent in China in respect of three ships owned by Barings, namely: Falcon, General Palmer (Capt Dawn), and Alexander Baring (Capt St Croix). He arrived in Canton in the Falcon in Aug 1838

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The letters describe the general state of the China market; the arrival of the ships; their cargoes; Price's negotiations with Russell & Co (HC6.1.8a), for the sale of the cargoes and the purchase of tea and other goods for return cargoes; the prices obtained; departure of the ships for Cowes, Isle of Wight

- 6.1.11 **1843 Jul-Aug, Hongkong:** Proclamation by Sir Henry Pottinger, British Plenipotentiary in China, of the terms of the commercial treaty with the Emperor. Printed
- 6.1.12 **No date (cOct 1843), Canton:** Schedule Tariff of Duties on the foreign trade with China, and general regulations of trade, sent by Wetmore & Co, Canton; endorsed by Barings: British Treaty & Trade
- 6.1.13 **No date (cOct 1844), China:** Summary of the Treaty of Wanghia, signed 3 Jul 1844, between United States and China. Printed
- 6.1.14 **1840 9 May, Macao:** WH Hughes to J Bates
Political situation in China; expected arrival of the naval force under Capt. Elliot; review of trade
- 6.1.15 **1840 May-Dec, Canton:** FB Wells, Barings' agent on a voyage to Canton, to Barings
The political and mercantile condition of Canton; details of specific business, cargoes etc
- 6.1.16 **1840 26 Jun, London:** A Stevenson to Barings
Politics of the China trade
- 6.1.17 **1840-77, Canton:** Joseph Coolidge, the younger, of Augustine Heard & Co, merchants of Canton, to J Bates
On return to Canton in Jan 1840 from the United States, Coolidge left Russell & Co, and went into partnership with Heard
- The letters deal with political and mercantile affairs in China
- 1852 Feb:** Appointing a new tea-taster in China
Apr: Heard & Co's increasing business
- 1853 Mar-Feb:** Political situation of Canton
- 1856-60:** Heard & Co's credits from Barings; political situation in China
- 1871 Jan:** Renewal of credit by Barings; prospects of trade for the coming year
- 1875-77:** Suspension of Heard & Co, appointment of trustees to supervise their affairs in China and Japan; mortgage of much of their property; printed balance sheets 1875, 1877; continuation of business, and gradual repayment of creditors, of whom Barings was a notable one
- 6.1.18 **1840-56, Macao:** Gideon Nye, the younger, of Nye Parkin & Co, merchants of Canton, to Barings
The political situation in Canton, and its effect on trade

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- 1845:** Statistics of exports of tea and silk from China for Great Britain (cf HC2.303, 313)
- 1856:** Circular letter sent out by Gideon Nye, the younger, to his creditors concerning the liquidation of Nye Parkin & Co, his dissatisfaction with the account rendered by the liquidators. Printed
- 6.1.19 **1849 Mar-Jul, Canton:** George Carlisle to Barings
The tea trade: prospects and prices at Canton
- 6.1.20 **1857 Jan, London:** Copies of correspondence between The East India and China Association and the Foreign Office. About the situation in China, the need for a new treaty to replace the Treaty of Nanking, 1843, the need to safeguard the trade of Canton
Note: The Treaty of Tientsin was signed in 1858 and ratified in 1860. It was the culmination of Lord Elgin's mission to China, 1856-60
- 6.1.21 **1857-58, Tientsin (and elsewhere in China):** William B Reid, United States Plenipotentiary in China, to Thomas Baring
The interference of the Powers (Britain, France, Russia, United States) in China
Operations against Canton; the Treaties of Tientsin, signed by the Powers Jun 1858; violent criticism of the behaviour of Lord Elgin, British Plenipotentiary
- 6.1.22 **1858 2 Aug, [Simoda], Japan:** Townsend Harris, United States envoy to Japan, to Barings
Successful negotiation by Harris of treaty between the United States and Japan; his favourable impression of Japan and the Japanese
- 6.1.23 **1863 5 Feb:** List of shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Shanghai
- 6.1.24 **1867-76, Manila:** Peele, Hubell & Co, merchants of Manila to Russell Sturgis and to Barings
1867: Report of previous year's trading
1876: Letters of Ogden E Edwards, of Peele & Co, about the affairs of Russell & Sturgis & Co (HC6.1.8b): their impending bankruptcy; steps to avert this; management of their affairs by a syndicate; liquidation of the firm; Barings a consideration creditor
(Edwards acted as Barings' attorney in the liquidation)
- 6.1.25 **1876 8 Dec, London:** Fearon & Co, to Barings
Reporting the imminent liquidation of Augustin Heard & Co, Hong Kong (HC6.1.17)
- 6.1.26 **1885-86, London:** HM Matheson, of Jardine Matheson, to Lord Revelstoke
About a Chinese loan of £750,000 to be issued by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and Jardine Matheson & Co. See also Letter Book, 1885 For Jardine Matheson, see HC6.1.9
- 6.1.27 **1898, Yokohama:** Walsh, Hall & Co, to Barings

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1898 May-Sep: Letters and cables (19) concerning the proposal for a sterling loan in London for the Nippon Tetsudo Kabuskiki Kwaisha (Japan Railway Co Ltd). Including printed regulations and charter of the company, and the report of the directors to 31 Dec 1897, with a map of the system in Honshu Island and including a letter, 8 Aug 1898, from Gasper Farrer, of HS Lefevre & Co, to Thomas Baring about fixing the terms of the loan

- 6.1.28 **1901 1 Mar, London:** AJ Barry to HCO Bonsor, MP
The danger that the British owned Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, controlling the sole source of supply of steamer coal in China, will be sold to the Russian government owing to lack of financial support in the City of London
Typescript copy, 4 sheets
- 6.1.29 **1902 Sep-Oct:** Telegrams (39 pieces) exchanged in negotiations for and issue of the loan to the Imperial Government of Japan. The parties concerned are Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas (HC7.55) Kidder Peabody & Co (HC5.1.27) Baring Magoun & Co (HC5.2.39) Hope & Co (HC8.1) Hottinguer & Co (HC7.1) the Federal Bank, and Robert Winsor of Boston. The loan, which was issued with success by Barings in Oct 1902, was for £5m at 5%; the price was 102
- 6.1.30 **1904-05, Yokohama and London:** Japanese Railway Loans
Barings and Gaspard Farrer with Sale and Frazar Ltd; with press cuttings and prospectus
1. Relating to proposed Japanese Railway Law, especially mortgage rights; state of Japanese money market; relationship of Barings with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; potential of business in Japanese government loans; extensive memoranda by Sir William Bisset on the nationalisation of Japanese railways; Japanese government reserves and the gold standard; state of crops. 51 pieces
 2. Relates to negotiations with the Sanyo, Nippon and Kysishu Railway Companies for the issue of loans with Sale & Frazar acting as Barings representatives; with details of railway laws; the demanding terms required by the railway companies; the strong competition of M Samuel & Co for the business and its acceptance of cut-throat terms for the Kansai Railway Co Loan; the inconclusiveness of the negotiations for Barings
- 6.1.31 **1904 Jan-Aug, London, New York, Valparaiso and elsewhere**
First Japanese Loan
Barings with Kuhn Loeb & Co, G Farrer (in New York); Sir Ewan Cameron (Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank), J Stillman, Grace Brothers and others
- Relates to an international loan raised for Japan with Barings negotiating with Kuhn Loeb on behalf of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank; with details of proposed sale of Chilean and Argentinean warships to Japan; details of Kuhn Loeb's interest and their remittances to London; Barings' United States issue; heavy oversubscription in London
- 6.1.32 **1904 Oct-Nov, London and New York**
Second Japanese Loan

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Barings with Kuhn Loeb and others

Relates to a second international loan raised for Japan, with Barings again negotiating on behalf of Kuhn Loeb with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank and Parr's Banking Co; with details of security required; proposed issue in Amsterdam; request of Speyer Bros for participation and their eventual acceptance of 'ground floor terms'; uncertainty caused by sailing of Russian Baltic Fleet to Far East; eventual issue of loan which was heavily over-subscribed; interest of Barings in underwriting part of United States issue.163 pieces

6.1.33 1905 Feb-Mar, London, New York and elsewhere

Third Japanese Loan

Barings with Kuhn Loeb & Co, Lady McDonald, Max Warburgh and others; with prospectus

Relates to the issue of a £30m 4.5% loan for Japan for twenty years repayable at option after five and secured by tobacco monopoly; with details of the negotiations for the loan by Barings acting on behalf of Kuhn Loeb; a competing syndicate led by Speyer Bros; Japan's wish for German involvement and the offer of underwriting to the German banks; Speyer's wish for participation after failure of its bid and its acceptance of underwriting; loan fully subscribed in London and New York; Kuhn Loeb's offer of £500,000 participation to Barings; Barings gift of £1,000 to Lady McDonald's fund for Japanese war wounded; details of associated banks in England, including Parris and the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank which issued the loan in London

6.1.34 1905 Apr-Sep, London, New York and elsewhere

Fourth Japanese Loan

Barings with Kuhn Loeb & Co, Kidder Peabody, and others

Relates to the negotiations by Kuhn Loeb and Barings for the raising of a loan for the Japanese government; with details of an approach by Speyer Bros to the Japanese government; reaction of the London market to another Japanese loan; Japanese wish to issue in Germany and the need to avoid over-loading the Anglo-American markets; Barings to participate in £335,000 of American issue; heavy oversubscription in London and New York; rumours of French finance operation for Japanese government

6.1.35 1905 Nov, London, New York and elsewhere

Fifth Japanese Loan

Barings with Kuhn Loeb & Co and others

Relates to the negotiations for the raising of a £25m loan for Japan, being part of a £50m loan authorised by the Japanese government; with details of the wish by European banks to reduce the American interest and the protestations of Kuhn Loeb and its insistence for equal terms with London; the representations of Barings on behalf of Kuhn Loeb, their wish to delay the issue because of stagnant money markets but the insistence of Japan to proceed; Barings recommendation to Kuhn Loeb to apply diplomatic pressure on Britain and Japan; Kuhn Loeb acceptance of an issue of £3,350,000 and an additional ground floor participation of £250,000 ceded from Germany; reduction in Barings' share of underwriting to £50,000. The final terms of

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loan were £25m at 4% due 1931 with option to redeem after 15 years, to be issued in London by Parrs and Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank and in Paris by Rothschild Freres. £12m issued in Paris, £3,250,000 in Germany, £6,000,000 in London and £3,250,000,000 in New York

- 6.1.36 **1833 9 Dec, Canton:** Thomas Denton & Co to Barings
List of documents given to Barings in compliance with their engagement
- 6.1.37 **1834 6 Jan, Canton:** Nathan Dunn & Co to Barings
Information about the market
- 6.1.38 **1834 1 Apr, Canton:** W S [Netmore] to Joshua Bates
Concerning health; business in Canton; demand for cotton twist and tea plates; tea trade.
- 6.2.1 **1832-56, Batavia, Java:** W Fitz Paine, of Paine Stricker & Co, merchants of Batavia, to J Bates
- 1832:** Encouraging Barings to increase trade to the East Indies, and to employ Paine Stricker as correspondents, rather than Capt Coffin (See HC5.1.4)
- 1833:** High price of coffee at Batavia; list of American ships arrived, two having considerable credit allowance from Barings
- 6.2.2 **1837-38, Batavia:** Hugh C Mair, Barings' agent in Batavia, to J Bates and to John Baring
Batavia trade; proposing that Barings should send goods for sale in Batavia; report of Mair's shipments home on account of Barings; his request to join the firm of Russell & Co, in Canton
- 6.2.3 **1834-43, Batavia:** Augustus L Forestier, of Forestier & Co, merchants of Batavia, to J Bates
The organisation of Forestier & Co: asking Barings to appoint a partner to the house; about H Mair, Barings' agent (HC6.2.2); United States - China trade
- 6.2.4 **1841-53:** Newspaper cuttings from The Morning Chronicle, etc, about the Dutch Trading Co in Java
- 6.2.5 **1848 28 Jul, Macassar (Celebes):** TP Freys & Co, to Barings
Survey of the trade and prospects of Macassar; enclosing samples of English cotton materials suitable for import into the Celebes
- 6.2.6 **1852-57, London & Penang:** Documents concerning the estates of Edward Horsman, MP, in Wellesley Province Penang. 1 bundle
- Barings made a loan of £12,000 to Horsman, against security of the produce of Horsman's estates. Formerly the produce had been consigned to Gladstones & Co, of London
- The documents include:
- 6.2.6 Letters from Edward Horsman; from Gladstones & Co; from Revely & Co, merchants of Penang and Barings' correspondents there; from William

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Taylor, Horman's agent in Penang. Particulars of the acreage, sugar crops and value of the estates

1857: Horsman transfers his agency to Finlay Hodgson & Co, of St Helen's Place

- 6.2.7 **1874-85, Penang & London:** Brown & Co, (David Brown, director) sugar merchants of Penang, to Barings
Death of partners and re-organisations of the firm; seeking continuation of credit, and of the agency of Barings in Penang

See also HC17.295

- 6.3.1 **1830-88:** Letters from Gisborne & Co, merchants of Calcutta (Kolkata), and correspondence concerning their affairs

Part I: 1830-47
II: 1848-49
III: 1850-54

Part IV: 1855-59
V: 1860-62
VI: 1863-88

The subject is mainly the indigo trade of Bengal. The letters include:

1830-1835: The character of Matthew Gisborne; history of the establishment of the firm by Gisborne, in partnership with Henry Menzies and Mr Martin; proposals for the development of the firm

1835: Establishment of a branch house in Liverpool

1837-38: Financial difficulties

1839: Gisborne's account with Barings put on a new footing; John Richards a partner in Gisborne & Co

1841: Difficulties of trade in indigo

1842-47: Indigo trade: Report on indigo, 20 Mar 1846; statistics of cotton, 7 Aug 1846

1848: Gisborne & Co exceed their credit; new arrangements; assistance from Barings; Barings take mortgages of Gisborne's estates in India, including Tirhoot Indigo Co (HC6.3.8). Balance sheet of Gisborne & Co, 3 Jun.
See also HC1.65 1851 Feb

1849: Successful outcome of new arrangements; prosperity of Tirhoot Indigo Co

1851 24 Nov: Visit of Robert Baring to Calcutta

1852 28 Apr: Death of Matthew Gisborne

1853 Jun onwards: The Ganges Indigo Co, with regular reports of factories owned by the company

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1857 May-Dec: The progress of the Indian Mutiny, its effect on trade and exchange; the financial crisis in the United States; its effect upon Europe and Indian trade; Barings' proposal that the Ganges Indigo Co should be sold
1858: The end of the mutiny; slow restoration of trade; the indigo crop affected by drought; the provision of saltpetre to the French government by Gisborne & Co

1856-62: Accounts of the Ganges Indigo Co, 1854-61; including accounts of the individual factories owned by the company

1863-64: Accounts

1864: Winding up the affairs of the Tirhoot Indigo Co; proposal for purchase by Barings of government tea estates in Kumaon and other districts of the United Provinces

1865: The Moyanna Case: a suit for the redemption of mortgage on the Moyanna estate, part of the Ganges Indigo Co

1882-83: The indigo plantations at Dehree

1884-87: No documents

1888: TM Gisborne and the 'Late Ganges Indigo Co'

6.3.2

1832-42: Letters from John Richards, the younger, and from John T Rowlandson, merchant of Port Louis, Mauritius, to J Bates, and to Barings [Barings entered the sugar market of Mauritius in 1832. They sent from England John Richards, the younger, in the chartered ship St Hilda. In Mauritius Richards negotiated with Rowlandson]

The letters include:

Reports on Mauritius business houses; the mercantile situation there; the financing of shipments of sugar from Mauritius, and of goods from Bombay in the St Hilda, chartered by Barings

Part I: 1832-33

II: 1834-43

1832 21 Aug: Draft of a proposed statement by Barings of the conditions under which they would do business with merchants in Mauritius

[In c1837-38 John Richards, the younger, became a partner of Gisborne, Menzies & Co, Calcutta (HC6.3.1). His letters to Barings from 1837 will be found there.]

1833, Port Louis, Mauritius: John T Rowlandson to Joshua Bates

20 Sep: Opinions from the Planters on the compensation for slave emancipation

14 Oct: Suggesting Barings nominates directors

1834, North House: John Richards to Barings

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- 6.3.2 cont Waiting for a letter from Barings with limits for advances; detention of the Andromache
- 1839:** Establishment of the Bank of Mauritius; Glynn & Co the London agents
- 1840:** Committee for encouragement of emigration of Indians into Mauritius
- 1842:** Financial difficulties of Rowlandson, Wiehe & Co; their debt to Barings; mortgage of estates in Mauritius; details of the estates
- 6.3.3 **1832, Calcutta:** J Thiault, agent in India for Barings, to J Bates
About purchase of goods in Calcutta and Benares on behalf of Barings; indigo purchase with statistics and calculations
- 6.3.4 **1830 5 Jul, Port Louis, Mauritius:** Articles of agreement for the management of the commission-house of Sanders & Wiehe in the colony
6 folios, sewn
- 6.3.5 **1841-53, Calcutta:** Printed news-sheet and cuttings, The Bengal Hurkaru
Re-opening of trade with Canton
- 6.3.6 **1842 7 Feb, Port Louis, Mauritius:** Printed. Report of the state of affairs of the Mauritius Bank
- 6.3.7 **1847-96:** Documents concerning estates in Ceylon (Sri Lanka)
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| | IV: | 1856-58 |
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The estates were:

Paradenia - 1411 acres, sugar and coffee, near Kandy

Peacock Hill - 446 acres, coffee, at Pusilawa

Odewelle - 1611 acres, coffee, near Kandy

Vauxhill Mills - sawmill and works for preparation of coffee, at Colombo

Barings held mortgages on the estates against William Werge, late Ceylon Rifle Regiment, and other creditors

The documents include:

1848, and following years: Descriptions and accounts of each estate

1849: Correspondence with William Werge, and with James Murray Robertson, Barings agent and manager in Ceylon

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1853: Ceylon railways

1858: The acquisition by Barings of Sheen Estate, Ceylon; purchase of part of Vauxhill Mills estate from Henry Wright in payment of his debt to Barings; the management of these estates

1859 Mar: Gustav Odier and his estate (Louise Estate) in Ceylon. See HC6.3.23. The estate bought by JM Robertson & Co

1860: Estate of Baron Delmar in Ceylon (HC6.3.22)

29 Dec: The financial state of Ceylon; the Ceylon Railway Co

1861:10 Oct: Detailed statement concerning the Vauxhall Mills Estate

1863: Purchase of Bogahawattie estate

1872: Winding up JM Robertson & Co; final accounts

1875: The new firm of JM Robertson & Co. Balance sheet and account of business

1876: Sale of the Louise estate; balance sheet

1878: Balance sheet

1879: Aug-Nov: Review of trade and finance; balance sheet

1880-82: No documents

1883: JT White's letters from England about the affairs of JM Robertson & Co: depression in coffee trade of Ceylon; losses on some of the estates; prospects for the future

1884: No documents

1885: George Christian's visit to Ceylon in 1884 on behalf of Barings; William Bingham Baring a member of Robertson & Co in Ceylon.

Note: William Bingham Baring was second son of William Henry Baring of Norman Court, and father of Evelyn Bingham Baring. See also HC3.35

1886

Jul: D Bosanquet and the management by him, for Robertson & Co, of the Yoxford estate, Dimbula

Aug: Henry Bois seeks employment for his son at Barings as a preliminary to his joining his father in Robertson & Co, Ceylon

Nov: Calculations of the assets of JM Robertson & Co

1887 Sep: Resignation of JM Robertson the younger from the partnership

1888: The conversion of the estates from coffee-growing to tea-growing; prospects for future tea crops

1889: J Murray Robertson, the elder, to Barings

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- 6.3.7 cont The hardships of his son Charles Robertson in Ceylon after the destruction of the coffee estates by disease
- 1890, 3 Dec:** Memorandum of securities belonging to the executors of J Murray Robertson, deceased; with notes in hand of FH Baring on the value of the estate and method of settlement
- 1891-92:** Letters from George W Christian, Henry Bois and others: The Ceylon estates as part of the assets of Barings; their value; improving prospects of tea cultivation; the estates put on the market; their sale
- 1891 Apr:** With a detailed valuation of the estates
- 1893:** No documents
- 1894 Nov:** George Christian on the final liquidation of Barings, and his application for debentures of the new Baring Estates Co
- 1895:** No documents
- 1896 Jul:** George Christian and the allotment to him of Burma Railway shares at issue price
- 6.3.8 **1848-63:** Papers concerning the Tirhoot Indigo Co, in which Barings had a share through Gisborne & Co, Calcutta (Kolkata) and their attorney in the business.
Credits advanced by Barings, annually
- 1863:** Destruction of much of the estate by caterpillars
- 6.3.9 **1846-55, Bombay (Mumbai):** Martin Murray & Co, cotton merchants, to Barings
Purchase of cotton to the order of Barings and its shipment to England
- 6.3.10 **1849 Aug, Bombay (Mumbai):** Martin Young & Co, cotton merchants, of Bombay, to Barings
The cotton trade; exports from Bombay, prices etc
- 6.3.11 **1846-47, London:** Francis Hudson, of Hudson, Chandler & Co, merchants of Colombo, to Barings
Loan of £25,000 at 5% by Barings to Hudson; conditions of security; management of estates in Ceylon (See HC6.3.7)
- 6.3.12 **1847 Jan-Apr, Colombo, Madras (Chennai) and Calcutta (Kolkata):**
HB Webb to Barings
Supervising the management of Barings' estates in Ceylon (HC6.3.7); reports of trade in Ceylon and India, and reports on business houses there
- 6.3.13 **1847 19 Mar, London:** W Ritchie of Ritchie & Co, Colombo, to J Bates
Proposing that Barings should become London agents of Ritchie & Co; statement of their business in Ceylon (Sri Lanka)
- 6.3.14 **1848-53, London:** Correspondence between Hon Dudley Mangles, MP and others, and Barings

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About the cultivation by Gisborne & Co, (HC6.3.1) as agents of Mangles et al, of indigo estates in the district of Kishnaghur (Krishnanagar), Bengal

- 6.3.15 **1838 28 Feb, Port Louis, Mauritius:** Petition, signed by various houses, including Barings, to the Governor of Mauritius, for the establishment of a second bank at Port Louis
- 6.3.16 **1839-59, Port Louis, Mauritius:** Blyth Brothers & Co, merchant bankers, to Barings
1839: About the establishment of the Mauritius Commercial Bank at Port Louis
1858-59: The liquidation of the affairs of Gustave Odier, son of James Odier (HC7.29); Barings a creditor; Blyth act on a Power of Attorney from Barings; G Odier's real estate at Mont Choisy, Mauritius; statement of his affairs, 1859
- 6.3.17 **1843 Jul-Sep, Mauritius:** Henry Barlow & Co, of Mauritius to Barings
Official enquiry into the affairs of Rowlandson Wiehe & Co, of Mauritius, who failed 1843. See HC6.3.2
- 6.3.18 **1850-52, London:** Edward and Henry Chapman, of Chapman & Barclay, to J Bates, and to Barings
Establishment of the firm of Chapman & Barclay, Mauritius; departure of Edward Chapman to that place; recommended by Overend Gurney & Co, (HC3.45); seeking business with Barings
- 6.3.19 **1852 9 Mar, Kandy:** John Keith Jolly to Thomas Baring
The adulteration of coffee; a petition to be presented by Thomas Baring in the House of Commons; thanks for Thomas Baring's work in the 'anti-adulteration movement'
- 6.3.20 **1852 5 Aug, Bombay (Mumbai):** Sir E Perry to J Bates
Personal finance concerning East India Co stock; politics: affairs in Burma
- 6.3.21 **1854 cOct, Fort William, Madras (Chennai):** Printed. Information about the Indian 5% loan 1841-42; and about a new 3.5% loan
- 6.3.22 **1855-72, Paris & Baden Baden:** Letters from Baron de Delmar (died Dec 1859) and others, to Joshua Bates and to Barings concerning Delmar's estate in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), his debt to Barings, and the settlement of his estate after his death
- 1-2. **1855-56, Paris:** From Baron Delmar
 3. **1859 17 Dec, Baden:** Baroness de Delmar
The burden of settling the affairs of her late husband
 - 4-5. **1861 5 Jan, Paris:** George Cavenish to Joshua Bates
Impending death of Baroness de Delmar; settlement of the Delmar estate in Ceylon
 - 6-12 **1862-63, Paris, and Baden Baden:** Emily Cavendish, executor and beneficiary of the estate of Baroness de Delmar, to Joshua Bates and to Barings

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- 6.3.22 cont Seeking credit from Barings to help her through financial difficulties, caused by the administration of the Delmar estates in Ceylon, and a law suit arising therefrom
13. **1872 15 Jan, London:** George Cavendish to Barings
His divorce from Emily Cavendish; the estates mortgaged; threatened foreclosure of the mortgage; asking Barings to take up the mortgage
- 6.3.23 **1857-60, Port Louis, Mauritius:** Gustave Odier, of G Odier & F Lambert, merchants, to Barings
Failure of Odier & Lambert, and settlement of their affairs. See HC6.3.16
- 6.3.24 **1857, Madras:** Arbuthnot & Co to Barings
Answering Barings' request for information about the methods of production of sugar in the Presidency of Madras
Prospects of the indigo market, 1857
- 6.3.25 **1860 27 Sep, London:**
Enclosing a letter, Mauritius, 4 Aug 1860, from Benjamin B Greene RM Ebsworth to Thomas Baring to Reid Irving & Co, London (HC3.62) about the remaining assets of the latter in Mauritius and the use of them to pay creditors
- 6.3.26 **1870-73, London and Calcutta (Kolkata):** The affairs of Borradaile, Schiller & Co, merchants of Calcutta and London
- Part I: HC6.3.26.1, 1868-71
Part II: HC6.3.26.1, 1872-73
HC6.3.26.2-4
- The firm was insolvent by 1870 but by agreement with Barings managed to stay in being. The documents deal with the settlement of their affairs
1. **1870-73, London and Calcutta:** Letters from Frederick Schiller, a partner in London, and George M Struthers, a partner in Calcutta, to Charles Lloyd Norman and to Barings
 2. **1870-71, Norman Court:** Letters to the House from Thomas Baring and from Kirkman Daniel Hodgson, giving their opinions of the state of Borradaile Schiller & Co
 3. **1870-71:** Statements of assets and liabilities; accounts; estimates
 4. **1872:** Correspondence with solicitors about the conditions of partnership of partners of Borradaile & Co
- 6.3.27 **1904, London and Camberley, Surrey:** Gaspard Farrer and Alfred Mildmay with Sir William Bisset, Colonel AJ Filgate, Norton Rose Norton & Co, and others; with memoranda and map; indexed
- Relates to the underwriting of a proposed issue of stock of the South Mahratta Branch Railways Co, guaranteed by the District of Kistna; with routine correspondence relating to the composition of a prospectus; the viability of a branch line and decision not to proceed with the scheme. 61 pieces

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- 6.3.28 **1867:** Receipt of the Seinde, Punjaub and Delhi Bank Corporation Ltd (in liquidation) in favour of Alexander Shewan for share certificates of the bank
- Formerly held in main safe under No 333 and placed in the Archives by the Stock Office, Mar 1981
- 6.3.29 **1834 29 Aug, Calcutta (Kolkata):** Copy of a letter from John Richards to Joshua Bates
Recommending Mr Anderson to Bates; difficulty of negotiating bills on England; news of indigo crop
- 6.4.1 **c1838:** Two memoranda concerning Australia, by an anonymous writer
1. A consideration of the cotton and woollen industries of Great Britain, and the value of the Australian Colonies in these industries (10 folios)
 2. 'Estimate of the Capital necessary for the establishment of a Cotton and Sugar Estate in New South Wales, to be worked by European Labourers; and the profits that may be expected to arise therefrom.' See also HC1.78
- 6.4.2 **1844-48:** Documents concerning Moreton Bay, near Brisbane (at that time part of New South Wales) Australia
- Historical Note:** In 1843 two sons of Sir Colin Mackenzie, Bart, of Kilevy, had, with others, obtained squatting rights in the districts of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs. The elder son was Evan Mackenzie. Through Charles and James Balfour of Edinburgh, it was proposed to Barings that Barings should ship suitable goods to Evan Mackenzie, and receive his wool. Barings granted a credit of £2,000, guaranteed by Sir Colin Mackenzie, who died in 1845, being succeeded in the baronetcy by his son Evan
- The documents include: Letters of Charles and James Balfour and of Evan Mackenzie; List of squatters at Moreton Bay, 1843, with their holdings; list of goods suitable for the Moreton Bay market; report on the standing of Sir Colin Mackenzie
- 6.4.3 **1848-49:** Documents concerning the Kapunda Copper Mine, near Adelaide, South Australia
Summaries of title deeds specifying shares in the mine (£1,000 each contributed by Thomas Baring and Joshua Bates); Accounts of the mine, 1845-49; statement of shipments of ore, 1844-47. See also HC1.65, 1850 Jan. 7 pieces
- 6.4.4 **1852 23 Aug, London:** Dr John Dunmore Lang, DD, of New South Wales, to Barings
Australian cotton: Statement of Lang's experiments in growing cotton on the coast of New South Wales
- Proposal that Barings should take part in the establishment of a company to settle emigrant farmers from Britain in New South Wales, and to foster the Australian cotton industry
1 piece

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6.4.5 1855-58: Documents concerning the loan to the colony of Victoria for construction of railways

Part I: HC6.4.5. 1-3

II: HC6.4.5. 4-8

Historical Note: In 1855 the Governor of Victoria informed Barings privately that a railway loan would be required. He proposed that Barings should be solely responsible for the negotiation of the loan, and that they should become the agents of the Colony in Britain. In December 1857 formal proposals were put to Barings by the Victoria Government. In Mar 1858 Barings sent Hugh Culling Eardley Childers to Melbourne, with full powers to negotiate with the government the acceptance of the proposals. But before Childers had arrived, the government of the Colony had changed. The new government had already arranged to put out a part of the loan through local banks. The negotiation with Barings was aborted and Childers returned to England before the end of 1858

HCE Childers (1827-96) had first gone to Melbourne in 1850. His career there was a successful one, and he held several public appointments in the Colony of Victoria, the most important of which were Auditor General, 1852-53; and Commissioner of Trades and Customs, with a seat in the cabinet, 1856-57. In 1857 he returned to London as Agent General for Victoria. That post was abolished in 1858, and thus Childers was free to undertake his mission for Barings in that year

On his return to England, he entered politics. Thereafter his career was a distinguished one: Liberal M.P for Pontefract, 1860-85; Civil Lord of the Admiralty, 1864; Financial Secretary to the Treasury 1865-68; First Lord Of the Admiralty, 1868-71, when he resigned; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1872-73; Secretary of State for War, 1880-82, in Gladstone's second ministry; Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1882-85; Home Secretary, 1886; Retired 1892

For Childers see also HC1.70 (1858)

The documents are:

1. **1855 20 Jul, Melbourne:** Sir Charles Hotham, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria, to Thomas Baring
Progress of railway construction in Victoria; need for a loan in 1856; inviting Barings to negotiate the loan, and to act as agent for the Colony in the payment of dividends. With official documents, 1855 Feb-Jun, about railway progress in Victoria; and a memorandum, by the Colonial Secretary, 21 Jul 1855, on the financial state of the Colony
2. **1857-Dec 1858 June, Melbourne:** Sir Henry Barkly, Governor of Victoria, to Thomas Baring
The railway loan; arrival of HCE Childers in Melbourne; failure of his negotiations; the political and financial condition of Victoria. 3 pieces
3. **1857 Dec-1858 May, Melbourne:** G Ebdon, Colonial Treasurer, Victoria, to Barings

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- 6.4.5 cont Formal proposal to Barings to negotiate the loan; ways and means of doing this; invitation to Barings to become agents in Britain for the colony, for the provision of railway material and stock
1858 May: Ebden ceases to be treasurer with the change of government
2 pieces
4. **1857-58, Melbourne: John Goodman, merchant of Melbourne, to Barings**
Railways in Victoria; the proposal for a railway loan; progress of negotiations; report on the state of the gold fields in Victoria
5. **1858 Feb-Nov:** Correspondence of Childers and Barings concerning the latter's mission to Victoria as Barings' representative

Barings' instructions to Childers; his Power of Attorney; progress and ultimate failure of his mission; report on banks in Melbourne; New Zealand securities; Childers' account of expenses
6. **1858 Feb-Mar, London:** Correspondence with the Union Bank of Australia, London, about Barings' negotiations with the bank for the latter to take a part of the forthcoming loan to the Colony of Victoria
7. **1858 Victoria:** Printed. Parliamentary Paper. Railway Loan. Correspondence respecting the negotiation of the proposed railway loan
Two copies
8. **1856-58:** Newspapers and newspaper cuttings, mostly Australian papers, about the colony of Victoria and its railways
Including: Australian & New Zealand Gazette, London, 27 Feb 1858; Melbourne Argus, 5 Aug 1856
- 6.4.6 **1857 May-Jun, Melbourne:** Goodman & Umphelby, bankers to Barings
The construction of railways in the colony of Victoria; proposals for raising the funds for the work and for Barings' part in this; arrival of railway engineers from England in the colony. See HC6.4.5
- 6.4.7 **1878 25 May, Crown agents for the colonies, London:** PG Julyan to Barings
About New Zealand loans; declining Barings' conditions for such loans