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do	Crate or Cask of Hardware, &c	[illegible]	do	15
do	Bale, Case or Box measuring above 5 and under 10 cubic ft.		do	03
	„ 10 „ 30 „		do	06
	„ 30 „ 60 „		do	10
	„ 60 cubic feet	[illegible]	do	15
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do	Coir per cwt.	[illegible]	do	03
do	Bag of Rice, Sugar or Coffee	[illegible]	do	02
Rice in large quantities, per bag		[illegible]	do	01
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Per M. M. AMAZONNE, from China—Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. King, Mr. Palesson, and Mr. Shephard.
Per S. S. BANGALORE, from Australia—Mr. F. M' Mackwood, Mr. Little, Mr. Scott, and Mrs. Conseils' and infant.
Per S. S. SATARA, from Calcutta—Major Shaw.
Per P. and O. GOLCONDA, from Suez—Mr. Anstruther and Mr. Jamieson.

DEPARTURES.

Per S. S. VIRILIA, for London—Rev. F. D. Waldock, Mrs. Waldock and family; Mrs. Mantell and child; Mr. [illegible] and two children; Mrs. G. E. Williams [illegible] and family; Mr. Basil Gray, Mrs. Basil Gray, and child; Mr. Churchward, Mrs. Churchward, and child; Miss Churchward, Mr. W. G. Churchward; Mr Bodman, Mrs. Bodman; Mr. J. Paterson, Mr. Gottelier, Mr. A. Milne and Mr. A. Fetherstonhaugh.
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THE STEAMER "GOLCONDA" DISABLED AT GALLE.

(Special Telegram for "Observer.")

GALLE, 23rd January, 1873.

The Australian steamer cannot sail for two hours.

The *Golconda* is being towed into port by the *Australia*. Engines disabled. [The *Golconda* and *Australia* were to have left Galle at 6 o'clock last, evening, the first for Madras and Calcutta, and the later for China.—ED.]

Additional information in a telegram, with a sight of which we have been favoured, is to the effect that "The *Bangalore* will probably go to Calcutta but nothing certain known yet."

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HEADS OF INTELLIGENCE:—

THE GOVERNOR AT NEWERA ELLIA.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL: LENGTHENING OF THE SESSION, AND ADJOURNMENT FOR A FORTNIGHT, MAINLY TO CONSIDER THE LICENSING BILL IN SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE CEYLON MUSEUM; DEBATE IN COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE MORTALITY AT WELIKADA JAIL: REFUSAL OF GOVERNMENT TO PUBLISH THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT RECENTLY DRAWN UP.

RAILWAY EXTENSION: APPOINTMENT OF SURVEY OFFICERS TO SELECT THE BEST ROUTES BETWEEN NAWALAPITIYA, DICKOYA, DIMBOOLA, AND UDUVAR.

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UNPRECEDENTED TRAFFIC RECEIPTS ON THE COLOMBO-KANDY LINE.

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IMPORT TRADE IN COTTON GOODS AND COAL DURING 1872.

HIGH PRICE OF COFFEE IN THE LOCAL MARKETS.

GOOD CROPS GATHERED AND FAVOURABLE PROSPECTS FOR NEXT YEAR—UNPRECEDENTEDLY [illegible] MANLY BLOSSOM.

SUMMARY.

COLOMBO: JANUARY 23RD, 1873.

THE GOVERNOR IS AT NEWERA ELLIA, and like every one else up in those regions, complaining of the bitter cold! It is very trying to persons suddenly transferred from the temperature of Colombo, but temporary discomfort, (*compelling* the exchange of indoor habits to outdoor life), is perfectly compatible with permanent benefit, and we quite expect to see the Governor at the end of this month return to Colombo like a giant refreshed and throwing his renewed vigour into giving fresh impetus to such schemes of improvement as the harbour, railway and road extension, irrigation works &c. The Supply Bill [illegible] has been reported on and passed, and its more important provisions with the votes of former years unexpended will be found noticed in our columns. Before the year is out, we feel certain a more than usually important Supplementary Supply Bill will be found necessary. With countries as with individuals, it is necessary that the tide which leads on to fortune should be taken at the flood. To shew the confidence felt in our great enterprise, we may mention the fact that as we are writing an advertisement reaches us, offering to lend £16,000 on primary mortgages of coffee estates. There can be few better securities than coffee estates for the first ten years of their existence, and subsequently if judicious cultivation, including liberal manuring, is continued. And let us repeat that as old land is abandoned the process of restoration, especially by means of the lantana plant, commences. Tea, also, we suspect, can beneficially take the place of worn-out coffee.

The latest report of the Governor's prospective movements are contained in the letter of a Rakwana correspondent received to-day. He says:—"We are to have His Excellency at Rakwana on the 8th proximo, I believe, on the 9th he is to visit the Bulatotta pass to take in the view described by Sir Henry Ward in his Minutes as the most beautiful in Ceylon, or one of the most beautiful at least. The planters talk of going to meet His Excellency on the Pass. Splendid weather now for travelling, crops nearly all in and carts to take it away are finding their way up again after the Christmas holidays."

All the legislation brought forward has been disposed of except the licensing and lunacy bills. But before the Governor closes the session early in February, it is just possible that a short bill in connection with the breakwater, may be necessary. We, at any rate, trust that by the time mentioned we shall know that the Harbour Engineer is close at hand

The portraits of the Duke of Edinburgh and Sir Hercules Robinson have, with befitting ceremony, been unveiled in presence of the Governor who spoke words of encouragement to the self-styled "beggars" of the Council. Gas we have, and we have to pay for it. But we want sweetness as well as light, and the question of a water supply will soon require to be dealt with in earnest.

Returns in our columns show that in the exceptionally wet year 1872, Dimboola had a fraction under its average, the total fall being 102·72 inches In the other young districts the influence of the Adam's Peak range becomes apparent, a 122·11 inches for Dickoya, and no less than 15·82 for Maskeliya! This latter figure is about half too much, but, as we have remarked, 1872 was an exceptionally wet year,—here as in so many other portions of the world.

Reports of the annual meeting of the BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY and of a farewell meeting and presentation to a Missionary of the Society, will be found in our columns.—We regret to say that a certain amount of opposition was shewn in Council to the Governor's praiseworthy scheme