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BUSINESS CARDS.

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COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Next door to E. P. Hall, Esq., Post Branch State Bank.
Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank
Cape Fear.
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank.
Dec. 19, 1850. 113-14.

T. C. WORTH:
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 19, 1851. 113-12 m.

WM. ALLSTON GOURDIN,
FACTOR,
No. 4 East-By Charleston South Carolina,
is prepared to make LIBERAL ADVANCES ON
CONSIGNMENTS OF
RICE, COTTON, CORN, SUGAR, FLOUR,
GRAIN, HAY, &c.
References:
GORDIN, MATTHEWSEN & Co. Charleston S. C.
GEORGE A. HORTLEY, Greenville S. C.
ALONZO J. WHITE, Greenville S. C.
TANDY WALKER, Esq., Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-30 m-c.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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GAUSE & BOWDEN,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
THOS. F. GAUSE. JOHN C. BOWDEN.
References:
Alexander McKee, President W. & R. R.
E. P. Hall, Esq., State Bank.
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Commercial Bank.
John Dawson, Merchant.
J. & D. McKee & Co.,
P. K. Dickinson & Co.,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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BUSINESS CARDS.

GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight
and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
Refer to:
E. P. Hall, Esq.,
O. G. Parsley, Esq.,
J. A. Taylor, Esq.,
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington,
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., New York.
Thompson & Hunter,
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, Charleston, S. C.
H. P. Baker, Esq.,
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ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
SOUTH WATER STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sep. 27, 1850. 82-14-c.

LIFE INSURANCE.
THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY, continues to take Risks on Lives
on fair terms.
SURPLUS OVER 1,000,000.
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM, Agent.
Dec. 12, 1850. 53-14.

MARTIN & CROSLY,
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington N. C. Oct. 3, 1850. 85-14.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 9th, 1850. 87-14-c.

WILLIAM NEFF,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES
AND GROCERIES,
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 7th, 1850.

DEROSSET & BROWN,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET,
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
March 17, 1851. 1-14.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
Next door to A. A. Winnet's, on North Water street,
will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meat, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will also receive on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.
References:
Wm. Hall of Wayne, John McKee, Wilmington, W. Caraway, Gen. Alex. McKee, E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, Dec. 13, 1850. 115-14.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
EDWARD SAVAGE. GASTON MEARES.
May 2, 1850. 1.

LEIGHTON, CHADBOURN & CO.,
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1850. 11-14.

CORNELIUS DUPRE,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil,
Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars,
Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c., &c.
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
March 28, 1851. 6

MARINE INSURANCE.
THE undersigned having received the Agency
of the
AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND BANKING
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA GA.,
Will issue Policies on Vessels, Cargoes, Freight &c. at as reasonable rates of Premiums as any other Insurance of the kind in the Country. The Capital of this Company is \$375,000.
H. NUTT.
Wilmington, Aug. 18, 1850. 65-14.

J. C. LATTA,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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HALL & LONEY,
General Commission Merchants,
BALTIMORE.
Will receive and advance on Consignments, and pay particular attention to filling orders for produce, &c. Refer to Messrs. Dikoesse & Brown.
March 13. 153-3 m-p.

WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Refer to:
Potter & Kidder,
O. W. Davis,
Barry, Bryant & Adams,
George Harris,
John Dawson,
O. G. Parsley,
E. P. Hall,
Richard Catwell,
Oct. 28, 1850. 95-14-c.

BUSINESS CARDS.

ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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COACH MAKING.
COACH-MAKING, JOBBING AND REPAIRING.
Horse-shoeing, &c. done with neatness and dispatch.
Corner of Third and Princess Street: opposite Nixons's Livery Stable.
N. S. NEALE.
Wilmington, N. C. April 1, 1851. 145-14.

J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
JOHN McRAE, DONALD McRAE, JOHN W. K. DIX.
August 1, 1850. 59.

WILKINSON & ESLER.
CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &c., &c.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 30, 1850. 10-14.

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for sale or shipment.
And liberal cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.
Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1851. 135-14.

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, GRASS, AND IRON
FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MILLBURY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
May 16, 1850. 27

WILLIAM M. HARRISS,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
References:
O. G. Parsley, Esq. Wilmington, N. C.
Col. John McKee, Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, Will Pock, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Shackett & Co., Fayetteville, N. C.
Joseph Utley, Esq., Messrs. James Corbin & Sons, Baltimore, E. V. Snodder & Co., Philadelphia
Thompson & Hunter, New York.
Pillsbury & Sandford, Hunting & Tufis, J. & G. P. Litcomb, Kennebunk Me.
July 17th, 1850. 52-14.

WILLIAM A. GWYER,
GENERAL AGENT, FORWARDING
AND COMMISSION MERCHANT.
I TAKE pleasure in informing my friends, that I am prepared to give all business entrusted to me efficient and personal attention. I have a wharf for Naval Stores, with ample accommodations, Spirit House, and Warehouse. Consignments of Naval Stores for sale or shipment; and all kinds of country produce solicited. Cash advances made on consignments.
April 18, 1850. 15

ALEX. MACRAE, JR.
IMPORTER OF
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHEN-
WARE,
and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
South Side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
November, 9, 1850. 102.

J. M. ROBINSON,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
HARDWARE, IRON,
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
Front street, 3 doors South of
Market street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 22

W. G. BROWNE,
PORTRAIT AND MINIATURE PAINTER.
REQUESTS persons who wish to have Portraits painted, or to view his collection of Paintings, to visit his Gallery in the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 and 5 o'clock.
April 5. 9-14.

WILKINSON & ESLER,
WOULD respectfully invite those wishing good Segars to call and examine their large assortment, among them may be found:
10,000 Principe, Jaso Sanz, good;
20,000 Regalia, Lion; Jenny Lind, and Menau-rado;
10,000 Havana, La Nacional, prime;
10,000 Lady in the cage handsome;
18,000 Panillas La Terrestre, do
175,000 De La Vozeta, old enough to work;
20,000 Half Regalia, Jicotlan, very superior;
15,000 Wandering Jew, very cheap;
8,000 El Gallo, fine;
14,000 La Cathedral;
20,000 Low price, various qualities.
Our stock of Segars &c., is much larger than ever offered in this place, and at lowest cash prices.
Call on WILKINSON & ESLER.
Market street.
March 14. 1

GREENSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.
COMMENCEMENT.
THE Examination of the Classes in Greensboro' Female College, will begin at 9 o'clock on Monday, the 2d of June, and occupy three successive days.
The Board of Trustees will convene in their Room on Tuesday, the 3d, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.
The Address before the two Literary Societies will be delivered on Wednesday the 4th by Robert P. Dick, Esq.
The Commencement Exercises will take place on Thursday the 5th of June.
CHARLES F. DEEMS, President.
May 8. 23-114.

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

J. MASHALLON, Portrait Painter, would respectfully inform the citizens of Wilmington and the surrounding country, that he has permanently located himself in this place, and will be happy to receive the patronage of any ladies or gentlemen who may wish to procure faithful likenesses of themselves or any member of their family. He dates himself, from his long experience in the art, that he will be enabled to give satisfaction. His rooms at Mr. Love's Furniture Establishment, Front Street, Wilmington, N. C. April 5, 1851. 9-14.

STOVES AND GRATES.

JUST RECEIVED
A Large Supply
OF
SHIP, PARLOR,
CHURCH,
AND OFFICE
STOVES!
of the BEST and
most approved
PATTERNS,
wholesale & retail.
ALSO,
an assortment of
GRATES & FURNACES,
Solar, Campfire, Fuel, and Oil Lamp, plain and japanned Ware, Steam Dishes, Coffee Urns, Biglins, Tea Trays, Walters, Platform and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
Oct. 10. POLLEY & HART. 69

DEEDS FOR SALE.
Varanteed Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage and land just printed, in correct form and for sale at the Commercial Office.

SPORTSMEN, ATTENTION!
JUST Received, a large assortment of Single and Double barrel, Bird, Duck and Deer Guns, of the finest finish and latest style, made by those celebrated makers CHAMBER & SONS, and others of known celebrity. Guns of all weights and calibre, shot, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, percussion Caps, and in fact the best collection of sportsmen's goods ever offered in this market. Gentlemen please call and examine.
Oct 3. POLLEY & HART. 85

BILLS OF LADING, &c.
I HAVE POST BILLS OF LADING bound in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The Commercial Office.

FOR SALE.
A Good family Carriage, suitable for a Hack, of good and substantial material, will be sold or exchanged for a light buggy. Apply at the Commercial office.
July 9. 45.

NEW SPRING & SUMMER GOODS.
WE have just received the handsomest and most beautiful assortment of fancy Dry Goods that ever was brought to this or any other market. Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call and examine.
Country merchants are particularly invited. Orders will be promptly attended to.
We also have on hand a splendid assortment of Spring and Summer Clothing, which we keep entirely up stairs. We have them made up ourselves, and do not want to pay profit to others. We are able to sell them cheaper than any House.
S. & D. TELLER.
March 12. 153.

TO TURPENTINE DISTILLERS.
THE subscriber would inform the Distillers of Turpentine, that he has now on hand at his Cooper Shop in this place, a supply of seasoned timber, sufficient for the present year; and that those who were disappointed in getting work last year, may rely upon being served this, as he has added greatly to his former arrangements; and having permanently located himself here, he will be enabled to pay strict attention to the quality of the work; and he should any casks made by him prove bad, he will exchange them, or return the price of such casks; also, from the first of March next, he will deliver them free of charge, at any point in or around Wilmington. Hereafter his casks shall be marked with the letters A. M. on either head, so that the work may be known. The price will be \$1 75 per barrel of 40 gallons. Should any change be made in these prices, due notice will be given in this paper.
A. MORGAN.
Jan. 16. 139-6 m-p.

BACON SIDES.
25 HHDS. Western Sides. For sale by
ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co.
April 26. 17.

A CIRCULAR.
We the undersigned beg leave to inform the Ladies and gentlemen of Wilmington and its vicinity, that our Spring and Summer Stock of Goods are now open for inspection, consisting of the latest styles of FANCY DRESS GOODS, directly imported from European markets. The greatest variety of SILKS, SCARFS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, LINENS, BAREGES, CAMBRICKS, &c. &c. &c. too numerous to mention.
We do not hesitate in saying that our Stock is equal to any other in the southern market, in the selection, as well as in the prices.
We would further add, that one of our firm is continually in the European markets, thus enabling us to have always on hand the latest fashions which may appear. We therefore most earnestly solicit a call before purchasing elsewhere.
We tender our sincere thanks for your kind and liberal patronage heretofore, and hope you will continue the same.
N. B. Gentlemen's stock of Ready Made Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps, are equal to the above.
H. & J. MAYER.
April 24. 17.

NORTHERN ADVERTISEMENTS.

Account Books.

PAPER & STATIONERY ARTICLES.

FRANCIS & LOUTREL.

77 Maiden Lane, New York.
INVITE Merchants, Dealers and all who require Articles in their line, to call at 77 Maiden Lane, New York. We offer every variety of Blank Book, Paper and Stationery, at very low prices. As we both manufacture and import all goods in our line we are enabled to sell cheap and offer inducements to buyers. Orders receive prompt attention.
BLACK BOOKS.
For all kinds of business, Banks, Public Office, County clerks, sets of books with printed heading for Lodges, Divisions and others. Hotel Registers, Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Papers and Memorandum Books.
COPY YOUR LETTERS!
By the use of Francis' Hand and Letter writer, Letters and copies are written at the same time; the ink is contained in sheets; the pen never wears out; both expeditious and economical; price \$1, 2, 250 and \$5.00.
CROTON INK.
If you want good black writing ink use the Croton; it flows freely from the pen and retains its color; also indelible. Carriage and copying ink.
PAPER & STATIONERY.
All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Millprice; Tissue, Colored, Drawing and Perforated Paper, Envelopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books, Portfolios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Water, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallers, Writing Desks and every variety of Fancy Stationery.
DIARIES FOR 1851.
From the full cap size to the smallest pocket edition containing Almanac Time and Interest Tables, a space for memorandums for every day in the year, &c., suitable for business, Professional or Private use. Price 50c 75c, and \$1. Sent by Mail free.
Book Binding executed at lowest prices.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.

NOTICE EXTRA.
Owing to the increased demands of our Trade in the following articles we have been induced to enlarge our Stock of Fruit, Confectionary, Nuts, Tobacco, Segars and Snuff of all kinds which retailers and others can select from at lowest prices.
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 22. 16

SASH, BLIND AND DOOR AGENCY.
Formerly conducted by Thos. C. Hotchkiss.
THE public are hereby informed, that I have been appointed agent for the sale of Window Sashes, Blinds and Doors, manufactured by the New Haven Co., and am prepared to fill orders in the above line. The quality of the work of the New Haven Co. is well known in this market. Builders and all persons want of the above articles, are requested to send in their orders, and they will be promptly filled. Terms invariably cash on delivery.
WM. A. GWYER.
General Agent Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
April 15. 15

PINE OIL! PINE OIL!
Refined in Price and improved in Quality.
PINE OIL of my manufacture can be obtained at the store of Messrs. POLLEY & HART, and will be furnished to customers by my Wagon every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at the reduced price of Forty Cents per gallon. Warranted superior to any other for sale in this place.
Oct. 17, 1850. A. H. VANROCKELEN.

CAPE FEAR MARINE RAILWAY
AND
SHIP CARPENTERING.
THE subscribers having now completed their Marine Railway, are prepared to take up Vessels of any size. They pledge themselves that all work done by them shall give satisfaction, both as to charges and workmanship. They have large force employed, which will enable them to perform all work with dispatch.
They are also prepared to build any size Vessel, from a PILOT BOAT up to a SHIP; and will warrant that their work will compare favorably with any other for sale in this place, and upon as reasonable terms.
Always on hand a large stock of Timber, &c.
SAMUEL BREERY & SON.
Refer to:
P. K. Dickinson,
Derosses & Brown,
Barry, Bryant & Adams,
Geo. W. Davis,
J. & D. McKee & Co.,
June 27, 1850. 45-12 m-c.

JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!
JUST received, from the North, an elegant and extensive assortment of fine Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Plated Ware and Musical Boxes, to which we would call the attention of Ladies and citizens of Wilmington and surrounding Country.
We will continue to sell goods in the above line at prices that will not fail to merit the continuance of the patronage we have received since our commencement in business, and having now procured a competent assistant, we will in future be able to dispatch, at the shortest notice, every description of repairing requisite to adjust and accurately time—Chronometer, Horizontal, Duplex, Lever, Repeating, and Vertical Watches.
N. B. Clocks, Jewelry, Plated Ware, and Musical Boxes, promptly and in a workmanlike manner repaired, and warranted to please by
A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER
(Sign of the Big Watch) Ft. St., Wilmington, N. C.
Oct. 18, 1850. 100-14

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!
600 BBL'S. Lincolnton White Lump; Also calcined Plaster, Plastering Hair, and Fire Brick, Hydraulic Cement; 1000 bbls. Lime &c. for sale by
J. C. & R. B. WOOD.
Contractors and Builders.
Dec. 22, 1850. 119.

ROBIN STRAINERS.
FROM No. 19 to 100, of a superior quality, for sale by
POLLEY & HART.
March 29. 6.

GALLANT CONDUCT OF AN AMERICAN OFFICER.

The following interesting article appears in the Boston Commonwealth:

We have lately had the pleasure of looking at a splendid gold-mounted sword, presented by officers of the British Navy to our fellow-citizen, Capt. James F. Watkins, of Roxbury. It bears on the hilt of massive gold the following inscription:

"Presented to Capt. James F. Watkins, by his comrades of Her Majesty's ships Columbine, Fury, and Hastings, whom he gallantly assisted in the destruction of a Chinese piratical fleet, on the 23d September and 1st October, 1849."

Capt. Watkins is now absent, in command of the U. S. mail Steamer Panama, plying on our Pacific coast, between Panama and San Francisco. His wife and family, residing in Roxbury, and his friends generally, cannot but feel proud of this token of the gratitude and respect of foreigners towards him, and we think the public will be interested to know how it was won.

By the kindness of the parties in whose service Captain Watkins commanded the steamer Canton, on the coast of China, we are enabled to give some details of the affair, which we believe have not before been published in this country.

The Canton stemmed from Hong Kong on the 24th September, at 7 a. m., in quest of the Corvette, a missing vessel, which it was feared had met with disaster either by storm or piracy on the eastern coast. On the way Captain Watkins kept a bright look out, narrowly surveying all the anchorages, and inquiring about wrecks, &c. Near Mendoza Islands he saw two boats full of men—pronounced pirates by the Interpreter—leaving a junk. He would gladly have attacked them, but not being fitted out on a war footing, did not feel exactly authorized to take the responsibility. At half-past 11 noon White Rock, he came in sight of a fleet of junks, and the British brig of war Columbine in chase. Clearing his decks for what might happen, Capt. Watkins steered to cut off the junks and keep them at sea. The wind blew light, the junks and the Columbine were obliged to depend upon oars. The advantage of steam power soon brought the Canton within gun shot of some of the pirates, and she began to blaze away at them. Coming up with the Columbine, she was welcomed by three hearty cheers by the exhausted crew, who had now been twenty-four hours in chase of the pirates, much of the time with oars. Capt. Hays of the Columbine, asked Capt. Watkins to take him in tow, and put his brig alongside the pirate Commodore, mounting twenty guns, which he very readily undertook to do.

The Canton having the Columbine in tow, steered for the largest junk, which was presently reinforced by the crews of two smaller ones. Several broadsides were expended upon the deserted vessels in passing. As the Columbine approached the junk she was shivered off so as to enable her to bring some of her guns to bear, and thus some time was lost. The men in the junk left their rowing and laid below water till the danger was past. When, however, the pursuing party came fairly within range of their guns, the pirates were up and poured back first their starboard and then their larboard broadsides, and then kept off, using only their stern guns. Some shots whistled over the heads of the pursuers and one of six pounds came through the paddle box of the Canton.

The Canton was now steered to give the Columbine an opportunity, but she did not succeed in getting one, owing to the more nimble manoeuvres of the Chinese. At this moment the chances were anything but favorable to the pursuers, as they had to stand the heavy fire of ten or twelve guns, close by, and only reply by two six pounders, one of which was well served by Capt. Watkins himself. By the direction of Captain Hays, against which Captain Watkins protested, the Canton now dropped the Columbine, and shot out of range, the brig making sail in pursuit, and the steamer keeping at a distance, ready to tow her off to the other junks in the offing. But the junk improved the time while this was going on to gain some distance, and returned shot for shot, making towards the shore.

At half-past four the Columbine had the misfortune to ground, and the pirate junk rounded a point of the shore and ran up a creek. The boats of the Columbine, with Captain Watkins on board one of them, started in pursuit. They found the junk well up the creek, exchanging shots with the mandarins on shore. On the approach of the boats she gave them a broadside and wounded one man. They returned the compliment with a peppering of musketry and a single gun on the bow of the pinnace. After being kept at bay half an hour, the boat's crew succeeded in boarding the junk at the bow, but only a few had reached the deck before the lieutenant observed a fellow applying a match to a train. He instantly seized a midshipman and jumped overboard. Presently the stern of the junk blew up, killing one man and wounding seven of the boarding party. The other boat in the meantime was looking after the piratical crew who had left the junk, many of them taking the water. None reached the shore, or if they did it was only to be killed by the mandarins. Captain Watkins killed a dozen himself, and caught one fellow by the "tail," who was hauled into the boat as a prisoner, and brought to Hong Kong.

Returning at eight in the evening, the boats found that the Columbine had been got off by the Canton. She was immediately taken in tow, and went in chase of the remaining junks. About 40 miles to the N. E. of Hong Kong they were overhauled and hemmed into a bay, when the Canton returned to Hong Kong with despatches from Capt.