

# Glasgow Herald

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### INDIA AND CHINA.

By the arrival of the Overland Mail we have received files of papers from Bombay to the 2d of January; Calcutta, 22d December; and Hong Kong, 15th of December.

#### INDIA.

The following is the letter of the *Times'* Calcutta correspondent, dated December 22:—

“As I expected, Sir John Bowring, Plenipotentiary in China, has applied to the Government of India for troops. He intends, it is said, to keep Canton as a material guarantee for the observance of the treaty of 1847, and requires regiments to garrison the town. I question if he will obtain them. With a Persian war on its hands and an expedition beyond the frontier still possible the Government cannot spare Europeans. Native troops may be sent from Madras, but there are no steamers to convey them, and the voyage at this time of the year will be very tedious. The Ceylon Rifles and the regiment at Singapore will probably be allowed to go, but Sir John Bowring must raise troops for himself. There are plenty of men to be had in the Archipelago. A Malay, with or without discipline, can always thrash a Chinese, and the Customs of Canton will supply the necessary funds. The feeling in this country as to the attack on Canton is one of unqualified approval. Anglo-Indians are too much accustomed to Orientals to believe that argument has any efficacy unless backed by an overwhelming display of force. The doctrine, too, that we must advance whether we like it or not has a firm hold on the public mind, and Sir John Bowring is for the present very decidedly popular. It is an odd fact that we should for the second time be at war with Persia and China at once. The bombardment has scarcely affected the opium market. There has been a slight fall, but the fluctuation is not greater than occurs at every opium sale. In fact, the price of the drug depends more upon the time bargains made in Calcutta than on any events in China itself.