

# The Opium War (1839-1842)



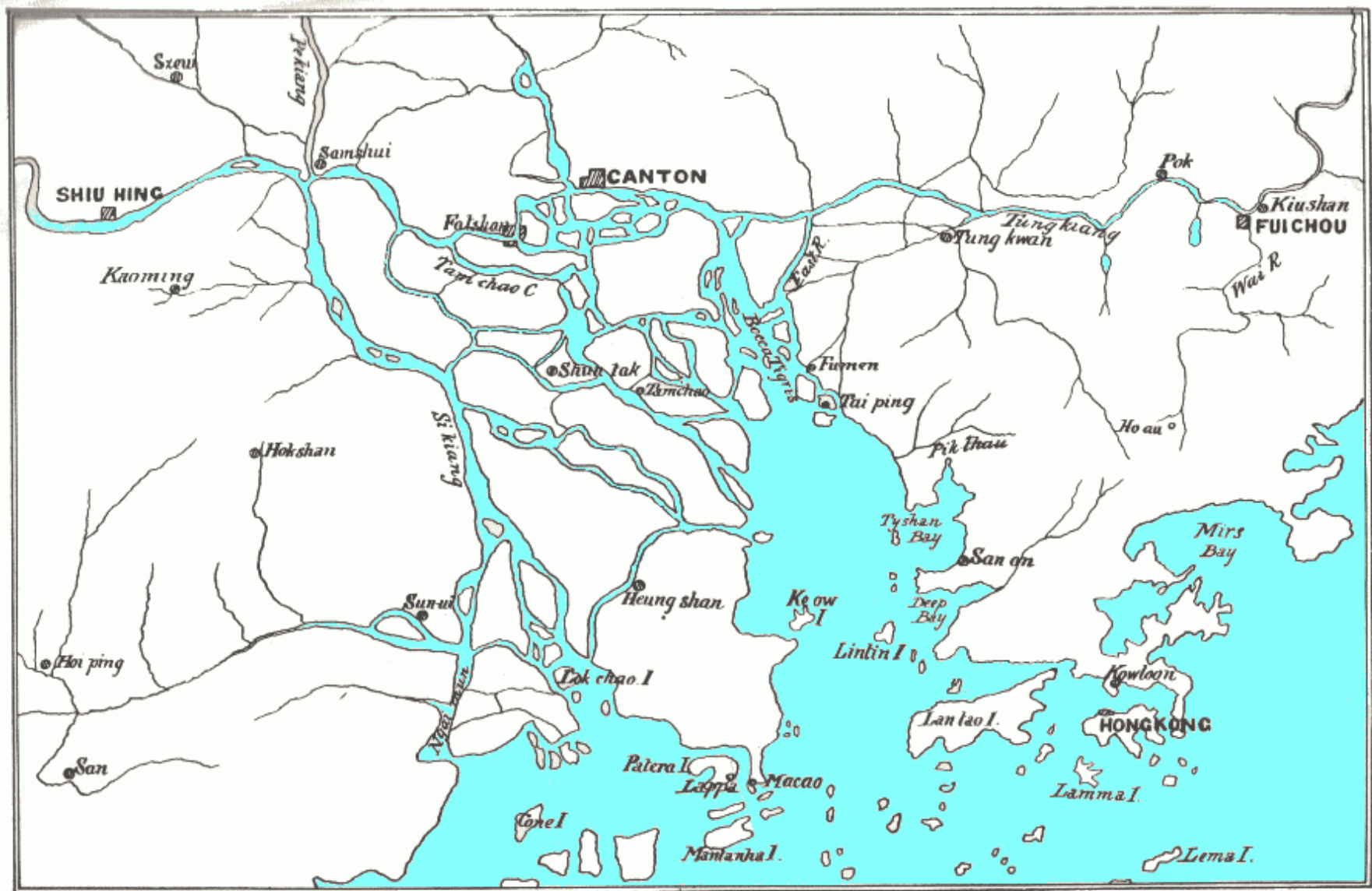
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# The Canton System

- trade only allowed in Canton
- 13 factories
- Limited residence in Canton
- Monopoly on both sides







THE MOUTH OF THE CANTON RIVER.

# Enforcing an end of the opium trade



Lin Zexu

Surrendering and destroying opium





# Treaty of Nanjing (1842):

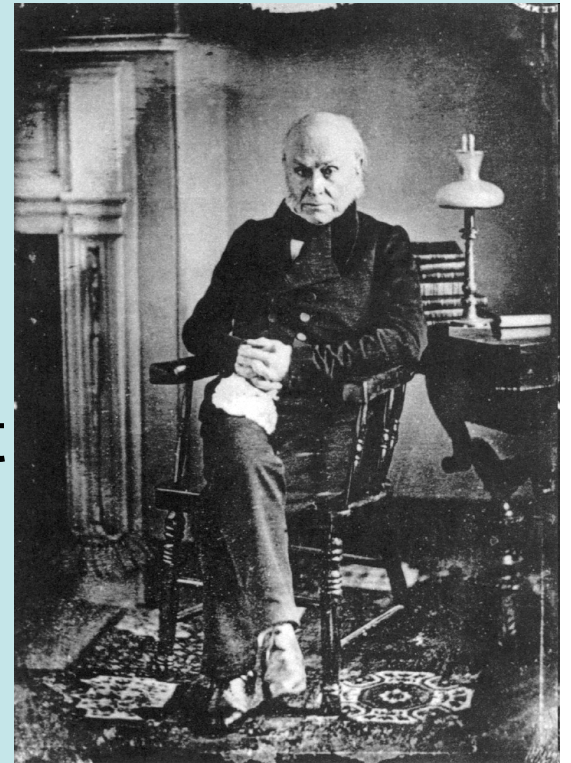
*The first unequal treaty*

- Hong Kong given to British
- Opened new ports to trade
- Reduced Tariffs
- Direct diplomatic relations
- Large indemnities



The illegal opium trade was “a mere incident to the dispute; no more the cause of war than the throwing overboard of the tea in the Boston Harbor was the cause of the North American revolution. The cause of the war is the kow-tow!—the arrogant and insupportable pretensions of China, that she will hold commercial intercourse with mankind not upon terms of equal reciprocity, but upon insulting and degrading forms of relation between lord and vassal.”

-- John Quincy Adams, 1841.



# Jean Nicolet 1634







**POTOSI** lies in the Province of Peru, in Lat.  $21\frac{1}{2}$  Deg.  $5^{\text{th}}$  'Tis above a Spanish League in Circumference, and 1624 Rods high, of the Form of a Sugar-loaf, and a sandy Colour. It has four extraordinary rich Veins of silver Ore, discovered A. D. 1545. They run N. & S. slopingly in the East Side of the Hill. In 1587 the Rich Vein contain'd 87 Mines, some of w<sup>ch</sup> were above 200 fathom deep. Here are kept employ'd by turns above 20000 Miners. It is generally reported that here are refined annually, for the King's fifth Part, about 34666 P<sup>l</sup> w<sup>o</sup> of fine Silver, besides what he is deprived of, w<sup>ch</sup> is thought to equal almost the said Sum.

Cerro de Potosí  
or Jang Potosí

Tarapaca



# East India Company (1600 to 1874)



# Triangle Trade and Opium

- English sold textiles to India
- India sold raw cotton and opium to China
- China sold tea and silk to Britain
- Most interchanges carried out by British traders



**Opium Smuggling Clippers from the West.**



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