

No. S. 15.—In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that, in accordance with Ordinance No. 3 of 1888, permission is given for Crackers to be fired as follows :—

Within those portions of the City of Victoria and the Kowloon Peninsula bounded by the following limits :—

(1.) City of Victoria.

South.—Bonham Road.

North.—The Praya.

West.—Western Street.

East.—Sai Street and Morrison Street.

(2.) Queen's Road East from Royal Naval Hospital entrance to Kennedy Road, by Kennedy Road to a line running through Hing Wan Street, down Stone Nullah Lane to Wanchai Road and Tai Wo Street to Praya East, along Praya East to Burrows Street and by Burrows Street to the Gas Works, Wanchai Road, Wanchai Market and both sides of the street are included in these limits.

(3.) Kowloon Peninsula.

All the area south of Austin Road.

On Monday, the 4th February, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Tuesday, the 5th February, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Monday, the 11th February, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Within those portions of the City of Victoria and the Kowloon Peninsula (South of a line running from the junction of Nanking Street and Temple Street, Yau-ma-ti, to the boundary of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 40) not comprised in the above limits, with the exception hereafter mentioned :—

From 4 p.m. on Monday, the 4th February, till 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 6th February, and on Monday, the 11th February, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

No cracker-firing will be permitted in Ice House Street, Duddell Street, or in the lanes leading out of Duddell Street for a distance of 80 yards from Queen's Road.

Cracker-firing is to be strictly confined to the times named above, both within and without the prescribed area; and both sides of all streets, or parts of streets named as the boundaries above, are to be considered as within the prescribed area.

No burning crackers or other fire is to be thrown above the head or near any person or inflammable material, and all reasonable precaution must be taken against accident, as every one is liable for damage arising from his carelessness.

The firing of crackers is not to be carried on in the vicinity of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service.

Attention is drawn to Government Notification No. 298 of the 8th July, 1921. No person shall make, sell, or have in his possession any fireworks which explode by detonation, or which contain any explosive ingredient or mixture other than black gunpowder, charcoal, sulphur and saltpetre.

The Police have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing crackers in contravention of the foregoing restrictions.

The Firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is Strictly Prohibited.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

25th January, 1924.