



## Hongkong

# GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

Published by Authority.

VICTORIA, HONGKONG; SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1854.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Contract hitherto in force for the publication of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS having ceased on the 21st instant, —Notice is hereby given, that the *HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE*, this day established, will be hereafter the only Official Organ of Proclamations, Notifications, and all Public Papers of this Government.

By Order,

W. CAINE,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Victoria, Hongkong, 24th September, 1853.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

In pursuance of Ordinances No. 2 of 1845 and No. 3 of 1851, it has been determined by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council of Hongkong, that a rate of Five per cent be paid, for the year commencing from the 1st January, 1854, on the Valuation of Property liable to Police Assessment. The amount of the First Quarter will be payable from that date.

By Order,

W. CAINE,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong,  
17th March, 1854.

*Police Rate Office, Central Police Station,  
17th March, 1854.*

It is hereby Notified that the Police Rate for the current year, being five per cent upon the assessed annual rental of property, is required to be paid in dollars; excepting, only, in cases where the rent is payable in Sterling monies, when, upon reasonable proof thereof being given to the undersigned, the Police Rate will be received in Sterling.

C. MAY,  
D. R. CALDWELL,  
*Assessors and Collectors of Police Rate.*

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Subjoined Notice, relative to a Lighthouse recently erected on Gabo Island, off Cape Howe, on the Coast between Sydney and Melbourne, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. CAINE,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,  
Hongkong, 13th March, 1854.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*Sydney, 29th December, 1853.*

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HIS Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL directs the publication, for general information, of the subjoined notice, containing a description of the Light which has been established at Gabo Island, and which he has been pleased to designate the "Flinders Light," in honor of the late Captain Matthew Flinders, Royal Navy, and in testimony of the eminent services rendered by him to the Australian Colonies by the numerous hydrographical surveys which he made of the Coast and Harbours.

*By His Excellency's Command,*

E. DEAS THOMSON.

FLINDERS LIGHT, GABO ISLAND.

The Lighthouse on Gabo Island, off Cape Howe, is situated in  
 Latitude . . . . . 37° 34' 20" South.  
 Longitude . . . . . 149° 54' 40" East.

It was completed and lighted on the 28th November, 1853, and a light will in future be exhibited from sunset to sunrise.

The Lighthouse is a skeleton timber erection, painted White; the roof and framing of Lantern painted Red; and the Ventilating Ball painted Yellow.

It stands nearly in the centre of the Island, about three-quarters of a mile from its southern point, upon a sand hill 157ft. 6in. above the sea. The centre of the Light is 21ft. 6in. above the sand, making a total of 179ft. above the sea.

The following Magnetic Bearings are taken from the Lighthouse:—

Cape Howe . . . . . N. 32° E.  
 Ram Head . . . . . S. W.  
 Variation of Compass . . . . . 11° E.

The Light is a Fixed White Light of the First Class, consisting of 24 Catoptric Lamps in 2 ranges, illuminating the whole horizon.

The Light is eclipsed by a small range of sand hills from S. 15° E. to S. 4° W. (in all 19 degrees), to a distance averaging about 2 miles out to sea.

It is estimated that the Light can be seen 20 miles distant in clear weather.

NOTICE.

Wanted, a Passage to Singapore for Twenty-six Chinese Convicts; for which Sealed Tenders will be received at this Office.

For Particulars, apply to the Acting Harbour Master.

By Order,

W. CAINE,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,  
 Hongkong, 15th March, 1854.

NOTICE.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY regret to announce, that in consequence of the great increase in the price of Coals, and in other items of expenditure connected with the Navigation of their Steamers, they have been compelled to recur to Charges for PASSAGE MONEY similar to those existing previous to the commencement of last year, when it will be remembered a considerable Reduction was made.

The Company trust that the circumstances which have obliged them to adopt this measure will not be of long duration; but in the meantime, *on and after this day, and until further notice*, the Fares to Southampton, including the Expense of Transit through Egypt, will be as follows:—

*A Lady or Gentleman travelling singly*,—  
 occupying a Berth in one of the General Cabins, . . . \$696  
*A Married couple*,—  
 occupying a Reserved Private Cabin, . . . . . \$1,680  
*Children with their Parents*,—  
 of 3 Years and under 10 Years of age, . . . . . \$408  
 a Child under 3 Years of Age, (*no berth provided*) . . . . . Free.  
*Servants of First-class Passengers*,—  
 European, . . . . . \$360  
 Native, . . . . . \$264

The Rates of Passage to *Marseilles* and the intermediate Ports on the *Homeward route*, will also be proportionately increased *on and after this day*.

*Payment to be made in Hongkong in Spanish Dollars.*  
 For further particulars, apply to

ROBERT S. WALKER,  
*Superintendent.*

\*\* A Slight alteration will be observed in 3 of the foregoing rates compared with those lately advertised.

Peninsular & Oriental  
 Steam Navigation Company's Office,  
 Hongkong, 19th February, 1854.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE next GENERAL MAILS by *SINGAPORE* will be closed at 6 o'clock P. M. on *Sunday the 26th instant*, and the customary SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up on the following Morning between the Hours of 9 and 10 o'clock.

THOMAS HYLAND,  
*Post-Master.*

Post-Office, Victoria, Hongkong,  
 15th March, 1854.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,  
 ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES,  
 AND SOUTHAMPTON;

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *SINGAPORE*, Captain ROGERS,

with *Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo*, will leave this for the above Places, on *Monday the 27th instant*, at 2 P. M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P. M. on the 25th, SPECIE until Noon on the 26th, and PARCELS until 2 P. M. on the 26th.

For particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS, AND VALUE OF PACKAGES, ARE REQUIRED.

*A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness in such declaration.*

ROBERT S. WALKER,  
*Superintendent.*

P. & O. S. N. Company's Office,  
 Hongkong, 13th March, 1854.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Notice.

ON and after this day and until further Notice the Charges for PASSAGE MONEY from HONGKONG to AMOY, WOOSUNG, and SHANGHAE, will be as follows, viz:—

DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMMODATION.	FROM HONGKONG TO	
	AMOY	WOOSUNG AND SHANGHAE.
<i>A Lady or a Gentleman travelling singly</i> ,—occupying a Berth in one of the General Cabins, . . .	\$60	\$120
<i>Children with their Parents</i> ,—of 3 Years and under 10 Years of age, . . . . .	\$40	\$75
a Child under 3 Years of age, ( <i>no berth provided</i> ), . . . . .	free	free
<i>Servants of First-class Passengers</i>		
European, . . . . .	\$30	\$60
Native, . . . . .	\$15	\$30
<i>Second-class Passengers</i> , . . . . .	\$40	\$80
<i>Third-class Passengers, (on deck)</i>	\$20	\$40

*Payment to be made in Hongkong in Spanish Dollars.*  
 For further particulars, apply to

ROBT. S. WALKER,  
*Superintendent.*

Peninsular & Oriental  
 Steam Navigation Company's Office,  
 Hongkong, 16th February, 1854.