

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. CAINE,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong,
21st March, 1854.

Account of the Average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 28th February, 1854, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

Notes issued,.....\$78,476*

* Exclusive of the Notes of the Oriental Bank still outstanding.

(Signed,) Wm. LAMOND,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong,
1st March, 1854.

The monthly inspection was made by me this day, and the result was in accordance with the terms of the Charter.

(Signed,) W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Treasurer.

16th March, 1854.

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.

NOTICE.

WE hereby give notice that our business will be removed to SHANGHAE, on the 31st instant.

Mr. JAMES LAWRENCE MAN and Mr. WILLIAM GUNSTON HOWELL are severally authorized to Sign our Name.

GEORGE BARNET & Co.

Canton, 18th 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.
A Lady or a Gentleman travelling singly,—occupying a Berth in one of the General Cabins,...	\$60	\$120
Children with their Parents,—of 3 Years and under 10 Years of age,.....	\$40	\$75
a Child under 3 Years of age, (no berth provided,).....	free	free
Servants of First-class Passengers		
European,.....	\$30	\$60
Native,.....	\$15	\$30
Second-class Passengers,.....	\$40	\$80
Third-class Passengers, (on deck).....	\$20	\$40

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ROBT. S. WALKER,
Superintendent.

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

IN THE VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG.

MR. DUBDELL is instructed by the Marshal of the said Court, to sell by Public Auction, at the AUCTION MART Queen's Road, on TUESDAY next, March the 28th, commencing at 11 o'clock A.M.,—7 GUNS, &c., taken by H. M. Steamer *Barracouta*; a Chinese PIRATICAL BOAT, STORES, ARMS, and APPAREL, taken by the Police; and certain GUNS, MASTS, and SAILS, found upon the High Seas.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash, in MEXICAN Dollars, on delivery.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1854.