



Hongkong GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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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 a resolution by the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, a new valuation of house property in this Colony will be made for the purpose of Police assessment.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1854.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Master of the Sardinian Schooner *Sofia* reports discovery, on the 27th ultimo, of a reef in latitude 8° 6' N. longitude 154° 18' E. of Greenwich—stretching about 7 Miles from E. to W. and nearly 2 miles from N. to S.—sea breaking all along the N. side,—at intervals only, on the S.—On the E. part of reef out of water—at Half a mile's distance from this E. part, no bottom at 45 fathoms.

The reef is not laid down in Hobbs' Chart of 1850, with additions to 1852—but Mr. Tortello, master of the *Sofia*, has every reason to trust in the correctness of his Chronometers and the exactness of the longitude.

A wreck was visible on the reef.

The above particulars are made known for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1854.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Wanted a passage to Perth, Western Australia, for three European Convicts. Sealed Tenders will be received addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and particulars may be learnt on application at the Harbour Master's Office.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Wanted a Passage to Penang for Eight Chinese Convicts.
Sealed Tenders will be received at this Office.
For particulars apply to the Harbour Master.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that the ~~Government Rents~~ due for the current half year will be payable on the 25th instant, and for twenty one days following.

R. RIENAECKER,
Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury Victoria,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1854.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Act of the Imperial Parliament, applied to this Colony by the recent Ordinance No. 3 of 1854, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1854.

ANNO SEPTIMO & OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. LXII.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW AS TO BURNING FARM BUILDINGS.

[6th August, 1844.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to burning or destroying Buildings and Ships*, it is enacted, that whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any House, Stable, Coach-house, Outhouse, Warehouse, Office, Shop, Mill, Malt-house, Hop-oast, Barn, or Granary, or to any Building or Erection used in carrying on any Trade or Manufacture, or any Branch thereof, whether the same or any of them respectively shall then be in the Possession of the Offender, or in the Possession of any other Person, with Intent thereby to injure or defraud any Person, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of the natural Life of such Offender, or for any Term not less than Fifteen Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years; but it hath been doubted whether the Provisions of the recited Act extend to the Offence of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to any Hovel or Shed not being appendant to any House: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That whoever shall unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any Hovel, Shed, or Fold, or to any Farm Building, or any Building or Erection used in farming Land, whether the same or any of them respectively shall then be in the Possession of the Offender, or in the Possession of any other Person, with Intent thereby to injure or defraud any Person, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for the Term of the natural Life of such Offender, or for any Term not less than Fifteen Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

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II. And be it enacted, That whosoever shall unlawfully and maliciously set fire to any Hay, Straw, Wood, or other Vegetable Produce being in any Farm House or Farm Building, or to any Implement of Husbandry being in any Farm House or Farm Building, with Intent thereby to set fire to such Farm House or Farm building, and to injure or defraud any Person, shall be liable to the Pains and Penalties of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to the said Farm House or Farm Building with Intent thereby to injure or defraud such Person.

Setting fire to
Farm Produce or
Implements in
Farm Buildings.

III. And be it enacted, That every Male Person under the Age of Eighteen Years who shall be convicted of any Offence under this Act shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court before which he shall be convicted, in addition to any other Sentence which may be passed upon him, to be publicly or privately whipped, in such Manner, and as often, not exceeding thrice, as the Court shall direct.

Males under 18
Years of Age may
be whipped in ad-
dition to any other
Sentence.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Part of the recited Act.

Act deemed Part
of recited Act.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

Act may be a-
mended this Ses-
sion.