No. 135.

PROCLAMATION.

JOHN BOWRING.

By His Excellency Sir John Bowring, Knight, LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China.

A Free Pardon is hereby granted unto WONG-AHSHING, convicted of Piracy in October last, and now in Gaol under Sentence of Transportation for Fifteen Years.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

God Save The Queen.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 12th Day of December, 1856.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Diplomatic Department.

Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China, has received from Her Majesty's Consul in Shanghae, the following Notice to Mariners, which His Excellency has directed to be published for general information.

By Order,

W. WOODGATE.

Superintendency of Trade, Hongkong, 12th December, 1856.

Office of Maritime Customs, Shanghae, 20*th November*, 1856.

With reference to a Notification from this Office, dated 27th October, 1855: Notice is hereby given, that a Tower has been erected on the South Shore of the Yangtsze Keang, at Kew Toan 九團. It is a plain structure of Brick, painted Red and White. Its height is 70 feet.

It bears from the Light Vessel N. 63° West, distance 16 miles.

The Trees upon Block House Island bear from it N. 15° West, distance 8 miles.

The Light Vessel is moored in 4½ fathoms at low water, and bears N. by W. ¾ W. from Gutzlaff Island, from which she is distant 23 miles, and 1 mile from the Southern Spit of the North Bank. Ships leaving Gutzlaff, bearing S. by E., distance 15 miles, should steer a North Westerly course. On making the Light Vessel, bearing N.W., they should steer so as to pass her on the Starboard hand, not bringing her to the Southward of West. After passing her, they should not bring her to the Southward of S.E. by E. ½ E., making due allowance for the setting of the Tides over the North Bank. When about sinking her Hull, the Tower will be seen, and the course prescribed by Captain Collinson's Directions can then be followed.

When a vessel is observed running into danger, a Gun is fired from the Light Vessel to attract attention, and the Signal of the Course that should be steered is then exhibited. A ship's Signal Lamp is shown on board from sunset to sunrise.

A Meteorological Register and Tide Table are kept by the Master of the Light Vessel, copies of which can be had gratis on application at this Office.

True Copy,

W. Woodgate.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The two following Ordinances, read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published for general information.

By Order,

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 6th December, 1856.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VIGESIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. of 1856.

By His Excellency Sir John Bowring, Knight, LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance for Intestates' Estates.

[December, 1856.]

Be it enacted and ordained, by His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Repeal of Ordinance No. 5 of 1855, and revivor of Ordinance No. 6 of 1854, (except Section 5.)

I. Ordinance No. 5 of 1855 is hereby repealed, and Ordinance No. 6 of 1854 (with the exception of Section Five of the last-mentioned Ordinance) is hereby revived.

Subsequent claims to be made good out of the General Revenue of the Colony.

II. The Officer administering the Government of this Colony, shall from time to time, as occasion shall require, repay or make good to any persons preferring and duly proving their Claims to the same after Confiscation thereof for Colonial purposes under Section Three of Ordinance No. 6 of 1854, all Funds so confiscated; and all Monies in the Treasury forming part of, or arising from, the general Revenue of the said Colony, shall be applicable in so repaying or making good the same.