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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Contract for publishing this *Gazette*, entered into on the 24th September, 1853, was terminated on the 30th ultimo; and notice is hereby given, that a New Series of this *Gazette* will be published hereafter, to commence from the 7th instant, under a New Contract, and that

“THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE”

will, as before, be the only Official Organ for PROCLAMATIONS, NOTIFICATIONS, and PUBLIC PAPERS, of this Government.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, *Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d July, 1855.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that the Crown Rents due for the current Half-year will be payable on the 25th Instant, and for Twenty-one days following.

W. T. MERCER, — *President,*

J. HYNDMAN, } *Members,*
H. REINHARD, }

of the Colonial Treasury Commission.

Colonial Treasury, Victoria, Hongkong, 12th December, 1856.

No. 137.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Agents and Masters of Steamers and other Vessels carrying Chinese Passengers from the Canton River or elsewhere, are desired to warn such Passengers against landing between the hours of 10 p.m. and Daybreak, as the recent Police Regulation will be strictly carried out,

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 23d December, 1856.

No. 138.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, as some anxiety is reported to be felt among the Community in the present unsettled state of affairs in the neighbourhood of this Colony, it has been thought advisable by the Government to adopt certain precautionary measures for securing the peace of the City and the safety of the inhabitants and property.

The Police Force has been increased by 20 European and 50 Indian Constables, and steps have been taken for its greater efficiency and fuller supervision; a reserved Auxiliary force of 40 Europeans has been organized; and a Military Piquet will be stationed in the most convenient position obtainable within the Town.

But His Excellency The Governor has given his best consideration to a proposal made by certain Gentlemen who recently waited on His Excellency and the Executive Council, and has resolved to invite the respectable Members of the Community to form themselves into a Special Constabulary, from which it is in contemplation to organize a Fire Brigade; and His Excellency directs it to be notified, that at 1 p.m. on Tuesday next the 30th instant, the Gentlemen whose Names will be posted on the door of the Supreme Court are desired to attend at the Chief Magistrates' Court, for the purpose of being enrolled as Special Constables, and they will be there further instructed in the duties to be entrusted to them.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 24th December, 1856.