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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 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"

all as before, be the only Official Organ for Proclamations, Notifications, and Public Papers, of this Government.

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

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

Diplomatic Department.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Excellency the Chief Superintendent of Trade, Ac., is officially advised, that the Earl of Clarendon La Espointed Don Joze DE Bosch, to be Her Majesty's Consul at the Port of Sual in Pangasinan (Philippine banads).

By Order,

G. W. CAINE,

In the absence of the Offer Secretar to H. B. M.'s Plenipotentiary.

Experintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hengkong, 25th February, 1856.

Diplomatic Department.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Desc are to notify unto all whom it may concern, that WIAM PUSTAU AND COMPANY, of Hongkong, Merhave lodged at this Office, on the 26th instant, Affidavits and Papers, from which it appears that Thousand Sovereigns were shipped in Melbourne, in beginning of October 1855, on board of a British re-cared Barque called the Amigos, whereof WILLIAM J. British-born subject, was and is Master, and, as he Hongkong; that the said WILLIAM PUSTAU AND WEARY were the Consignees and have received Bills of thereof; that no part of the said Treasure has ever Barque has never visited Hongkong, although she been seen at Shanghae and Swatow; that she sailed a cargo of Sugar from Swatow, on the 19th instant, g South, and has not been since heard of; and that Firm verily believe that the said WILLIAM J. LEE foloniously and piratically run away with the said resure to South America or elsewhere (as appears in creatar by the Affidavit of WILLIAM PUSTAU, Esquire, Senior Member of the said firm, sworn on the 25th

Ly Command of His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China.

G. W. CAINE, In the absence of the Offic Secreta to H. B. M.'s Plenipotentiary.

reintendency of Trade, Victoria, ilongkong, 27th February, 1856.

No. 23.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that His Excellency The Governor and Commander in Chief has, under his hand and Seal of the Colony, appointed the Honorable T. C. Anster, Esquire, Attorney-General; Captain Cowper, R.E., Acting Surveyor-General; and J.C. Power, Esquire,—to be Members of a Commission for investigating and reporting in what manner the Construction of the projected Praya along the Sea Face of the City of Victoria, to be called the "Bowring Praya," shall be commenced and carried out.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th February, 1856.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

In accordance with instructions conveyed in Circular Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency The Governor directs the publication of the Conditions fixed by the India Board as those upon which Candidates for the Civil Service of India will be examined in July 1856.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th February, 1856.

CIVIL SERVICE OF INDIA.

1. In July, 1856, an examination will take place of candidates for appointments to the Civil Service of India. Notice will be hereafter

appointments to the Civil Service of India. Notice will be nereafter given of the days and place of examination.

2. Any natural-born subject of Her Majesty, who shall be desirous of entering the Civil Service of India, will be eptitled to be examined at such examination, provided he shall, before the 1st of May, 1856, have transmitted to the India Board, Capnon Row, West-

(a) A certificate of his birth, showing that his age, on the 1st of May, 1856, will be above eighteen years and under twenty-

three years.

(b) A certificate, signed by a physician or surgeon, of his having no disease, constitutional affection, or bodily infirmity, unfitting him for the Civil Service of India.

inafter enumerated, in which he desires to be examined.

The examination will take place only in the following branches

of knowledge :-

English Language and Literature:-

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4. The merit of the persons examined will be estimated by marks, according to the ordinary system in use at several of the Universities, and the numbers set opposite to each branch in the preceding paragraph denote the greatest number of marks that can be obtained

in respect of it.

5. No candidate will be allowed any marks in respect of any subject of examination unless he shall obtain, in respect of that subject, one-sixth of the number of marks set against that particular

o. The examination will be conducted by means of printed questions and written answers, and by vivá voce examination.

7. After the examination shall have been completed, the marks obtained by each candidate, in respect of each of the subjects in which he shall have been examined, shall be added up, and the names of the twenty candidates who shall have obtained a greater aggregate number of marks then any of the remaining candidates shall gate number of marks than any of the remaining candidates shall be set forth in order of merit; and such twenty candidates shall be deemed to be selected candidates for the Civil Service of India. Their choice, so far as it can be allowed, of the Presidency in India to which they shall be appointed, shall be determined by the order in which they stand on such list.

8. In August, 1857, a further examination of the selected candidates will take place in the following subjects:—

Law, including the ordinary rules of taking evidence and the mode of conducting civil and criminal trials... ... 1,000

and such further examination will be conducted in the same manner as that above described. (The numbers set opposite to each subject denote the greatest number of marks which can be obtained in

respect of such subjects.)

9. Any selected candidate who shall not, at such further examination in 1857, obtain, in each of the subjects above-mentioned, one-sixth of the number of marks set against such particular subject,

shall be struck off the list of selected candidates.

10. The selected candidates who, at such further examination, 10. The selected candidates who, at such further examination, shall be deemed by the examiners to have a comptent knowledge (ascertained in the manner mentioned in the preceding paragraph) of Law, the History of India, Political Economy, and one Language of India, shall be entitled to be appointed to the Civil Service of India; and the names of such candidates shall be placed in a list in the order of their merit in such examination, estimated, as above, by the total number of marks which they shall have obtained in respect of all the subjects in which they shall have been examined at such examination. at such examination.

11. The seniority in the Civil Service of India of such candidates shall be determined according to the order in which they stand on

the list resulting from such further examination.

12. No person will, even after such examination, be allowed to proceed to India, unless he shall comply with the regulations in force at the time for the Civil Service of India, and shall be of

agound bodily health and good moral character.

13. The Commissioners for the Affairs of India will be ready to receive, at any time previous to the 1st of May, 1856, the testimonials of persons desirous of being appointed to the office of Examiner; but, with respect to the examinations above mentioned.

such appointment will be made until after the date above mentioned.

14. All papers relating to the above-mentioned examinations are to be sent, and all inquiries are to be addressed, thus :-

"THE SECRETARY,

"INDIA BOARD,

No. 25.

GOVERNMENT NOTFICATION.

The following communication from the Superintendent of Police to the Colonial Secretary, having been laid before His Excellency The Governor, Sir John Bowring desires that his cordial thanks may be given to the Gentlemen who so kindly and actively co-operated in stopping the progress of the Fire on the morning of the 24th Instant.

By Order, W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th February, 1856.

Police Department, Hongrong, 25th February, 1856.

Sin,—I have the honor to forward to you to be laid before His Excellency the Governor the following "Special Report."

At about half-past twelve A.M., 24th instant, a fire broke out in the Western Market, either in the Fish-market or in a Store, the basement of one of the houses on the North side of the Queeu's Road West. Prompt communication was made to the Central Police Station, and thence to the Main-guard 59th Barracks, and as quickly as could be expected a strong military force was at the scene of the conflagration. Detachments of seamen were landed from H. M.'s Shins in Harbor, and from the Spanish Government Steamer Reing conflagration. Detachments of seamen were landed from H. M.'s Ships in Harbor, and from the Spanish Government Steamer Reina de Castilla. Strenuous efforts were made to subdue the fire, both by the use of the many powerful and well-managed fire-engines in attendance, and the well-directed efforts of the seamen to pull down the wooden fronts and projections of houses, but for a long time, owing to so much wood entering into the construction of the houses, and the mass of flame in the large yet unapproachable area of the West Market, (increased to fierceness by a strong North-east breeze,) not attended with success; the flames communicated to the house on the South side of the Queen's Road and extended to the end of the South side of the Queen's Road, and extended to the end of the block of buildings eastward, also some distance up the Central Street, Tai-ping-shan. About 3\frac{1}{2}0\cdot clock A.M., the fire was so far got under that no apprehension was fall for its apprending Pasternal under that no apprehension was felt for its proceeding Eastward Westward, but there appeared great danger of its extending up the Tai-ping-shan, which led to the necessity of cutting off the comminication by blowing up one of the houses. The result was altogether successful, and at about 5 A.M., the flames were completely subdued, and confined to the buildings partially consumed. It is satisfactory to state, that those who worked and directed the fire-engines rendered good and effective service, as there is no doubt that, but for the aid from this source, the fire would have reached to an alarming extent.

The Fire Engines in attendance were as follow;

1 Private Engine, powerful and effective, owned by Tam Achoy.

1 Public do. belonging to an Association of Chinese.

2 Private do. do. to P. & O. St. Nav. Company.

1 do. do. do. to Messrs Dent & Co.

1 do. do. from a Merchant Ship in Harbour.

1 from the Spanish Government Steamer.

1 from the Spanish Government Steamer.
4 do. do. Military Departments.
1 attached to the Police Department.

One Engine was forwarded by Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.,

but broke down on the road.

It is to be regretted that the blowing-up of the house as before It is to be regretted that the blowing-up of the house as before mentioned, caused the loss of life of four thinese, who, (with several others who received slight injuries,) were in the building at the moment of the explosion, every possible precaution was taken by the Chief Magsitrate, who gave directions for the warning, in their own language, of the Chinese Spectators, and by the Commanding Officer Royal Engineers, who personally directed the measures counceted with laying and firing the gunpowder, to prevent any accident; and this casualty may properly be attributed to the unfortunate perversity of the sufferers themselves.

I have made every possible inquiry into the cause of the outbreak of the fire, but failed to obtain any direct information; I have however no reason to believe that it arose otherwise than by accident. There was but little or no disorder during the fire, apart from the excitement amongst the residents in the vicinity; or were there many instances of robbery, and none of a violent character have been reported. Police patrols were sent to different parts of the town, and the Sergeants in command reported that all was quiet. It is rumored that one woman and three men were destroyed in one of the consumed houses in the market, but no confirmed information has been received.

has been received.

Police Force in attendance.					
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"India Civil Service Examination."

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