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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”

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By Order,

W. T. MERCER, *Colonial Secretary.*

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

No. 33.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following RETURNS, furnished by the Harbour Master, of Vessels anchored at this Port, and of Vessels cleared outwards with Chinese Passengers, during the past year, 1855, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 17th March, 1856.

Comparative RETURN of VESSELS, TONNAGE and FLAG, ANCHORED at the PORT OF HONGKONG, during the Years 1854 and 1855.

FLAG:	1854		1855	
	NUMBER OF VESSELS.	TONNAGE.	NUMBER OF VESSELS.	TONNAGE.
British	425	169,992	563	194,234
American	142	97,703	197	144,265
French	52	17,079	47	12,689
Spanish	46	22,822	77	30,957
Portuguese	25	5,641	56	12,364
Dutch	8	4,014	20	7,701
Hamburg	28	8,841	70	19,196
Prussian	2	1,069	2	497
Austrian	3	540	.....	.....
Belgian	1	120	2	876
Swiss	13	3,783	14	3,454
Neapolitan	3	2,150	7	3,446
Sardinian	7	1,914	4	1,200
Genoese	5	2,231	13	2,302
Neapolitan	1	403	1	600
American	.....	.....	1	154
British	24	8,701	38	14,083
Chinese	6	2,987	11	2,587
from Siam	3	1,807	4	1,740
from Amoy	2	294	.....	.....
from Canton	.....	.....	1	857
from Amoy	4	1,510	.....	.....
from Amoy	1	210	2	500
from Canton River	260	52,000	576	126,538
from India	39	37,543	30	24,340
Totals	1,100	443,554	1,736	604,580

THOS. V. WATKINS,
Harbor Master.

Harbor Master's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22d January, 1856.

HONGKONG.

RETURN OF VESSELS cleared OUTWARDS with CHINESE PASSENGERS, from 1st January to 31st December, 1855.

NAME OF VESSEL.	FLAG.	TONS.	DATE OF DEPARTURE.	DESTINATION.	NO. OF PASSENGERS.
F. E. Schutt,	Hamburg	280	January 3	Shanghai	4
Laurel,	American	373	" 5	San Francisco	170
Wizard,	"	1,601	" 6	Whampoa	12
Arturo,	British	675	" 6	Port Philip	450
Resolution,	"	383	" 6	"	315
Lucas,	American	349	" 17	California	168
Melanie,	British	133	" 19	Foo-chow-foo	4
Java,	"	1,175	" 25	San Francisco	578
Annie,	New Grenada	307	" 31	Port Philip	219
William and Martha,	British	359	February 2	"	275
Statesman,	"	345	" 2	"	280
Asa Thor,	Danish	250	" 2	Amoy	12
Levant,	American	382	" 2	Port Philip	355
Gov. Metcalfe,	British	413	" 5	"	229
Neptune,	Siamese	700	" 6	Siam	50
Gen,	British	249	" 8	Singapore	4
Harpley,	"	547	" 10	Port Philip	336
Joven Jdhap,	Portuguese	600	" 12	Macao	4
Elizabeth Ellen,	American	581	" 14	San Francisco	240
Kate Hooper,	"	1,507	" 15	Port Philip	716
Santiago,	Peruvian	198	" 24	East Coast	1
Palmetto,	American	282	" 27	San Francisco	20
Nearca,	British	264	March 8	Amoy	70
Tuskina,	American	422	" 9	Port Philip	280
Monsoon,	"	404	" 16	"	285
Alfred,	British	788	" 17	Melbourne	453
Hashemy,	"	523	" 23	Port Philip	336
Whistler,	American	992	" 23	Melbourne	418
Nina, ... ..	"	.....	"	.....	.....
Ameer,	British	495	" 28	Port Philip, &c.	214
Race Hound,	American	500	" 30	San Francisco	100
Vigilant,	British	257	" 31	Melbourne	196
Elizabeth,	"	711	" 31	Port Philip	320
Thomas Fielden,	"	904	" 31	Melbourne	423
Menado,	Dutch	717	" 31	Hobson's Bay	308
India,	British	573	April 5	Port Philip	266
Gundreda,	"	450	" 10	Shanghai	25
Fore Runner,	"	141	" 12	Amoy	25
Stingray,	American	846	" 13	San Francisco	301
Eliza Jane,	British	564	" 14	Port Philip	264
Nile,	"	378	" 14	Melbourne	173
Stephen Baldwin,	American	634	" 17	San Francisco	262
Resolucao,	Portuguese	680	" 19	Melbourne	317
Hannah,	British	261	" 20	Port Philip	100
Wild Pigeon,	American	1,000	" 21	Foo-chow-foo	16
Aiverton,	British	409	" 27	Port Philip	187
Science,	American	380	" 28	East Coast	3
Colibri,	Danish	202	May 2	Singapore &c.	4
Victoria,	Peruvian	894	" 3	Hobson's Bay	426
Maria Natividad,	"	518	" 3	Port Philip	215
J. W. A. Lorenzen,	Hamburg	749	" 9	Hobson's Bay	357
Melanie,	British	136	" 9	Shanghai	12
Bombay,	"	513	" 11	Port Philip	230
Banner,	"	133	" 15	Amoy	4
St Joseph,	French	811	" 15	San Francisco	290
Arturo,	British	700	" 25	Hobson's Bay	332
General Chassé,	Dutch	300	" 31	Amoy	70
Johanna,	"	445	June 5	Shanghai	14
Nestorian,	American	697	" 6	"	25
Hamilton,	British	438	" 6	"	12
General Blanco,	Hanoverian	985	" 6	Hobson's Bay	520
Mariner's Hope,	British	240	" 9	Singapore	4
P. de Santander,	Spanish	550	" 15	Manila	2
Lizzie Jarvis,	New Grenada	500	" 16	San Francisco	42
Aar,	Hamburg	450	" 16	Amoy and Foochow	1
Clarita,	Peruvian	200	" 18	East Coast	6
Tarranta,	Portuguese	320	" 22	Shanghai	12
Tiger,	British	146	" 28	West Coast	2
Hamlet,	"	420	July 3	Amoy	50
Adelaide,	"	285	" 5	"	45
Crishna,	"	272	" 7	Shanghai	30
New Margaret,	"	411	" 15	"	15
Eagle Wing,	American	1,174	" 19	"	8
Unicorn,	British	900	" 20	"	30
Frederick VII,	"	131	" 21	"	9
R. B. Forbes,	American	756	" 26	"	2
Homer,	British	598	" 28	Amoy	200
Paul Johann,	Netherlands	600	" 30	Foochow	2
Beta,	British	177	" 30	Shanghai	20
Abbotsford,	"	425	August 4	Amoy	8
Lizzie,	New Grenada	373	" 6	San Francisco	21
Snow Squall,	American	742	" 11	Shanghai	8
Black River Packet,	British	265	" 14	East Coast	50
Paquita,	Spanish	384	" 14	Manila	5
Excellent,	Danish	300	" 15	Shanghai	6
Favorite,	Siamese	556	" 17	Amoy and Ningpo	20
Horatio,	American	460	" 17	Shanghai	2
Confucius,	British	500	" 20	Amoy	100
Antoinette,	"	219,	" 23	Shanghai	1
Naim Balgyer,	Dutch	330	" 24	Amoy	20
Lima,	Hamburg	219	" 24	Shanghai	10
Kenau Hasselaar,	Dutch	698	" 25	San Francisco	20
Ocean Queen,	Siamese	500	" 27	Amoy	50

Carried forward, 13,105

Mary Sp
Cambalu,
Tarranta,
Ann,
Stam,
Eagle,
Amoy,
Batty,
Homer,
Africa,
Christine
Annie,
Carmen,
Phoenix,
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Alligato
Ernani,
Colibri,
Bella V.
Giovani
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RETURN OF VESSELS &c.,—Continued.

NAME OF VESSEL.	FLAG.	TONS.	DATE OF DEPARTURE.	DISTINATION.	NO OF PASSENGERS.
				<i>Brought forward,</i>	13,105
	British	479	August 28	San Francisco	4
	"	536	" 31	Shanghai	2
	Portuguese	297	September 1	West Coast	6
	British	169	" 1	Shanghai	15
	Siamese	250	" 6	Amoy	48
	British	139	" 10	"	30
	Dutch	474	" 14	"	70
	Danish	170	" 15	Shanghai	3
	British	595	" 17	Whampoa	12
	"	515	" 18	Shanghai	1
	Dutch	343	" 21	"	30
	New Grenada	307	" 22	Port Philip	13
	Peruvian	350	" 24	Shanghai	9
	American	1,478	October 1	Manila	1
	Danish	272	" 3	Shanghai	5
	American	640	" 6	San Francisco	19
	British	197	" 6	Foo-chow-foo	4
	Chilian	292	" 6	East Coast	8
	Hamburg	202	" 6	Shanghai	7
	Spanish	456	" 16	Manila	2
	Sardinian	248	" 25	Singapore	15
	British	666	" 30	San Francisco	12
	Siamese	300	November 2	Baucock	23
	British	247	" 2	Shanghai	8
	Dutch	633	" 3	Foo-chow-foo	4
	British	405	" 6	Singapore	30
	"	165	" 14	Shanghai	1
	Dutch	343	" 19	"	40
	British	298	" 26	Swatow	5
	"	640	" 27	Adelaide	285
	Hamburg	350	" 30	Foo-chow-foo	2
	British	840	December 1	Shanghai	6
	"	219	" 5	Amoy	3
	American	639	" 5	Shanghai	2
	British	710	" 12	"	13
	American	1,034	" 27	Havana	375
	"	1,387	" 31	Adelaide	450
				Total,	14,683

THOS. V. WATKINS,
Harbor Master.

Master's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st December, 1855.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor directs the publication of the following Notice of a Light-House on Troubridge Gulf St Vincent.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 20th March, 1856.

Notice to Mariners.

LIGHT-HOUSE ON TROUBRIDGE SHOALS, GULF ST VINCENT.

TRINITY HOUSE, PORT ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA,
17th December, 1855.

A flashing Light, 80 feet above high-water mark, visible from the deck of a moderate-sized vessel at a distance of sixteen (16) miles, will be exhibited on and after the evening of the 1st of February, 1856. Light.

The Light-house is composed of iron, painted stone-color, and is placed on the centre of the Troubridge Island in the Gulf St Vincent. Light-house position.

Long. 137° 50' 15" E., var. 5° E. High water, F. and C. 3.30; the flood sets E.N.E., and then N.N.E.—Variation Tides.

Vessels bound through Investigator's Straits into the Gulf St Vincent, should make the Light bearing N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Sailing directions.

and steer N.E. by E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. to pass it at a distance of seven miles; having brought it to bear W. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N.

for a distance of four miles, a course of N.E. by N. may be kept for the Light-ship off Port Adelaide, which bears N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., from the centre of the Island. Vessels from the Westward and Southward should not approach the Light

at a distance less than four miles, where they will find soundings of 14 fathoms.

The current, during Westerly Gales and at the springs, runs with considerable velocity—setting rather on the Tides.

When the Gulf is open.

Vessels bound down the Gulf from the Port, meeting with Westerly Gales, will find excellent anchorage under Anchorage off the

of Troubridge Island, with the light bearing S.W., distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile, in 8 fathoms, on a clean sandy bottom. Light.

B. DOUGLAS,
Master Trinity House.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor has been pleased to re-appoint a Commission to enquire into the system under which the Police Force of Hongkong is constituted and governed; and of such Commission, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney General, and the Chief Magistrate of Police, are appointed Members.

The Commission will assemble at the Government Offices, on Monday next the 24th instant, and will sit from the hour of 3 P.M., or as the Commission shall otherwise determine.

Persons willing to give evidence on the subject are invited to forward their names to any Member of the Commission, and it is likewise intimated, that the sittings of the Commission will be open to the Public.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 20th March, 1856.