

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined Detailed Return from the Registrar General, shewing the Boat Population of Hongkong for the year 1855, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

DETAILED RETURN OF THE NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF CHINESE VESSELS ANCHORED AND FLYING IN THE HARBOUR AND BAYS OF HONGKONG, ON THE 30th DECEMBER 1855, SPECIFYING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD.

Description of Boats	VICTORIA				ARADREN				SANIET				SILVAN AND SHOU-LE-WAN				SEAKO'				TOTAL			
	No. of Vessels	M.	F.	Children	No. of Vessels	M.	F.	Children	No. of Vessels	M.	F.	Children	No. of Vessels	M.	F.	Children	No. of Vessels	M.	F.	Children				
Junks,	8	263	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	263	...	1
Trading Boats,	43	412	15	36	2	20	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	445	19	42
Wood Do,	24	105	...	3	1	7	1	2	3	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	124	1	5
Passage Do,	26	307	2	29	11	63	7	9	1	7	1	1	1	10	39	387	39	10	39					
Salt Do,	47	486	13	32	...	...	...	...	4	39	4	1	1	17	51	525	51	17	38	
Lorchas,	23	497	11	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	497	11	23	497	11	29
Cargo } Large,	66	296	58	51	2	13	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	128	520	97	128	497	11	29
Boats, } Small,	55	211	37	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hakow and Pull- } way Boats,	374	1,252	575	413	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	374	1,252	575	374	1,252	575	413
Fishing Boats,	256	999	168	127	33	165	66	15	49	147	111	93	67	33	159	79	374	1,476	427	298				
Water Boats,	22	96	17	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	96	17	22	96	17	15
Stone Boats,	58	314	68	93	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	329	68	61	329	68	93
Bum Boats,	98	279	163	111	6	18	6	3	2	8	...	...	...	106	305	169	106	305	169	96	
Sampans,	2,100	4,217	3,165	2,917	425	572	545	375	1	15	8	1	2	2,595	5,107	3,793	2,595	5,107	3,793	1,808				
Cooking Boats,	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1			
	3,200	9,734	4,292	3,899	482	868	630	411	237	120	507	197	160	147	46	212	82	82	62	50				
																	3,852	11,329	5,205	4,535	2,100			

C. MAY,
Officiating Registrar General.