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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.

No. 57.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Appendix to the Report of the Bowring Praya Commission has now been arranged and delivered in to this Office.

Being too voluminous for publication, those interested in its contents will have an opportunity of inspecting it, on application to the Colonial Secretary.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 7th May, 1856.

No. 58.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Considerable misapprehension being understood to exist on the subject of the recent Mortality among the Chinese Population of Victoria, the following Report and Return by the Officiating Registrar-General, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 7th May, 1856.

CENSUS AND REGISTRATION OFFICE,
VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 2d May, 1856.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a Return collated from reports furnished by the Tepos of the different districts, showing the mortality amongst the Chinese population of the City of Victoria during the First, Second, and Twenty-four days of the Third Chinese month of the present year.

It would appear from the Tepos' reports, that the mortality in comparison with the population of the districts is not much more conspicuous in one portion of the City than another. The district of Taipingshan has a small excess over the other districts.

My enquiries lead me to believe that there is no contagious disease; but that the deaths have chiefly arisen from acute forms of Dysentery, Fever, and Ague. I do not remember that at any previous similar period during the past eleven years there has been so great a mortality amongst the Chinese population as during the past three months, and this, fully taking into consideration the recent great increase of population.

I visited, on the 27th ultimo, the towns of Aberdeen and Stanley, and most of the Villages on the Island; and the information I received leads me to infer that the sanitary state of the inhabitants is as usual.

With respect to the Agricultural Villages, I may take this opportunity to mention, that I never before saw the ground so fully or in so perfect a state of cultivation as at my last visit.—I have, &c.,

C. MAY,
Officiating Registrar General.

Honble: W. T. MERCER, Esquire,
Colonial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

RETURN SHEWING THE MORTALITY AMONGST THE CHINESE POPULATION IN THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, DURING THE PERIODS SPECIFIED.

NAME OF DISTRICT.	1st CHINESE MONTH.		2d CHINESE MONTH.		24 DAYS OF 3d CHINESE MONTH.		TOTAL.		
	From the 6th February, to 6th March inclusive.		From the 7th March, to 6th April inclusive.		From the 6th April, to the 29th April inclusive.				
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Taipingshan,.....	98	51	91	35	79	25	268	111	
Wan-chay (Lower Bazaar),.....	38	14	39	16	31	17	108	47	
Do. (Central Bazaar),.....	26	15	22	14	23	11	71	40	
Do. (East District),.....	16	11	13	7	12	9	41	27	
Wan-chay Do.,.....	19	8	29	7	14	9	62	24	
	197	99	194	79	159	71	550	249	799 Grand Total.

C. MAY,
Officiating Registrar General.

Census and Registration Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d May, 1856.