

No. 65.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st July, 1858.

Account of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 30th June, 1858, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	\$358,816.
SPECIE IN RESERVE,	\$200,000.

P. CAMPBELL,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 1st July, 1858.

I hereby certify, that I have this day inspected the Books and Treasure Vault of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and the Amount of Specie shown is in accordance with the Terms of the Royal Charter.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

J. A. CARVALHO,
Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 30th July, 1858.

No. 66.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined Commission and Report, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st July, 1858.

WARRANT OF COMMISSION.

Whereas certain charges have been brought in the Legislative Council and in Official Documents by the Honourable THOMAS CHISHOLM ANSTBY, Esquire, Attorney General, against DANIEL RICHARD CALDWELL Esquire, Registrar General, which necessitate an enquiry into the truth of such charges; and whereas such enquiry will be most conveniently and expeditiously prosecuted by means of a joint Commission of Officers of the Government, and Justices of the Peace: Now therefore know ye, that I, SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL. D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong, and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, do hereby under my hand and the Seal of the said Colony, appoint you, the Honourable CHARLES ST GEORGE CLEVERLY, Esquire, Surveyor General for the said Colony, The Honourable HENRY TUDOR DAVIES, Esquire, Chief Magistrate for the said Colony, The Honourable GEORGE LYALL, Esquire, ANGUS FLETCHER, Esquire, and JOHN SCARTH, Esquire, Justices of the Peace for the said Colony, or any three of you, to be a Commission for instituting and prosecuting all needful and proper enquiries into the truth or otherwise of the underwritten charges, which embrace the accusations made by the Attorney General against the Registrar General; and to take evidence, but not upon oath, in the premises; and to report to me all evidence so taken by you, and also your opinions thereon. And I do hereby require you to commence your said enquiries forthwith, and to proceed therein continuously, and to make your Report to me as aforesaid with all reasonable despatch. And I do hereby empower you during the course and for the purposes of your said Commission, to obtain at the expense of the Government such professional or other assistance that you may deem necessary, and to demand and obtain access at all times, to all and all manner of Papers, Records, and Documents, relating to the subject matter of the said Commission, and in the custody or under the control of the several public departments within this Colony, and from time to time to call before you and examine all persons superintending or employed in or under any of the said departments. And I do hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to be aiding and assisting unto you herein.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Colony of Hongkong, at Victoria, in the said Colony, this Twentieth Day of May A.D., One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Eight.

JOHN BOWRING.

LIST OF CHARGES

Preferred by the Attorney General to the Government against the Registrar General.

- 1.—With being unfit to be a Justice of the Peace.
- 2.—With having a scandalous connection with a Brothel licensed by himself, namely, Brothel No. 48.
- 3.—With having passed a portion of his life among Chinese outlaws and Pirates.
- 4.—With an alliance with some of the worst Chinese in this Colony through his wife—a Chinese girl from a Brothel.
- 5.—With being a speculator in Brothels and Brothel Licenses.
- 6.—With being long and intimately connected with Ma-chow Wong; and that that connection is still subsisting; and that the principal link in that connection is the bond of affinity by adoption according to Chinese Law.
- 7.—With being in the habit, on Ma-chow Wong's unsupported information, of arresting and discharging persons, and of confiscating or restoring property.
- 8.—That the Chinese dare not now complain of the connivances and procurements of Mr Caldwell, the patron of the outlaw Ma-chow Wong.
- 9.—With having procured bail for Ma-chow Wong: such bail being a servant of his own (Mr Caldwell's), who had been but a month before in prison for debt.
- 10.—With audaciously denying that the books and papers of the Pirate's Hong contain any evidence of Ma-chow Wong's guilt, with having deceived the Executive Council in the enquiry had relative to Ma-chow Wong, and with being convicted of falsehood by Mr May.
- 11.—With being partner with Ma-chow Wong in a lorch, and that there were entries in Ma-chow Wong's books, and made by him, of monies paid to Mr Caldwell on account or out of the produce of plunder made at sea.
- 12.—With harbouring Ma-chow Wong's wife after his conviction.
- 13.—With inducing the Attorney General at the beginning of 1857, to order the release of a great number of men, who Mr May knows to have been pirates, and who Mr Caldwell ought to have known at the time were pirates.
- 14.—With buying land in the Colony since December last, when he became Licensor of Brothels.
- 15.—With having once owned three unlicensed Hongkong Brothels at a time.
- 16.—With having a Chinese Sister-in law by blood or usage, who in 1856-57 was keeping Brothels.
- 17.—With receiving the monthly rack rentals of Houses, and in particular of a Brothel standing on 11 Crown Lots, down to the present month of May.
- 18.—With having informed Mr May, that he, Mr Caldwell, was a member of a Secret Society.
- 19.—With having informed Mr May, that although he would not himself take bribes, he would not object to his wife doing so.