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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, being about to proceed to Manila on Medical Certificate, the Government of the Colony will be administered, from Monday the 29th instant, and during his absence, by The Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel CAINE, Lieutenant-Governor.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 27th November, 1858.

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of Trade, &c., &c., has received a Despatch from His Excellency the Captain General of the Philippines, dated Manila, 23d instant, advising him that Her Most Catholic Majesty has been pleased to approve of the Decree of 2d July, 1858, regarding the Importation of Rice and Paddy; and, on the 10th of November, and until further disposition, it was decreed by His Excellency the Captain General:—

1. That the Ports of the Philippine Islands declared open for the Free Importation of Rice and Paddy, are Manila, Sual, Iloilo, and Zamboanga.
2. That the Royal Order of 29th April, 1856, continues in force as regards Exportation of Rice and Paddy.
3. That the Privileges conceded for the current year as regards Wheat, Beans, and Cocconut Oil, are to cease on the 31st December, excepting in the cases provided for.

The above is published for the information of those concerned.

By Order,

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 27th November, 1858.

No. 48.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, &c., &c., being about temporarily to leave the Colony on Medical Certificate: Notice is hereby given, that all Communications connected with the Superintendency of Trade, are to be addressed to GEORGE WHITTINGHAM CAINE, Esquire, Officiating Secretary to H.M.'s Plenipotentiary, who will be left in charge of the current business of the office.

By Order,

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 27th November, 1858.

## NOTICE.

## GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

Parents and Guardians are hereby informed, that Schools for gratuitous instruction have been established by the Government of Hongkong within the City of Victoria and throughout the Island, wherein the Chinese Elementary Books, their Classics, Geography, &c., and the English Language, are taught by competent Native Teachers.

As the Government provide School-rooms and pay the Teachers' Salaries, no School Fee can be demanded; but a Sum not exceeding 25 Cash per Month, in lieu of Tea, will be expected from each Pupil.

Any Parent or Guardian finding the Teachers neglect their duty, by fretting away the time devoted to the instruction of the Pupils, or by any want of consideration to the aptitude of each Scholar, or by refusing to admit them, without sufficient cause, to the advantages of any specified study, are earnestly requested to give immediate information of the same either to the Bishop of Victoria at St Paul's College, or to the Rev. J. Chalmers at the London Mission House, or to J. Scarth, Esquire, J.P., Queen's Road (Chung-wan), or to the Rev. W. Lobscheid, on Hospital Hill (Wan-haiy).

Upon an investigation into any of the above grounds of complaint, or into any other irregularities resulting into an unfavourable finding by the Members of the Educational Committee, any Teacher found wanting in any specified or other just requirement, shall be subjected to removal from his School.

Any Parent or Guardian acquainted with able Teachers, are particularly requested to communicate their names and pretensions in the event of any vacancy, as such recommendations would have due weight in the choice of a Candidate.

Petitions for the establishment of New Schools may also be sent to the before-named Gentlemen.

The Hours of Tuition are,—

from 6 to 8 o'clock A.M.

„ 9 to 12 do. do.

„ 1 to ½-past 4 P.M.

—during which time the Teachers are not permitted to leave their Schools or to receive Visitors without special permission previously granted.

JOHN SCARTH, J.P.,  
Member of the Committee Superintending Chinese Schools.

W. LOBSCHIED,  
Inspector Government Schools.

Victoria, Hongkong, November 23, 1858.