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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. 119.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Honorable The Acting Governor has been pleased, with the sanction of His Excellency the Major General, Commanding-in-Chief Her Majesty's Land Forces in China, to appoint Colonel EDMUND HAYTHORNE, Commandant of the Garrison of Hongkong, to a Provisional Seat in the Executive Council of this Colony, on all occasions when Major General Sir CHARLES VAN STRAUBENZEE, K.C.B., shall be absent from the Island.

The Honorable Colonel HAYTHORNE has been this day sworn in accordingly.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 24th December, 1858.

No. 120.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Honorable The Acting Governor directs the Publication of the annexed Report of an Expedition against Pirates undertaken by Her Majesty's Gun-boat *Bustard* and the Pinnace of Her Majesty's Ship *Calcutta* under command of Lieutenant HALLOWES, R.N.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 24th December, 1858.

Calcutta, AT HONGKONG, 23d December, 1858.

SIR,—Mr May, Superintendent of Police, having represented to me on the 19th instant, that a Chinese Vessel from Stanley was blockaded in a Harbour at the Great Ty-poong by two Piratical Vessels, I dispatched the *Bustard*, Gun-Boat, the same afternoon, in the hope of capturing them. I enclose a copy of Lieutenant Hallowes's Report of proceedings, dated the 22d instant, from which your Honour will perceive that he succeeded in capturing 3 Piratical Craft, one of which was burnt, and the other two brought to Hongkong, as well as several prisoners, and delivered over to the Admiralty Court for adjudication.—I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

M. SEYMOUR,
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

His Honour, Lieutenant Colonel CAINE,
Acting-Governor.

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W. D. JEANS, Secretary.

H.M.'s GUN BOAT *Bustard*, HONGKONG, 22d December, 1858.

SIR,—In compliance with your order of the 19th December, 1858, I received on board the Owner and one of the crew of the blockaded Junk, also a Chinese Police Interpreter, and taking in tow the Pinnace of H.M.S. *Calcutta*, in charge of *Viscount Kilcourse*, I proceeded at 2.30 P.M., in H.M. Gun-boat under my Command to the Samun Roads, where I arrived at 8.45 P.M. and anchored for the night. At 3.55 A.M. of the 20th, I weighed, and arrived shortly before daylight off Ty-poong Harbour. Thinking it probable that the Pirate Boats had taken shelter under the island of Tokaup, I first examined the South side of that island. Finding there no trace of them, I then proceeded into Ty-poong Harbour, where on the West side I discovered the blockaded Junk, and in a small Bay on the East side another Junk, and having been informed by a fishing Boat that she was piratical, I anchored and proceeded with the Pinnace, and the Boats of the *Bustard* to examine her, no resistance being offered.

I found two of her crew on board and Eight Guns, besides small Arms and Ammunition. The evidence of the crew of the blockaded Junk proving she was piratical, I took possession of her and secured the Prisoners; and having received a Pilot from the blockaded Junk, and information as to the whereabouts of the other Junks concerned in the piracy, I proceeded at 9.25 to examine the North side of the island of Tokaup, also the North side of Tooni-ang, and at the latter place in a small cove discovered three Junks. Having anchored the *Bustard* outside, I proceeded in the Boats, and took possession of the Junks, the crews having deserted them and taken to the hills. Two of these were piratical, and the third a fishing-boat, which they captured the previous day, for the purpose of placing their heavy Guns (eighteen-pr.