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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.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF HONGKONG.

No. 3 of 1858.

TUESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1858.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, AND ALL THE MEMBERS.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Council were read and approved.

The Ordinance for licensing and regulating the Sale of Opium in small Quantities, was read a second time.

On going into Committee of the whole Council, for the consideration of the Ordinance,—

It was resolved, that the Discussion on the Ordinance in Committee be postponed until the 16th February next.

It was then unanimously resolved, that on the 16th February next, this Council will take such Evidence on the subject matters of the said Ordinance as may then, and there be offered.

It was understood that the Names of Witnesses to be examined, should be reported, on or before the 13th February, to the Clerk of Councils, by the Members introducing them.

It was unanimously resolved, that His Excellency be requested to recommend, that the Salary of the Clerk of Councils be increased to £200 per annum; such increase to commence from the 1st Day of January, now instant.

The Council then adjourned till Tuesday, the 16th February next, at 12 o'clock.

By Order of His Excellency The Governor,

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

No. 11.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the request of the Consul for the United States of America in this place, who has obtained Leave of absence,—O. E. ROBERTS, Esquire, will be recognized, pending the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government, as Vice-Consul in Hongkong for the United States of America.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th January, 1858.

No. 12.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined Communication from the Superintendent of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22d January, 1858.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, HONGKONG, 21st January, 1858.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward to you the enclosed Extract from the Log-book of the Steam-ship Formosa, denoting the position of what appears to be a Rock situated in the Palawan Passage, but which is not laid down in the present Charts.

I regret to say that, on account of the unfavorableness of the weather, it was not considered prudent to lower a boat to examine the place, but as the broken water was distinctly observed both by the Captain and Chief Officer, as well as the look-out at the mast-head, I presume there can be little doubt but that it was caused, as they believed, by a Rock lying a few feet under water.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

MAXN. FISCHER, Superintendent.

The Honourable W. T. BRIDGES, Esquire, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steam-ship "FORMOSA," from BOMBAY towards HONGKONG.

Table with columns: HOURS, COURSES, DEPTH, FATHOMS, WINDS, REMARKS. Includes log entries for Monday, January 4th, 1858, detailing wind directions (E.N.E., E. by N., East) and weather conditions.

Table with columns: COURSES MADE, DISTANCE, LATITUDE, LONGITUDE, VARIATIONS, BEARING AND DISTANCE AT NOON. Shows observations and accounts for the ship's position at noon.

\* The Broken Water appeared about 10 yards in extent North and South, breaking heavily every 3 or 4 minutes, with a swell from N.E., apparently caused by a Rock, a few feet under water. Its Position worked back from Noon, would place it in 8° 21' North Latitude, and 116° 25' East Longitude.

JOHN M. ROGERS, Commander.

The Ship's Position at Noon, by Latitude observed and cross bearings, off the High Land of Palawan.

J. M. R.

REGULATIONS FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF LETTERS, &c., To and from Hongkong.

From CANTON.—MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, and SATURDAYS. From HONGKONG.—TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS.

TIME of departure from both places,—7 A.M., which will be notified by a BLACK BALL being dropped from the Mast-head of the "Calcutta" at HONGKONG, and the Brig "Bittern" at the Landing-place, CANTON.

The 40-Horse-Power Boats appointed for the conveyance of Sick to and from the "Moorefort" and the Macao Fort Barrier, are to maintain the correspondence in those Branches.

DESPATCHES AND LETTERS.

The Boats leaving each place at 7 A.M., should arrive in 12 hours at their destination, and by an early transmission of Letters, those on important matters could be answered by the Boat leaving on the following morning.

Letters unconnected with the Service will be sent from the "Calcutta" to the Post-office, at 6.30 A.M., and the same description of Letters received from Hongkong will be sent to the Guard-house at the Landing-place, Canton, where a Box will be fitted for their reception.

Boxes also will be placed at this Guard-house, and the Guard-house at the Dock-yard Hongkong, for the receipt of Letters; and at 6.30 A.M. on the mornings of departures, the Second-master of the Gunboat will clear these Boxes, taking the contents off in a Black painted Bag.

PASSENGERS.

An Official requisition, signed by the proper Military Authorities, will be all that is requisite, without the delay of referring to the Senior Naval Officer,

who may be at a distance, or otherwise engaged; but a List of Passengers, and Number and description of Letter Bags brought, is to be given to the "Calcutta" and "Bittern" on arrival.

Persons not on duty are only to be carried with the permission of the Senior Naval Officer.

Previous arrangements are to be made, that all Passengers take on board with them sufficient cooked Provisions for the Passage, as the accommodation for cooking, &c., is very limited. This refers to Officers as well as others, who, by taking a Basket well provided, will place themselves at their ease, and prevent the Gunboat Officers being sometimes heavily taxed and out of pocket.

SIGNALS.

A Ball at the Fore Top-mast heads of "Bittern" and "Calcutta," will be hoisted at daylight on the days on which the Boats leave, and dropped as a Signal for starting.

The Gunboat will hoist the BLUE PETER at the Fore at daylight, and a BLACK BALL at the Main; the latter she is to keep up during the Passage. Should an Extra Gunboat be leaving Canton at any time, the "Bittern" will hoist a BALL at each Mast-head.

Should an Extra Gunboat arrive from Hongkong, the "Bittern" will hoist a TRIANGULAR BLUE FLAG, keeping it up an hour, to enable persons stationed along the Wall to be aware of it.

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

"Coromandel," at Canton, 18th January, 1858.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Next GENERAL MAILS per Steamer "OTTAWA," will close on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at 6 o'clock P.M.

A SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up on the following morning. LETTERS received from 9 to 11 and from 11 to Half-past 12 o'clock P.M., for late Fees of Sixpence and One Shilling. All Letters posted between 11 and Half-past 12 o'clock, require pre-payment.

WM. CHAPMAN, Post-Master.

Post Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1858.

Steam for SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, & SOUTHAMPTON;

Also, BOMBAY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "OTTAWA," Captain GRIBBLE, with Her Majesty's Mail Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above Places, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 27th; SPECIE until Noon on the 28th, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 28th.

For Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness of such declaration.

MAXN. FISCHER, Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong, 19th January, 1858.

In re ALEXANDER MARTIN, deceased. " JOAO EVANGELISTA, " SHEIK MUNHOP, "

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—to the Next OF KIN, and all other Persons, to produce any WILLS or CODICILS of the above Parties that may be in their possession before the Supreme Court on SATURDAY, the 30th day of January, 1858; or, if none, that the Next of Kin do accept or refuse LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; failing which, Administration will be granted to the Registrar of the said Court.

By the Court, NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON, Acting Registrar.