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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. 13.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It has been determined by His Excellency The Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council of Hongkong, that a Rate of Eight-and-a-half per Cent be paid for the Year commencing from the 1st January, 1858, on the Valuation of Property liable to Police Assessment.

By Order,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th January, 1858.

W. T. BRIDGES, Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

From CANTON,—MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS. 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 Boat conveying the Letters will hoist a BLACK BALL at her Mainmast head, and by the BLUE PETER at the Fore. These Boats are never to be stopped by Ships as she passes them, the Ball at the Mast-head notifying that she has the Letters.

The 40-Horse-Power Boats appointed for the conveyance of Sick to and from the "Moorsfort" 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. This must be arrived at by an authorized Official (Non-commissioned Officer) waiting on board the "Calcutta" and "Bittern" to receive Letters for the Military Departments.

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 morning of departures, the Second-master of the Gunboat will clear these Boxes, taking the contents 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.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr JAMES SMITH in our Firm, ceased by his death on the 2d of July.

SMITH & BRIMELOW. Hongkong, 22d July, 1857.

IN THE COURT FOR THE RELIEF OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS AT CALCUTTA.

In the matter of the "ASIATIC MARINE INSURANCE OFFICE."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—That by an Order of this Court, bearing date the Fifth day December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven,—The SHAREHOLDERS of the said "Asiatic Marine Insurance Office" are required to pay the further sum of COMPANY'S RUPEES TWO THOUSAND, assessed in respect of each Share held by them, respectively, on or before the following dates: that is to say, the SHAREHOLDERS resident in Calcutta, or the Suburbs thereof, on or before the Fifteenth day of January next; the SHAREHOLDERS resident in HONGKONG and BOMBAY, on or before the Fifteenth day of April next, and the SHAREHOLDERS resident in GREAT BRITAIN and all other places not mentioned in the said order, on or before the Fifteenth day of July next; and that the Official Assignee will be at liberty to apply that the defaulting SHAREHOLDERS be adjudged to have committed an act of Insolvency, according to the provisions of the Indian Insolvent Act.

DENMAN & HATCH, Attorneys for the Official Assignee.

NOTICE.

MR Wm. Hy. GREEN, and Mr HENRY B. LEMANN, are authorized to sign our Firm. GILMAN & Co., of Canton. Hongkong, 12th January, 1858.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership heretofore subsisting between WILLIAM GASKELL and JAMES BROWN, as Attorneys, Solicitors, Notaries Public, and Practors, at Hongkong, was dissolved, by the decease of the said JAMES BROWN, on the 28th day of April, 1857.

WILLIAM GASKELL. Dated this 29th day of April 1857.