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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. 32.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined Sanitary Report by the Acting Colonial Surgeon for the Year 1857, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES.
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 21st January, 1858.

SIR,—With reference to your letter No. 1015, dated 19th December, 1857, I have the honour to forward a Sanitary Report for the Colonial Surgeon, for the Year ending 31st December, 1857.

No Medical Records or Returns for the past Year were handed over to me on assuming charge on the 15th November, I regret that I am unable to furnish any Statistical Tables which would be of the least value; and the very limited period I have as yet had for observation will I trust be accepted as an excuse for my not entering on the consideration of subjects which naturally come within the scope of my appointment, and which at some future period I hope to have the pleasure of bringing forward.

The following changes have taken place amongst the inmates of the Jail during the period :—

Confined during the Week ending 5th January, 1857,	307
Whites committed during the Year 1857,	806
Coloured do.. do.,	2,775
	Total,..... 3,581

Total cases of Sickness during the Year :—

Whites,.....	29
Coloured,	125—Total 154

Deaths :—

Whites,.....	3
Coloured,	19—Total 22

In Jail, on the 31st December, 1857 :—

Europeans,	44
Coloured,	203—Total 247

Sick remaining on the 31st December, 1857 :—

Europeans,	3
Coloured,	14—Total 17

The percentage of Sick to strength as well as of Deaths to strength, viz: 4 of the former and only .50 of the latter, shows a remarkably satisfactory Sanitary condition, depending doubtless very much on the admirable working of the institution under the present Governor. Strict attention is paid to all points of its interior economy likely to affect the health or wellbeing of Prisoners—scrupulous cleanliness—good and sufficient diet—free ventilation of the wards and cells—and punishment commensurate with the physical powers of the men,—appear to have been carefully studied. The accommodation is certainly at present limited, but I believe it is in contemplation to build another and larger Jail; and although it would be desirable, especially in a hot climate, to give each individual a larger cubic space of air than is enjoyed at present, the short average periods of confinement renders this point a matter of less moment than it would be if the same individuals were constantly breathing the same atmosphere. There has been no epidemic malady during the year. The sickness and mortality do not appear to have resulted from any other than natural causes, and are certainly much less than might have been expected considering the usual character of the occupants of a Prison.

The accommodation for the Sick prisoners—Europeans as well as Chinese—is separate and ample. Such as require it are rationed from the Civil Hospital, and no expense is spared by the Colonial Government to render their condition as comfortable as may be consistent with the circumstances of the case.

The total number of the Police of Hongkong treated in the Civil Hospital during the past year has been 275, and the number of Deaths 19. Taking into account the arduous nature of the duties performed, with various climatic and local causes of disease constantly in operation, the sickness and mortality do not appear to me unusually large; but to expatiate on this subject as I should wish, requires a basis of information only to be gained by more extended experience. I shall therefore make no remarks at present on the subject.

The temporary Civil Hospital has lately undergone a thorough repair, and is now in excellent order, and amply sufficient for the requirements of the Constabulary Force as well as the numerous Paupers always to be found on the strength of a British Colony.—I have, &c.,

EDWARD MENZIES,
Acting Colonial Surgeon.

The Honourable W. T. BRIDGES, Esquire,
&c., &c., &c.,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 33.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Act of Parliament, extended to this Colony by Ordinance No. 5 of 1858, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO AND DECIMO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

CAP. CXVII.

An Act for transferring to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.

[14th August 1855.]

5 & 6 Vict. c. 94.
17 & 18 Vict. c. 67.

WHEREAS by various Acts of Parliament, and particularly by an Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-four, and by another Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-seven, various Powers and Authorities were given to or vested in and exercisable by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and by the said Acts, and by or under divers Conveyances, Surrenders, Assignments, and Leases, or by some other Means, divers Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property purchased, taken, used and occupied for the Ordnance and Barrack Services throughout the United Kingdom before and at the Time of the Revocation by Her Majesty next herein-after mentioned, were vested in the said Principal Officers: And whereas Her Majesty hath thought fit to revoke the Letters Patent of some of the said Principal Officers, and by other Letters Patent to transfer to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the Administration of the Department the Duties of which were previously executed by the said Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance: And whereas it is expedient that the said several Powers and Authorities, and the said Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property, and all Title, Estate, and Interest therein respectively, should be also transferred from the said Principal Officers, and vested in One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Powers, &c. vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance to be transferred to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department.

I. All the Powers, Authorities, Rights, and Privileges whatsoever, which by virtue of the said recited Acts or either of them, or of any other Act or Acts of Parliament, or of any other Law, Custom, or Usage whatsoever, have been or were at any Time vested in or exercisable by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, or any of them, shall from henceforth continue in full Force, and shall be and the same are hereby declared to be transferred to and vested in and exercisable by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Time being to whom Her Majesty shall think fit to intrust the Seals of the War Department, and such last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State shall be entitled to the same Exemption from personal Responsibility as the said Principal Officers were entitled to.

All Lands, &c. vested in such Officers as are named in the said Secretary of State.

II. All Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property whatsoever which by virtue of the said recited Acts or either of them, or of any other Act or Acts of Parliament, or of any Conveyance, Surrender, Lease, or other Assurance, or of any Law, Custom, or Usage whatsoever, before and at the Time of the Revocation by Her Majesty herein-before mentioned were vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, on behalf of Her Majesty, or which have been at any Time before the passing of this Act held, used, or occupied, or purchased, vested, or taken, by or in the Name of or by any Person or Persons in trust for Her Majesty, for the Use and Service of the said Department or for the Defence and Security of the Realm, and which have not been sold, aliened, or parted with, shall from henceforth be and the same are hereby declared to be transferred to and vested in the last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State for the Time being, on behalf of Her said Majesty; and when and so often as the said last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State, and any succeeding Principal Secretary of State to whom Her Majesty shall have intrusted the Seals of the War Department, shall cease to hold such Office, the said several Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property, and all Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property which hereafter shall be purchased or otherwise acquired by any such last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State for the Time being, on behalf of Her said Majesty, shall by virtue of this Act be absolutely divested out of such Secretary of State so ceasing to hold such Office as aforesaid, and shall by virtue of this Act be transferred to and vested in his Successor in the said Office, immediately upon his receiving the Seals of the said Department, absolutely; and the said Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property hereby vested and hereafter to be vested in the said last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State and his Successor shall, as to such of them as were or shall have been purchased, or are or shall be held for an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, be so vested in such last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State and his Successors in the same Manner as if the Fee Simple thereof had been originally conveyed to such Principal Secretary of State as a Corporation Sole and his Successors; and as to all Lands, Hereditaments, and Property purchased or held for any less Estate than an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, as if the same Lands, Hereditaments, and Property had been originally conveyed, surrendered, demised, or otherwise assured to such Principal Secretary of State as a Corporation Sole, and his Successors, for all the existing Estates or Interests therein respectively, and so from Time to Time; nevertheless, with respect to all Lands or Hereditaments of Copyhold or Customary Tenure, the same shall, for the Purpose mentioned in the Eighth Section of the first-mentioned Act, (*videlicet*, the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-four,) remain vested in or be surrendered to some Person to be approved of or named by the last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State for the Time being as Tenant