

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

III. All Contracts, Covenants, and Agreements heretofore made or entered into by any Person or Persons whomsoever with the said Principal Officers of the Ordnance, or any Person or Persons on their behalf, as to or concerning any Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, and Property vested in or agreed to be purchased by the said Principal Officers, or in anywise relating to the Public Service, shall be deemed and taken to have been made or entered into with such Principal Secretary of State as last aforesaid, and shall be executed and enforced by him in like Manner as if he had originally been Party thereto instead of the said Principal Officers of the Ordnance; and all Proceedings whatsoever which have been or might or may have been commenced, taken, or done in the Names of the said Principal Officers, on behalf of Her Majesty, shall and may hereafter be commenced, continued, taken, and done in the Name of such Principal Secretary of State as aforesaid, in like Manner (in the Case of Proceedings already commenced, taken, or done,) as if he had originally been Party thereto, instead of the said Principal Officers of the Ordnance.

IV. All Powers by the Tenth and Eighteenth Sections of the said first-mentioned Act given to Bodies Politic or Corporate, Feoffees or Trustees for charitable or other public Purposes, Tenants for Life and Tenants in Tail, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, Curators, and Attornies, respectively therein mentioned, to contract and agree for the absolute Sale or Exchange of any Messuages, Buildings, Castles, Forts, Lines, or other Fortifications, Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and for the Sale of any Reversion, and the Grant of any Lease, and to convey, surrender, demise, or grant the same accordingly, shall continue in full Force, and hereafter may or shall be exercised or exercisable, and be acted under or take effect, in favour or at the Instance of the last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State for the Time being, on behalf of Her said Majesty, and for the Public Service, in the same Manner and as effectually as the said Powers are in and by such recited Acts given or created or made exercisable in favour or at the Instance of the said Principal Officers for the Time being on behalf of Her said Majesty, or for the Public Service, and all Enactments, Directions, and Provisions in the said recited Acts contained shall continue in full Force, and may or shall at all Times hereafter be by the last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State for the Time being acted on and take effect, and shall enure or take effect in favour of, and may be enforced by, such last-mentioned Principal Secretary and his Successors, on behalf of Her Majesty, and for the Public Service.

V. In every Contract, Conveyance, Surrender, Lease, or other Assurance of any Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, or Property, with, unto, or by the last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State for the Time being, and in every other Deed or Instrument relating to any Lands, Hereditaments, Estates, or Property, or in anywise to the Public Service, to which the last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State for the Time being shall be or shall be intended to be a Party, it shall be sufficient to call or describe him by the Style or Title of "Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department," without naming him; and every such Contract, Conveyance, Surrender, Lease, Assurance, Deed, or Instrument may be executed by such last-mentioned Principal Secretary of State, or by any other of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being, by signing his Name thereto, and if the Instrument so executed be in the Form of a Deed, by setting or affixing a Seal thereto and delivering the same as his Deed; and whenever any Contract, Conveyance, Surrender, Lease, Assurance, Deed, or Instrument shall be executed by any other Principal Secretary of State than the Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, the Principal Secretary of State so executing the same shall for that Time and on that Occasion, and for the Purposes thereof, be deemed to be the Principal Secretary of State for the War Department.

No. 34.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following *Notice to Mariners*, relative to Two new Light-houses recently erected at King George's Sound, Western Australia, is published for the information of Shipmasters.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES.
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

LIGHT-HOUSES AT KING GEORGE'S SOUND,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

For the guidance of Shipping frequenting King George's Sound, a Light-house has been erected on the summit of Breaksea Island at the entrance of the Sound, and another at the entrance to Princess Royal Harbour.

A light is exhibited in both between sunset and sunrise.

That on Breaksea Island is a good Catadioptric light of the 2d order, white, fixed, and elevated 383 feet above sea level. It may consequently be seen in clear weather at the distance of 9 leagues, from an elevation of 12 feet above the water.

The octagonal iron tower which carries this light is erected near the centre of the island, which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length E. by S. and W. by N., with an average width of nearly a quarter of a mile. From Breaksea light the extremity of Bald Head bears South 40 degrees West 3 miles, Cape Vancouver at the foot of Mount Gardner East 15 degrees North 7 miles, and the light at the entrance of Princess Royal Harbour West 20 degrees North $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. By a vessel from the Westward, the light may first be seen round the steep slope of Bald Head on the bearing of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E., just open to the South of the Eclipse Islands. These bearings are magnetic.

The light at Princess Royal Harbour is on Point King, the North point of its narrow entrance. It is a fixed white light of the same description as that on Breaksea, but smaller, and is elevated 37 feet above high water. From the mid channel between Breaksea and Michaelmas Islands this light bears W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N., and from the N. E. extremity of Bald N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W. It is carried by a wooden square tower 17 feet in height, and 37 feet from the water's edge. All bearings magnetic.

J. S. ROE,
Surveyor General.

Perth, Western Australia, February 5th, 1858.

No. 35.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notification of an Examination which is take place in July next, of Candidates for the Service of the East India Company, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES.
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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