

- XII. For every Animal slaughtered in the said Slaughter-house, the Holder of the said Privilege shall be entitled to a Fee not exceeding Twenty Cents, if the Weight of the Animal be less than One Picul, or Forty Cents, if the Weight be more; and he may also retain to himself the Blood and Bladder of each Animal so slaughtered; and if he ask or take any other Fee, he shall forfeit his said Privilege, and shall be further liable to the Penalties of the law.
- XIII. He shall, under the like pain of forfeiture and penalty, well and sufficiently, to the Surveyor General's satisfaction, cleanse, repair, maintain, and keep (reasonable soil deposit wear and tear only excepted) the said Slaughter-house during his said Term, and he shall in particular remove all Filth and Refuse from the same once at least in every Twenty-four Hours.
- XIV. Slayes, Butchers, Servants, Utensils, Instruments, hot Water, and all other requisite and proper means of slaughtering Animals, and of dressing the Carcasses thereof, shall be provided by him, and at all times kept ready at hand in the said Slaughter-house, for the service of Persons resorting with or sending Animals thither for slaughter, under the Penalty of forfeiture of his said Privilege in case of refusal or neglect to comply with this Bye-Law.
- XV. Disputes respecting alleged Damage done to any Animal or Carcass in the said Slaughter-house, shall be in the first place referred to the Deputy Inspector of the nearest Market, and shall not be litigated until after such reference.
- XVI. No Animal shall be slaughtered except after the hour of Seven in the Evening of one day, and before the Hour of Seven in the Morning of the following day, under the Penalty of a Fine not exceeding Twenty-five Dollars for every Offence against this Bye-Law.
- XVII. The like Penalty shall be incurred by any Person removing Flesh, Hide, or Offal, from the Slaughter-house, except in a covered Basket or Tray.

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

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 1st June, 1858.

No. 24.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, &c., &c., publishes for general information, the following Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency The Naval Commander-in-Chief, announcing the capture by the Allied Forces, of the Forts at the mouth of the Teentsin River:

By Order,

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 1st June, 1858.

No. 12.

"Coromandel," IN THE PEI HO, 22d May, 1858.

Sir,—I have the honour to acquaint Your Excellency, that I arrived in the Gulf of Pechili on the 24th ultimo, to support the Ambassadors of Great Britain and France in their demands on the Chinese Government; and that Negotiations having failed, the Gunboats of the Allied Powers attacked the Forts at the entrance of this River, on the 20th instant, and captured them with small loss. The Position was strong, and the various Forts mounted 138 Guns, backed by the presence of a large body of Troops.

We advance up the River to-day, to enable the Ambassadors to endeavour to re open Negotiations nearer to the Capital.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

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

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, LL.D.,
&c., &c., &c.
Hongkong.

True Copy,
H. F. HANCE.