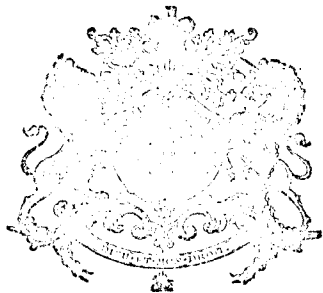


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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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. 99.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct the publication of the following Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, relating to the landing of Coloured Seamen belonging to British Ships in the Southern Ports of the United States of America.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th October, 1859.

## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET, 23d July, 1859.

SIR.—I transmit herewith for your information and guidance, the Copy of a Letter which I have received from the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, with the Copy of a Circular which their Lordships have issued to the Shipping Masters at the various Ports of the United Kingdom, instructing them to warn Coloured Seamen, and the Masters who may engage them, of the state of the Law in respect to free Negroes who may land in the Southern States of America, and of the necessity of such Coloured Seamen being prepared to give evidence of their place of Birth and Nationality; and I have to request that you will cause similar instructions to be issued to Shipping Masters and others in the Ports of the Colony under your government.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient humble servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Governor SIR H. ROBINSON, &c., &c., &c., *Hongkong.*

OFFICE OF COMMITTEE OF PRIVY COUNCIL FOR TRADE,  
WHITEHALL, 23d June, 1859.

SIR—I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., with its inclosures, relative to the difficulties which occur in ascertaining and proving the nationality of British Coloured Seamen in the Southern Ports of the United States.

I am to acquaint you, for the information of his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, that copies of the papers forwarded in your letter have already been submitted to my Lords by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to whom my Lords have stated their opinion that it would be possible in this country to furnish Coloured Seamen with certificates of nativity as proposed by Mr Barclay, as the Shipping Masters to whom they are engaged could have no means of ascertaining their nationality.

It would be practicable in cases where Coloured Seamen are shipped in a British ship for any voyage from a port in the United Kingdom to report in the United States, to furnish certificates that they have been so shipped, but it is doubtful whether any advantage would be derived from granting such certificates.

It has appeared to my Lords that the only remedy for the evil complained of would be to instruct all Shipping Masters before whom Coloured Seamen are engaged for voyages to the Southern Ports of the United States to warn such Seamen, and the Masters who engage them, of the inconvenience and risk they run from the operation of the laws concerning the admission of Free Negroes into the Slave States of the Republic, and to point out the precautions which it is desirable that Masters who determine to ship Free Negroes should take.

With this view, my Lords have issued a Circular (a copy of which is inclosed) to the Shipping Masters in the various ports of the United Kingdom, and they desire me to suggest for the consideration of the Duke of Newcastle, whether a Circular to the same effect might not with advantage be issued to Shipping Masters or Officers of Customs in those Colonies from which Coloured Seamen are in the habit of shipping to the United States.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES BOOTH.

H. MERIVALE, Esq. C.B., &c., &c., *Colonial Office.*

Circular No. 114.

## Instructions to Shipping Masters.

BOARD OF TRADE, 14th June, 1859.

The attention of my Lords has been directed to the stringent laws in force, in the Southern States of America, with regard to the admission of Free Negroes.

It has happened that Coloured Seamen serving in British Merchant ships have suffered in American ports from the operation of these laws, and when the British Consul has endeavoured to protect them, he has been embarrassed by the difficulty of producing proof of their nationality.

Under these circumstances, and in the absence of any means available in this country of furnishing Coloured Seamen with official certificates of birth, my Lords think, that all Shipping Masters before whom Coloured Seamen are engaged for voyages to the Southern Ports of the United States should warn such Seamen, and the Masters who engage them, of the inconvenience and risk to which they may be exposed through the operation of the laws above mentioned, and should point out to them, in case the Masters determine to carry Free Coloured Seamen to such ports, that they should be prepared with full evidence of their place of birth and their nationality.

T. H. FARREED,  
Assistant Secretary, Marine Department.

No. 72.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice having been given, that the present Contract for Printing the *Government Gazette*, and executing the general Printing required by this Government, will expire on the 31st of December next, it is hereby intimated for general information that Tenders for Printing the said *Gazette*, and executing such other Printing Work, will be received at this Office up to 4 p.m. on the 30th November of the current year.

Tenders must specify terms on which the *Gazette* will be undertaken at a certain rate per page, half-page, block of ten lines, or single line; also the terms for supplying Copies of Ordinances, Notifications, &c., made up into pages from the *Gazette* without alteration of width.

The charge for Chinese Characters, and for intricate Tabular work, must also be specifically stated.

The Tenders for Job Printing must be separate, but framed similarly in their details.

Sixty Copies of each issue of the *Gazette* will be required for the Government, and the Printer will be expected to keep a sufficient number on hand for the supply of the Public.

Paper for the *Gazette* must be found by the Contractor; for the Job Printing it will be furnished by the Government.

Any further information that may be required will be supplied at the office of the Auditor General.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th July, 1859.

No. 93.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that under the terms of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, and Section 1 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1858, Wednesday, the 9th Day of November next, is fixed for a Special Sessions of Justices of the Peace, to be held on that day, at the Office of the Chief Magistrate of Police, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of considering Applications for Licenses for the sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors, during the year commencing the 1st December next.

Applications for such Licenses must be lodged at the Chief Magistrate's Office, at least Ten Days before the Sessions, in the Form prescribed by the above quoted Section of the first mentioned Ordinance; and no application will after that period be received for submission to the Sessions.

Printed forms of Applications may be obtained, by intending Applicants, at the Chief Magistrate's Office, on Week Days between the Hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 8th October, 1859.

No. 98.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A Premium of One Thousand Dollars will be given by the Government for the best and most practicable Scheme for providing the City of Victoria with a constant and sufficient supply of Pure Water. The Report must be accompanied with Specifications, Plans, and Working Drawings, and a detailed Estimate of the whole service. It is not contemplated to expend a larger sum than £25,000, and it is hoped that the work may be efficiently executed for a much smaller outlay.

The Reports must be addressed to the Colonial Secretary, and reach his Office by noon of the 1st February, 1860, when they will be submitted to the decision of a Committee of non-competitors appointed for the purpose by His Excellency The Governor.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 14th October 1859.

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

ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.  
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY'S Steam-ship "NORNA,"  
Captain DUNDAS, with *Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Stores, and Cargo*, will leave this for the  
above Places, on SATURDAY, the 29th October,  
at 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 on  
such declaration.

MAXN. FISCHER,  
Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental  
Steam Navigation Company's Office,  
Hongkong, 14th October, 1859.

## POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Next GENERAL MAILS per Steamer  
"NORNA" will be closed on FRIDAY,  
the 29th October, at 6 P.M.

The usual SUPPLEMENTARY MAILS will be made up  
on the following morning. LETTERS received from 9  
to 11 o'clock A.M., for a late fee of *id.*, NEWSPAPERS  
*id.*; and from 11 A.M. to half-past twelve P.M., for  
a late fee of 1s., on each Letter, and 2d on each  
Newspaper.

All Letters and Newspapers posted between the  
hours of 11 A.M. and half-past 12 o'clock P.M.  
must be prepaid.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Acting Post-Master.

## NOTICE.

OUR Partnership was dissolved on the 1st inst.,  
and the Firm will be continued in Liquidation.  
JOSE JORGE & Co.,  
in Liquidation.

Macao, 4th October, 1859.

In the Estate of ROBERT FULTON, late En-  
gineer of the Steamer "Porpoise," deceased.

ALL Persons having Claims against, or being  
indebted to the above Estate, are requested to  
forward particulars of the same to the undersigned  
forthwith.

EDWARD TATE,  
Chief Engineer Steamer "Pei-Ma,"  
Educator.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1859.

## NOTICE.

IS hereby given, that the Co-partnership under  
which THOMAS SAMUEL RAWSON, WILLIAM  
WERNISS KER, WILLIAM PATERSON and MINCHIN  
SIMONS, have heretofore carried on business as MER-  
CHANTS & COMMISSION AGENTS in Singapore, under  
the style of KER, RAWSON & Co., expires on the  
30th instant.

Singapore, 4th April, 1859.

## NOTICE.

WILLIAM WERNISS KER, WILLIAM  
PATERSON, and HENRY MINCHIN  
SIMONS, will carry on business as MERCHANTS  
& COMMISSION AGENTS, from and after the 1st May  
next, as Co-partners, under the style of  
PATERSON, SIMONS & Co.  
Singapore, 4th April, 1859.

## FOR SALE.

At the Office of the China Mail,  
THE "JIN CHANG LU," or "Book of Experi-  
ments," by T. F. WADE, Esq., Chinese Secretary;  
a work in THREE PARTS, designed to assist Students  
of the Peking District. Price 6.00.  
China Mail Office, Hongkong,  
25th May, 1859.

Printed at the Office of the China Mail, Hongkong—  
Price, \$12 per Annum. Single Copies, Thirty-six  
Cents.  
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Dollar; each Additional Line, Twenty Cents—One  
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