

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. FARRED,
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 MAELS per Steamer "NORNA" will be closed on FRIDAY, the 29th October, at 6 P.M.

The usual SUPPLEMENTARY MAELS 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 Engineer 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 WEMYSS KER, WILLIAM PATERSON and MINCHIN SIMONS, have heretofore carried on business as MERCHANTS & COMMISSION AGENTS in Singapore, under the style of KER, RAWSON & Co., expires on the 30th inst.

Singapore, 4th April, 1859.

NOTICE.

WILLIAM WEMYSS 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 Experiments," 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.
THANKS BY ADVERTISING.—Five Lines and under, One Dollar; each Additional Line, Twenty Cents—One-half of these charges for each Repetition.