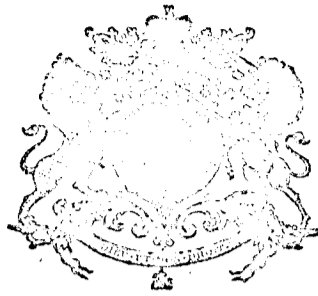


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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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”

shall, 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. 100.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the request of the Government of Ceylon, publicity is given to the subjoined Notice, relative to a temporary Light at Colombo.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 24th October, 1859.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
OBSERVE.

COLOMBO, CEYLON, 20th September, 1859.

CEYLON. THE COLOMBO LIGHT will be under repairs from the 1st of February to the 1st of April 1860, during which time there will be a temporary Light upon the Clock Tower, upon which much dependence cannot be placed. Ships approaching Colombo by night should therefore be very cautious, and keep their Deep Sea lead going. It is worthy of remark, that if soundings off Ceylon be got between thirty and forty fathoms, the Ship is within five or six leagues of the land, and had better not near till daylight.

Jno. A. PRITCHARD,
Commander, R.N., Master Attendant, Colombo.

No. 101.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct the publication of the following communication from the Secretary to the Red Sea and Indian Telegraph Company, announcing the opening of the line between Aden and Alexandria on the 1st current.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 24th October, 1859.

RED SEA AND INDIAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

62 MOORGATE STREET, E.C.,
LONDON, 10th September, 1859.

Sir,—I am instructed to inform you that the Directors of the Red Sea and Indian Telegraph Company have decided upon opening the section of their line between Alexandria and Aden, for the transmission of messages on the 1st October next.

I am further instructed to enclose a print of the Official Notification of the Scale of Charges which have been provisionally fixed by the Board.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient Servant,

C. S. PEEL,
Secretary.

To The Secretary to the Government, Hongkong.

RED SEA AND INDIA TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

62 Moorgrate Street, E.C.
LONDON, 9th September, 1859.

Notice is hereby given that this Company will be prepared to transmit Messages for the Public on and after the 1st of October, and further notice, between ALEXANDRIA and ADEN; and that the following scale of charges has been fixed for *through* Messages over this portion of their line, viz:

For a Message of Twenty Words, including the address—

From Alexandria to Suez	4s.
" Kossair	11s.
" Suakin	21s.
" Aden	40s.

The Directors have entered into a provisional agreement with the Electric and International Telegraph Company for the transmission of their Messages to and from Alexandria, and Agents have been specially appointed for that purpose.

Arrangements have also been concluded with the Indian Government and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company with regard to Messages between INDIA and ADEN.

The only routes at present available between this Country and Alexandria are those *via* Marseilles and Trieste, but the Mediterranean Extension Company expect shortly to open their new line to Malta, whilst there is every probability that a direct communication with Alexandria will be established through Constantinople in the course of a few weeks.

In the meantime Messages for the Red Sea, India, Australia or China can be despatched from any Station of the Electric and International Telegraph Company, *via* Trieste or Marseilles, at the following rates:—

For a single Message of not exceeding Twenty Words, including the address—

From England to Suez (including the charge to Alexandria)	£9 17 0
" Kossair	1 4 0
" Suakin	1 14 0
" Aden	2 13 0
" any Telegraph Station in India	2 17 0

Half the price of a single Message being charged for every Ten Words or fraction of Ten Words in excess.

Thus, for a Message from England to India of from Twenty to Thirty Words, the charge will be £4.5s. 6d.; from Thirty to Forty Words, £5 14s. &c.

Due notice will be given of the Tariff *via* Malta as soon as the line comes into operation.

Messages for Australia and China will be forwarded by post from ADEN.

Messages from India, with the full payment due upon them, at the above rates, will be received at any of the Government Telegraph Stations in that country, and forwarded by telegraph to Bombay, and thence, by the first opportunity, to ADEN.

Messages from AUSTRALIA and CHINA must be sent by steamer to the Company's Superintendent at ADEN, and Deposits will be received at the Office of the Electric and International Telegraph Company at Lathbury, as security for the payment of such Messages by the parties receiving them in England.

All Messages will be forwarded by the first vessel leaving either of the Company's Terminal Stations, ALEXANDRIA or ADEN.

The Company will not be responsible in any case for delays arising either from the absence of such means of transmission, or from any interruption in the working of their Telegraph, or from any other cause.

* * In order to provide as far as possible against mistakes in the transmission of Messages by the Electric Telegraph, every Message of consequence ought to be REPEATED by being sent back from the Station at which it is to be received, to the Station from which it is originally sent.

Half the usual price for transmission will be charged for repeating the Message.
Any further information may be obtained at the Company's Office.

NOTICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 26th October, 1859.

In connection with the Notification from this Office of the 14th May last, Masters and others in charge of Merchant Vessels, are hereby directed to move their Ships over to the South (Hongkong) side of the Harbour on the 1st November proximo.

A direct line from Kellet's Island, intersecting the P. & O. Company's Receiving Ship *Fort William*, to the lower gap on Lantow, (Kellet's Island bearing E. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.) shall be considered the line North of which no Vessel shall anchor between the 1st November and 1st June next. The North side of this line to be a clear working passage; and for public convenience no vessels shall bring up inconveniently near the P. & O. Company's Receiving Ship *Fort William*, but leave plenty of room for the access of the Mail Steamers.

Vessels shall not berth within 600 yards from the Shore, so that an Inner Passage may be kept clear for the convenience of Steamers and small Coasting Craft; avoiding that part of the Anchorage occupied by Her Majesty's Ships in the vicinity of the Dockyard and Arsenal.

Vessels not mooring shall anchor with Forty Fathoms of Chain to their Best Bower, having their Second Bower a Cock-bill and Chain ranged on deck all clear to let go at any moment.

W. H. NEWMAN,
Acting Harbour Master.

NOTICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 26th October, 1859.

All persons intending to apply for "Seamen's Boarding-house Licenses" for the year 1859-60, under Ordinance No. 6 of 1852, whether for Houses already occupied, or for new Boarding Houses, are required to send in their Applications in writing to this Office on or before Saturday the 19th November next, stating the Name of the Applicant, the District number of the House, and whether the latter is now Licensed or not.

It is further notified, that preference will be given to large airy Houses situated on the Queen's Road to the Westward of Gough Street Stairs.

W. H. NEWMAN,
Acting Harbour Master.

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.