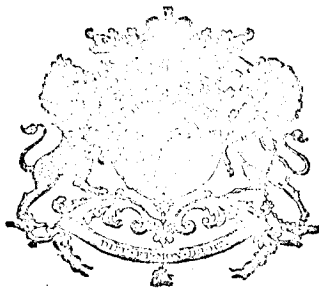


Hongkong



Government

G A Z E T T E .

NEW SERIES.

VICTORIA, SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1859.

VOL. V. No. 235.

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. 106.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that JULIUS C. POWER, Esq., will officiate as Marriage Registrar, until further notice, under the provisions of Ordinance No 1 of 1852.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 107.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor directs the publication of the following Proceedings of a Meeting of Justices of the Peace, held on the 16th instant.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a Special Meeting of the Justices of the Peace, held at the Magistracy, on Tuesday the 16th November, 1859.

PRESENT:

Honourable W. T. MERCER, Esquire.
Honourable F. FORTH, Esquire.
Honourable C. St G. CLEVERLY, Esquire.
CHARLES MAY, Esquire.
ROBERT WALKER, Esquire.

W. H. MITCHELL, Esquire.
ANGUS FLETCHER, Esquire.
Honourable W. H. RENNIE, Esquire.
JOHN RICKETT, Esquire.

Mr MITCHELL in the Chair (by vote.)

Read Circular convening the Meeting, dated the 12th November instant.

Read Sections 58 and 69 of Gaol Regulations.

Proposed by the Honorable W. T. MERCER, Esquire, and seconded by R. WALKER, Esquire, and carried unanimously,

RESOLVED.—That Section 58 of Gaol Regulations be amended so far as to subdivide Misdemeanants into two classes,—

1st,—Misdemeanants convicted of Libel; and

2d,—Misdemeanants convicted of other offences.

And that whenever possible these two classes should be kept separate.

ADDENDUM.—The Justices also desire to express an opinion, that as soon as possible the present plan of confinement for Female Criminals be altered to a suitable place within the walls of the Criminal Prison, it being desirable to preserve the separation between Debtor and Criminal prisoner.

Proposed by the Honorable W. T. MERCER, Esquire, and seconded by C. MAY, Esquire,—That Rule 69 of the Gaol Regulations be amended as follows:—

"Misdemeanants of the 1st class shall not be compelled to do more work than the ordinary Prison work, necessary for the preservation of the cleanliness and comfort of their Rooms or Cells; and other Misdemeanants, except those sentenced to hard labour, shall be put to such work as they may be fitted for, but shall not, except for punishment, be put to stone-breaking, oakum-picking, or on the treadmill. Every convicted Felon shall be put to such labour as the said Governor shall direct, unless it be otherwise ordered in the Warrant of Commitment. And after the close of the month of December, in each year, the said Governor shall make out an account of the profit and loss of Gaol Labour for the preceding year, and such account shall be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for the information of his said Excellency."

Regulation 69 stands amended as above.

W. H. MITCHELL,
Chairman.