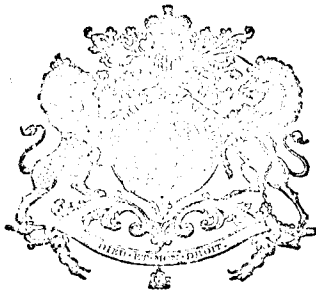


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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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. 113.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to Government Notification No. 101, His Excellency The Governor is pleased to direct the publication of the following additional letter from the Red Sea and India Telegraph Company, covering amended rates of the Scale of Charges for Telegraphic Messages.

By Order,

Telegraph

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 30th November, 1859.

THE RED SEA AND INDIA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

No. 62, MOORGATE STREET, E.C.,
LONDON, 10th October, 1859.

SIR,—In reference to my letter of the 27th ultimo, announcing the completion of the Malta-Sicilian line of Telegraph, I have the honour to inform you that the Tariff therein contained for Messages by that route is not correctly stated, and I now beg to enclose an amended copy of the charges as at present established.

2. We were originally informed that no Messages would be forwarded through the Italian States, except in French or Italian, but an intimation has recently been received, that the Neapolitan, Roman, and other Governments have consented to through-Messages between Italy and the United Kingdom being transmitted in the English language.

3. I beg to call your attention to the withdrawal from the present notice, of the clause referring to the repeating charge for Messages at intermediate stations, which has been cancelled in consequence of the difficulty experienced in carrying out the arrangement on the Continental Lines.—I have the honour to be, your obedient Servant,

C. L. PEEL,
Secretary.

The Secretary of the Government, Hongkong.

RED SEA AND INDIA TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The Telegraph being now open as far as Malta, the following revised Notice is issued:

62, MOORGATE STREET, E.C.,
LONDON, 30th 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 till further notice, between ALEXANDRIA and ADEN; and that the following scale of charges has been fixed for through Messages over this portion of the line, viz:

For a Message of Twenty words, including the address—

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

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

A uniform rate for a single Message of Twenty words has been fixed at two Rupees (4s.) throughout India. The total charge per single Message from ALEXANDRIA to any Telegraph Station in INDIA will thus be £2. 4s.

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

The only routes at present available between this Country and Alexandria are those *via* Marseilles, Trieste, and Malta, whilst there is a probability that a direct communication with Alexandria will be established through Constantinople in the course of a few weeks.

In the mean time 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)	£0 17 0
" Kosseir	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. 0d.

Messages for Australia and China will be forwarded by post from ADEN, for which 1s. additional will be charged.

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 principal Offices of the Electric and International Telegraph Company, as security for the payment of such Messages by the parties receiving them in England. Without such Deposit, no Message will be forwarded.

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

The following charge for Messages between ENGLAND and ALEXANDRIA, *via* Malta and the Italian States, has been provisionally adopted and must be added to the rates chargeable beyond ALEXANDRIA for Messages sent by that route:

1 to 25 words.	26 to 50 words.	51 to 100 words.
£1. 16s.	£3. 10s.	£6. 18s.

The above rates include the postage (2s.) between Malta and Alexandria.

N.B.—All Messages *via* Malta and Sicily must be sent in the French or Italian Languages*, and therefore, if not specially directed to be sent by that route, they will be forwarded from Alexandria either to Trieste or Marseilles.

The Company will not be responsible for delays arising from any interruption in the working of their Telegraph, or from any other cause. Further information may be obtained at the Company's Office.

By order of the Board,

C. L. PEEL, Secretary.

* The notification originally issued, regarding a repeating rate for Messages, has been cancelled, owing to the difficulty experienced in carrying out this arrangement over the Continental lines.

* Messages can now be sent in English.

No. 110.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A Fairway through the Harbour having been buoyed for the convenience of River Steamers, it is hereby notified that the Harbour Master has received strict instructions to keep this clear of all Ships, Junks, Vessels, and Boats of any description whatsoever.

The inner line of Five Buoys is at an average distance of 200 yards from the shore, and 450 yards apart, painted Red, and marked with the odd numbers from 1 to 9.

The outer Buoys are moored 120 yards from the inner line, are four in number, and marked with the even numbers from 2 to 8; these are painted White, the Buoys at the extremities having Basket Beacons thereon for the purpose of more clearly defining the Fairway.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22d November, 1859.

No. 111.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. *At Nov. 1859. No. 236.*

The subjoined Extract from letter of the Honourable The Surveyor General, conveying information on the subject of Water Supply, having been furnished on individual application, is hereby placed before the Public generally.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 22d November, 1859.

EXTRACT.

"Regarding all existing arrangements for the supply of Water to this Town, including all Reservoirs, Tanks, Water-pipes, Drainage, &c., for the purpose of the proper computing for the further supply, I have the honour to report that the present arrangements are so simple, being merely intended for the supply of the Gaol, Police Station, Government House and Offices, and a few Fire-cocks in the vicinity of those buildings, they will not affect in any degree a general scheme which may be proposed for the collection of water for the supply of the whole town.

"The Tanks in existence having pipes therefrom, are those at Glenealy, Wyndham Street, and Union Chapel; namely, Glenealy 258 feet above the sea, containing 30,000 gallons. A 6-inch main is taken to Glenealy Gate, one branch service pipe is thence taken to Government House, and another 4-inch pipe proceeds to the summit of Caine Road, 223 feet above the sea, from which a 3-inch pipe is laid down passing through the Gaol, Pottinger Street, and to the Central Police Station, with fire and stop-cocks at all the cross roads. From the summit on Caine Road, a 3-inch branch proceeds through Elgin Street, and supplies the twin tanks near the Union Chapel. These latter contain 20,000 gallons, and are 151 feet above the sea; a 4-inch pipe is laid therefrom to Hollywood Road, and a 3-inch pipe continued through Peel Street to the Queen's Road; a branch 3-inch pipe terminates at the Aberdeen and Hollywood Road junction, and another 3-inch branch proceeds through the West end of Gage Street and on to Gough Street steps. At all the cross streets, fire and also stop-cocks are placed if necessary.

"A Tank at 100 feet above the sea is placed on the Glenealy Stream at Wyndham Street, with short 3-inch service pipes for fire-cocks only to Wellington Street junction with D'Agular Street, and on to Stanley Street junction.

"For present storage of water only an Iron Tank, 180 feet above the sea, for 10,000 gallons, is placed at the head of Tai-ping Shan; two additional Tanks of similar size will be shortly added, and means for a temporary supply are in course of execution. A Stone Tank is also being built on the Bonham Road, for the supply of Tai-ping Shan West, at 190 feet above the sea; this is to contain 30,000 gallons, and a temporary supply will be laid down to this Tank from the springs in the neighbourhood.

"A Stone Tank for 30,000 gallons is erected on the Bonham Road, at 145 feet above the sea, and a temporary supply is laid thereto. These latter will have no discharge pipes, other than what may be necessary for the withdrawal of water therefrom at present.

"It is also contemplated to erect a small Tank at the West Point Police Station, and a similar one at the Civil Hospital; these will be supplied in a temporary manner only, and will contain 5,000 gallons each.

"With regard to the Drainage of the Town, I may in general terms observe, that almost all the Streets where houses are erected have Sewers therein, and in the Streets leading direct to the sea large Culverts are placed for the reception and discharge of storm waters.

"A Sum of £2,338 has been authorized for the erection of the Tanks last named, and for the temporary supply thereto, and as far as practicable this will be arranged in a permanent manner; that is, where pressure is requisite iron pipes and proper stop-cocks will be fixed, and in other respects this temporary service is performed by wooden shoots and earthenware pipes.

"I shall be happy to give any further information of which I may be in possession, observing however, that the plan of the city is open for inspection in my office, and that the Ordnance Survey shows clearly all existing streams from which water may be procured, but no means have been resorted to for the collection of such into Reservoirs, the Tanks now erected being merely for the distribution of water into various districts."

(True Extract.)

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.