

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

Account of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 31st December, 1858, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	\$555,000.
SPECIE IN RESERVE,	\$200,000.

P. CAMPBELL,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 3d January, 1859.

I inspected this day the Books and Treasure Vault of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and hereby certify, that the Specie in Reserve is in accordance with the Terms of the Royal Charter.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

J. A. CARVALHO,
Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 18th January, 1859.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA, in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

Account of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, in Hongkong, for the Month ending 31st December, 1858, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	\$313,283.*
SPECIE IN RESERVE,	\$150,000.

* exclusive of the Notes of the Mercantile Bank still outstanding.

JOHN COSTERTON,
Manager.

Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, in Hongkong,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1859.

I hereby certify, that I have this day inspected the Books and Treasure Vault of the above-mentioned Bank, and that the Amount of Specie in Reserve is in accordance with the Terms of the Royal Charter.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

J. A. CARVALHO,
Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 18th January, 1859.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the increase of the Population of the City and Suburbs of Victoria, renders it necessary that all available means be used for providing increase of House Accommodation; and whereas certain Lots of Ground already unoccupied by Messuages or Tenements according to the Conditions of Lease:—Notice is hereby given, that it is the intention of this Government to enforce such Conditions, and the Surveyor General will be called on to report in One Month from this date, all such Lots as shall be then unprovided with Tenements as required.

The Farm Lots at Pokfoolum are for the present excepted from the effect of this Notice; His Excellency the Governor however invites the attention of the Owners of these to the advisability of proceeding at an early date to carry out the conditions of Sale.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 21st January, 1859.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Ordinance "to provide for the erection of a Public Way, along the Water Frontage of the City of Victoria," having been read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council, hold on the 4th instant, is, in pursuance of Clause XXIX of the Standing Orders and Rules for the Legislative Council of Hongkong, published, for the third time, for the information of those whom it may concern.

And Notice is hereby given, that the second reading of the said Ordinance is appointed for Friday, the 4th of February next, at 12 o'clock.

By Order,

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 21st January, 1859.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VIGESIMO SECUNDO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.
No. of 1859.

By His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to provide for the erection of a Public Way along the Water Frontage of the City of Victoria.

[January, 1859.]

Preamble.

Whereas it is desirable that a Public Way should be erected continuously along the Water Frontage of the City of Victoria: Be it enacted and ordained by The Honourable the Acting Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Power to construct Praya.

I. It shall be lawful for the Governor to give authority to the Surveyor General to construct, procure to be constructed, one uniform and continuous Quay or Praya, and all Works connected therewith along the Water Frontage of the City of Victoria, extending from Navy Bay at the extreme West thereof to Wong-nei-choong at the extreme East thereof.

Name of Praya.

II. The said Quay or Praya shall be called the Bowring Praya.

Praya to be erected according to Plans previously published.

III. The said Quay or Praya and Works connected therewith shall be erected from Designs and Plans prepared by the Surveyor General; and the Ground Plan thereof shall be exhibited for Public inspection in the Office of the Surveyor General during Office-hours for a period of Two Weeks, before any Work shall be commenced by him under the authority of this Ordinance.

Prolongation of Boundary Lines of Lots affected.

IV. In the event of any difficulty occurring in the prolongation of the "Boundary Lines" of Marine Lots through Land reclaimed or to be reclaimed from the Sea, it shall be lawful for the Surveyor General to fix and determine the direction and extent of such prolonged Boundary Lines, provided that he do insert the same on the Plans of the said Praya and Works so open to Public inspection as aforesaid.

Power to give effect to compromises between the Crown and Holders of Marine Lots affected.

V. It shall be lawful for the Governor, on the recommendation of the Surveyor General, to authorize and give effect to any Compromise to be come to, between the Governor on behalf of the Crown, and the Holder of the Crown Lease of any Marine Lot, by which the Claims of such Holder and the Claims of the Crown respectively, may be adjusted equitably and to the advantage of the Colony. And for this purpose it shall be lawful for the Governor to sanction the erection, by any such Marine Lot-holder, of the portion of the said Praya to be erected immediately in front of his own Lot: Provided only that the Erection of any such portion of the said Praya shall be carried on and completed under the inspection and to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General, and in accordance with the Plan by him prepared or approved.

Estimates to be annually submitted by Surveyor General.

VI. The Surveyor General shall in every ensuing Year, at some time before the Month of June, submit to the Governor a Statement of the portion of the Works proposed by him to be carried out under this Ordinance within the Year next following, and Estimates of the Expenditure to be incurred on account thereof. And it shall be lawful for the Governor to propose such Estimates, or any of them, in any Ordinance, making Provision for the Contingent Expenditure of the Colony to be dealt with in like manner as any other Estimate to be so proposed.

Power of Entry to Surveyor General.

VII. It shall be lawful for the Surveyor General, and all Officers, Servants, and Workmen employed by or under him, at all times, and with all necessary means and appliances, to enter upon all or any Lands adjacent or approaching to the site of the said Praya, in the course of its erection, and to do thereon that shall be necessary for carrying out the Works provided for by this Ordinance.

Penalty for obstruction, &c.

VIII. If any Person shall wilfully obstruct any Person acting under the authority of this Ordinance, or destroy, remove, or injure any Timber, Stone, or other Materials to be employed in or about the erection of the said Praya, or shall deface any Marks which shall have been made for the purposes of this Ordinance, he shall forfeit for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars.

Provision for assessment of Damage hereby occasioned to Holders of Marine Lots.

IX. Every Holder of the Crown Lease of a Marine Lot who shall sustain any Loss or Damage by reason of any Work, Matter or Thing done under the authority of this Ordinance, on the Area occupied by the Tenant and set forth in the Lease aforesaid, shall be entitled to Compensation; and the Amount to be paid as such Compensation shall be assessed by the Sheriff and a Common Jury, in the same manner as in cases where Judgment has been suffered to go by default by a Defendant in an Action-at-Law. And on return made by the Sheriff of the Amount assessed as such Compensation as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct such Amount to be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the Person entitled to receive the same.

Power of compulsory Purchase of Property required for purposes of this Ordinance.

X. Whenever it shall appear to the Governor on the report in writing of the Surveyor General, that it is necessary for the completion of the Works to be carried on under this Ordinance, that Her Majesty should obtain possession of any Lands or Tenements or Erections of any kind not belonging to the Crown, it shall be lawful for the Governor to purchase the same on behalf of the Crown on such Terms as shall be fixed by the Surveyor General; and if the Person entitled to the said Lands shall refuse to accept the said Terms, then it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct an Assessment of the Compensation or Consideration to be paid to the Person entitled thereto for the purchase of the same Lands, Tenements, or Erections, in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided for the assessment of Compensation to be allowed in respect of damage to Marine Lot-holders. And it shall be competent to the Sheriff and the Jury empanelled for the purpose of making such Assessment, to enter upon and view the said Lands, Tenements, or Erections. And after return made by the Sheriff of the Amount found by the said Jury to be payable as Compensation in respect of the said Lands, Tenements, or Erections, it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct payment of the said Amount to be made out of the Colonial Treasury to the Person entitled thereto, and to direct the Surveyor General to take possession of the said Lands, Tenements, or Erections in the name of the Crown. And no assignment or conveyance of the said Lands or Tenements shall be deemed necessary to vest the same in the Crown; and thenceforth, but a Declaration shall be made by the Surveyor General of his having taken possession thereof as aforesaid, with a Statement of the Amount of Compensation as assessed, and a description of the Premises so taken by metes and bounds; and a Memorial of the said Declaration having been registered in the Land-office, it shall be considered thenceforth as Evidence of the vesting of the said Premises in Her Majesty and Her Successors to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and no Claim shall thereafter be made against the Crown in respect of the said Premises, except for the Consideration or Compensation assessed payable for the same, as is hereinbefore provided.

And whereas many unauthorized encroachments have been made by Holders of Marine Lots upon the Sea below High-water mark, and Land reclaimed at great expense,—and it is desirable that the said Holders should be permitted to retain possession of the Lands so reclaimed upon payment of an equitable Rent therefor: It is hereby further ordained as follows:—

Power to grant Leases, and Conditions of Leases to be granted, of Crown Lands heretofore encroached upon.

XI. It shall be lawful for the Governor to permit any Piece or Parcel of Land so reclaimed from the Sea without grant or license from the Crown, to be rented with the Marine Lot in front of which the said Land shall have been so reclaimed by the Holders of the Crown Lease thereof, upon such Terms as shall be agreed on between the said Holders and the Surveyor General; and if the said Holders and the Surveyor General cannot agree, then it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct an Assessment of the Rent reasonably

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...in respect of the Land so reclaimed, in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided for the ... of Compensation to be allowed in respect of Damages to the Marine Lot-holders; and for the ... making such Assessment, it shall be competent to the Sheriff and the Jury thereto empanelled, to ... and view the Land so reclaimed as aforesaid. And after return made by the Sheriff of the ... and by the said Jury to be reasonably chargeable as the rent of the said Land so reclaimed, then ... lawful for the Governor to offer the said Land to be held as aforesaid with the Marine Lot in front ... shall have been so reclaimed, at and for the Rent so assessed as aforesaid; And in the event of ... of the said Marine Lot declining to accept a Lease of the Land so reclaimed at the Rent to assess- ... said, then it shall be lawful for the Governor forthwith to order the sale of the said Piece or Parcel ... Public Auction, either in Lots or undivided, and together with any Piece or Parcel of Ground ... in possession of the Crown, as to the Governor shall seem best: Provided always, that Compensa- ... made to the Holder of the original Marine Lot so sold, for the Expense incurred in and about the ... from the Sea of the Land in front thereof,—such Compensation to be assessed in manner herein- ... provided for the Assessment of Damage to Marine Lot-holders under Section IX of this Ordinance.

All. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall in any way affect or interfere with the ... out of any Works now in the course of Erection or Construction under the direction or supervision of the ... Surveyor General; and that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to set aside or invali- ... Arrangements or Compromises heretofore entered into between the Crown and Marine Lot-holders ... committed purpresture.

Compromises here-
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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Surveyor General's Office, on or before Monday, the 31st instant, for the ... of Retaining and Boundary Walls to the area South of the present Gaol. Plans and Specifications may be seen upon application, at the above Office, between the hours of 11 A.M., ... P.M.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, &c. &c., has directed the ... for general information, of the following Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency SIR MICHAEL ... K.C.B., together with its enclosure, addressed by the EARL OF MALMESBURY to the LORDS COMMISSIONERS ... ADMIRALTY, relative to the unauthorized importation of Goods into Japan.

By Order,

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th January, 1859.

Calcutta, AT HONGKONG, 17th January, 1859.

—Herewith I have the honour to transmit, for Your Excellency's information, a Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Malmesbury, Her ... Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, dated the 24th November last, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, informing ... that certain British Merchants in China will endeavour improperly to import Goods, &c., into Japan; and in accordance ... Malmesbury's wishes Her Majesty's Steam Sloop *Inflexible* will sail for Jeddo (calling at Shanghai and Nagasaki), in two days ... to the Japanese Government the opinion of Her Majesty's Government on such illegal traffic, if it should be attempted, ... after the ratification of the Treaty; and that Her Majesty's Government will not extend their protection to any British ... may violate the Laws of Japan.

I request that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to the British Merchants in China, the course prescribed to Her ... Naval Forces in Japan.—I have, &c,

(Signed) M. SEYMOUR,
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

SIR JOHN BOWRING, LL.D.,
Her Majesty's Superintendent of Trade in China,
Hongkong.

FOREIGN OFFICE, 24th November, 1858.

—I have the honour to acquaint Your Lordships, that I have been informed that certain British Merchants in China con- ... immediate despatch to Japan of Vessels laden partly with Goods which, even if the Treaty were ratified, and the trade duly ... not legally be imported into Japan.