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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" will, 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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined Report of a successful Expedition to Namtao, by Her Majesty's Ship *Cruiser*, and Gun-boats *Clown* and *Janus*, under the command of Commander BYTHESEA, R.N., is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

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

P. CRACROFT, *Captain of H. M. Ship*  
"Retribution," and Senior Officer.

H.M. SHIP *Cruiser*, HONGKONG, 20th March, 1859.

Sir,—I have the honour to report that, in compliance with instructions from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I proceeded on the 18th instant, with the Gun-boats *Clown* and *Janus*, to Namtao, to endeavour to recover Property amounting in Value to 4,500 Dollars, which had been stolen from a Hongkong Passage Boat on the 27th ultimo.

Immediately on arrival I sent a Letter, which had been prepared by Mr Caldwell, to the principal Mandarin, stating the circumstances of the case, and requesting that the Property, or its Value, should be returned in Two Hours, otherwise I should proceed to hostilities.

Within an Hour the Elders of the Village came on board, and requested more time; a Letter from the Chief Magistrate also requested a suspension of the time. As there appeared to be a desire on the part of the Elders to come to a satisfactory arrangement, I gave till 7 this morning.

As nothing had been concluded by that Hour, I fired a shot in the direction of the principal House of the Family to which the Pirates belonged; four other shots were afterwards fired in the same direction.

The Owners of the stolen Property at length consented to take 4,000 Dollars in full payment of the Sum,—1,000 of which were at once paid; the remainder, for which satisfactory security is given, to be paid at the Registrar General's Office at Hongkong within a Week.

The duty for which I was despatched having been thus happily concluded, I returned with the Gun-boats in Company to the present anchorage.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

J. BYTHESEA,  
*Commander.*

To Captain P. CRACROFT, *Senior Officer,*  
*Hongkong.*

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to Government Notification No. 23 of the 2d instant, it is hereby made known, that His Excellency the Governor in Council has this day granted to CHEONG ASUN, Manager of the Foo-TAI Pawnbroker Shop, No. 89, in Queen's Road, West, and LUM KI, of the Too-LOONG Shop, No. 2776, in Bonham Strand, Broker, the exclusive *Privilege of preparing and selling prepared Opium* within the Colony of Hongkong, and the Waters thereof, for the Term of One Year, commencing with the First Day of April, 1859, and ending with the 31st of March, 1860.

The Form of Grant is as published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette*, No 155, of 22d May, 1858.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 26th March, 1859.