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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. 38.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of an Expedition against the Pirates infesting the Waters adjacent to this Colony is, by the direction of His Excellency the Governor, published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 11th April, 1859.

No. 39.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS.

Nimrod, HONGKONG, 9th April, 1859.

Sir—In obedience to your orders, I proceeded in company with H.M. Gun-boats *Forester* and *Junus* to Cupchi, accompanied by Mr Caldwell, Registrar General, off which place we arrived at 10 30 A.M., on the 4th inst., having been detained 24 hours in Chiwo Bay from bad weather. On arrival we were welcomed by the Elder of the Town, who related to us the atrocities which had been committed in the district by the miscreant Pirates, he having lost a brother and nephew, besides property to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars, a portion of which had been disposed of at Hutung. He also informed us that the Pirate force consisted of Seven Junks, commanded by the Chief Momeka, who, Mr Caldwell states, has been at the head of Piracies in these Waters for the last five years. Receiving on board the Elder of Cupchi, who was most anxious to accompany us, we proceeded to Chelang, but found they had gone to Sea or had gone South. We then proceeded to Bios Bay, but found they had not been there for some time.

From the information that we had gathered from the Fishermen, there remained no doubt that having landed a part of the Cargoes of the captured Junks at Hutung, they would endeavour to land the remainder there as soon as they had ascertained we had gone away.

On the following morning I returned to Hutung, and landed with the armed Boats, and through Mr Caldwell demanded that they should give up the Cargoes. They admitted that a portion of the Cargo, to the amount of Two Thousand Dollars, had been landed there, but was not there at that time, excepting 200 bags of Sugar, which had been ransomed by the Owner. I therefore, with the concurrence of Mr Caldwell, demanded that they must pay an indemnity of One Thousand Dollars, giving two hours for consideration, at the end of which time, if my demand was not acceded to, I should set fire to the Town. Having waited two hours and upwards without their shewing any signs of coming to terms, I fired a few Rockets at intervals over the Town, when they ultimately consented to pay the money by a given time, upon which I returned to the ship, informing them that unless the agreement was fulfilled I should adopt more severe measures in the morning. At 10 P.M., a Boat came on board with a Note for the amount, duly attested by the Elders of Cupchi, who were perfectly satisfied, and expressed their thanks for the service we had rendered them.

In conclusion, I must beg to bring to your notice the zealous manner the duties were performed by the Officers commanding the Gun-boats.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed)

R. J. WYNNIATT,
*Acting Commander.*Captain J. J. McCLEVERTY, C.B.,
Senior Officer.

No. 39.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Dr JOHN IVOR MURRAY, having been appointed Colonial Surgeon of Hongkong, has this day assumed the duties of his Office.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 12th April, 1859.

No. 37.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to Government Notification No. 8 of 21st January last, His Excellency The Governor directs the publication of the following Return of Lands, the Proprietors of which have not complied with the Conditions of

The Tenants in question are hereby called on to forward to this Office within One Month from the date of this *Gazette*, their reasons why their respective Leases should not be cancelled, in consequence of non-fulfilment of such Conditions.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 11th April, 1859.