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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.

No. 47.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Acting Governor directs the publication of the following Letter from the Senior Naval Officer at this Station, covering Report of Proceedings against Pirates in the Cup-sui-moon Passage by Her Majesty's Gunboat *Staney*.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 10th May, 1859.

No. 32 of 1859.

Cambrian, HONGKONG, May 9th, 1859.

SIR,—Having received a communication from Mr Caldwell, Registrar General, informing me that some Pirate Junks in the Cap-sui-moon Passage were robbing the Market Junks from this place, I sent the *Staney* under command of Lieutenant-Commander Leet on Sunday morning the 8th instant, for the purpose of capturing them; he has returned this evening, and I beg to submit a Copy of the Report of his proceedings for your information.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

JAMES G. McCLEVERTY,  
Captain and Senior Officer.

To the Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel CAINE,  
Acting Governor of Hongkong.

No. 77.

HER MAJESTY'S GUNBOAT *Staney*, HONGKONG, 9th May, 1859.

SIR,—In compliance with your orders I proceeded in H. M. Gunboat under my command in search of Pirates on Sunday last the 8th instant. After leaving Hongkong, I examined the Bay to the Eastward of the Limoon Passage, but not finding any traces of them there, I proceeded to Port Shelter, where I gained information of their having left the night before. I again proceeded, examining the whole of the West Bay, constantly receiving information from the fishing Boats, who all agreed that the Pirates had passed them, and had gone to Tolo, carrying everything on their way. On my arrival at Tolo, I found Pirate Junks of different sizes in a large number; the Pirates immediately ran the Junks on shore, deserting them, and carrying off what plunder they could into the town; a great number of Pirates were killed by fire while escaping. I then examined the Junks, thirteen of which proved to be Pirates; I destroyed these, and the remainder, three in number, proving to be captured traders, I towed out clear, and then liberated them. A great number of the crews of these vessels had been killed and wounded by the Pirates when captured.

The Pirates succeeded in landing goods to the value of \$2,000 (about); I tried to make the villagers give them up, but could not succeed; had I felt authorized, I would have destroyed the village, feeling confident from what I observed that it was merely a market for them. I may here observe that Tolo is only five miles by land from Hongkong.

I received most valuable assistance from Mr J. Roberts, Inspector, aided by his Chinese Interpreter.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed,)

H. K. LEET,  
Lieutenant and Commander.

To Captain J. J. McCLEVERTY, C.B.,  
Senior Officer.

No. 48.

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, 12th May, 1859.