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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.

Account of the Average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 30th April, 1859, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	\$663,028.
SPECIE IN RESERVE,	\$300,000.

P. CAMPBELL,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 2d May, 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.

J. A. CARVALHO,
Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 12th May, 1859.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

No. 49.

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, 12th May, 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 30th April, 1859, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	\$334,140.*
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 May, 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.

J. A. CARVALHO,
Accountant.

Victoria, Hongkong, 12th May, 1859.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

No. 50.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that the Honourable GEORGE LYALL, Esquire, and THOMAS COATES LESLIE, Esquire, have been nominated and appointed Trustees of St John's Cathedral on behalf of the Public for the ensuing year, and that this nomination has been made by the late Trustees under authority of Clause II of Ordinance No. 3 of 1850.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

NOTICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, HONGKONG, 14th May, 1859.

It is hereby notified to Masters and others in charge of Merchant Vessels, that, on or before the 1st June proximo, all Ships in Port are required to move over to the North side of the Harbour, and there moor with Forty-five Fathoms of Chain to each Anchor, open Hawse to the North-East.

A Straight Line from the North-West Point of the Island of Hongkong, intersecting the Southernmost House on the Beach at Limeburners' Village, Cheem-sha-tsui, extending towards the second high ridge from the North of the Island of Lantao, such Line running nearly due East and West, will be the Line, south of which no Merchant Ship shall lay during the Typhoon months, without special permission from the Harbour Master.

To facilitate the business of the Port during fine weather, Vessels actually loading or unloading may, on written application from Consignees and request of the Master, receive special permission to lay over on the Town side of the Harbour, whilst so engaged,—such vessels having their sails bent and all clear to stand over for the opposite Coast on the first prognostic of foul weather. It is, however, clearly to be understood, that vessels pursuing this course do so entirely at the responsibility of Master and Agents.

Merchant Ships, (with the exception of those calling for Orders, and whose stay in Port will not exceed from two to three days,) will keep their Topgallant Masts and Yards on Deck, Flying Jibboom in, and particular attention must be paid to keep their Hawse clear,

As some Ships now in Harbour are moored in a most slovenly manner, so slack that it is impossible to keep their Chains from twisting, the Harbour Master finds it necessary to state that, in mooring Vessels, Masters are required to veer out Ninety Fathoms of Chain on their first anchor, and when taut in the required direction, then drop their second anchor, veering out on that Chain, and heaving in Forty-five Fathoms of their first.

Persons neglecting these precautionary measures will be subject to the full penalty provided in Section VIII of Ordinance No. 11 of 1845.

A. L. INGLIS,
Emigration Officer.