

No. 51.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Acting Governor directs the publication of the following Letter from the Senior N. Officer at this Station, covering Report of Proceedings against Pirates by Her Majesty's Gunboat *Clown*.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 16th May, 1859.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PIRATES BY "CLOWN."

No. 36 of 1859.

Cambrian, HONGKONG, May 13th, 1859.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honour to enclose a copy of the proceedings of H. M. Gunboat *Clown*, in search of a piratical Junk, (robbed a Fisherman on the evening of the 11th instant,) for your information.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

JAMES J. McCLEVERTY,  
Captain and Senior Officer, Hongkong Division.

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

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LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS OF "CLOWN."

HER MAJESTY'S GUNBOAT *Clown*, HONGKONG, 13th May, 1859.

SIR,—I have the honour to report for your information the result of my proceedings in search of a piratical Junk that had plundered Hongkong Fishing-boat on the evening of the 11th instant.

Having communicated with the Superintendent of Police, and received on board a Chief Constable, an Interpreter, and the two men that had been robbed, I weighed at 2 P.M. yesterday, and proceeded through the Fou-tow-moon passage, where every place that could give shelter to Junks was carefully examined, but without success. I now proceeded to Po-o-to Bay, where the Fishermen expected the Pirates to escape to. On our opening this bay, four large piratical Junks were discovered pulling and sailing for the shore. The water now being to shoal fast, and being in a good position to cover my boats, I sent them away armed in charge of Mr Gilpin, 2d Master, to capture and bring them alongside, but immediately the boats shoved off, the men in the Junks began to jump overboard and escape, and on the boats board they were found quite deserted. One of these Junks fortunately turned out to be the very one that had plundered the Fisherman, and on board was found his bed, and a quantity of his boats' gear, which I had returned to him. Having destroyed the Junks I anchored for the night with the intention of examining Shelter Bay in the morning, and then proceeding to Hongkong.

A small sampan, containing a man and woman with two children, came alongside during the evening, and explained that they had been taken by these Pirates six days ago. They asked for protection and to be taken to Hongkong where they belonged.

From these people I received information that the Pirates had landed a number of Guns, Gingalls and Spears, in a small hut on the beach; this I had examined, and found 3 large Guns, with a number of Spears; these I had destroyed.

This morning I proceeded to examine Shelter Bay, but found it quite clear of all Junks; I now returned to this anchorage where I arrived at Noon this day.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant.

(Signed)

WILLIAM F. LEE,  
Lieutenant Commanding.

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

No. 52.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that it is in contemplation to dispose of certain additional Parcels of Ground in the neighbourhood of Pok-foo-lum.

Persons desirous of availing themselves of this opportunity of purchasing suitable sites for Farms, Villas, or other Residences, are requested to apply to the Surveyor-General, from whom every information can be obtained.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 53.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Account Current for the Year 1858-59 has been handed in by the Trustees of St John's Cathedral, and is published for general information, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2 of 1847, Clause XVI.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 19th May, 1859.

The Trustees of Saint John's Cathedral in Account Current with JOHN DAY and THOS. L. WALKER, Treasurers.

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1858-59	To Clerk's Salary, ... ..	\$178.32	By Cash Balance in favour of the Trustees paid over to John Day by Geo. Findlay, ... ..	\$960.85
	" 2 Coolies' Wages, ... ..	144.00	" Pew Rents collected for the Year 1858-59 as per Lists, ... ..	1,314.00
	" Bread and Wine, ... ..	15.40	" do. do. Forstee Monument not paid \$100.00	100.00
	" A new Surplice, ... ..	6.00		
	" Washing, ... ..	7.00		
	" Candles, ... ..	19.50		
	" Mops and Brooms, ... ..	2.56		
	" Soap, ... ..	2.15		
	" Additional Coolie Hire, ... ..	1.00		
	" Printing 300 Marriage Certificates, ... ..	6.00		
	" Repairs of the Fabric, ... ..	1,751.88		
	" do. the Harmonium, ... ..	2.60		
	" Printing 800 Forms of Prayer for Fast Day in December, 1857. ... ..	63.00		
	" A new Chalice, ... ..	20.00		
	" Balance in favour of the Trustees in the hands of the Treasurer, ... ..	155.45		
		\$2,374.86		\$2,374.86

THOS. L. WALKER,

Trustee and Treasurer to the Body of Trustees.

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1859.

Examined and compared with Vouchers, and found correct,

GEO. LYALL,

Auditor.

N. R. MASSON,

Auditor on the part of Government.

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