

No. 23.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Acting Governor, with the Advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the year 1863 at Eight-and-a-half per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria, and Five per cent for Houses in the Villages of this Island.

In addition to which on Houses in Victoria a Lighting Rate of One-and-a-half per cent will be levied, in accordance with the terms of Ordinance No. 11 of 1856.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st February, 1863.

WEATHER TABLES FOR THE PAST WEEK.

REGISTER AT HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

1863.	6 A.M.		NOON.		6 P.M.	
	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	Thermometer.
Feb. 14,	30.20	68	30.19	70	30.12	70
" 15,	30.20	69	30.20	70	30.12	70
" 16,	30.20	68	30.10	67	30.12	67
" 17,	30.20	67	30.15	69	30.11	69
" 18,	30.17	69	30.21	67	30.20	69
" 19,	30.32	65	30.25	66	30.22	70
" 20,	30.27	67	30.28	68	30.20	69

REGISTER AT BLOCK HOUSE, VICTORIA PEAK.

Height above Sea Level 1,770 feet.

DATE.	BAROMETER.					HYDROMETER.					THERMOMETER.		WINDS.						REMARKS AS TO WEATHER.	
						DRY BULB.			WET BULB.		Self-Registering		Force, ranges from 0 to 12.							
													6 A.M.		NOON		6 P.M.			
													Dirn. F.		Dirn. F.		Dirn. F.			
1863.											Min.	Max.								
Feb. 14	28.20	28.25	28.24	28.20	28.19	61.00	66.30	65.15	60.15	64.30	64.00	60.00	67.15	SE	5	SE	2	SSE	1	Fine, though overcast.
" 15	28.21	28.27	28.28	28.18	28.17	63.00	65.00	64.00	62.30	64.00	63.30	62.00	66.15	EbS	2	SE	3	ESE	4	Foggy, wet dew, &c.
" 16	28.22	28.25	28.23	28.17	28.17	59.30	62.00	61.15	59.00	61.30	61.15	59.00	63.00	E	3	EbS	3	SE	3	Dense fog, drizzle, &c.
" 17	28.17	28.23	28.22	28.15	28.18	62.30	66.00	66.00	62.00	65.00	65.00	60.30	67.00	SE	4	SSE	3	SbE	2	Fog, wet dew, &c.
" 18	28.23	28.29	28.29	28.24	28.22	65.00	62.00	60.00	64.00	62.00	60.00	63.00	63.50	NbE	1	EbS	5	SSE	4	At 6 A.M. fine, from 8 A.M. fog, drizzle
" 19	28.30	28.35	28.33	28.29	28.25	57.00	61.30	58.00	56.50	59.00	57.00	56.30	63.00	E	5	EbS	4	EbS	4	(At 6 A.M. fog, drizzle; at Noon fine; Evening fog, wet dew.
" 20	28.31	28.34	28.33	28.32	28.28	61.00	61.30	63.15	60.00	63.00	62.00	59.00	66.30	EbN	1	—	0	—	0	Fine.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

List of unclaimed LETTERS and PAPERS lying in the Hongkong Post Office for Parties not known, 20th February, 1863.

Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.
Almeida, A. A. 2	Calcott, C. 1	Gue, G. 1	McCaskin 1	Poons, A. J. 1	Taylor, J. 1		
Barnarel 1	Campbell, D. 1	Gundry, R. S. 1	Morval, F. C. 1	Palma, W. 1	Tubb, F. 2		
Bell, Capt. 2	Comby 1	Gray, H. N. 1	Michael, S. C. 1	Pellet, A. 1	Therry, J. 1		
Barradas, J. B. 1	Carpenter, R. 2	Gonsales, J. 1	Mauy, T. 1	Potkinghome 1	Todd, J. H. 1		
Bird, H. 1	Carberry, Mrs. M. 1	Graves 2	Mille, A. 1	Pettengill 1	Talbert 1		
Brett & Co. 1	Campbell, Capt. 1	Gardner, W. H. 1	Matie, F. 1	Roberts 2	Ullmer, A. 1		
Barbosa, R. 1	Dilo, J. 1	Grune, J. 1	Morton, E. 1	R. F. A. 1			
Barton, A. 1	Dunn 2	Hickman, Dr. 1	Mayer W. 1	Rivet 1	Van der Laan 1		
Brodie & Co. 1	Doral, 1	H. B. 1	Martin, T. 1	Rodrigues 1	Ventorino, M. 1		
B. Bireham & Co. 1	Donnan, D. 1	Hind, H. W. 1	Murton, N. 1	Roza, A. F. 1	Veroli, L. 1		
Butler, J. B. 1	Delafolie, E. F. 3	Hamilton, Mrs. 1	Marques, C. M. 1	Smith 8	Vas, J. 1		
Baker, W. 1	Finlay, J. 1	Hide 1	Mello, J. 1	Scott, W. C. 1	White, H. 1	6	
Brand & Co. 1	Fabier, J. 4	Honis 1	McLimmon, J. 1	Skadden, T. 2	Whalley, P. 2		
Britto, A. 1	Ferreira, M. A. 1	Hay, Dr. W. G. 2	Milton, J. 1	Snell, R. 1	Waddingham, A. 2		
Behrendt 1	Fernandez, L. 2	Harton, H. 1	Miland 1	Scott, D. 1	Wood, J. D. 1		
Benito, J. V. 1	Floves, B. 1	Howell, J. W. 2	Munro, J. 1	Sluders, C. 1	Williams, Mrs. 1		
B. Stone 1	Fullerton, A. 1	Jegher, C. 1	North, J. W. 1	Souza, J. M. 1	Wilkinson 1		
Baaton, J. C. 1	Furtado, P. 1	Jepson, R. C. 1	Nunes, J. C. 1	Simmons, W. 1	Wakeman, H. 1		
Brown, W. 1	Flynn, J. 1	Joyce, W. 1	Nolle, W. 1	Schtuter 2	Wilcox, C. S. 1		
Berry, Capt. 1	Frijinkel, L. 1	Ketelsen 1	Nexon, A. 1	Salter, A. 2	Williamson, A. B. 1		
Bastone, E. 1	Funny, F. 1	Kedrus, J. 1	Nicholas, A. 1	Sattas, J. 1	Waller 1		
Cochran, D. 1	Freddie, 1	Lawler, R. E. 1	Nicholls, W. 1	Sewell 1	Westgorth, J. 1		
Cardin, A. 1	Frotozo, G. 1	Lewis, 2	Oryan 1	Swan, W. 2	Webb, C. O. 1		
Cruz, S. 1	Groum, H. B. 1	Lambert, J. 1	Oldham, R. 1	Stephens, E. 1	Wallis, C. 1		
Carvalho, M. 1	Gutierrez, S. C. 2	Lloyd, E. 1	Oneil, M. 1	Thomas, J. 1	Wolf, N. 1		
Crown, J. 1	Graham, Capt. 1	Littleberry, C. 1	Osborne, F. 2	Telford, F. 1			
Clyatt, W. 1	Green, E. 1		Peres, F. 1	Tucker, B. W. 1			
Crawford, J. W. 2	Gilpin, S. 1		Pinto, J. 1	Tayag, S. 1			
Clarke, J. 1							

List of Unpaid and Registered LETTERS and PAPERS lying at the Hongkong Post Office for Her Majesty's Ships of War, 20th February, 1863.

Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.
Cormorant 3	Flamer 1	Haughty 1	P. Charlotte 2	Sanspareil 2	1
Euryalus 2	Hardy 1	Hesper 3	Staunch 1	Weazel 1	
		Melville 3	Sphinx 3		

List of LETTERS and PAPERS lying at the Hongkong Post Office for Merchant Vessels, 20th February, 1863.

Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.	Letters. Papers.
Acmel 1	Chanticleer 1 4	Good Success 2	Kate Swanton 1	Otterlie 1	Star of the North 3		
Annebella 3	Dunmar 1	Harvest Home 1	Lady Clarendon 1	Orga 1	Saldanha 16 2		
Acadia 1	Duke of Lancaster 2	Howes 1	Lady Ann 8 12	Perciles 1	Samuel Appleton 1		
Alchymist 5	Dora 1	Hoppé 1	Lady McDonald 5	Persia 1	S. Russell 1		
Anne Reddin 1	Desolate 1	Hope 1	Ladon 2	Padney 1 2	Swiftsure 1		
Adelaide 1	East Indian 3 4	Herbert 1	Marian 1	P. Somawatty 1	Sobat Seba 1		
Bhering 2	Elizabeth 2	Iskandershaw 1	Merbena 1	Petersburgh 2	Selavonia 2		
Bombay 2	Eversima Eliza 1	Indomitable 7	Martin Luther 12 1	Presto 1	Star of China 1		
Boyne 3	Friendship 1	Istamboul 5	Mary Whitridge 2	Pluto 2	San Lorenzo 1		
Beatrice 2	Freuella 1	Imperial 1	Mary Mildred 1	Quiopire 1	Tchernaya 2		
Bahia 1	Fore-runner 1	J. Vanner 1	Migrator 1	Resolution 1	Tamana 2		
Charger 4	Gendoveer 4	J. Littlefield 1	Mischief 1	Radnagore 1	Virginia 1		
Comet 2	Gala 14 7	J. Bruhn 1	Neville 1	Rajah 1	Veritas 1		
Cornelia 3 1	Genoa 1	Jupiter 1	Norwood 1	Rachial 1	Veronica 1		
Charmer 1		J. Temperly 15 4	North Star 1 1	Raphael 1	Victorie 1		
Coleroon 12 1		J. Vincombs 4	Neptune 1	Rusthen 3 3	Venilia 2 3		
Coloan 1		James Marshall 1	Nyphoon 2	Rapid 2	Waimonth 2		
Celestial 1		Julia Ann 3	New York 3 1	Ruthoen 2	Whinfell 1		
Clarissa 10		John Paul 1	Nova Bella 1	Siam 1 9	Western Con- 4		
Castle 1		Kalahome 1	Nubia 1	Snow Squall 1	tinent. 4		
Calyso 1		Kessington 1 2	Oithona 2 1	Shanghai 1 2	Wyoming 1		
Coniston 6		Kaloomeer 1		Star Own 1	West Australian 3		
Cornelia 2							
Mathilde 2							

COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION, HONGKONG.

UNTIL further notice the Court will sit every Monday morning at 10 o'clock, A.M.

By Order of the Court,

H. J. HOLMES,
Clerk of Court.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that the Committee for Sanatory purposes, appointed by His Excellency the Acting Governor, under Government Gazette Notification No. 198 of 29th December, 1862, is now sitting and will be happy to receive any communications through the Secretary.

By Order,

H. J. HOLMES,
Secretary.

Council Chamber, 10th January, 1863.

CONSTANTINE JOSEPH SMYTHE

OR

O'REILLY.

THE Acting Colonial Secretary will be glad to receive information respecting the above mentioned person, who is said to have been in Hongkong in 1854, and had been previously trading at Amoy. It is stated that there is a "Surplus property" to which the said C. J. SMYTHE or O'REILLY is entitled.

NOTICE.

Estate of ARCHIBALD MAC TAVISH, late Commander of the Screw Steamer *Armenian*, deceased.

LETTERS of Administration to the above Estate were granted by the High Court of Judicature in Bengal, on the 3rd December, 1862, to Peter Anderson, Esquire, of Calcutta, a Member of the Firm of Messieurs Mackenzie, Lyall & Co., Merchants there, as the duly constituted Attorney of the Father of the deceased. All Persons having claims against the Estate are requested to make the same known to Mr. Anderson, with whom persons indebted to the Estate should at once communicate.

Calcutta, 14th January, 1863.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, AND SOUTHAMPTON;

also,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *COLUMBIAN*, Capt. SKOTTOWE, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places on Sunday, the 1st March, 1863, at 9 A.M.

CARGO will be received on board until Noon on the 27th February, SPECIE until Noon on the 28th February, and PARCELS until 5 P.M. on the 27th February.

For particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

* * * A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route

is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration. Shippers of Cargo on the Company's Black Bills of Lading are particularly requested to note the Terms and Conditions of these Bills of Lading, with reference to the Transshipment and forwarding of Cargo, with a view to the adequateness of their Insurance Policies in respect of the same.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,
Superintendent.

Peninsular and Oriental
Steam Navigation Company's Office,
Hongkong, 21st February, 1863.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES
DES
MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

Paquebots—Poste Français.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, MARSEILLES.

ALSO,

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA.

ON Thursday, the 26th instant, at Noon, the Company's Steam-ship "*DONNAI*," Commandant FAVIER, H.I.M.N., with Her Britannic Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for the above places, in connection:

At Alexandria, with the Company's and the Austrian Lloyds Mail Steamers for the Levant, Black Sea, Greece, Corfu, and Trieste:

At Messina, with the Company's Semi-weekly Mail Steamers for Malta and all Italian Ports:

At Marseilles, with the weekly Company's Mail Steamer for Valencia, and by Railroad to Madrid.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

The Company has authority to grant Insurance on all Cargo conveyed by its Vessels, at a premium of 1½ per cent upon Merchandize, and ¾ per cent on Treasure, from Hongkong to Lyons, Paris, London, and Holland, and proportionally for places this side of Suez.

Cargo will be received on board until Noon of the 24th of February; Specie and Parcels until Noon of the 25th. As the Manifests of Merchandize have to be closed on the evening of the 25th, the Shippers are requested to present their Shipping Orders before 4 P.M. of said day; for past that time, no more Bills of Lading shall be delivered to them, except after the departure of the Steamer.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages destined beyond Suez is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be furnished by the Shippers to the Agents with the Bills of Lading; and the Company will not be responsible for any consequence or prejudice which may ensue from an incorrect declaration.

For particulars respecting Freight and Passage, apply at the Company's Office, Queen's Road.

In consequence of recent instructions, Passengers going to London are informed that the Company will convey, free of charge, from Marseilles to London, their Baggage to the extent allowed by the regulation.

BERTOLINI,
Agent.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1863.

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS MURDOCH DRYSDALE and MR. ALEXANDER DOWNIE are authorised to sign our Firm per procreation.

FLETCHER & Co.

China, 1st January, 1863.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. H. H. KENNEDY in our Firm ceased and determined on 31st December, 1861, and Mr. THOMAS DAVID NEAVE was admitted a Partner on the 1st January last.

ROBERT, SMITH & Co.

London, 24th November, 1862.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. H. H. KENNEDY in our Firm, ceased on 31st December, 1861.

SMITH KENNEDY & Co.

China, 3rd February, 1863.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. ALEXANDER C. LEVYSOHN and JACOB ARNHOLD have this day been admitted Partners in our Firm.

OXFORD & Co.

China, 1st January, 1863.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES AUGUSTUS WILD, has been admitted a Partner in our Firm, from 1st July last.

GILMAN & Co.

China, 24th November, 1862.

NOTICE.

MR. HINTON D. STEWART is this day admitted a Partner in our Firm, which now consists of WILLIAM WALKINSHAW, PHINEAS RYRIE, WILLIAM JAMES BRYANS, EDWARD CAREY SMITH and HINTON D. STEWART.

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1863.

HINDOOSTAN MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, 1862.

THE undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Office in Hongkong, are prepared to grant Policies payable in Hongkong, Singapore, Pinang, Calcutta, Bombay, Moulmein, and Rangoon.

CARAPIET & Co.,
Agents.
Old Bailey Street.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1862.

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