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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas it has been reported to this Government that among the *Pirate Junks* infesting this neighbourhood and the Formosa Channel certain lawless Persons, English and American, are employed, it is hereby notified that

A REWARD OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS

will be paid for such information as shall lead to the conviction, on trial before the Supreme Court of this Colony, of any such Person so associating with Pirates.

Information will be received by the Senior Naval Officer, H. M. S. *Princess Charlotte* in harbour, or the Captain Superintendent of Police on shore, and every *protection* will be given to Informants.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1863.

No. 45.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Correspondence is published for general information, and it is hereby notified that the Timber mentioned in the last letter has now been received, and can be seen at the Government Offices by any person desirous of inspecting it.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th April, 1863.

FREMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 24th January, 1862.

The Honorable the COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Hongkong.

SIR,—I have learned from what I believe to be good authority, that the timber which has been used in the construction of the Civil and Military Public Buildings at Hongkong, Shanghai, and probably at the other settlements in China, has suffered and continues to suffer so much both from the ravages of the "*White ant*" and from the moisture of the climate, as to stand in continual need of renewal and repair.

I am induced to address you on this subject, as a Tree peculiar to this Colony called the "*Jarra*" yields a timber which experience has proved to be equally proof against the attacks of the "*White ant*" and the "*Teredo navalis*" and exposure to water or damp air.

The Copy of Report, from the Royal Engineers Office in this Town, which accompanies this letter, will be considered I trust as sufficient confirmation of this statement.

Should Her Majesty's Government in China require any of this timber and will be pleased to inform me what price they would be prepared to pay for each Load of 50 feet, free on board a Vessel on this Coast, during the months of September to April inclusive the parties whom I represent will be prepared, should that price be an adequate one, to enter into a contract to supply such timber. The timber is of large size and supply unlimited. Vessels can but seldom be chartered from hence, but I apprehend that it would not be difficult to engage a Vessel about to proceed from China to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, or Hobarton at the proper season of the year, as above stated, to call upon this Coast to convey timber to China.

I shall be obliged if you will after due consideration favor me with a reply.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your very obedient servant,

ROBT. KING,
Agent for Vice-Admiral Sir Jas. Stirling.