

No. 357.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HONGKONG, 10th June, 1862.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th January, 1862, relative to the qualities of the *Jarra* timber.

In reply I have to state for your information that the best Teak timber is sold here at \$1.25 or 5/2½ to \$1.50, or 6/3 per Cubic Foot, and Manila Hard Wood which is nearly as durable as Teak sells at 95 cents or 3/11¼ per Cubic Foot.

I would therefore suggest that you should ascertain whether the *Jarra* timber could be laid down here at a similar price, otherwise it is not likely to supersede the Woods above mentioned.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your very obedient Servant,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

ROBERT KING, Esq.,
Esq., Esq., Esq.,
Fremantle, Western Australia.

FREMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 23rd October, 1862.

The Honorable the COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Hongkong.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th June, 1862, and to thank you for the valuable information afforded as to the present prices of Teak and other Timbers at Hongkong.

In compliance with your suggestion I beg herewith to hand you the enclosed Memo: of approximate prices at which the *Jarra* Timber could be put alongside Ship in this Colony to which add Freight, say, at £4 per load, and you will perceive that it would then be, in price below those quoted for Teak and Manila Hard Wood.

I have taken advantage of the Ship *West Australian* sailing hence for Shanghai to forward per that Vessel, for your inspection, under Bill of Lading to your address, two pieces of this Timber—in consequence of not being able to get the Captain's signature until after this mail leaves I am prevented enclosing one of the Bills to you. As the Ship, which sails in two or three days, is not likely to reach China until some time after the Mail your order to any person at Shanghai will be attended to in the delivery of these samples.

If you think it probable that the *Jarra* may be introduced with advantage at Hongkong and have any further communications to make I beg to say that I shall be happy to afford you any information in my power. Meantime I have forwarded to my friends in London, Messrs. F. Mangles & Co. copies of this Correspondence.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient Servant,

ROBT. KING.

Memo: Prices of sawn *Jarra* Timber free on board Ship, say, from £4 to £6 per Load of 50 Cubic feet. If hewn somewhat lower.

ROBT. KING.

FREMANTLE, W. A., 23rd October, 1862.

No. 46.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Acting Governor has been pleased to make the following promotion and appointment in the *Hongkong Volunteers*:

Second Lieutenant JOHN DODD, to be First Lieutenant, vice BAKER, resigned.
HENRY COHEN, Esquire, to be Second Lieutenant, vice DODD, promoted.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 47.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that all Purchasers of Land for which Leases have not been issued are requested to attend at the Surveyor General's Office within 10 Days from the present date, to execute the Deeds now awaiting Signature.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th April, 1863.

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. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th April, 1863.