

And We do hereby further declare and ordain that from and after the same date the Dollar of Mexico or other silver Dollar of equivalent value as may from time to time be authorized by the Governor or Officer administering the Government of Hongkong shall be the only legal tender of payment (except as hereinafter directed) within Our said Island of Hongkong and its dependencies:

And we do hereby further ordain and declare that such silver coins as may be issued from Our Mint representing some multiple of the Cent or one hundredth part of the said Dollar shall be legal tender of payment for any sum not exceeding two Dollars and such copper or bronze coins as may be issued from Our Mint representing the cent or one hundredth part or the mil or cash representing one thousandth part of the said Dollar shall be legal tender of payment for any sum not exceeding one dollar:

And we do hereby further ordain and declare that the silver and copper coins to be issued from Our Mint as aforesaid shall be prepared as follows:—

The silver pieces of money shall be prepared of silver containing twenty per cent of alloy. Every such piece shall have for the obverse impression Our Effigy crowned, with the Inscription "Victoria Queen" and for the reverse impression an inscription indicating the value of the piece in cents of a dollar with the words "Hongkong" and the date of the year, and the same inscription repeated in Chinese Characters.

A copper piece representing one hundredth part of a Dollar shall have for the obverse impression Our Effigy crowned, with the Inscription "Victoria Queen" and for the reverse impression the Inscription "One Cent Hongkong" with the date of the year, and the same inscription repeated in Chinese Characters.

Another copper piece representing one thousandth part of a Dollar shall be perforated in the centre, and have for the obverse impression the Inscription "V.R." surmounted by a Crown, with "Hongkong, One Mil" and the date of the year, and for the reverse impression the inscription Hongkong One Cash or One Mil represented in Chinese Characters.

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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.

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.
April	25,	30.02	79	30.03	79	30.03	78
"	26,	30.12	77	30.12	76	30.13	77
"	27,	30.14	76	30.12	74	30.10	75
"	28,	30.12	75	30.14	78	30.14	76
"	29,	30.14	77	30.10	73	30.12	75
"	30,	30.10	74	30.07	74	30.03	75
May	1,	30.02	75	30.00	80	29.95	79

REGISTER AT BLOCK HOUSE, VICTORIA PEAK.

Height above Sea Level 1,770 feet.

DATE.	BAROMETER.					HYDROMETER.					THERMOMETER.		WINDS.						REMARKS AS TO WEATHER.		
	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	NOON.	3 P.M.	6 P.M.	DRY BULB.			WET BULB.			Self Registering		Force, ranges from 0 to 12.							
						6 A.M.	NOON.	6 P.M.	6 A.M.	NOON.	6 P.M.	Min.	Max.	6 A.M.		NOON.		6 P.M.			
														Dirn.	F.	Dirn.	F.	Dirn.		F.	
1863.																					
April	25	28.15	28.22	28.20	28.16	28.15	71.30	74.00	71.00	70.30	72.30	70.30	70.30	74.15	SE	3	SE	4	EbS	4	{ Fine, fog at intervals; from 1 to 4 P.M. fog, rain, thunder, &c.; evening fog, wet dew, &c.
"	26	28.20	28.23	28.21	28.19	28.19	68.20	68.50	68.30	68.00	68.10	68.00	67.50	70.00	E	6	EbS	6	E½S	4	Dense fog, wet dew, drizzle, &c.
"	27	28.21	28.25	28.24	28.22	28.20	67.50	68.30	69.15	67.30	68.00	68.50	67.00	70.00	EbS	5	EbS	4	EbS	4	Do.
"	28	28.24	28.27	28.26	28.24	28.23	68.30	71.15	69.30	68.00	70.00	68.15	66.50	73.00	EbS	2	EbN	4	E	5	Dense fog; afternoon fine, fog at intervals, &c.
"	29	28.22	28.25	28.23	28.18	28.17	67.15	67.55	67.00	66.50	66.15	65.00	66.00	68.50	EbS	4	E½S	5	E½S	4	Dense fog, drizzle; afternoon fine, fog at intervals.
"	30	28.18	28.21	28.18	28.14	28.12	66.35	68.30	68.30	66.15	68.00	68.00	65.30	69.00	EbS	6	ESE	5	ESE	4	Dense fog, wet dew, &c.
May	1	28.13	28.18	28.17	28.15	28.12	69.30	73.00	73.00	69.00	72.00	72.30	67.00	74.00	SE	4	SbE	4	SbE	3	{ 6 A.M. fog, wet dew; afternoon fine, and evening fog, wet dew, &c.