

There are at present about 25 Public Hydrants daily at work, and upwards of 100 Private Houses and Public Buildings already supplied with water, (a list of which agreeably to your request I forwarded for your information some days since.) The whole of the mains have also for some time past been kept almost constantly charged and ready for immediate use in cases of fire. There are 4 or 5 Public Hydrants in course of erection in the Tai-ping-shan District, and the whole of the stop cocks, Fire Plugs and Hydrants, require numbering and otherwise designating to correspond with a large map of the City (on which I am at present engaged) shewing the entire scheme as executed. I also propose to draw up a Memo. of the rules, &c., absolutely necessary to be observed in order to secure a proper and economical distribution of the water, when this is done His Excellency the Governor will be in a position to determine upon such other regulations as may be deemed necessary to the efficient management of the service.—I have the honor to remain, Sir, your obedient Servant,

S. B. RAWLING.

No. 1.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that information has been received from the French Consul, that the prohibition of the export of Rice from French Cochin China is withdrawn from this date.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st January, 1864.

No. 2.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, notice is hereby given that a Special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Police Magistrates' Court at eleven o'clock on the forenoon of Thursday the 4th February, 1864, and thereafter on the first Thursday of every month, for the purpose of considering applications for the transfer of Spirit Licenses.

Such Applications to be lodged at the Police Magistrates' Court, at least Ten days before each of the Sessions now notified.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st January, 1864.

No. 142.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Schedule of Balances of Intestate Estates is published for general information, and Notice is hereby given that those Balances for which no application shall have been made within Twelve Months from this date, will be carried to the credit of the General Revenue of the Colony in terms of Section III of Ordinance No. 6 of 1854.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th December, 1863.

SCHEDULE of unclaimed BALANCES of INTESTATE ESTATES of Persons who have been dead Five Years and upwards, lying in the Colonial Treasury. Hongkong, 19th December, 1863.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	AMOUNT.
John Ward,	18th February, 1857,	\$83.18
Henry Ludlum,	16th June, 1857,	1.91
Charles Henry,	29th ,, 1857,	22.44
Thomas Murphy,	3rd July, 1857,	12.96
Lall Khan,	11th ,, 1857,	4.86
Joseph J. Aldridge,	17th August, 1857,	26.50
J. B. Elliot,	26th ,, 1857,	11.90
William Haddon,	23rd September, 1857,	1.00
Sopragalo,	11th October, 1857,	13.33
Elli Bucas,	17th ,, 1857,	144.47
Isaac Bachelor, ..	22nd ,, 1857,	10.20
John Larton or Lawton,	26th ,, 1857,	1.27
John Abbott,	1st November, 1857,	10.80
Abdool Rahman,	1st February, 1858,	4.90
Tow Choo,	11th March, 1858,	34.93
James Hunter,	30th ,, 1858,	14.06
John Spelland or Spellane,	30th ,, 1858,	15.00
Gholam Senee,	17th April, 1858,	12.65