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PROCLAMATION.

W. T. MERCER.

By His Excellency WILLIAM THOMAS MERCER, Esquire, Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas by the Order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 9th day of January 1863, a Proclamation was approved for the Regulation of the Currency in this Colony wherein it was (amongst other things) declared and ordained that certain matters in the said Proclamation contained should take effect and come into force from and after a day to be fixed by the Governor or Officer administering the Government, as by the said Proclamation reference being thereunto had will more fully appear; and whereas the said Proclamation was published in this Colony in the *Government Gazette* of the 2nd day of May, 1863: Now, therefore, I, WILLIAM THOMAS MERCER, Esquire, being the Officer administering the Government of the Colony, do hereby fix the 16th day of February now next ensuing as the day from and after which the matters contained in the Proclamation aforesaid shall take effect and come into force within the Colony of Hongkong.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 22nd Day of January, 1864.

No. 15.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the Government Notification No. 125 of 29th November 1862, and to the Post Office Notification of 15th August 1863, the Public are hereby informed that on and after the 16th of February next the use of the Hongkong Postage Stamps on Correspondence posted at the General Post Office here will no longer be optional, but compulsory.

2. The fifth clause therefore in the abovementioned Government Notification will be annulled from 16th Proximo, except as to the Agencies of the Hongkong General Post Office at Canton, Macao, Swatow, Amoy, Foo-chow-foo, Shanghai, Ningpo, Nagasaki, and Yedo.

3. The Postage Stamps are of the following value :—

Two Cents,.....	or One Penny.
Four Cents,	Two Pence.
Six Cents,	Three Pence.
Eight Cents,.....	Four Pence.
Twelve Cents,	Six Pence.
Eighteen Cents,.....	Nine Pence.
Twenty-four Cents,	Twelve Pence.
Thirty Cents,	Fifteen Pence.
Forty-eight Cents,.....	Two Shillings.
Ninety-six Cents,.....	Four Shillings.

4. As it will take some time to make this regulation generally known, and it may consequently be expected that many letters will be posted insufficiently stamped, clause 7 of the Government Notification above referred to is also annulled, and for the future insufficiently stamped letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be forwarded, a fine of One Shilling being charged in addition to the Postage due upon all such letters.

5. Unstamped or insufficiently stamped letters for the United Kingdom originating at any of the Agencies of the Hongkong Post Office, will for the present be sent on charged with the deficient amount of postage only.

6. Letters addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will, in the event of their being insufficiently stamped, be opened and returned to the writers.

7. Correspondence for the United Kingdom if insufficiently stamped for transmission *via Marseilles* will be forwarded by way of Southampton, if the Colonial Postage Stamps upon it are sufficient to cover the full postage by that route.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1864.

No. 16.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Government Notification No. 125 of 29th November, 1862, is republished for general information and convenience.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1864.

No. 125.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

1. It is hereby notified that Colonial Postage Stamps will be issued from the Treasury and General Post Office of this Colony on and after the 8th December next.

2. These Stamps represent the following amounts in value:—

Two Cents,.....	or One Penny.
Eight Cents,	Four Pence.
Twelve Cents,	Six Pence.
Eighteen Cents,.....	Nine Pence.
Twenty-four Cents,	One Shilling.
Forty-eight Cents,	Two Shillings.
Ninety-six Cents,	Four Shillings.

3. They will be issued in exchange for the Current Dollars of the Colony.

4. It must be understood that the Postage Labels of this Colony are alone available for the payment of postage on correspondence posted at the General Post Office in Hongkong, or the Agencies thereof at Whampoa, Canton, Macao, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow-foo, Shanghae, Ningpo, Nagasaki and Yedo, and that except in the case of correspondence sent by Officers and Seamen, serving on board Her Majesty's Ships, British or Imperial Postage Stamps are not available for the payment of letters, &c., addressed to the United Kingdom.

5. Their use will for the present be optional.

6. They may be used on correspondence to places to which the prepayment of postage is either compulsory or optional, *i.e.*, no credit will be given to these Stamps on correspondence addressed to places to which the postage cannot be prepaid in Hongkong.

7. Correspondence insufficiently stamped will be returned to the writers with an indication of the amount insufficient, except in the case of letters, &c., originating at any of the Agencies of the Hongkong Post Office, which will, if addressed to the United Kingdom, be sent on charged with the deficient amount of postage and a fine of 1s.

8. The Labels are to be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees" when the Stamp representing the Late Fee is to be placed on the lower left hand corner of the correspondence.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th November, 1862.

No. 17.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas the Danish Brig *Chico* while in the Lyemooon Passage was attacked by Pirates who murdered certain of her Crew,

Notice is hereby given, that

A REWARD OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

will be given to any person who shall give such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of one or more of the guilty parties.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1864.