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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with Section 12 of "The Police and Lighting Rate Ordinance, 1863," His Excellency the GOVERNOR, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the year 1864, at Eight per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria, and in accordance with Section 18 of the same Ordinance at Five per cent for Houses in the Villages of this Island.

The above Rate as regards Houses in Victoria will be levied exclusive of a Lighting Rate of One-and-a-half per cent under Section 12 of the above Ordinance, and a Half yearly Water Rate of Two per cent per annum under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 12 of 1860, as already announced in Government Notification No. 146 of 31st December last.

The Police and Lighting Rates will, under terms of Ordinance 5 of 1863, Section 13, be payable *quarterly* in advance, at the Colonial Treasury; for the current quarter between the 22nd Instant and 5th Proximo, and for the subsequent quarters of the year between the first and last days of the first month in each quarter.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th February, 1864.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Returns showing the Shipping and Emigration at the Port of Victoria, Hongkong, during the year 1863, and such portion of its Trade as could, in the absence of a Custom House, be *officially* ascertained by the Harbour Master's Department, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th February, 1864.