

12.—TABLE shewing the Rate of SICKNESS and MORTALITY of the TROOPS serving in HONGKONG, during the Year 1863.

STRENGTH.			ADMISSIONS INTO HOSPITAL.			DEATHS.			RATE OF SICKNESS.	RATE OF MORTALITY.
White.	Black.	Total.	White.	Black.	Total.	White.	Black.	Total.		
1025	470	1495	2271	472	2751	39	12	51	184.01	3.41
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	per cent.	per cent.

13.—TABLE shewing the RATE of SICKNESS and MORTALITY in the CONVICT HULK "ROYAL SAXON" from June 15th to December 31st, 1863.

TOTAL NO. OF PRISONERS.	AVERAGE NO. OF PRISONERS.	TOTAL SICK IN HOSPITAL.	TOTAL SICK TRIFLING CASES.	TOTAL DEATHS.	RATE OF SERIOUS SICKNESS.		RATE OF MORTALITY.	
					To Total.	To Average.	To Total.	To Average.
384	250	90	157	41	23.43	36.00	10.67	16.40

No. 64.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteers, held on the 7th Ultimo, it was resolved that subject to the approval of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, Rule 13 should be so far added to as to read that any Vacancies occurring in the Committee during the year be filled from the Corps by the Committee for that year only.

Under Section 5 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1862, the above alteration has been submitted to His Excellency the GOVERNOR, who, having confirmed the same, directs it to be published for general information, as an addition to the Volunteer Rules and Regulations of 14th May, 1862.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th April, 1864.

No. 65.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following letter from Captain Nolloth, Senior Naval Officer, detailing certain property found on board of a piratical Lorch, is published for general information.

The Articles enumerated may be seen, for purpose of recognition and identification, at the Central Police Station of this City.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th April, 1864.

H. M. S. *Princess Charlotte*,
HONGKONG, 4th April, 1864.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that, on the 16th ultimo, H. M. gun-boat *Bustard* captured off Bohea Village, in Pinghai Bay, a Canton pirate lorch—formerly a Canton fishing vessel—and that in her were found:—

1. A brown cloth Great Coat.
2. Pair of India-rubber Boots.
3. A House flag, red, with a white centre, bearing the letters H.E. in blue.
4. A Note-book with gilt edge leaves, containing Chinese writing.
5. Fragment of an American Periodical entitled "Gleasons Pictorial Drawing Room Companion," (apparently for 1856.)

N.B.—All these Articles appear to be American.

The lorch had arrived, four days previously from off Ningpo and had recently engaged some foreign lorchs off Quancheu. As three of the crew, who were taken and handed over by the gun-boat to the Native Authorities at Hoochow, pretended to have been themselves prisoners to the pirates, no account could be obtained from them regarding the above-mentioned Articles or their owners, and I have thought that the publication of the list of the former—which will be disposed of as you may desire—might lead to desirable information.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

M. S. NOLLOTH,
*Captain and Senior Officer.*HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, &c., &c., &c.,
Hongkong.