

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

PATTERN POST TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

With reference to Government Notification No. 130 dated the 12th instant, it is hereby notified that on and after the date hereof Patterns of Merchandize may be transmitted by Post from *Hongkong* to any part of the United Kingdom, at the following rates of postage, which must in all cases be prepaid by means of Postage Stamps of Hongkong.

Via Southampton.

FOR A PACKET OF PATTERNS

<i>Not exceeding</i> 4 oz.	<i>Above 4 oz. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	<i>Above $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> 1 lb.	<i>Above 1 lb. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	<i>Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> 2 lbs.	<i>Every additional</i> $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
8 cents.	16 cents.	32 cents.	48 cents.	64 cents.	16 cents.

Via Marseilles.

FOR A PACKET OF PATTERNS

<i>Not exceeding</i> 4 oz.	<i>Above 4 oz. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	<i>Above $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> 1 lb.	<i>Above 1 lb. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	<i>Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and</i> <i>not exceeding</i> 2 lbs.	<i>Every additional</i> $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
12 cents.	24 cents.	48 cents.	72 cents.	96 cents.	24 cents.

Special attention is directed to the following rules and regulations which will be strictly enforced:—

- 1st. No Packet of Patterns must exceed two feet in length, breadth or width; exceeding those dimensions it cannot be forwarded through the Post.
- 2nd. The Patterns must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed, whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.
- 3rd. There must be no writing or marks other than the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, a trade mark and numbers, and prices of the articles; otherwise the Packet will be detained or forwarded charged as an unpaid letter.
- 4th. The Patterns must be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples however, of seeds, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers, may be inclosed in bags of linen or other material, tied at the neck; bags so closed that they cannot readily be opened, even although they be transparent, must not be used for this purpose. Non-compliance with this rule will also subject the packet to be detained or forwarded as an unpaid letter.
- 5th. The Packets or the contents thereof must not contain any inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection.
- 6th. Insufficiently stamped Packets will be sent on charged with the amount of deficient postage, and a fine of one rate of postage, Packets wholly unstamped will be charged double the amount of postage to which they would have been liable if the postage had been prepaid.
- 7th. Packets of patterns not posted according to the foregoing regulations will be treated in all respects as letters.
- 8th. In all other respects the general regulations of the Book Post between Hongkong and the United Kingdom will apply to the Pattern Post. Under these regulations, in order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of letters, a Packet of Patterns may, when it is necessary, be kept back for 24 hours beyond the time when, in the ordinary course, it would be forwarded.
- 9th. The decision of the Postmaster General as to the eligibility of any Packet, pattern, or sample contained therein, to be forwarded under these regulations will be final and conclusive.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns in the United Kingdom and have been detained as unfit for the post, viz.: metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curry combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

It must be understood that the foregoing arrangement is confined to Packets of Patterns forwarded from Hongkong to the United Kingdom and does not apply to such packets if they are posted out of the Colony.

The first day of August instant has been fixed for bringing this new measure into operation in the United Kingdom.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 16th August, 1864.

WEATHER TABLES FOR THE PAST WEEK.

REGISTER AT HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

1864.	6 A.M.		NOON.		6 P.M.	
	<i>Barometer.</i>	<i>Thermometer.</i>	<i>Barometer.</i>	<i>Thermometer.</i>	<i>Barometer.</i>	<i>Thermometer.</i>
August 13,	29.60	81	29.53	80	29.62	81
" 14,	29.70	80	29.73	79	29.73	79
" 15,	29.71	79	29.70	80	29.70	82
" 16,	29.76	80	29.79	82	29.82	82
" 17,	29.86	81	29.84	84	29.83	83
" 18,	29.84	82	29.84	84	29.80	83
" 19,	29.82	82	29.84	84	29.82	83

WEATHER TABLES,—Continued.
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.			
1864.																						
Aug. 13	27.89	27.90	27.91	27.89	27.89	73.30	73.30	74.30	73.30	73.30	74.30	72.30	78.30	SW	4	SbW	5	SbW	6	Dense fog with heavy rain.		
" 14	27.95	27.93	27.89	27.90	27.91	74.30	72.30	73.00	74.30	72.30	72.30	72.00	79.30	SbW	7	SW	8	SbW	4	Do. do. weather.		
" 15	27.96	27.96	28.00	28.00	27.98	75.00	75.30	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	71.00	75.30	SbW	10	SW	10	SbW	10	Thick fog and passing showers of rain with distant thunder.		
" 16	28.05	28.07	28.07	28.06	28.06	75.00	75.30	75.00	75.30	75.00	71.30	76.00	SbW	8	SbW	7	SW	7	Dense fog at 11 A.M., then light fog.			
" 17	28.14	28.16	28.18	28.14	28.13	75.00	76.00	76.00	75.00	75.30	76.00	73.30	75.30	SSW	6	SbW	5	SW	5	Dense fog at 10 A.M., passing fog at 5 P.M.		
" 18	28.14	28.16	28.19	28.15	28.10	75.00	76.30	76.00	75.00	76.30	76.00	73.30	76.00	SbW	5	SW	4	SbW	4	Dense fog at 3 P.M., passing fog at 5 P.M., afterwards dense fog.		
" 19	28.19	28.16	28.16	28.10	28.10	75.00	76.30	76.00	75.00	76.00	76.00	73.30	78.00	SbW	4	SW	6	SW	4	Thick fog at 11.30 A.M., light fog at 1 P.M., clear at 4.30 P.M., dense fog latter.		

In re WILLIAM J. LORING, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given to the next of Kin, and all other persons, to produce any Will or Codicil of the above named deceased, that may be in their possession, before the Court of Probate, on Thursday, the Twenty-fifth day of August, A.D. 1864; or, if none, that the next of Kin do accept or refuse Letters of Administration, failing which, Letters of Administration will be granted to the Registrar of the said Court, or such other person as the Court shall think fit.

By the Court,
W. H. ALEXANDER,
Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

Between { A. DAS FRETAS, Plaintiff,
and
J. RITCHIE, Defendant.

WHEREAS an action has been commenced in this Court at the suit of the above named A. das Fretas against the above named John Ritchie to recover Four Hundred and Five Dollars for money alleged to be due by the Defendant to the Plaintiff for work and labour done and for money lent and for money found to be on accounts stated, and it being alleged that the said John Ritchie does not reside within this Island or its Dependencies a Writ of Foreign Attachment has been issued returnable on the Fifth day of September next wherein William Hastings Alexander, Registrar of the Supreme Court, is Garnishee.

Notice is hereby given thereof and that if at any time before final judgment in this action, the said John Ritchie or any person on his behalf will give the security and notice and file the appearance or plea required by the Ordinance of this Island intitled "An Ordinance to provide for and regulate Process in actions at Law against persons absent from this Colony" the said Attachment may be dissolved.

Dated this 20th day of August, A.D., 1864.

HENRY KINGSMILL,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. CORNELIUS THORNE ceased in our Firm on the 31st December, 1863.

THORNE BROTHERS & Co.

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES BANNATYNE is authorised to sign our Firm from this date.

GILMAN & Co.

China, 28th July, 1864.

In re the Estate of the late WM. JOHNSTON. ALL persons indebted to this estate are requested to make early payment, and all persons having claims are requested to send them accompanied with proof on or before the 8th day of November next, to

W. R. DALZIEL,
THOS. GREEN,
Executors.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1864.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, AND SOUTHAMPTON;

also, BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship EMEU, Captain EASTLAY, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places on Sunday, the 28th August, 1864, at 9 A.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 26th, SPECIE until Noon on the 27th; and PARCELS until 5 P.M. on the 26th.

For particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

Contents and Value of Packages are required.

*** A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration. Shippers of Cargo on the Company's Black Bills of Lading are particularly requested to note the Terms and Condition of these Bills of Lading, with reference to the Transhipment and forwarding of Cargo, with a view to the adequateness of their Insurance Policies in respect of the same.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,
Superintendent.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong, 13th August, 1864.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

Paquebots—Poste Français.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, MARSEILLES.

ALSO,

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd August, at Noon, the Company's Steam-ship IMPERATRICE, Commandant MASSENET, H.I.M.N., with Her Britannic Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this Port for the above places, in connection:—

At Alexandria, with the Company's and the Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers for the Levant, Black Sea, Greece, Corfu, and Trieste;

At Messina, with the Company's Semi-weekly Mail Steamers for Malta and all the Italian Ports;

At Marseilles, with the weekly Company's Mail Steamer for Valencia and by Railroad to Madrid.

Passengers going to London are informed that the Company will convey, free of charge, from Marseilles to London, their Baggage to the extent allowed by the regulation.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

The Company has authority to grant Insurance on all Cargo conveyed by its Vessels, at a premium of 1½ per cent upon Merchandise, and ¾ per cent on Treasure, from Hongkong to Lyons, Paris, London, and Holland, and proportionally for places this side of Suez.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., on the 21st instant; Specie and Parcels until 5 o'clock P.M. on the 22nd.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages destined beyond Suez is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be furnished by the Shippers to the Agent with the Bills of Lading; and the Company will not be responsible for any consequence or prejudice which may ensue from an incorrect declaration.

For particulars respecting Freight and Passage, apply at the Company's Office, Queen's Road.

C. BERTRAND,
Agent.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. DUNCAN FLETCHER in our Firm, ceased on the 30th June, 1864.

Mr. WALDEMAR SCHMIDT, Mr. JAMES GILFILLAN, Mr. ALEXANDER DOWNIE, and Mr. THOMAS MURDOCH DRYSDALE, are this day admitted Partners in our Firm.

Our Firm now consists of Mr. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Mr. WALDEMAR SCHMIDT, Mr. JAMES GILFILLAN, Mr. ALEXANDER DOWNIE, and Mr. THOMAS MURDOCH DRYSDALE.

FLETCHER & Co.

China, 1st July, 1864.

NOTICE.

OUR partnership ceases to-day by lapse of time.

The business will from this date be carried on by Mr. ROBERT SCOTT WALKER who will settle all outstanding accounts.

WALKER, BORRADAILE & Co.
Hongkong, 16th June, 1864.

With reference to the foregoing announcement the business of the late firm of WALKER, BORRADAILE & Co. will from this date be carried on by Mr. ROBERT SCOTT WALKER under the style and title of

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, 16th June, 1864.

Mr. WALTER HYDE NOTLEY is authorized to sign our firm per procuracy.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong 16th June, 1864.

DANISH CONSULATE, HONGKONG, 12th August, 1864.

IT is hereby notified for general information that the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation between Denmark and China, concluded at Tientsin on the 13th July, 1863, was ratified and the ratifications duly exchanged at Shanghai on the 29th July ultimo, H. E. the Admiral Steen Bill acting on behalf of H. D. M. Government and the High Commissioners, H. E. General Li-Heng-Sung, and H. E. Commissioner of Finance Lin-Hsun-Kas on behalf of H.I.M. Government.

By order,
GEORGE J. HELLAND,
H.D.M. Actg. Consul.

NOTICE.

MR. HANS PETER HANSEN is this day admitted a Partner in our Firm.

DENT & Co.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1864.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have been appointed Agents for Lloyds at Canton and Macao.

Communications at Macao to be addressed to Mr. E. L. LANÇA, H. B. M. Consular Agent there.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1863.

NOTICE.

WE have established a branch of our firm in Hongkong. Office—Gough Street No. 5.

MARGESSON & Co.
Canton, 1st January, 1864.

COPPER PLATE PRINTING.

PARTIES having their own engraved Plates may have VISITING CARDS printed on them, plain or enamelled, by applying at the Office of the undersigned.

D. NORONHA,
Oswald's Terrace,
Hongkong, 10th January, 1863.

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