

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.—The above treatment should be persevered in for some hours, as it is an erroneous opinion that persons are irrecoverable because life does not soon make its appearance, persons having been restored after persevering for many hours.

APPEARANCES WHICH GENERALLY ACCOMPANY DEATH.

Breathing and the heart's action cease entirely; the eyelids are generally half-closed; the pupils dilated; the jaws clenched; the fingers semi-contracted; the tongue approaches to the under edges of the lips, and these, as well as the nostrils, are covered with a frothy mucus. Coldness and pallor of surface increase.

CAUTIONS.

Prevent unnecessary crowding of persons round the body, especially if in an apartment.
 Avoid rough usage, and do not allow the body to remain on the back unless the tongue is secured.
 Under no circumstances hold the body up by the Feet.
 On no account place the body in a warm bath, unless under medical direction, and even then it should only be employed as a momentary excitant.

By order of the Committee,

RICHARD LEWIS,
Secretary.

Royal National Life-Boat Institution, London, May, 1864.

No. 140.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Finding and Sentence of the Marine Court, appointed under Ordinance No. 11 of 1860, to inquire into the occurrences on board the British Ship *Euphrates* during her voyage from Sydney to Hongkong, with the Confirmation of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, and his disallowance of a portion of the proceedings, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st August, 1864.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

The Court having deliberately and carefully taken into their consideration the evidence adduced concludes,—

Firstly. That the Chinese did not get their stipulated allowance of wood and water.

Secondly. That the order given by the Master to throw water on to the quarter deck and which fell upon certain Chinese was unnecessary and calculated to lead to the excitement that followed.

Thirdly. It is not proved that the Chinaman who was seen partially in the Carpenter's Cabin was there for an improper purpose, but it is more probable that he was there to look at the Ship's Clock.

Fourthly. The Master is highly reprehensible in allowing the Crew to arm themselves without orders, nor was he justified in so hastily concluding that the Chinese were mutineers.

Fifthly. That the death of the Interpreter Apack was the result of accident.

Sixthly. That the confinement between decks was unjustifiable and oppressive and likely to produce disease.

The Court is of opinion that the Master acted too much under the influence of his Crew, who were afraid of the consequences of their own aggressive acts, but it is right to note that he was altogether unacquainted with the Chinese character and too easily concluded that a noisy remonstrance was open revolt. Under the circumstances his position was a difficult one; he had imprudently left Sydney without proper Officers, the two acting as Mates having been shipped in London as able Seamen and still holding these ratings. The Crew, foolishly imagining their lives were in danger, became clamorous for the security of the Passengers, the Master had no one fit to consult with, and in the exercise of his own personal judgment committed an error, but for which the Ship might have proceeded quietly on her voyage in the same manner that other vessels do, bringing Chinese Gold-diggers back to their native country.

SENTENCE.

That the Certificate of Service No. 36,736 held by the Master be suspended for six months, and the Court further direct that the two men at present acting as Mates be directed to return to their duty as able Seamen.

Given under our hands in the Colony of Hongkong, this 20th day of August, 1864.

(Signed,) C. MAY,
1st Police Magistrate.
 „ H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
 „ J. C. BALDWIN,
Non-Official Justice of the Peace.
 „ JOHN TOWNSEND,
Master Mariner.
 „ G. H. HEATON,
Government Marine Surveyor.

Mr. Pollard for the Master protested that the Court has no power to give a decision other than in accordance with Ordinance 11 of 1860, upon which Ordinance the Warrant of His Excellency the Governor is framed, and that under that Ordinance the Court has no power to suspend the Master's Certificate.

(Signed,) C. MAY.

Returned for insertion of order for Costs, by order of His Excellency the Governor.

(Signed,) W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.
27/8/64.

Costs of the Court amounting to \$525 to be paid by the applicants for the Investigation.

(Signed,) C. MAY,
1st Police Magistrate.
" H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.
" J. C. BALDWIN,
Non-Official Justice of the Peace.
" G. H. HEATON,
Government Marine Surveyor.
" [JOHN TOWNSEND,
Master Mariner, absent.]

Returned for particulars of Costs, by order of His Excellency the Governor.

(Signed,) W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.
30/8/64.

Court decided that the three non-Official Members should be paid at the rate of \$15 each per diem.

J. C. Baldwin	sat 6 days,	.....	\$ 90.00
G. H. Heaton	" 14 "	.....	210.00
John Townsend	" 15 "	.....	225.00
Total,			.....\$525.00

(Signed,) H. G. THOMSETT,
Harbour Master.
30/8/64.

The proceedings and sentence of the Court in this case confirmed and approved, with the exception of the Order for Costs which is disallowed because:—

1st. In a case of this description the legitimate Costs, if any, should be recovered, in manner prescribed in the Ordinance No. 11 of 1860, from the person or persons against whom misconduct has been established, and not from the aggrieved parties who have substantiated their complaint.

2ndly. The Costs awarded in this case, being composed exclusively of sums voted by the Court to certain of the Members constituting it, are in my opinion not legitimate. Such a proceeding as Judges ordering, under the head of Costs, payment to themselves is, I believe, unprecedented.

In this case it is clearly contrary to the intention of the Legislature as, if it had been intended that the Members of Courts of Inquiry should be remunerated for their labours, the amount would not have been left to the decision of the persons interested, but would have been distinctly specified in the Ordinance establishing Courts of Enquiry, in the same manner as in Ordinance No. 17 of 1860 constituting a Board of Examiners for granting Certificates of Competency to Masters and Mates in the Mercantile Marine.

(Signed,) HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1864.

No. 141. ✓

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1864.

Account of the average amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong for the month ending 31st August, 1864, rendered in accordance with the terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,	.....	\$783,063.
SPECIE IN RESERVE,	.....	\$300,000.

WM. LAMOND,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 1st September, 1864.

I hereby certify that I this day inspected the Books and Treasure of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and found the necessary amount of Specie as required by the Royal Charter.

A. F. ALVES,
Accountant.

FRED. FORTH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Victoria, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1864.