

No. 135.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The question of compensation for the Chinese dispossessed from the South West point of Kowloon Peninsula having now been disposed of, it becomes necessary to consider the position of the Chinese Owners and Occupiers of Land and Houses in the remainder of that district.

The propriety of this measure will be apparent from the inconvenience of two different systems of tenure within the Colony and the possible injury that would befall such Owners and Occupiers if a title in law were not granted them for their respective holdings, sufficient under the altered circumstances of occupancy.

All persons therefore having proprietary claims as above are called on to send in a statement of their titles, with full particulars as to the position and extent of their holdings to Lieut. WILLIAMS, R.E., on or before 30th September next; when to all able to substantiate their claims Crown Leases for 999 years will be granted free of expense, subject only to the same rent as they were formerly liable for to the Chinese Government.

Occupiers of Lands or Houses within the territory lately ceded, who shall not be provided with Crown Leases after the 1st January next, will be considered *Squatters* and held liable to be dispossessed at any time, subject to the payment of *Squatters' Rent* until such dispossession.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Surveyor General's Office on or before Monday the 12th proximo for the repairs to the Quarry Bay, Stanley, Pokfulam and Aberdeen Roads during the 3 months ending 31st December next.

Specifications may be seen on application between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, 27th 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.	
	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Barometer.	Thermometer.
August 27	29.90	82	29.88	84	29.83	83
" 28	29.88	83	29.86	83	29.86	83
" 29	29.84	82	29.84	85	29.79	85
" 30	29.82	83	29.82	86	29.84	85
" 31	29.86	83	29.88	85	29.84	84
September 1	29.87	83	29.84	84	29.82	83
" 2	29.83	83	29.82	83	29.80	82

REGISTER AT BLOCK HOUSE, VICTORIA PEAK.

Height above Sea Level 1,770 feet.

DATE.	BAROMETER.					HYDROMETER.						THERMOMETER. Self Registering	WINDS.						REMARKS AS TO WEATHER.	
	DRY BULB.		WET BULB.				Force, ranges from 0 to 12.													
	6 A.M.		NOON.		6 P.M.		6 A.M.		NOON.		6 P.M.		6 A.M.		NOON.		6 P.M.			
	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	NOON.	3 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 A.M.	NOON.	6 P.M.	6 A.M.	NOON.	6 P.M.	Min.	Max.	Dirn.	F.	Dirn.	F.	Dirn.		F.
1864.																				
Aug. 27	28.19	28.22	28.21	28.17	28.10	75.30	78.30	76.30	74.30	76.00	75.00	74.00	80.00	Calm	0	Calm	0	SbW	2	Passing fog at 7 A.M.; clear at 6.30 P.M.
" 28	28.19	28.22	28.21	28.15	28.14	76.00	79.30	78.00	75.30	78.00	76.00	74.00	80.00	SbW	1	SSW	1	S	1	Thick fog at 8 A.M.; 10 A.M., clear and pleasant.
" 29	28.16	28.19	28.15	28.10	28.10	76.30	80.00	79.00	75.30	78.00	76.00	74.00	79.30	Calm	0	SSW	2	SSW	2	Commences clear at 7 A.M.; thick fog to the eastward at 8 A.M.; latter part clear.
" 30	28.14	28.19	28.17	28.14	28.14	77.30	81.00	77.30	76.00	78.30	77.00	75.50	81.00	Ebs	2	SSE	1	SbW	1	Light passing fog at 6 A.M.; clear at noon; distant thunder and light passing showers of rain.
" 31	28.17	28.20	28.22	28.17	28.15	76.00	81.00	77.30	75.30	78.00	75.30	75.00	81.00	SSW	1	Ebs	3	E	4	Clear and pleasant weather throughout.
Sept. 1	28.15	28.18	28.15	28.14	28.14	76.00	81.00	74.30	75.00	76.00	73.30	74.00	81.30	EbN	4	E	3	Ebs	5	Do. do. do.
" 2	28.12	28.15	28.18	28.10	28.12	74.30	70.00	75.00	74.00	75.30	74.30	73.30	78.00	EbN	3	E	2	E	5	Passing fog; at 6 A.M., clear; at noon passing fog; latter part thick fog.