

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.

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.
September 10	29.83	82	29.84	84	29.82	83
" 11	29.93	83	29.93	83	29.90	82
" 12	29.93	82	29.93	83	29.86	82
" 13	29.90	81	29.82	84	29.82	83
" 14	29.85	82	29.82	84	29.83	84
" 15	29.84	84	29.83	86	29.82	85
" 16	29.80	84	29.83	84	29.83	82

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.	
														Dir.	F.	Dir.	F.		Dir.	F.
1864.																				
Sept. 10	28.10	28.12	28.18	28.15	28.20	75.00	76.80	76.80	74.80	76.00	75.00	74.00	78.00	SE	3	SSE	2	SSE	2	Clear and pleasant weather throughout.
" 11	28.25	28.25	28.26	28.26	28.26	75.00	74.80	75.00	74.80	74.00	75.00	78.00	78.00	EBS	2	SE	3	SE	4	Thick fog; at 8.30 A.M. thunder; latter part with thick fog and light drizzling rain.
" 12	28.05	28.28	28.28	28.22	28.23	78.80	77.80	76.00	72.00	75.80	75.00	71.50	78.00	E	3	E	3	E	2	Clear and pleasant weather throughout.
" 13	28.22	28.25	28.25	28.15	28.15	74.00	78.80	77.80	72.80	76.80	71.80	71.80	81.00	SbW	1	W	1	NbW	2	Do. do. do.
" 14	28.17	28.20	28.15	28.12	28.12	76.80	80.00	78.80	75.80	77.00	71.80	71.80	83.00	NbE	3	NW	4	NNW	1	Fading fog at 8.30 A.M.; clear weather latter part.
" 15	28.15	28.20	28.14	28.14	28.12	76.80	88.80	79.80	74.00	80.00	76.00	78.80	83.00	NbE	2	SE	2	SW	2	Clear and pleasant weather throughout
" 16	28.12	28.15	28.16	28.12	28.12	76.80	80.80	78.00	75.80	78.00	76.00	74.00	84.00	NE	2	NNW	2	Calm	0	Clear at noon; distant thunder at intervals; latter part clear and pleasant weather.