

No. 146.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Surveyor General's Office on or before Monday the 17th Proximo, for the erection of the Hongkong Mint. Plans and Specification may be seen on application between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

By Order,

W. H. RENNIE,  
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th September, 1864.

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.

NOTICE.

Consignees and Masters of ships are hereby informed that, after the 15th proximo, the Boundary, North of which Vessels shall not anchor, is as follows:—

Kellett's Island bearing E. by S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S.

All ships to be *properly moored* with 35 fathoms chain (East and West.)

The passage between North Boundary of Man-of-war anchorage and the Kowloon Peninsula to be kept clear.

The Vessels of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company, when not at the Company's buoy, to moor in a North Westerly direction from the *Fort William*.

The Vessels of the "Messageries Imperiales" to moor in a North Westerly direction from the *Melville*.

Steamers and Vessels not having any definite employment will still remain on the North side near H. M. S. *Hercules*.

H. G. THOMSETT,  
Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Master's Office, Hongkong, 23rd September, 1864.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information that henceforward Book Packets may be transmitted from Hongkong to the United Kingdom, by way of *Marseilles*, at the following rates of postage, which must be prepaid by means of Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Not exceeding 4 oz.	Above 4 oz. and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Above $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and not exceeding 2 lbs.	Above 2 lbs. and not exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	Every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
12 cents.	24 cents.	48 cents.	72 cents.	96 cents.	\$1.20.	24 cents.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 19th September, 1864.