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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice of a Light recently placed on the South Bank of the Yang-tsze-kiang is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1864.

HYDROGRAPHICAL NOTICE (No. 16.)

On and after the 5th day of December 1864 a fixed white light placed at an elevation of 70 feet above the mean level of the sea, will be exhibited from the Kin-toan Beacon on the South bank of the Yang-tsze-kiang. It should be visible in clear weather at a distance of 5 or 6 miles.

The same building will display a red light at an elevation of 30 feet above the mean level of the sea. This light is intended to keep vessels clear of the dangerous spit that has formed off the Beacon, and it will not be visible from a ship's deck 15 feet above the sea until she is in 18 feet (low water spring tides.)

The Beacon is painted red and white chequered and is surmounted by a bright brass ball.

J. M. HOCKLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Master's Office, Shanghai, 3rd December, 1864.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

A new Postal convention having been concluded between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, henceforward the rates of postage on Letters sent from this Office to the Netherlands via Southampton will be

Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.		Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.		Above 1 oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.		Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	
s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1	2	2	4	3	6	4	8

and so on adding one rate for each additional half-ounce or fraction of half-an-ounce.

This rate will cover the whole postage British and Netherland to the place of destination.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Post-master General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 6th December, 1864.

NOTICE.

Applicants for Licenses for Cargo Boats under Ordinance No. 15 of 1860 are hereby informed that they must apply to this Office to have their Boats examined prior to such License being granted.

Present holders are also reminded that their licenses expire on the 31st instant.

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

Harbour Master's Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1864.