

The Red Ensign, and Union Jack with a white border, are to continue (as prescribed by art. 1) the National Colours for all other British ships, with the exception of yachts and such other vessels as their Lordships may from time to time authorise to bear distinguishing flags. Article 1.

All regulations not conflicting with the foregoing, remain in force.

By Command of their Lordships,

C. PAGET.

To all Commanders-in-Chief, Captains, Commanders, and Commanding Officers in Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels.

No. 174.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, Notice is hereby given that a Special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Police Magistrates' Court, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Thursday, the 5th day of January, 1865, and thereafter on the first Thursday of every month, for the purpose of considering applications for the transfer of Spirit Licenses.

Such applications to be lodged at the Police Magistrates' Court, at least ten days before each of the Sessions now notified.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1864.

No. 176.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Under the provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, notice is hereby given that a Special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Police Magistrates' Court at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon of Wednesday the 18th January next, for the purpose of considering one Application for a Spirit License.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1864.

No. 181.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information, that a List of the Tenements valued for the Year 1865 under the provisions of Ordinance No. 5 of 1863, will be open for inspection at the Government Offices for Fourteen Days, commencing on Monday, the 19th Instant.

Persons wishing to inspect the List are requested to apply at the Colonial Treasury to Mr. HYNDMAN, Police and Lighting Rate Clerk.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

The existing practice of charging the letters of Officers serving on board Her Majesty's Ships which may be posted unpaid or insufficiently paid with the deficient amount of postage only having been found exceptional and inconvenient, Her Majesty's Postmaster General has decided that in future when such letters are posted unpaid in the United Kingdom, or are received unpaid in a Ship's Bag from any Colonial Station, they will be chargeable on delivery with a fine of a single rate (6d.) in addition to the postage, and when they are posted insufficiently prepaid by means of postage stamps, they will be chargeable on delivery with a fine of six pence in addition to the deficient postage; and it is hereby notified for general information that such letters addressed to the United Kingdom which may reach this Office in the Ships' Bags will be treated correspondently.

Letters from Naval Officers addressed to the United Kingdom are entitled to be forwarded at the reduced charge of 6d. the half ounce via Southampton and 10d. the half ounce via Marseilles only when the same are posted here in the Ship's letter bag, and when they are brought to this Office otherwise they are treated as ordinary letters from the Public and charged accordingly.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 27th December, 1864.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information that commencing with the mails dispatched from the United Kingdom by way of Southampton on the 20th March, and by way of Marseilles on the 27th March next, which are due in Hongkong on the 15th May, the system of delivering letters from or through the United Kingdom, addressed to Shanghai, to the Agents of the persons to whom such letters are directed at this place, will be discontinued, and from and after the arrival of the before mentioned mails all such correspondence will be forwarded to Shanghai direct from this Department.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong 28th December, 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.
December 24	30.30	61	30.29	64	30.27	64
" 25	30.38	60	30.33	60	30.32	59
" 26	30.34	59	30.30	59	30.30	58
" 27	30.24	58	30.24	62	30.20	60
" 28	30.26	60	30.26	61	30.24	60
" 29	30.24	61	30.18	65	30.20	64
" 30	30.24	63	30.25	64	30.23	63

REGISTER AT BLOCK HOUSE, VICTORIA PEAK.

Height above Sea Level 1,770 feet.

DATE.	BAROMETER.					HYDROMETER.					THERMOMETER.		WINDS.						REMARKS AS TO WEATHER		
	DRY BULB.		WET BULB.			Self-Registering		Force, ranges from 0 to 12.													
	6 A.M.		NOON.			6 P.M.		Min. Max.		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.	Dirn.	F.	Dirn.	F.	Dirn.	F.				
1864.																					
Dec. 24	28.48	28.50	28.55	28.51	28.51	52.30	56.30	56.00	50.30	54.00	54.00	46.00	58.00	NE	3	NE	2	EbN	2	Fine throughout.	
" 25	28.55	28.55	28.50	28.50	28.50	52.00	56.00	54.30	48.30	52.30	52.30	45.30	59.30	NE	3	N	2	EbN	2	Do.	
" 26	28.50	28.50	28.45	28.45	28.45	49.30	55.00	52.30	46.30	51.30	51.30	43.30	57.30	N	3	EbN	2	NE	2	Do.	
" 27	28.45	28.45	28.45	28.45	28.45	50.30	55.30	54.30	49.30	53.30	48.30	46.30	59.30	E	2	E	2	NW	2	Do.	
" 28	28.50	28.42	28.45	28.45	28.45	51.30	57.30	56.00	50.30	54.30	50.30	46.30	59.30	EbN	3	NW	1	NW	2	Do.	
" 29	28.48	28.48	28.45	28.50	28.45	53.00	57.30	56.30	51.30	55.30	51.30	45.00	60.30	EbN	2	E	2	E	3	Do.	
" 30	28.48	28.50	28.48	28.51	28.46	51.00	59.30	56.00	53.30	52.30	52.30	46.00	61.30	E	4	E	2	E	2	Do.	

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

List of LETTERS and PAPERS lying at the Hongkong Post Office for Merchant Vessels, 30th December, 1864.

Letters, Papers.	Letters, Papers.	Letters, Papers.	Letters, Papers.	Letters, Papers.	Letters, Papers.	Letters, Papers.	Letters, Papers.
Anglo Saxon 1	Courimulzie 12	Friendship 1	Keoka 1	Milbrook 1	Spirit of the Deep 1		
Australian 1	Constance 2	Fanny 1	Kestrel 1	Maribelle 1	Shakespeare 2		
Messenger 1	Colombo 1	Falcon 1	Kensington 1		Sea Adventure 1		
Artic 1	Crimea 2	Frederica 1	Kablamba 1	Niewland 8	Sophia 1		
Amoy 1	Castor 1	Fattahool Aiziz 2	Kirkland 1	Noami 1	St. Fillans 1		
Arima 4	Cambalu 3	Formby 6		North 3	Sovereign of India 2		
Aberdeen 1	Clara 4		Lucknow 1	Northern Crown 1	Star of the North 2		
Agamenon 3	Conheath 1	Gharra 1	Lord Dalhousie 5		Santiago 1		
Annie Archbell 2	Clyo 1	Gustave Adolphe 1	Landsborough 3	Odin 1	Sunlee 2		
Akbar 3	Canada 1	Golconda 1	Louesie 2	Ofair 1	Sharp Shooter 1		
Avabhoj 1	Conference 3	Graham 1	Lotts 1	Ocean Spray 4			
Africana 2		Garibaldi 1	Louisa 2	Oithona 6	Tricolor 3		
Adriana 4	Delmina 1		Lady Franklyn 1	Oriental 1	Thames 3		
Alexandra 4	Diadem 6	Harperville 1	Lochnagar 1	Oriental Queen 1	Tweed 16		2
Abeona 1	Denmark 2	Harvest Queen 1	Lilla 1	Paul 2	Thomas Blythe 2		
Albertine 1	Dilkinson 1	Holmsdale 2	Lady Agnes Duff 1	Pilaron 1	Trebizond 2		
Areta 1	Dartmouth 2	Heretta 1	Lieut. Bellot 1	Prince of Wales 1	Tana 1		
Arabia 1	Dalkeith 9	Horsa 1	Lord Clyde 1	Papic 1	Tamara 4		6
	Daisy 2	Hardresser 1	London 3	Prouse 1	Tricolor 4		
	Doris 2	Henry Dailing 1		Procy Matia 12	Vernon 1		
Benelech 3	Desalemona 1	Iona 3	Maria 3	Phillip 1	Verbena 1		1
Berar 1	Douglas 3	Indomitabile 2	Manderin 2	Queen of the Seas 2	Vanda 1		1
Beaufront 7		Ina 2	Mariou 2		Veronica 1		1
Bristow 1	Edith 3	Johanna 1	Mary Ann 6				
Bolden Lawn 1	Equinox 5	Jack Frost 1	Montia 1	Robert and Alexander 3			
Borealus 1	Empire 1	John Duncan 1	Maggie Leslie 6	Ranolino 2	War Hawk 1		
Bleneathra 2	Ed. Percy 2	John Brightman 1	Margaret Jane 4	Robin Hood 1	Wandering Jew 2		
Bredin Castle 1	Ellenborough 5	John Douglas 1	Maud 1	Race Horse 1	West Derby 1		
Bedford 1	Empress Eugenie 4	Joana Frederika 2	Manfred 6	Rajah of Cochin 1	William Simpson 1		
Bonnie Lessie 1	Eastern Light 2	Julian 1	Mary 1	Rosella 1	Wave 3		
Banda 1	Enphrates 12	Jappaun 1	Malaeca 1	Rival 8	Water Witch 1		
Berwickshire 1	Eloisa 7	John Temperley 2	Mail Back 1	Rancee 2	Wild Darule 1		
Baron Keller 1	Eudora 1	Joe 1	Meteor 1	Schah Jehan 1	Winged Arrow 8		
Blairmore 4	England 2	John Stuart 1	Mary Croker 1	Star King 1	W. A. Fanworth 1		
Bengal 1	Eduard 1	Jun 1	Mahdie 1	Seaton 1	William Cudall 2		1
	Erheidreda 1	John Lidgett 1	Marguet Family 1	Salacia 1	Windlow 1		
Canaan 2	Empress of India 1	Kinginsoon 1	Mary Nicholson 2	Sandringham 1	Water Lily 2		
Cyclone 1	Fairy Belle 6		Madge 1				
Contest 1	Fulkin 1		Monarchy 1				
Comet 1							
Carrington 1							