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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified by His Excellency The GOVERNOR, in accordance with instructions received from The Right Honorable The EARL OF CARNARVON, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Prussian Ambassador has made known to Lord STANLEY, that in consequence of the Union with the Prussian Monarchy of the Kingdom of Hanover, of the Electorate of Hesse, and of the Free State of Frankfort-on-the-Maine, the Consular Posts of the aforesaid Countries are abolished, and united with the Prussian Consular Service.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th February, 1867.

No. 29.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Decision of the Marine Court of Inquiry into the charges brought by the Crew of the British Barque *Moldavian* against JOHN JOBSON, Chief Mate of the said Vessel, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th February, 1867.

FINDING.

The Court having considered the evidence adduced conclude:

First.—That JOHN JOBSON, only Mate, the number of whose Certificate of Competency is 31,602, did violently assault JOSEPH MEADOWS, able Seaman of the *Moldavian* at Swatow on the 21st December last, and that the assault was unprovoked.  
Second.—That JOHN JOBSON did violently assault WILLIAM JOBLIN, Carpenter, and GEORGE LUNEBURG, 2nd Mate and Boatswain when in the Woosung River on the 3rd instant:—in the case of JOBLIN there was some provocation, but not sufficient to justify the Mate committing the assault he did—in the case of LUNEBURG there was no provocation.  
Third.—JOHN JOBSON appears to have struck other men, but the assaults were not of a serious nature.  
We therefore adjudge that the Certificate of JOHN JOBSON be suspended for three months.  
The Court is of opinion that the Master is deserving of censure for not having preserved proper discipline on board his ship.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 12th day of February, 1867.

W. H. RENNIE, *Acting Police Magistrate.*  
H. G. THOMSETT, R.N., *Harbor Master, &c.*  
FRANCIS PARRY, *Unofficial Justice of the Peace.*  
CHAS. VINCENT, *Government Marine Surveyor.*  
A. OVERBURY, *Master, Mercantile Marine.*

Approved,  
RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,  
*Governor.*  
13th February, 1867.