

known that henceforward Cotton, or other merchandize, purchased at, or imported from, whatsoever place may as heretofore be freely dealt in and carried to or fro; and that the regulations unauthorizedly drawn up prohibiting purchases and sales in Hongkong, and imposing fines, &c., may on no account be carried into effect. It is equally incumbent upon all, on the other hand, to abide by the established rules as regards submitting merchandize to Customs' inspection and paying duty thereupon. Let all carry on their trade in a legitimate manner, and abstain from smuggling transactions and evasion of duty by clandestinely transporting merchandize to the Country districts and there disposing of it, to the detriment of the Customs' revenue and in violation of the established laws. If any venture to oppose disobedience in this respect, they will be severely punished by the Viceroy and Superintendent when apprehended and brought before the tribunals. Let the dealers in Cotton also abstain from giving rise to subjects of dispute and interfering injuriously with commercial interests.

Let all obey this special Proclamation!

Tung-chih, 6th Year, 11th Month, 4th Day, (29th November, 1867.)

Translated by

(Signed,) Wm. FREDK. MAYERS,
Vice-Consul.

No. 170.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with Section 12 of "The Police and Lighting Rate Ordinance, 1863," His Excellency the GOVERNOR, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the Year 1867 at Ten and a quarter per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria; and in accordance with Section 18 of the same Ordinance at Five per cent for Houses in the Villages of this Island.

The above Rate, as regards Houses in Victoria, will be levied exclusive of a Lighting Rate of One and a half per cent under Section 12 of the above Ordinance, and a Water Rate of Two per cent per Annum under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 12 of 1860.

The Police, Lighting and Water Rates will, under terms of the Ordinances, be payable Quarterly in advance, at the Colonial Treasury, between the first and last Days of the first Month in each Quarter.

These several Rates shall be charged and chargeable on and recoverable from the Owners of the Tenements in respect of which the above assessment has been made.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1867.

No. 171.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon on the 19th Instant, for the re-building of *Mountain Lodge* at Victoria Peak. Plans and Specifications can be seen on application at the Surveyor General's Office, where also a proper Form of Tender may be obtained.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1867.

No. 172.

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 9th Day of January, 1868; and thereafter on the first Thursday of every Month, for the purpose of considering applications for granting or transferring Spirit Licenses.

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

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1867.

No. 167.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office till Noon on the 9th Proximo, for the Removal of the Overseer's and Watchman's Bungalows at Pokfulum Reservoir to Farm Lot 32. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Surveyor General's Office.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th November, 1867.