

No. 191.

## 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 1874, at  $7\frac{3}{4}$  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 outlying Villages of the Colony.

His Excellency has also, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 4 of 1868, fixed the Fire Brigade Rate at  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria.

The above Rates, 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 first named Ordinance, and a Water Rate of Two per cent per annum under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 12 of 1860.

The Police, Lighting, Fire Brigade, 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 Assessments have been made.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th December, 1873.

## NOTICE.

Owners of Tenements assessed to the Police, Lighting, Water, and Fire Brigade Rates, are informed that the Rates for the First Quarter of the year 1874, are payable *in advance*, during and within the month of January next.

CECIL C. SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 29th December, 1873.

## NOTICE.

On and after the 1st January, 1874, every British Ship, of whatever Port of Registry, is required by the *Merchant Shipping Act, 1873*, to be marked as follows:—

- (1.) With her name on each bow;
- (2.) With her name and Port of Registry on her stern, in conspicuous letters at least four inches long;
- (3.) With her Official Number and Registered tonnage *cut in* on her main beam;
- (4.) With a scale of feet denoting her draught of water *cut in on each side* of her stem and stern post, and painted, the figures being numerals or Roman figures at least six inches long, the lowest coinciding with the draught line marked thereby.

The above markings are required to be satisfactorily made and permanently maintained under a penalty not exceeding £100. Vessels may be detained until they are sufficiently and accurately marked. The colours allowed are white or yellow lettering on a dark ground, or black lettering upon a light ground.

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

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 15th November, 1873.

## WEATHER TABLES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 16TH JANUARY, 1874.

REGISTER AT HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE, PRAYA WEST.

1874.		10 A.M.		NOON.				4 P.M.	
		Baro- meter.	Thermo- meter.	Baro- meter.	Thermo- meter.	THERMOMETER.		Baro- meter.	Thermo- meter.
Self Registering.									
						Min.	Max.		
January	10	30.28	62	30.26	63	55	66	30.20	62
"	11	30.17	62	30.13	64	57.5	65	30.12	64
"	12	30.14	66.5	30.14	69	60.5	69	30.10	70
"	13	30.26	59.5	30.28	60.5	55	70.5	30.24	61
"	14	30.33	56.5	30.29	61	52.5	63	30.27	63
"	15	30.25	62	30.25	64.5	58	65.5	30.20	67
"	16	30.26	61.5	30.26	63	56.5	62.5	30.23	64.5

