

POLICE NOTIFICATION.

On and after the 1st April, 1874, the sum of Twenty-five cents will be charged for each private message sent by the Police Telegraph.

Payment to be made by attaching an Adhesive Stamp of the above value to the message form.

By Order,

W. M. DEANE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Central Police Station, 14th March, 1874.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor in Council has been pleased to fix One Thousand Dollars as the limit of compensation to be paid to Persons who may build on land at Kowloong under Garden Leases, and whose property may be resumed for public purposes before the expiration of the period for which it has been let.

Within the above limit, the Government will grant compensation under the circumstances hereinbefore stated to the extent of Two-thirds of the value of the Building.

It is important for Crown Lessees to understand that no compensation will be paid on re-sumption by Government of any Lot the Lease of which has expired through effluxion of time, but they may rest assured that, unless the Land is required for public improvements, the Leases which have been or may be issued to them in the first instance will be renewed for a further period of Fourteen Years, under similar conditions.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1874.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the Duties of the Harbour Department will, on and after Monday, the 16th instant, be conducted at the new Offices, near the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company's Offices.

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

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 5th February, 1874.

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.