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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Regulations, made by His Excellency the Governor in Council, concerning the general conditions upon which Pensions, Superannuation Allowances, or other Relief are to be granted, under Ordinance No. 8 of 1869, to Members of the Police Force, are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th March, 1874.

Regulations made by His Excellency the Governor in Council, in pursuance of Section IV of Ordinance No. 8 of 1869, for the granting of Police Pensions.

I. The following Regulations apply to all Inspectors, Sergeants, Sergeant Interpreters, and Constables of the Police Force who have joined since 24th September, 1869; excepting those who have enlisted under special agreement.

II. Subject to the exceptions and provisions hereinafter contained, a Pension will be granted to any Member of the Force, who has served ten years, at the rate of 15/60^{ths} of the Annual pay of his rank, provided he shall have been in receipt of the same for at least three years; otherwise, the Pension shall be calculated upon the average amount of pay received by such person during the three years next preceding the commencement of such Pension. Further, for every full and complete year's service after ten years, an addition to the Annual Pension of 1/60th part shall be made for each additional year of such service.

III. All Pensions granted shall be payable in Hongkong or London, or in the principal towns of British India.

IV. Full Pensions will be granted only on the Candidates' conduct having been uniformly good.

V. Should the Candidate's conduct not have been uniformly good, a modified Pension, or Superannuation Allowance will be granted. Should his conduct have been decidedly bad, no Pension or Superannuation Allowance will be paid.

VI. A Superannuation Allowance in lieu of a Pension calculated at five times the amount of the Annual Pension may be granted if the applicant will be unable to draw his Pension at any of the places before mentioned, or on the application of the Grantee, at the discretion of His Excellency The Governor.

VII. If any person receiving a Pension under these Regulations should be appointed to fill any Office in any Public Department, such Pension shall cease to be paid for any period subsequent to such appointment if the annual amount of the profits of the Office to which he shall be appointed shall be equal to those of the Office formerly held by him; and in case it shall not be equal to those of his former Office, then no more of such Pension shall be paid to him than what with the Salary of his new appointment shall be equal to the profits of his former Office.

VIII. A Pension, or Retiring Allowance is granted only upon the condition that it becomes forfeited, and may be withdrawn by His Excellency the Governor, in any of the following cases:—

- (a.) On the conviction of the Grantee for any indictable Offence.
- (b.) On his knowingly associating with thieves or suspected persons.
- (c.) On his refusing to give information and assistance to the Police whenever in his power, for the detection and apprehension of Criminals, and for the suppression of any disturbance of the public peace.

(d.) If he enter into or continue to carry on any business, occupation, or employment which shall be, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor, disgraceful itself or injurious to the Public, or in which he shall make use of the fact of his former employment in the Police in a manner which His Excellency the Governor considers to be discreditable and improper.

Approved in Council, 17th March, 1874.

A. E. KENNEDY,
Governor.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 49.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report from the Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1874.

No. 4.

FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT,
HONGKONG, 14th March, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you, for submission to the view of His Excellency the Governor, the Report of the Fire Brigade for the months of January and February last.

A Parade and Inspection of the Volunteer and Government Brigades took place on the 16th January. The assembly was at the Cross Roads, and thence the Engines were taken to the Praya and worked from the sea. The Steam Engine of the "Hongkong Fire Insurance Company" and the Hand Engines of the "Chinese Associations" were present: all were found to be in excellent order.

An Inspection of the Government Brigade Engines, Stores, and Equipment, was made on the 31st January: all were found clean and in order.

A Parade and Inspection of the Volunteer and Government Brigades was held on the 28th February. The Fire Engines, including three of "Chinese Associations," were taken to the Praya and worked from the sea: all were found in good order.

It is deserving of remark, that for three months and-a-half during the cold season, there has been no outbreak of fire in the City of Victoria.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. MAY,
Superintendent, Fire Brigade.

The Honorable J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary,
HONGKONG.

No. 50.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th March, 1874.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 33.]

CHINA SEA.

SWATOW DISTRICT.

High Lamock Lighthouse.

Notice is hereby given that the Lights on the high Lamock Island were exhibited for the first time at sunset on the 18th February, 1874.

1. The High Light.

The illuminating apparatus is Dioptric of the First Order, shewing a *fixed white* light visible all round. The Light is elevated 241 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible from a distance of 22 nautical miles.

The tower is round, of cast iron, 25 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern vane of 54 feet. The tower is painted black, but the dwellings and boundary wall are painted white.

Approximate position:—Latitude 23°14'50" N. Longitude 117°17'30" E.