

2. *The Low Light.*

The illuminating apparatus is Dioptric of the Fourth Order, shewing a *fixed red* light visible between the magnetic bearings taken from seaward of N.  $34\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E. and N.  $50\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  E., so as to assist mariners in keeping clear of the White and Boat Rocks.

The Light, which is exhibited from a window in a building, painted white, erected on the southern slope of the island, is elevated 55 feet above the level of the sea, and, in clear weather, it should be visible from a distance of 7 nautical miles.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,  
*Engineer-in-Chief.*

ENGINEERS' OFFICE, CUSTOM HOUSE, SWATOW, 26th February, 1874.

No. 52.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Annual Report of the Hongkong General Post Office for the Year 1873, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st March, 1874.

No. 11.

## GENERAL POST OFFICE,

VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 19th March, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to present to His Excellency Governor SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B., the Fourteenth Annual Report on the Post Office, being that for the year 1873.

2. The year 1873 was characterized by a general dullness in Trade, and the Department has not escaped the consequent effect upon its revenue.

3. The events and alterations which are worthy of note are as follows, viz.:—

4. The arrangement referred to in my last Annual Report, paragraph 5, for sending correspondence paid or unpaid between this Office and Austria, and the several Continental States, viâ Trieste, by means of the British Mail Packets has been completed.

5. The French Mail Packets continue to afford the best means of transmitting Mails to and from the Australian Colonies and New Zealand viâ Point de Galle, from whence they are carried by Packets under contract with the Victorian Government, the Mails for Queensland are however now forwarded viâ Singapore by a line of Steamers through Torres' Straits, under Contract with the Queensland Government.

6. A line of British Mail Contract Packets has been established between Aden and Zanzibar, and thence to the Cape of Good Hope, calling at certain Ports on the Eastern Coast of Africa, and at Natal, which affords a regular means of conveyance of correspondence from Hongkong for the foreign ports on the East African Coast as well as for Natal and the Cape Colony, and by the connecting line, to St. Helena and Ascension also, at a reduced rate of postage.

7. The correspondence forwarded to London in private ship Mails, viâ Suez and Brindisi, is still inconsiderable, although in one instance, viz., the private ship mail sent by the Steamer *Glaucus*, which was despatched from Hongkong on the 23rd January, was delivered in London on the 3rd March, the day upon which the Mail despatched from Hongkong by the Contract Packet *Sumatra* on the same date was delivered in London, and the *Ulysses'* Mail which was despatched from Hongkong on the 27th May, was delivered in London on the 8th July, the date upon which the *Travancore's* Mail which was despatched on the 24th of May was delivered; the *Travancore* however met with an accident. The shortest time in which a private ship Mail from Hongkong, was delivered in London was 40 days, and the longest 58 days. No private ship Mails, were sent from the United Kingdom to China viâ Brindisi during the year.

8. There has been no instance of a Mail having been lost, such as was reported in the year 1872. The British Contract Packet *Madras* which left Hongkong on the 1st September with the Mails for Yokohama struck on a sunken rock off Swatow on the following day, and had to put into that Port, and the *Bombay* was despatched from Hongkong on the evening of the 4th September for Swatow and proceeded to Yokohama, with the *Madras's* Mails.

9. The question of establishing a Money Order system between Hongkong and China on the one side, and Saigon and Cambogia on the other has been fully considered; but for the reasons set forth in my Report of 30th August, No. 31, it was not deemed expedient to carry the project into effect.

10. The proposition to erect a Post Office at Shanghae in lieu of paying high rent has received consideration, and the Home Government having given at a peppercorn rent, the plot of ground referred to in my Report of the tour of inspection of the Postal Agencies in China and Japan, dated 20th July 1871, No. 43, Mr. Boyce, the Government Surveyor in charge of Legation and Consular Buildings in China and Japan, stationed at Shanghae, has received instructions to prepare the necessary plans, &c., an arrangement which, as I then shewed, will be more economical than that now existing.

11. The following statement shews a decrease in the Gross Revenue of 1873, as compared with 1872, amounting to \$11,961.56; of which \$3,969.46 is apportioned to the Imperial Post Office and \$7,992.10 to the Colonial Government.

12.

*Comparative Statement of Revenue.*

Total Revenue collected in 1873, (including profit in Exchange),	£37,766.10. 1	= \$181,279.22
Do. do. 1872,	£40,258. 9.11	= \$193,240.78
Total decrease in 1873 as compared with 1872,	£ 2,491.19.10	= \$ 11,961.56
Amount of Imperial Revenue collected, { Remittances to London, £22,304.18.1 } in 1873, { Contribution to Agencies, 1,270. 0.0 } £23,574.18. 1	= \$113,159.54	
Do. do. do. 1872,	24,401.17. 6	= 117,129.00
Decrease in 1873, as compared with 1872,	£ 826.19. 5	= \$ 3,969.46
Amount of Colonial Revenue collected in 1873,	\$ 68,119.68	
Do. do. do. 1872,	76,111.78	
Decrease in 1873 as compared with 1872,	\$ 7,992.10	

13.

The Total Expenditure in 1873, (including \$6,096 borne by the Imperial Post Office) amounted to (Crown Agents Account not yet received),	\$ 39,731.72
Do. do. in 1872,	40,368.15
Decrease in 1873,	636.43
Shewing a Decrease in nett Revenue in 1873 as compared with 1872, of	\$ 7,355.67

14. The excess of the Colony's Postal Revenue over its Expenditure during the year 1873, amounted to \$28,387.96, which, with \$6,096 reimbursement from the Imperial Post Office towards the maintenance of Agencies at the Ports, makes a total in favor of the Colony amounting to \$34,483.96, or \$7,355.67, less than it was in 1872.

15.

The Colony's share of the Postage on Mails received from the United Kingdom during 1873, was	£1,646.19. 1
Do. do. do. do. 1872, was	1,595.12. 8
Increase in 1873,	£ 51. 6. 5

16.

The number of Ship Mails sent in 1873, was	1,536	The number of Ship Mails received in 1873 was	1,506
Do. do. in 1872, was	1,561	Do. do. in 1872 was	1,479
Decrease in 1873,	25	Increase in 1873,	27

17.

	Letters.	Papers.		Letters.	Papers.
The number of Letters and Papers received by United States' Mail Packets from San Francisco and Yokohama in 1873, was	17,062	19,644	The number of Letters and Papers sent by United States' Mail Packets to Yokohama and San Francisco in 1873, was	27,607	39,956
In 1872, .....	20,212	20,742	In 1872, .....	27,255	34,755
Decrease in 1873,.....	3,150	1,098	Increase in 1873,.....	352	5,201

18. The following Tables show the results of the Money Order business in 1873 as compared with 1872:

ORDERS DRAWN UPON THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1873.			Commission which accrued to the Colony.	1872.			INCREASE.		Commission which accrued to the Colony.	DECREASE.		Commission which accrued to the Colony.
At	No. of Orders drawn.	Amount.		No. of Orders drawn.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.		Amount.		
		£ s. d.	\$ c.		£ s. d.	\$ c.		£ s. d.	\$ c.		£ s. d.	\$ c.
Hongkong, .....	2,156	10,504. 5. 8	402.09	2,065	10,753. 2. 4	391.10	91	...	10.99	...	248.16. 8	...
Shanghai,.....	1,005	5,087. 4. 7	201.75	1,004	5,088.19.10	204.24	1	...	...	...	1.15. 3	2.49
Yokohama,.....	1,053	4,149.18. 5	176.72	756	2,081. 5. 3	114.19	297	2,068.13. 2	62.53	...	...	...
Total,.....	4,214	19,741. 8. 8	780.56	3,825	17,923. 7. 5	709.53	389	2,068.13. 2	73.52	...	250.11.11	2.49

ORDERS DRAWN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

1873.			Commission which accrued to the Colony.	1872.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
Upon	No. of Orders drawn.	Amount.		No. of Orders drawn.	Amount.	Commission which accrued to the Colony.	Number.	Amount.	Commission which accrued to the Colony.	Number.	Amount.	Commission which accrued to the Colony.
		£ s. d.	\$ c.		£ s. d.	\$ c.		£ s. d.	\$ c.		£ s. d.	\$ c.
Hongkong, .....	58	206. 4. 1	11.19	47	175. 5. 5	6.87	11	30.18. 8	4.32	...	...	...
Shanghai, .....	16	53. 9. 9	2.70	11	29. 6. 7	5.80	5	24. 3. 2	...	...	...	3.10
Yokohama, .....	19	81. 9. 7	3.62	14	74.18.10	3.87	5	6.10. 9	...	...	...	0.25
Total, .....	93	341. 3. 5	17.51	72	279.10.10	16.54	21	€1.12. 7	4.32	...	...	3.35

19. The following figures show the result of the Local Money Order business in 1873 as compared with 1872.

	1873.			1872.			INCREASE.			DECREASE.		
	No. of Orders.	Amount.	Commission.	No. of Orders.	Amount.	Commission.	No. of Orders.	Amount.	Commission.	No. of Orders.	Amount.	Commission.
		\$ c.	\$ c.		\$ c.	\$ c.		\$ c.	\$ c.		\$ c.	\$ c.
Money Orders drawn in Hongkong on Shanghai, .....	17	251.21	2.70	40	795.48	7.65	...	...	...	23	541.27	4.95
Money Orders drawn in Hongkong on Yokohama, .....	27	664.40	5.55	18	336.45	3.30	9	327.95	2.25	...	...	...
Money Orders drawn in Shanghai on Hongkong, .....	139	3,435.31	29.40	207	6,141.02	53.96	...	...	...	68	2,705.71	24.56
Money Orders drawn in Yokohama on Hongkong, .....	68	1,655.39	14.40	53	876.87	9.15	15	778.52	5.25	...	...	...
Total, .....	251	6,006.31	52.05	318	8,149.82	74.06	24	1,106.47	7.50	91	3,249.98	29.51

20. The number of Letters and Papers sent from Hongkong to the United Kingdom, has been as follows, viz.:-

BY BRITISH PACKET.

	Letters.	Papers.
In 1873, .....	138,307	101,356
In 1872, .....	154,476	112,331
Decrease, .....	16,169	10,975

BY FRENCH PACKET.

	Letters.	Papers.
In 1873, .....	61,799	24,735
In 1872, .....	57,247	20,742
Increase, .....	4,552	3,993

21. The weight of Letters sent to the United Kingdom in 1873, has been as follows:-

BY BRITISH PACKET.

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.
In 1873, .....	2	0	1	25	14
In 1872, .....	2	4	1	4	13
Decrease, .....		3	3	6	15

BY FRENCH PACKET.

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.
In 1873, .....	1	2	3	2	14½
In 1872, .....	1	1	2	7	9
Increase, .....		1	0	23	5½

22. The weight of Letters received from the United Kingdom in 1873, has been as follows:-

BY BRITISH PACKET.

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.
In 1873, .....	1	19	3	5	6
In 1872, .....	2	1	2	10	8
Decrease, .....		1	3	5	2

BY FRENCH PACKET.

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.
In 1873, .....	0	18	0	20	8
In 1872, .....	0	15	0	8	8
Increase, .....		3	0	12	0

23.

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.
The Total weight of Letters sent from Hongkong to the United Kingdom in 1873, was.....	3	3	1	0	12½
Do. in 1872, was.....	3	5	3	12	6
Decrease in 1873, .....	0	2	2	11	10½

	Tons.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	oz.
The Total weight of Letters received from the United Kingdom in 1873, was.....	2	17	3	25	14.
Do. in 1872, was.....	2	16	2	19	0
Increase in 1873, .....	0	1	1	6	14

24.

The number of Registered Letters received from London in 1873, was.....	2,205
Do. do. in 1872, was.....	1,899
Increase in 1873, .....	306
The number of Registered Letters sent to London from Hongkong and the Postal Agencies in China and Japan in 1873, was.....	4,416
In 1872, .....	4,092
Increase in 1873, .....	324

25. The following Tables show the number of Registered Letters sent to, and received from other places in 1873 and 1872.

## SENT.

To India.		Galle.		Strait Settlements.		Australia.		Continent of Europe.		Ports of China and Japan.	
1873	1872	1873	1872	1873	1872	1873	1872	1873	1872	1873	1872
450	522	9	14	136	116	83	111	227	224	962	981

## RECEIVED.

582	489	22	49	896	743	234	329	609	528	591	496
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Giving a Total of Registered Letters *sent* in 1873, of 6,283 against 6,060 sent in 1872, and a Total of Registered Letters *received* of 5,139 in 1873, against 4,533 received in 1872.

26. The amount realized by the sale of Postage Stamps in 1873, was \$141,991.74. Stamps of the value of \$77,023.08 were sold in Hongkong, and the remainder, viz., \$64,968.66 at the Post Office Agencies at the Ports in China and Japan, showing a decrease of \$4,500.16 in those sold in Hongkong, and an increase of \$2,138.36 in those sold at the Ports, as compared with 1872.

27. I annex a List of the number and value of each kind of Postage Stamps sold in 1873 and 1872, showing the increase or decrease, as the case may be, under each head, viz. :—

POSTAGE STAMPS SOLD IN 1873.			POSTAGE STAMPS SOLD IN 1872.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
Denomination.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		\$ c.		\$ c.		\$ c.		\$ c.
2 cents.	244,277	4,885.54	243,707	4,874.14	570	11.40	...	...
4 "	123,869	4,954.76	132,705	5,308.20	...	...	8,836	353.44
6 "	109,363	6,561.78	102,737	6,164.22	6,626	397.56	...	...
8 "	180,849	14,467.92	194,450	15,556.00	...	...	13,601	1,088.08
12 "	44,279	5,313.48	48,634	5,836.08	...	...	4,355	522.00
18 "	10,944	1,969.92	12,390	2,230.20	...	...	1,446	260.28
24 "	78,172	18,761.28	89,692	21,526.08	...	...	11,520	2,764.80
30 "	163,491	49,047.30	146,565	43,969.50	16,926	5,077.80	...	...
48 "	25,908	12,435.84	28,183	13,527.84	...	...	2,275	1,092.00
96 "	24,577	23,593.92	26,418	25,361.28	...	...	1,841	1,767.36
Total,.....		\$141,991.74		\$144,353.54		\$5,486.76		7,848.56

28. The following returns shew that the average time occupied in conveying the Mails from Home has been about the same in 1873 as it was in 1872, by the British Packets, and that by the French Packets the average time with the Mails from Home, was a little more in 1873 than it was in 1872. The shortest time in which a Mail was delivered in Hongkong from London by British Packet *via* Brindisi last year was 37 days, and the shortest time in which a Mail was delivered in Hongkong by French Packet *via* Marseilles last year was 38 days. As regards the Homeward Mails, two Mails sent from Hongkong by French Packet *via* Marseilles were delivered in London in 35 days, and three in 36 days, whilst by the British Packets *via* Brindisi the quickest time occupied was 39 days on four occasions.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

The Honorable J. GARDINER AUSTIN,

Colonial Secretary,

HONGKONG.

A.

RETURN shewing the Number of Days allowed for the conveyance of MAILS from London to Hongkong via Southampton and via Brindisi, the Time each voyage occupied, and the Number of Days lost or gained, during the Year 1873.

Via Southampton.					Via Brindisi.				
Date of Departure.	Time allowed in Time Table.	Number of Days occupied.	Number of Days gained.	Number of Days lost.	Date of Departure.	Time allowed in Time Table.	Number of Days occupied.	Number of Days gained.	Number of Days lost.
1873.	Days.				1873.	Days.			
January 2	51	52	...	1	January 10	43	44	...	1
" 16	51	51	...	...	" 24	43	43	...	...
" 30	48	47	1	...	February 7	40	39	1	...
February 13	48	51	...	3	" 21	40	43	...	3
" 27	48	47	1	...	March 7	40	39	1	...
March 13	48	46	2	...	" 21	40	38	2	...
" 27	48	47	1	...	April 4	40	39	1	...
April 10	48	48	...	...	" 18	40	40	...	...
" 24	48	47	1	...	May 2	40	39	1	...
May 8	48	46	2	...	" 16	40	38	2	...
" 22	48	46	2	...	" 30	40	38	2	...
June 5	48	46	2	...	June 13	40	38	2	...
" 19	48	45	3	...	" 27	40	37	3	...
July 3	48	51	...	3	July 11	40	43	...	3
" 17	48	46	2	...	" 25	40	38	2	...
" 31	48	47	1	...	August 8	40	39	1	...
August 14	48	46	2	...	" 22	40	38	2	...
" 28	48	48	...	...	September 5	40	40	...	...
September 11	48	51	...	3	" 19	40	43	...	3
" 25	51	49	2	...	October 3	43	41	2	...
October 9	51	49	2	...	" 17	43	41	2	...
" 23	51	53	...	2	" 31	43	45	...	2
November 6	51	52	...	1	November 14	43	44	...	1
" 20	51	49	2	...	" 28	43	44	2	...
December 4	51	52	...	1	December 12	43	41	...	1
" 18	51	49	2	...	" 26	43	41	2	...
Total,.....	1,275	1,261	28	14	Total,.....	1,067	1,053	28	14

Average number of days allowed for each voyage, .....49  
 " " " occupied in " .....48½

Average number of days allowed for each voyage, .....41  
 " " " occupied in " .....40½

F. W. MITCHELL,  
 Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 19th March, 1874.

## B.

RETURN shewing the DATES of ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES of the British Contract Packets during 1873, and the Number of Days occupied in transmitting the Mails via Brindisi and via Southampton respectively.

## ARRIVALS.

Name of Packets.	Date on which Packet should have arrived according to Time Table.		Actual Date of Arrival.		Number of Days occupied via Brindisi.	Number of Days occupied via Southampton.
	1873.		1873.			
Ellora .....	February	21	February	22	44	52
Travancore .....	March	7	March	7	43	51
Deccan .....	"	18	"	17	39	47
Geelong .....	April	1	April	4	43	51
Tanjore .....	"	15	"	14	39	47
Cathay .....	"	29	"	27	38	46
Travancore .....	May	13	May	12	39	47
Massilia .....	"	27	"	27	40	48
Bokhara .....	June	10	June	9	39	47
Pekin .....	"	24	"	22	38	46
Mirzapore .....	July	8	July	6	38	46
Lombardy .....	"	22	"	20	38	46
Geelong .....	August	5	August	2	37	45
Malwa .....	"	19	"	22	43	51
Bombay .....	September	2	"	31	38	46
Gwalior .....	"	16	September	15	39	47
Sunda .....	"	30	"	28	38	46
Orissa .....	October	14	October	14	40	48
Zambesi .....	"	28	"	31	43	51
Travancore .....	November	14	November	12	41	49
Nizam .....	"	28	"	26	41	49
Mooltan .....	December	12	December	14	45	53
Behar .....	"	26	"	27	44	52
	1874.		1874.			
Lombardy .....	January	9	January	7	41	49
Travancore .....	"	23	"	24	44	52
Golconda .....	February	6	February	4	41	49

## DEPARTURES.

Name of Packets.	Date of Departure from Hongkong.	Date of Arrival in London.		Number of Days via Brindisi.	Number of Days via Southampton.			
		Via Brindisi.	Via Southampton.					
	1873.		1873.					
Travancore .....	January	9	February	16	February	25	39	48
Sumatra .....	"	23	March	3	March	10	40	47
Geelong .....	February	6	"	17	"	27	40	50
Australia .....	"	20	April	1	April	7	41	47
Ellora .....	March	6	"	14	"	22	40	48
Travancore .....	"	20	"	28	May	5	40	47
Deccan .....	April	3	May	12	"	22	40	50
Geelong .....	"	17	"	26	June	4	40	49
Tanjore .....	"	26	June	8	"	14	44	50
Madrasi .....	May	10	"	23	July	1	45	53
Travancore .....	"	24	July	8	"	16	46	54
Massilia .....	June	7	"	21	"	27	45	51
Bokhara, put back Mail sent } per Sunda .....	"	22	August	3	August	13	43	53
Bombay .....	July	5	"	20	"	29	47	56
Pekin .....	"	19	September	1	September	8	45	52
Mirzapore .....	August	2	"	15	"	22	45	52
Lombardy .....	"	16	"	30	October	8	46	54
Bokhara .....	"	30	October	11	"	18	43	50
Indus .....	September	13	"	27	November	3	45	52
Malwa .....	"	27	November	9	"	17	44	52
Geelong .....	October	16	"	23	December	1	39	47
Gwalior .....	"	30	December	8	"	15	40	47
Zambesi .....	November	13	"	22	"	30	40	48
Travancore .....	"	27	1874, January	4	1874, Jan.	11	39	46
Sunda .....	December	11	"	18	"	25	39	46
Nizam .....	"	25	"	February 2	Receipt not yet acknowledged.		40	Receipt not yet acknowledged.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

C.

RETURN shewing the DATES of ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES of the French Mail Packets during 1873, and the Number of Days occupied in the Transmission of Mails between Hongkong and London.

ARRIVALS.

Name of Packets.	Date of Arrival at Hongkong.		Date on which Mail left London.		Number of Days occupied in the Voyage.
	1873.		1872.		
Donnai .....	January	2	November	22	42
Peiho .....	"	16	December	6	42
Meikong .....	February	1	"	20	44
Sindh .....	"	13	1873. January	3	42
Provence .....	March	2	"	17	45
Hoogly .....	"	13	"	31	42
Tigre .....	"	27	February	14	42
Amazone .....	April	9	"	28	41
Ava .....	"	24	March	14	42
Iraouaddy .....	May	7	"	28	41
Peiho .....	"	18	April	11	38
Meikong .....	June	3	"	25	40
Sindh .....	"	16	May	9	39
Provence † .....	July	21	"	23	60
Hoogly .....	"	14	June	6	39
Tigre .....	"	30	"	20	41
Amazone .....	August	15	July	4	43
Ava .....	"	27	"	18	41
Iraouaddy .....	September	8	August	1	39
Donnai * .....	October	3	"	15	50
Peiho .....	"	7	"	29	40
Meikong .....	"	23	September	12	42
Sindh .....	November	6	"	26	42
Provence .....	"	21	October	10	43
Hoogly .....	December	6	"	24	44
Tigre .....	"	21	November	7	45
Amazone .....	"	31	"	21	41
TOTAL.....					1,150

Average Number of days occupied in each Voyage.....42½.

† Mails conveyed from Saigon by French Corvette *Destree* which arrived on the 5th July.  
 \* " " " Galle by British Packet *Sunda* which arrived on the 28th September.

DEPARTURES.

Name of Packets.	Date of Departure from Hongkong.		Date of Arrival of Mail in London.		Number of Days occupied in the Voyage.
	1873.		1873.		
Amazone .....	January	2	February	6	36
Ava .....	"	16	"	20	36
Donnai .....	"	30	March	13	43
Peiho .....	February	13	"	19	35
Meikong .....	"	27	April	5	38
Sindh .....	March	13	"	18	37
Provence .....	"	27	May	4	39
Hoogly .....	April	10	"	18	39
Tigre .....	"	24	June	1	39
Amazone .....	May	3	"	11	40
Ava .....	"	17	"	27	42
Iraouaddy .....	"	31	July	13	44
Peiho .....	June	14	"	23	40
Meikong .....	"	28	August	11	45
Sindh .....	July	12	"	21	41
Provence .....	"	26	September	7	44
Hoogly .....	August	9	"	19	42
Tigre .....	"	23	October	2	41
Amazone .....	September	6	"	17	42
Ava .....	"	20	"	28	39
Iraouaddy .....	October	4	November	19	47
Donnai .....	"	25	December	2	39
Peiho .....	November	6	"	10	35
Meikong .....	"	20	"	25	36
Sindh .....	December	4	1874, January	9	37
Provence.....	"	18	" February	2	47
TOTAL.....					1,043

Average Number of Days occupied in each Voyage.....40

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 Postmaster General.

## D.

RETURN shewing the DATES of ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES of the United States' Mail Packets during 1873, and the Number of Days occupied in the transmission of the Mails between Hongkong and San Francisco.

## ARRIVALS.

Name of Packets.	Date of Arrival at Hongkong.		Date of Departure from San Francisco.		Number of Days occupied in the Voyage.
	1873.		1873.		
China .....	February	17	January	6	43
Colorado .....	March	7	February	1	35
Japan .....	April	6	March	1	37
Alaska .....	May	6	April	1	36
China .....	"	22	"	16	37
Colorado .....	June	3	May	1	34
Japan .....	"	20	"	20	32
Quangsi, (chartered) .....	July	9	June	5	35
Great Republic .....	"	18	"	16	33
McGregor (chartered) .....	August	7	July	1	38
China .....	"	19	"	16	35
Colorado .....	September	4	August	1	35
Quangsi .....	"	16	"	16	32
Japan .....	October	3	September	1	33
Great Republic .....	"	17	"	16	32
McGregor .....	"	19	"	20	30
Alaska .....	November	4	October	1	35
China .....	"	19	"	16	35
Colorado .....	December	8	November	1	38
Japan .....	"	22	"	17	36
Great Republic .....	1874, January	7	December	1	38
				Total,.....	739

Average Number of Days occupied in each Voyage, .....35½.

## DEPARTURES.

Name of Packets.	Date of Departure from Hongkong.		Date of Arrival at San Francisco.		Number of Days occupied in the Voyage.
	1873.		1873.		
Japan .....	January	11	February	15	36
Alaska .....	February	12	March	21	38
China .....	"	27	April	3	36
Colorado .....	March	12	"	16	36
Japan .....	April	12	May	14	33
Quangsi .....	"	30	"	31	32
Alaska .....	May	12	June	13	33
McGregor .....	"	25	"	25	32
China .....	"	27	"	27	32
Colorado .....	June	12	July	13	32
Japan .....	"	27	"	28	32
Quangsi .....	July	12	August	12	32
Great Republic .....	"	26	"	26	32
McGregor .....	August	13	September	10	29
China .....	"	27	"	30	35
Colorado .....	September	12	October	15	34
Quangsi .....	"	27	"	27	31
Japan .....	October	11	November	12	33
Great Republic .....	"	23	"	23	32
Alaska .....	November	8	December	16	39
China .....	"	27	1874, January	15	50
Colorado .....	December	12	"	18	38
				Total,.....	757

Average Number of Days occupied in each voyage,.....34½

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F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

## POLICE NOTIFICATION.

Sundry Boxes and their contents found on board the S. S. *Wan Loong* are in the possession of the Police.

Any property remaining unclaimed on the 28th instant, will be destroyed, as it is much damaged by sea water.

W. M. DEANE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.

20th March, 1874.