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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the Marine Court of Inquiry into the loss of the British Steamer *Sunfoo*, Official Number 65,572, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

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

FINDING OF THE COURT.

First.—We find that the British Steam-ship *Sunfoo*, Official Number 65,572, of London,—Master JAMES MCKENZIE, number of whose Certificate of Competency is 2,840,—was totally lost on *Reef Island, about* 27 *Miles S.S.W. of Hongkong*, at 7.40 P.M. of the tenth day of March, 1874, whilst on a voyage from *Singapore to Hongkong.*

Second.—We find that the Ship was carefully navigated up to about 6.30 P.M. of the *tenth* instant, when she met with foggy weather. We are of opinion, that, when thick weather and the night had set in, the *Ship's head* should have been put *off the land;* or she should have been anchored; and, it is owing to the non-adoption of either of these courses that the Ship was lost.

Third.—We find that the *use of the lead* was *neglected.*

After due consideration of the above finding, we hereby direct that the Certificate of Competency of JAMES MCKENZIE, No. 2,840, be *suspended for three months.*

We are of opinion that the measures taken by the Master and Officers subsequent to the wreck, reflect great credit on them.

Given under our Hands at Hongkong, this Twentieth day of March, 1874.

C. MAY, *First Police Magistrate.*

H. G. THOMSETT, { *Navigating-Lieutenant, R.N., and Harbor Master.*

P. RYRIE, *Un-Official Justice of the Peace.*

ROBT. MCMURDO, *Government Marine Surveyor.*

S. D. WASHBURN, { *Commanding British Steamer "Scotland."*

Confirmed,

A. E. KENNEDY,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

No. 54.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Revenue and Expenditure for 1873, including Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Colony by the Crown Agents in England, is published for general information, with the Comparative Statement for the years 1872 and 1873.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th March, 1874.