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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.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1873.

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
	AMOUNT.		AMOUNT.
	\$ c.		\$ c.
Land Revenue,	30,222.50	Civil Departments:—	
Rents, exclusive of Lands,	7,700.00	Governor,	26,190.00
Licenses:—	8,300.00	Colonial Secretary,	24,042.41
Spirit Retailers,	23.00	Colonial Treasurer,	9,061.18
Pawnbrokers,	28.00	Auditor General,	16,706.99
Auctioneers,	1,800.00	Clerk of Councils,	1,060.85
Tenements for Emigrants,	1,500.00	Surveyor General,	26,626.80
Emigration Brokers,	125,500.00	Postmaster General,	40,323.25
Billiard Tables and Bowling Alleys,	288.00	Registrar General,	15,760.18
Opium Monopoly,	55.00	Harbor Master,	85,176.54
Boarding Houses,	80.00	Collector of Stamp Revenue,	3,861.48
Marriage,	855.00	Judicial Departments,	42,469.85
Chinese Undertakers,	2,235.00	Registrar of Companies,	192.00
Money Changers,	100.00	Ecclesiastical Department,	5,062.00
Marine Store Dealers,		Educational do.,	16,882.50
Spirit Distillers,		Medical do.,	27,719.39
Taxes:—		Police Magistrates' do.,	16,555.76
Stamps,	108,507.64	Police do.,	186,043.11
Police, Lighting, Water, and Fire Brigade Rates,	188,734.93	Gaol do.,	29,816.98
Postage,		Fire Brigade do.,	10,001.80
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Courts:—		Government Gardens Department,	4,168.29
Fines,	15,512.83	Pensions, Retired Allowances, and Gratuities,	14,815.71
Forfeitures,	1,361.61	Charitable Allowances,	2,565.17
Fees,	3,786.93	Transport,	2,542.99
Fees of Office:—		Works and Buildings,	68,201.41
On Cemetery Burials,	922.74	Roads, Streets, and Bridges,	36,719.88
Licenses for Junks, &c.,	16,796.00	Miscellaneous Services,	34,059.63
Registry of Boats,	3,890.70	Military Contribution,	92,558.77
Do. of Cargo Boats and Crew,	1,981.60		
Do. of Hawkers,	2,177.50		
Cargo Boat Certificates,	320.00		
Registration of Household,	968.75		
Do. of Servants, &c.,	274.75		
Official Signatures,	200.00		
Registration of Deeds,	1,666.00		
Shipping Seamen,	6,153.00		
Examination of Masters and Mates,	670.00		
Colonial Registers,	10.00		
Merchant Shipping Act,	491.00		
Registry of Chairs, Carriages, &c.,	1,874.40		
Registration of Companies,	395.00		
Medical Fees on Examination of Emigrants,	8,545.25		
Emigration Fees,	795.00		
Registration of Births, &c.,	70.00		
Sale of Government Property,	48,201.60		
Reimbursements,	1,104.24		
Interest,	37,078.20		
Miscellaneous Receipts,	7,517.98		
Special Receipts under Ordinance No. 10 of 1867,	8,886.02		
	8,978.50		
Total,	847,324.35	Total,	789,874.42

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Auditor General.

Examined,

A. F. ALVES,
Accountant.

Colonial Treasury, Victoria, Hongkong, 16th March, 1874.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG IN 1872 AND 1873.

REVENUE.	1872.		1873.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.		EXPENDITURE.	1872.		1873.		INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.		\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Land Revenue,	125,784.26		126,218.88		434.62		3,613.56		CIVIL DEPARTMENTS:—								
Rents, exclusive of Lands,	53,570.28		49,956.72		1,247.43				Governor,	25,774.85	26,190.00	415.15		Colonial Secretary,	26,286.52	24,042.41	2,244.11
LICENCES:—									Colonial Treasurer,	8,283.19	9,061.18	777.99		Auditor General,	16,590.31	16,706.99	116.68
Spirit Retailers,	28,975.07		30,222.50						Clerk of Councils,	28,841.23	28,841.23			Surveyor General,	40,368.15	40,323.25	44.90
Pawnbrokers,	8,050.00		7,700.00						Registrar General,	15,920.14	15,760.18	159.96		Harbor Master,	38,560.07	35,176.54	3,383.53
Auctioneers,	3,000.00		3,300.00						Collector of Stamp Revenue,	42,732.24	42,469.85	262.39		Judicial Departments,	192.00	192.00	
Tenements for Emigrants,	50.80		23.00						Registrar of Companies,	4,974.00	5,062.00	88.00		Ecclesiastical Department,	15,530.37	16,882.50	1,352.13
Emigration Brokers,	2,200.00		1,800.00						Educational Do.,	27,163.06	27,719.39	556.33		Medical Do.,	18,277.17	16,555.76	1,721.41
Billiard Tables and Bowling Alleys,	1,275.00		1,500.00						Police Magistrates' Do.,	187,598.33	186,643.11	955.22		Police Do.,	41,832.26	29,816.98	12,015.28
Opium Monopoly,	122,400.00		125,500.00						Fire Brigade Do.,	6,209.10	10,001.80	3,792.70		Government Gardens Department,	19,145.01	14,815.71	4,329.30
Boarding Houses,	288.00		288.00						Pensions, Retired Allowances and Gratuities,	1,093.44	2,565.17	1,471.73		Charitable Allowances,	3,249.96	2,542.99	706.97
Marriage,	35.00		35.00						Transport,	80,853.04	68,291.41	12,561.63		Works and Buildings,	57,168.02	36,719.88	20,448.14
Chinese Undertakers,	60.00		80.00						Roads, Streets and Bridges,	37,097.91	34,059.63	3,038.28		Miscellaneous Services,	91,165.31	92,558.77	
Money Changers,	910.00		855.00						Military Contribution,								
Marine Store Dealers,	2,400.00		2,235.00														
Spirit Distillers,	100.00		100.00														
TAXES:—																	
Stamps,	117,958.83		108,507.64														
Police, Lighting, Water, and Fire Brigade Rates,	182,412.79		188,734.93														
Postage,	75,631.78		68,119.68														
Fines of Courts,	17,517.33		15,512.83														
Forfeitures of Courts,	848.04		1,364.61														
Fees of Courts,	3,406.55		3,786.93														
FEEs OF OFFICE:—																	
On Cemetery Burials,	1,184.25		922.74														
Licenses for Junks, &c.,	18,086.50		16,796.00														
Registry of Boats,	4,001.03		3,890.70														
Do. of Cargo Boats and Crew,	1,509.62		1,981.60														
Do. of Hawkers,	1,396.67		2,177.50														
Cargo Boat Certificates,	296.00		320.00														
Registration of Household,	857.00		968.75														
Do. of Servants, &c.,	215.50		274.75														
Official Signatures,	277.00		200.00														
Registration of Deeds,	1,282.00		1,666.00														
Shipping Seamen,	8,096.00		6,153.00														
Examination of Masters and Mates,	500.00		670.00														
Colonial Registers,	35.00		16.00														
Merchant Shipping Act,	794.00		491.00														
Registry of Chairs, Carriages, &c.,	1,844.60		1,874.40														
Registration of Companies,	533.00		395.00														
Medical Fees on Examination of Emigrants,	8,634.25		8,245.25														
Emigration Fees,	3,288.00		795.00														
Registration of Births, &c.,			70.00														
Sale of Government Property,	889.19		1,104.24														
Mint,	19,000.00																
Reimbursements,	69,383.48		37,078.20														
Interest,	11,467.53		7,517.98														
Miscellaneous Receipts,	14,196.71		8,586.02														
Special Receipts under Ordinance No. 10 of 1867,	9,632.70		8,978.50														
\$	924,807.26		847,324.35		14,639.80		92,122.71										
										Deduct Increase,	\$	14,879.35					
										Net Decrease,	\$	14,879.35					
										Net Decrease,	\$	45,823.17					

Colonial Treasury, Victoria, Hongkong, 16th March, 1874.

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Examined, J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
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