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## 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, 12th May, 1874.

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FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT,  
HONGKONG, 8th May, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you, for submission to His Excellency the Governor, the Report of the Fire Brigade for the months of March and April, 1874.

An Inspection of the Government Fire Brigade Engines, Fire Ladders, Hose, and Equipment, was made on the 21st March: all were found clean and in order.

A Parade and Inspection was held on the 30th March. The Government steam and manual Engines, also the manual Engines of the Chinese Associations, were present: all were worked from the sea and found in order.

Owing to the continuous wet weather in the middle of the month of April, it was not advisable to make the usual semi-monthly Inspection.

A Parade and Inspection was held on the 28th April. The assembly was at 5 P.M. at the Cross Roads, and thence the whole of the steam and manual Engines were taken to the Praya West, and worked from the sea: all were found in excellent order. No. 1 steam Engine was worked with four branches, and No. 2 steam Engine with two branches of delivery hose.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. MAY,  
*Superintendent, Fire Brigade.*

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

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas certain evilly-disposed persons have maliciously cut the Cable of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, about 10 miles distant from Reef Island, and have stolen and carried away a considerable portion thereof:

Notice is hereby given that a Reward of \$300 will be paid to any Person or Persons who shall give such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the parties who stole the said property;

And that a Reward of \$200 will be paid to any Person or Persons who shall give such information as shall lead to the detection of the Receivers of the same.

A free Pardon will be granted to any Person implicated in the crime who may give such information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th May, 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.