

No. 103.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

I. The cutting down of branches of trees and of entire trees and bushes for the purpose of firewood by the inhabitants of the Villages, has attracted the serious attention of the Government.

II. The people are hereby strictly enjoined and commanded, under penalty of the most rigorous punishment, to abstain from cutting down or hurting trees or bushes or branches of trees or bushes.

III. A reward of Three Dollars will be paid by the Government for any information leading to the conviction of any offender against this command.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th June, 1874.

No. 78.

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.

Notice is hereby given, that the Crown Rents for the half year ending 24th June, 1874, should be paid into the Treasury on or before the 15th July next.

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 20th June, 1874.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that between the 1st June and the 15th October inclusive, Ships conveying Passengers under the provisions of Ordinance No. 8 of 1871, will not be permitted to carry them on the Upper or Weather Deck.

H. G. THOMSETT,
Emigration Officer, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 28th April, 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.