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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Regulation made by the Governor in Council, under Ordinance No. 13 of 1867, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

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

## REGULATION

Made by The Governor in Council, this 12th Day of October, 1874, under Section 4 of Ordinance No. 13 of 1867.

Every holder of a License to use or exercise the Trade or Business of a Dealer in Marine Stores, or a Dealer in Old Metals, shall give security to the satisfaction of the Registrar General in the sum of \$50—for due payment of the fees chargeable upon his License.

Approved in Council,

A. E. KENNEDY,  
*Governor.*

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

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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, 14th October, 1874.

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## FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT,

HONGKONG, 13th October, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to report that at 10 minutes to 5 A.M. a Fire broke out on the upper floor (being the second story) of No. 134, Queen's Road, the back door of which opens to Wellington Street. The ground floor was occupied by a Shoe and Small Wares dealer, and the upper floor by a Chinese female.

The fire commenced in the verandah, which was constructed of wood, and being a very old house the flames immediately burst out with considerable violence and communicated to the wooden verandahs of the houses in the same row, Nos. 132, 136, and 138.

The alarm bells were rung and the several fire Engines were speedily at the place. The "Imperial Insurance Company's" hand Engine, (Messrs. GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents,) being close at hand was promptly got to work with two branches of delivery hose from the street mains at the Cross Roads. One of the Government Brigade hand Engines also arrived quickly and was got to work in Wellington Street immediately in rear of the house on fire.

Three hand Engines of the Chinese Associations next arrived and rendered service.

The "Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's" Steam Engine and No. 2 Government Brigade Steam Engine, each with two lengths of delivery hose worked from the sea. No. 1 Government Steam Engine got steam up, but did not work efficiently until the fire had been subdued, owing to one of the valves becoming clogged. This defect was removed and the Engine worked well.

The fire communicated to the four houses before mentioned which from the inflammable character of their contents (being two Carpenter shops and a paper dealer's), were entirely burned down; the upper story of No. 130 was also damaged.

Detachments of Seamen and Marines from H. M. Ships *Elk* and *Curlew* arrived at 6 A.M., and rendered service by working at the hand Engines.

An offer of Military assistance was made, but it was found unnecessary to avail of it. The Honorable the Major-General commanding Her Majesty's Troops came to the scene at 6½ A.M. and mentioned that the troops were in readiness if required.

A strong force of Police was on the ground and kept order and regularity. No robbery has been reported, other than one case, wherein the thief was apprehended.