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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, 21st November, 1874.

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FIRE BRIGADE DEPARTMENT,  
HONGKONG, 19th November, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you the Report of the Fire Brigade for the Months of September and October last.

An inspection of the Government Engines and Stores was made on the 17th September, they were found clean and in order.

A Fire occurred at the corner house of Mercer Street and the Praya, on the night of the 22nd September.

A Fire broke out on board the British Steam-ship *China*, at anchor in Victoria Harbor, on the night of the 7th October.

Also a Fire occurred at Queen's Road, near the Cross Roads, on the night of the 13th October.

A Report relative to each Fire was duly forwarded to you.

In consequence of these Fires and the Typhoon, no parade or inspection took place until the 20th October, when the Government Steam and Hand Engines, also the Hand Engines of the Chinese Associations, were taken to the Praya Central, and worked from the Sea. It was found necessary to draw the fire of No. 1 Steam Engine, owing to several of the boiler tubes leaking. The Inspector of Machinery and an Engineer of the Royal Naval Yard were officially present on this occasion by authority of the Commodore, who (when opportunity offers) has sanctioned the examination and repair of the Steam Engines to be carried out at the Royal Naval Yard.

A supply of Suction Hose, Boiler Tubes, and Fire Bricks, with several articles of Equipment, has been received from England during the past month.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. MAY,  
Superintendent, Fire Brigade.

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

NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives Notice, that the Government Civil Hospital has been removed this day to the Buildings known as the "Hotel d'Europe," adjoining the "Central Police Barracks."

PH. B. C. AYRES,  
Colonial Surgeon.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1874.

NOTICE.

The Master of the British steamer *Ningpo*, Official No. 68,464, (JOHN MANNING RAYNER), having reported that his vessel while on her voyage hence to Shanghai, struck on a wreck or rock off Breaker Point on the 16th instant; the bearings of the obstruction, as ascertained by the Master, are published for general information.

Breaker Point, ..... N.E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N.  
Flat Island, ..... North about 2 miles.  
Depth of Water alongside, ..... 11 fathoms.

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,  
Harbor Master, &c.

Harbor Department, Hongkong, 18th November, 1874.