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PROCLAMATION.

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By His Excellency SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas the Commands of Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN, conveyed through the Right Honorable The EARL OF CARNARVON, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, approving of and confirming the following Ordinance; namely:—

No. 5 of 1874, entitled—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Chinese Passenger Ships, and the Conveyance of Chinese Emigrants:*

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared, that the said Ordinance has been so approved and confirmed, as aforesaid.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 22nd Day of December, 1874.

No. 204.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the Marine Court of Inquiry into the loss of the British Steamer *Mongol*, Official Number 68,496, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1874.

FINDING.

- 1.—We find that the British Steamer *Mongol*, Official Number 68,496, 1463 tons, of London, left Hongkong bound for Japan at 10.30 A.M. of the 12th instant, and that at noon of the same day she struck on a rock—marked on the Admiralty Charts—lying about nine-tenths of a mile East of the South Nine Pin Island, and became a total wreck from five to eight minutes after the time of her striking.
- 2.—We find that out of a crew of fifty-two and one passenger (the Captain's Wife); the Master; Chief and Fourth Officers; Second and Fourth Engineers; and twelve others, including the Captain's Wife, were drowned.
- 3.—The Master and Chief Officer being drowned, the Court refrain from expressing any opinion on the subject of the loss of the *Mongol*, but beg leave to offer the evidence for submission to the Board of Trade.