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PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] A. E. KENNEDY.

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.

The Court attribute, no blame to the Survivors, but are of opinion, that, considering the circumstances under which they were placed, they all did their duty.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 18th day of December, 1874.

C. MAY, *First Police Magistrate.*
 H. G. THOMSETT, *Navigating Lieutenant, R.N., and Harbor Master.*
 H. H. NELSON, *Un-Official Justice of the Peace.*
 ROBT. MCMURDO, *Government Marine Surveyor.*
 W. H. POCKLEY, *Commanding British Str. "Orissa."*

Confirmed,

A. E. KENNEDY,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

No. 205.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, for the ensuing year, the Hongkong Stone Quarry Farm is let to LI WING SHING of No. 4, Shui Tsing Wan, Hongkong; and that the Kowloong Quarry Farm is similarly let to LI FUK LUNG of No. 5, Shui Tsing Wan, Hongkong.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1874.

No. 206.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, for the ensuing year, the Western Slaughter House is leased to CHAM CHI of 216, Queen's Road, Victoria.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1874.

No. 207.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that the Contract for Scavenging the City of Victoria during the Year 1875, is held by MAK KAM TIN of No. 60, Lower Lascar Row, Taipingshan.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1874.

No. 208.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners, received from the Admiralty, are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1874.

The substance of this Notice, as soon as it is received on board, is to be inserted in red ink on the Charts affected by it; and introduced into the margin, or otherwise in the page, of the Sailing Directions to which it relates. See Instructions, Navigation and Pilotage, p. 172.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 145.]

CHINA—EAST COAST.

Intended Fixed Light on Shantung Promontory.

The Engineer Office at Chefoo has given Notice, that the erection of a lighthouse has been commenced on the Shantung promontory, from which, when completed, a light will be exhibited.

The light will be a *fixed* light showing *white* to seaward and *red* inshore to the southward and westward (the latter to warn vessels when they approach the coast). It will be elevated 200 feet above the sea, and in clear weather the light should be seen from a distance of 21 miles.

The illuminating apparatus will be dioptric or by lenses, of the first order.

The tower will be round, 64 feet high, and built of stone. Position, lat. 37° 24' N., long. 122° 42' E.