

No. 63.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Extract from the *London Gazette* of the 14th January, 1879, relating to the termination of Commercial Treaties between Great Britain and France, on the 1st January, 1880, is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th March, 1879.

Extract from the *London Gazette* of Tuesday, January 14, 1879.

Foreign Office, January 13th, 1879.

The Government of France have given notice for the termination of the following Commercial Treaties with this Country:—

The Treaty of Commerce of the 23rd of January, 1860.

Additional Article of 25th of February, 1860.

Second Additional Article of 27th of June, 1860.

First Supplementary Convention of 12th of October, 1860.

Second Supplementary Convention of 16th of November, 1860.

Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 23rd of July, 1873.

Convention Supplementary to ditto of 24th of January, 1874, and

Declaration relative to Expertise of 24th of January, 1874.

This Notice will take effect on the 1st of January, 1880.

No. 64.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following despatches have been laid before the Legislative Council.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th March, 1879.

His Excellency Governor Pope Hennessy, C.M.G., to The Right Honourable

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.

[No. 94.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

HONGKONG, 28th September, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose, for your information, copies of some Minutes I felt it necessary to make respecting the night duties of the Hongkong Police, together with a report of Mr. DEANE, the Captain Superintendent, and some returns on the subject.

2. Upon the official report of a Burglary committed in the Central District of Victoria, on the 29th of last month, I made a Minute asking for the details of the night duties of the Police Force, and the number of men in each beat on the 1st of September, 1878, and at the corresponding date in 1877 and 1876. In reply to this Minute, I received a return relating to the principal police district; whereupon I called, on the 9th of September, for similar information respecting the other Police districts of the Colony.

3. Accompanying those returns were certain volumes giving the details for each day and night of the Police duties since the year 1876. The returns were further explained by a brief report from Mr. DEANE, dated the 3rd September.

4. I understand it was the first time since the Police Commission of 1871, that these details of night duties had been called for, or in any way brought to the notice of the Executive.

5. I regretted to find that instead of the number of men on the night beats having been increased with the increasing population of the Colony, they were being diminished, and, upon the whole, I was struck with the manifestly inadequate strength of the night beats and patrols for such a place as the Town of Victoria. Accordingly I have instructed Mr. DEANE to restore the night beats and patrols to the maximum strength of the year 1876; to make weekly reports in future of the night duties, and not to alter the number in any particular district without specially reporting it.

6. Furthermore, I have asked him to prepare a revised plan of night beats and patrols of about thirty-three per cent. greater strength than the insufficient plan hitherto in practice; and this revised plan, I trust, with the advice and assistance of my Council, to bring into operation almost immediately.

7. In my Despatch No. 23 of 27th February, 1878, I informed Lord CARNARVON of my intention of rendering, as far as possible, the whole of the Police an armed Force. I have proceeded slowly and with due caution, in entrusting arms to the Chinese Police, and, up to this, not more than thirty or forty have been given rifles by Mr. CREAGH and Mr. DEANE. It may be possible, however, before long, to have all the night patrols of the Chinese Police armed with revolvers.

I have, &c.,

J. POPE HENNESSY.

Enclosure in His Excellency Governor Pope Hennessy's Despatch No. 94, of 28th September, 1878.

[No. 187.]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NIGHT DUTIES OF THE POLICE.

The following Minutes and Papers are published for general information.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th September, 1878.

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor, on the Police Report of the Burglary in the Caine Road on the night of the 29th of August.

I should be glad to get from the Captain Superintendent a Report of the Night Duties of the Police Force, specifying the beats, number of men, &c., at the present date, and a Statement showing the similar facts of both this time last year, and this time in 1876.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

1st September, 1878.

Minute by the Acting Colonial Secretary.

Forwarded to Mr. DEANE for a report.

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

2nd September, 1878.

Report called for by His Excellency the Governor on the Night Duties of the Police.

I have the honour to forward a Return of the night Duties of the Police. The time from 6 P.M. of 30th August to 6 A.M. of 31st August has been taken as a sample.

2. I enclose a Comparative Return of the same period for three years for the Central District. The other Districts had similar duties and men in these three years.

3. I enclose the Central District Duty Books for August, 1876, 1877, and a copy of the 12 hours above alluded to in 1878 as the original book is in use.

4. I also forward the rough Returns for 10th August of the men in the Force, together with a fair abstract of the same.

5. The Beat Book enclosed has virtually been unaltered since 1874. It will be observed that large as those beats are, I have rarely enough men to fill them all, in which case one man takes charge of two beats.

W. M. DEANE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

3rd September, 1878.

HONGKONG POLICE NIGHT DUTIES.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Beats, 22. Post, 26.

6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876	1877.	1878.
Europeans,	6	5	10	14	7	8

6 TO 10 P.M.

10 P.M. TO 2 A.M.

2 TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Indians,.....	15	18	16	14	16	14	17	19	17
Chinese,	21	20	20	20	19	18	21	18	15

Exclusive of 3 Europeans and 10 Chinese Detectives at uncertain hours in 1878.

Only 1 European Detective, and 10 Chinese in 1876-77.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Sections 1 and 2. Beats, 8. Posts, 3.

6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,.....	1	2	2	2	1	2
Indians,	1	...	...	...	2	...

6 TO 10 P.M.

10 P.M. TO 2 A.M.

2 TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Indians,.....	4	3	1	4	4	1	4	3	2
Chinese,	10	10	8	10	10	11	10	10	9

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Section 9. Beats, 8. Posts, 2.

6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,.....	1	1	1	2	1	1
Indians,	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chinese,	1	1	...	1	1	1

Also 1877, 2 Indians; 1878, 4 Indians, from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M.

6 TO 10 P.M.

10 P.M. TO 2 A.M.

2 TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Indians,.....	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2
Chinese,	8	8	9	9	8	9	9	9	9

YAU-MA TI.

6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indians,	2	2	2	2	2	2
Chinese,	3	3	3	3	3	3

TSIM-SHA TSUI.

6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Indians,.....	2	2	2	2	2	2

Also each year:—1 European, Night Patrol; 1 Chinaman, 9 P.M. to 5 A.M.

Minute by his Excellency the Governor.

I have read these papers carefully, but would be glad to see the Comparative Returns from the other Districts made in a similar form to the Returns of the Central District.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

9th September, 1878.

HONGKONG POLICE NIGHT DUTIES.

(Continuation.)

GAP AND PEAK.

6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.

MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indians,	2	2	2	2	2	2

SHAU-KI-WAN.

	6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.			MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.			9 P.M. TO 5 A.M.		
	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Indians,	3	2	2	1	2	2	...	...	...
Chinese, .....	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	1	1

Also 1 Indian, Night Patrol, Shek-O as below.

STANLEY.

	6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.			MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.			9 P.M. TO 3 A.M.		
	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Indians, .....	...	2	1	2	2	2	...	1	...
Chinese, .....	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...

POKFULAM.

	6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.			MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.		
	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Indians,	2	2	2	2	2	2
Chinese,	1	1	1	1	1	1

1878—2 Europeans and 4 Indians extra on special duty on Pokfulam Road.

HUNG HOM.

	GENERAL PATROL.			10 P.M. TO 4 A.M.			MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.		
	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indians, .....	...	...	...	3	3	3	1	1	1

1877 and 1878—6 P.M. to Midnight, 1 Chinese; Midnight to 6 A.M., 1 Chinese.

SHEK-O.

Indian, 1 on Night Patrol.

ABERDEEN.

	6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.			MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.			10 P.M. TO 4 A.M.			9 P.M. TO 3 A.M.		
	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,.....	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indians,	2	2	...	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...
Chinese, .....	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	3	1	1	1
TOTAL,							1876.	1877.	1878.			
							41	31	42			
							107	115	106			
							146	144	146			

WATER POLICE.

	6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT.			MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M.		
	1876.	1877.	1878.	1876.	1877.	1878.
Europeans,	6	6	6	6	6	6
Chinese,	43	44	44	43	44	43

Also each year 2 Europeans and 8 Chinese at Aberdeen and Shau-ki Wan between 10 P.M. to 4 A.M.

W. M. DEANE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

11th September, 1878.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

1. I return the Police Books—Volumes eleven and twelve, showing the duties for 1876 and 1877—which I have perused, together with the Report of Mr. DEANE and the Returns he was good enough to prepare at my request on the night duties of the Police Force.

2. Those documents confirm the suspicions I entertained that the night beats in this Colony are undermanned.

3. They also show that in the most important District the number of the Police on regular beats between midnight and six o'clock in the morning has been reduced since 1876, in the case of the European Force, from 14 to 8, and in the case of the Chinese Force from about 20 to 15.

4. The Captain Superintendent also says that he has rarely enough men to fill all the beats, and that in such cases he has to order one man to take charge of two beats.

5. Let the night beats and patrols in the Victoria District be at once restored to the maximum strength of 1876 ; and let the Captain Superintendent prepare for my consideration a revised scheme of night beats and patrols of about thirty-three per cent. greater strength than the maximum I refer to.

6. In future I should like to see weekly returns of the night duties, and to receive a special report before the numbers are altered in any particular district.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

27th September, 1878.

*The Right Honourable Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., to His Excellency Governor
Pope Hennessy, C.M.G.*

HONGKONG,
No. 119.

DOWNING STREET,
11th December, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 94 of the 28th September, and to express to you my approval of the steps which you have taken for increasing the strength and efficiency of the night patrols of the Hongkong Police.

I understand you to be of opinion that the authorised Force is able to supply these additional night patrols by a rearrangement of duties, but if an increase of the force will be involved, I request you to furnish me as soon as possible with an estimate of the cost of such increase.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) M. HICKS-BEACH.

Governor HENNESSY, C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 65.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th March, 1879.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 11.]

RED SEA.

CENTRAL CHANNEL—ZEBAYIR ISLANDS, JEBEL ZUKUR, AND THE HANISH ISLANDS.

The information contained in this Notice has been published by the Hydrographer to the British Admiralty.

The following amended positions of Zebayir islands, Jebel Zukur, and the Hanish islands, are derived from a recent examination by Commander W. J. L. Wharton, H. M.'s Surveying vessel *Fawn*, 1877.

ZEBAYIR ISLANDS.—The west end of Centre Peak island lies East one mile from the position it formerly occupied on the Admiralty chart, and is now placed in latitude $15^{\circ} 1\frac{1}{2}'$ N., longitude $42^{\circ} 12'$ E. The west end of Jebel Zebayir is E. by S. $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles; the west end of Saddle island is E. N. E. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles; and the remaining islands of the group are N. E. by N. $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from their former charted positions, respectively.

An islet 40 feet high lies S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. half a mile from Rugged island.

JEBEL ZUKUR AND THE HANISH ISLANDS.—Jebel Zukur and the Hanish islands are situated $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles S.E. of their former position on the chart. Jebel Zukur north point is in latitude $14^{\circ} 3' 53''$ N., longitude $42^{\circ} 45' 28''$ E., depending on the submarine telegraph office at Aden, being in longitude $44^{\circ} 58' 32''$ E.

[All Bearings are Magnetic. Variation $4^{\circ} 20'$ Westerly in 1878.]

By Direction of the Government of India,

JOHN HENRY ELLIS, *Staff Comdr. R.N.*,
Depty. Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Red sea, sheet 4, No. 8*d*, sheet 5, No. 8*e*; Index chart No. 2523; also, Red sea pilot, 1873, pages 15, 29, 32, 33; and Taylor's Sailing Directory, Vol. I, page 165.

If this Notice is received on boardship, the information contained therein should be noted in the Sailing Directions, and compared with the charts, when the ship is navigating the locality to which it refers.