

No. 70.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that the Queen's Exequatur empowering Don JOSE VELEZ to act as Spanish Vice-Consul at Hongkong, received Her Majesty's signature, on the 3rd February, 1879.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th March, 1879.

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that pending the receipt of instructions from Her Majesty, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize D. Musso, Esquire, as Consul for Italy at this port.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th March, 1879.

No. 72.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Quarterly Certificate of Cash Balance and Assets at the disposal of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, belonging to the Government of Hongkong, for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1878, is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th March, 1879.

*Quarterly Certificate of Cash Balance and Assets at the disposal of the Crown Agents for the Colonies belonging to the Government of HONGKONG, on the 31st December, 1878.*

I CERTIFY that the amount standing to the Credit of the Account of the Government of Hongkong in the Books of this Office on the evening of the 31st December, 1878, was £4,663.11.10, and that acceptances amounting to £ Nil were on the same date held to the Crown Agents' Order at the Bank of England.

M. F. OMMANEY,  
*Crown Agent for the Colonies.*

Downing Street, London, 31st January, 1879.

Compared with the Certificate of the Bank and found to correspond therewith, allowing for Outstanding Cheques, Petty Cash, and Income Tax, &c.

For the Secretary of State,

JOHN S. LEWES.

Colonial Office, 7th February, 1879.

No. 73.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Finding of the Marine Court appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the loss of the S. S. *Yesso*, is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st March, 1879.

## FINDING.

The Court finds:—(1). That the British Steamer *Yesso*, Official No. 48,343, left Swatow at about 6.10 on the evening of the 17th of March with a crew consisting of 63 persons; she had on board about ninety passengers, \$100,000 in specie, 200 chests of opium, 50 tons of lead and a general cargo, and was wrecked on the White Rocks at about 11.15 of the same night in attempting to pass through the Channel between the Lamock Island and the White Rocks.

(2). At 10.45 p.m. the Master assumed his position to be the Lamock Island bearing E. by N. distant about 6 miles and subsequent events give reasonable proof that this was correct.

(3). At this position the Master seems to have been deceived in his estimation of the distance of the Lamock Island in consequence of a brilliant flash of lightning which, he says, "showed up the Lighthouse and as I thought the Lightkeeper's dwellings as well, and the Lamock Island did not appear to me to be more than from a half to three quarters of a mile distant." Acting on this assumption the Master altered the vessel's course with a view to pass through the Channel, which resulted in the vessel running on the White Rocks.