

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.

No. 71.

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.

(4). From the evidence of all the Witnesses examined, the night appears to have been exceedingly dark and the Court is of opinion that the Master should have used every means of ascertaining his position accurately, which he had means of doing, and which he neglected to do.

(5). The Court therefore adjudges that the Certificate of Competency, No. 17,854, of the Master, SAMUEL ASHTON, be suspended for a period of three months from this date.

(6). The Court desires to express its opinion that good discipline was maintained after the wreck, and credit is due to the Master, Officers and Crew for preventing any greater loss of life than one boy, there being 153 persons on board at the time of the accident.

It is desirable to mention the praiseworthy conduct of the Crews of two Fishing boats who rendered assistance in saving life, and also to mention the kindness and ready aid afforded by the Master, Officers and Crew of the British Steamer *Gaelic*.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this the twenty-sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

C. MAY, *First Police Magistrate.*
 J. P. MACEUEN, R.N., *Acting Harbour Master, &c.*
 H. B. GIBB, *Un-official Justice of the Peace.*
 ROBT. MCMURDO, *Government Marine Surveyor.*
 ROBT. THOMSON, *Master, Br. Str. "Radnorshire,"*
Official No. 73,739.

Confirmed.

Let a letter be written to the Captain of the *Gaelic* conveying my entire concurrence in the opinion expressed by the Court as to the praiseworthy conduct of all those on board his ship: and let some effort be made to find out and reward the crews of the two fishing boats.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

28th March, 1869.

No. 74.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Calendar of Grants of Probates during 1878, made under Ordinance No. 8 of 1860, is published for general information.

By Command,

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

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

CALENDAR of PROBATES and ADMINISTRATIONS granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, during the year 1878.

Date of grant.	Name of Testator or Intestate.	Place and Time of Death.	Probate, Administration, with Will annexed, or Administration.	Name and description of the Executor or Administrator.	Value of the Effects as sworn to, or set forth in the Commission of Appraisal.
1878.					\$ c.
January 23	Hu-A-Sing,	Singapore, 31st July, 1877.	Administration,	Hu-Lu-Shee, the Widow,	350.00
30	Wan-Yow,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Belgic</i> , 27th Oct., 1877.	"	Charles Bushe Plunket, Official Administrator,	21.95
Feb. 5	Chan-T-jip-Un,	Hongkong, 11th November, 1877.	Probate.	Chan-Yip-Shee, the Widow,	450.00
26	Edward Tobin,	Hongkong, 31st January, 1878.	"	William Stewart Young, Executor,	4,000.00
March 8	Lee-Chong,	Hongkong, 10th February, 1878.	"	Lee-Tak, Executor,	5,000.00
9	Oscar Videau,	Hongkong, 4th January, 1878.	No Probate or Letter of Administration.	No Executor or Administrator } Videau, by order of Chief Justice,	66.50
18	Fan-U-Wie,	Tam Pin, China, 26th Nov., 1877.	Probate,	Fan-U-On, Executor,	4,000.00
18	Pang-Sam-Tai,	Canton, 19th February, 1878.	"	Pang-Kun and Chun-Yee, Executors,	8,000.00
25	Georgina Wellings,	England, 8th September, 1872.	"	Henry Wellings, Widow and Executor,	38,000.00
28	Chan-Kwai,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Cassandra</i> , 12th Jan., 1878.	Administration,	Leong-Acheong, the Widow,	3.20
April 2	Mahomed Arab,	Hongkong, 27th March, 1878.	Probate,	Mahomed Ibrahim Asger, Hajee Mahomed Sadeck, and Hajee Esmail, Executors,	25,000.00
17	José Severo Tusson,	Manila, 1874.	Administration,	Heinrich Hoppius, Attorney for Gonsalo Tusson, of Manila, Executor } and Guardian of Children,	4,000.00
17	Ferdinand Guder, alias Ling Look,	Hongkong, 14th April, 1878.	Probate,	Richard Schenberger, Executor,	1,000.00
May 1	William Shannon,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Nestor</i> , 22nd Jan., 1878.	Administration,	Charles Bushe Plunket, Official Administrator,	31.00
1	William Dunphy,	Hongkong, 14th March, 1878.	"	Do, do,	95.00
1	Lai-Pang-Nam,	Hongkong, 28th February, 1878.	"	Do, do,	195.50
15	Lee-A-Chat,	Hongkong, 15th April, 1878.	Probate,	Lee-King-Chuen and Lai-Sing-Toong, Executors,	14,000.00
15	Yip-A-Tsee,	Hongkong, 16th April, 1878.	Administration,	Lee-Yee-Shi, the Widow,	130.00
22	Joaquin Heinrich Frohlic,	Penang, 1st May, 1870.	"	William Henry Ray, Attorney for Charles Frohlic, Brother of Deceased } and Administrator at Penang,	3,900.00
22	William Shea,	At Sea, <i>Francis Lewey</i> , 19th Nov., 1876.	"	William Ward Battles, Attorney for the Widow,	10,000.00
24	Lee-Chow-Sung,	At Sea, <i>Brig Dolphin</i> , 12th April, 1878.	"	Lee-Ying-Cho, Brother of Deceased,	37.10
31	Yip-A-Sam,	Hongkong, 25th May, 1878.	"	Yip-Kun-Shee, the Widow,	285.75
31	Chong-Tak,	Hongkong, 12th June, 1878.	Probate,	Yip-Cheong-Shee alias Yip-A-Ping, the Widow,	500.00
June 14	William Matchett,	Hongkong, 31st May, 1878.	Administration,	Charles Bushe Plunket, Official Administrator,	45.65
14	Lee-Ah-Loo,	Saigon, 13th April, 1878.	"	Do, do,	29.00
14	Ah-Chun,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Benedi</i> , 15th March, 1878.	"	Do, do,	1.35
14	Ma-Sun,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Neuchawang</i> , 11th Feb., 1878.	"	Do, do,	3.00
14	Thomas Hart,	Hongkong, 12th May, 1878.	"	Do, do,	98.30
27	Wie-Akwong,	Hongkong, 11th May, 1878.	Probate,	Ng-She-Yook-Hing, Executrix; Wie-Wah-Yook, Wie-Wah-Sang, and } Wie-Wah-Leen, Executors,	170,000.00
July 5	Afong,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Belgic</i> , 14th May, 1878.	Administration,	Charles Bushe Plunket, Official Administrator,	42.50
5	Alexander Campbell,	Hongkong, 19th June, 1878.	"	Do, do,	82.50
23	Leong-Kin,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Thales</i> , 1st July, 1878.	"	Do, do,	2.55
23	Hoong-Pung-Sang,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Thales</i> , 30th June, 1878.	"	Hoong-A-Tong, First Cousin of Deceased,	25.25
23	Lum-Ah-Sam,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Thales</i> , 29th June, 1878.	"	Lam-Hin-Yong, Brother of Deceased,	138.51
31	Henrick Andreas Dircks,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Oceanic</i> , 25th May, 1878.	Probate,	Barnard Schaar, Executor,	2,500.00
August 6	Ching-On, alias On-kee,	Koo Hok, China, 25th March, 1878.	"	Ching-Kwong-Hung, Executor, and Ng-Shee Executrix,	32,000.00
13	Lum-Yen-Sou,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Benedi</i> , 24th July, 1878.	Administration,	Lum-Chip-Yung, Nephew of Deceased,	24.60
23	Ng-Lan-Tong,	Canton, 6th June, 1878.	"	Kwok-A-Soo, the Widow,	134.00
Sept. 4	Leong-Ayow, alias Ayow,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Normanby</i> , 31st July, 1878.	"	Leong-Woo-Shee-Amool, the Widow,	88.40
5	Ng-Mun-Yu,	Hongkong, 9th July, 1878.	Probate,	Ng-Chun-Shee, Mother of Deceased,	2,000.00
12	Cheung-Shing-Lai,	Hongkong, 16th August, 1878.	Administration,	Kwok-Shee, the Widow,	8,700.00
October 4	U-Cho-Leong,	Hongkong, 30th July, 1878.	Probate,	U-Wan-Shee, the Widow,	490.00
10	Cecilia Libania Gardner,	Hongkong, 15th August, 1878.	Administration,	Charles Bushe Plunket, Official Administrator,	2,623.20
24	Un-Soo,	Chae Tak, China, 7th Sept., 1878.	"	Un-Chun-Soon, eldest Son of Deceased and Un-Kun-Phu, one of the Grand-sons,	21,000.00
Nov. 20	Clemente Fabian Demee,	Hongkong, 30th May, 1878.	"	Le-Chew-Ng, Brother of Deceased,	74.00
20	Yung-Ng,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Gaelic</i> , 28th Aug., 1878.	Administration,	Ho-Amel, Executor,	8,000.00
23	Lo-Nai, alias Lo-Ping-Yiu,	Canton, 13th November, 1878.	Probate,	John Noble, Executor,	2,008.00
25	John Vincent Baird,	Hongkong, 6th July, 1878.	"	João Henrique dos Remedios, Demetrio Antonio dos Remedios, Marcos Ca- } listo do Rozario, and Alexandro Antonio dos Remedios, Executors,	300,000.00
Dec. 28	José Joaquim dos Remedios,	Hongkong, 30th July, 1878.	"	John Noble, Executor,	40,000.00
28	John Jack,	Hongkong, 6th August, 1878.	Administration,	Wong-Chow-Shee, the Widow, and Li-Apat, the second Wife, (The former } Deceased and sole Executrix,	150.75
28	Wong-A-Sek,	Hongkong, 26th October, 1878.	"	Letters of Administration granted to Wong-Lo-Shee having been } revoked,	7,000.00
13	Wong-Fai-Woon,	Hongkong, 28th June, 1878.	"	Charles Bushe Plunket, Official Administrator,	708.00
18	Walter Hyde Notley,	Hongkong, 7th October, 1878.	Adm. with Exemption of Goods annexed,	Thomas Jackson, Attorney for Ann Hill Eastley, Widow, Mother of } Charles Bushe Plunket, Official Administrator,	25,000.00
31	Charles Hill Eastley,	England, 29th June, 1878.	"	Do, do,	46.80
31	Woo-Sing,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Quarta</i> , 1st Oct., 1878.	Administration,	Do, do,	1.73
31	Eng-Socan,	At Sea, S.S. <i>Glauca</i> , 20th Aug., 1878.	"	Do, do,	1.73

C. B. PLUNKET,
Registrar.