

No. 78.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

JAPANESE COINAGE.

The following Reports of the Assayer of the London Mint on the Japanese Coinage are published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

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

Comparative Assay Reports of the Japanese and English Mints for 1877.

GOLD.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
1	20 Yen	900.1	900.2
2	10 "	900.0	900.1
3	5 "	900.0	699.8
4	5 "	900.1	900.3
5	5 "	900.2	900.2
6	5 "	900.4	900.6
7	5 " (cutting from bar)	900.1	900.3
Average		900.1	900.2

SILVER.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
8	Trade Dollar	900.6	902.3
9	"	899.6	901.0
10	"	900.7	900.8
11	"	900.3	900.4
12	Cutting from dip	20 Sen	799.7
13		10 "	799.6
14		5 "	799.6
Average		900.3	901.1
		799.6	800.1

(Signed,) W. CHANDLER ROBERTS,
Assayer of the Mint in London.

30th November, 1877.

The following is a comparative Report of the assay of coins at Osaka and London, sent to England during the year ending June, 1878.

GOLD.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
1	5 Yen	900.0	900.0
2	5 "	900.3	900.3
3	5 "	900.1	900.1
4	5 "	900.2	900.0
5	5 "	899.9	900.1
Average		900.1	900.0

SILVER.			
No. of Coins.	Denomination.	Japanese Assay.	English Assay.
6	Trade Dollar	901.2	901.8
7	"	900.8	901.0
8	"	899.8	900.9
9	"	901.0	901.0
10	(Dip Assay)	900.5	900.6
11	50 Sen (Dip Assay)	799.6	800.5
12	20 " "	800.6	800.0
13	10 " "	800.1	799.7
15	5 " "	799.0	799.5
Average		900.6	901.0
		799.8	799.9

(Signed,) W. CHANDLER ROBERTS,
Assayer of the Mint at London.

30th November, 1878.

No. 81.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Order by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st April, 1879.

ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
the 1st day of April, 1879.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by *The Post Office Ordinance, 1876*, it is provided, amongst other things, that the Governor in Council may, from time to time, by Order under his hand determine the Rates of Postage to be charged upon all correspondence sent by post from the General Post Office of the Colony, or received from places outside the Colony, and the Scale of Weight according to which such Rates are to be charged:

And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the 6th day of November, 1878, the Governor in Council was pleased to order that the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight should, until further notice, be according to the Table to the said Order annexed:

And whereas it has been necessary to revise the said Table and to substitute a new Table in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., in Council, by virtue of the powers in that behalf by the said Ordinance or otherwise in him vested, is pleased to order that the said Table annexed to the said Order of the 6th day of November, 1878, be altered by substituting the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight in the Table hereunto annexed for those of the Table of the said Order of 6th November, and it is further ordered by the said Governor in Council that the substituted Table shall remain in force till further notice.

Approved in Council,

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.

RATES OF POSTAGE AT THE BRITISH POST OFFICES IN CHINA.

I.—TO COUNTRIES OF THE POSTAL UNION.

	LETTERS, PER ½ OZ.	POST CARDS, EACH.	BOOKS AND PATTERNS, PER 2 OZ.	COMMERCIAL PAPERS, PER 4 OZ.	NEWSPAPERS AND PRICES CURRENT.	REGISTRATION.
General Rates of Postage to the Countries of the Postal Union (<i>see list below</i>),	8 cents.	3 cents.	2 cents.	6 cents.	2 cents.	8 cents.
Exceptional Rates to the Countries marked (12) in the list below, <i>viâ Brindisi</i> only ,	12 cents.	5 cents.	4 cents.	8 cents.	4 cents.	8 cents.

THE COUNTRIES OF THE POSTAL UNION ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

<p>Aden. Africa, West Coast, ... (12) Algeria. Angola, (12) Annobon. Argentine Republic, (12) Austria. Azores Islands, (12) * Bagdad. Balearic Islands. Barbary, * Bassora. Batavia. Belgium. Bermuda, (12) Brazil, (12) British Columbia, (12) British Guiana, (12) Buenos Ayres, (12) * Bunder Abas. * Bushire. * Cabul. Canada, (12) Canary Islands, (12) Cape Verde Islands. Cayenne, (12)</p>	<p>Ceylon. Chandernagore. Chili, (12) Denmark and Colonies. Dutch Guiana, (12) Egypt. Falkland Islands, (12) Faroe Islands. Fernando Po, (12) Finland. France and Colonies. French Guiana, (12) Gaboon, (12) Gambia, (12) Germany. Gibraltar. Goa. Gold Coast, (12) Greece. Greenland, (12) * Gwadar. Holland. Honduras, (12) Hongkong and Agencies. Hungary. Iceland.</p>	<p>India. Italy. Japan, (<i>also see Local</i>). Karikal. * Kashmir. Labuan. Lagos, (12) * Ladak. Liberia, (12) * Linga. Low Islands. Luxemburg. Madagascar. Mahé. Madeira, (12) Malta. Manila, (<i>Local Rates</i>). * Mandalay. Marian Islands. Marquesas Islands. Mauritius. Mayotte. Mexico, (12) Mozambique. * Muscat. Netherlands and Colonies.</p>	<p>Netherlands India New Brunswick, (12) New Caledonia. Newfoundland, (12) Norway. Nova Scotia, (12) Persia. Peru, (12) Philippine Islands, (<i>Local</i>). Pondicherry. Portugal and Colonies. Prince Edward's I., ... (12) Réunion. Roumania. Russia. Saigon, (<i>also see Local</i>). Salvador, (12) Senegal, (12) Servia. Seychelles. Sierra Leone, (12) Spain and Colonies. St. Pierre et Miquelon. Straits Settlements. Surinam, (12) Sweden.</p>	<p>Switzerland. Tahiti. Tangiers. Tetuan. Timor. Tripoli. Tunis. Turkey. United Kingdom, (12) United States, (12) Vancouver's I., (12) WEST INDIES, viz.:— Buen Ayre, (12) Cuba, (12) Curacoé, (12) Desirade, (12) Guadeloupe, (12) Ile of Pines, (12) Jamaica, (12) Les Saintes, (12) Marie Galante, (12) Martinique, (12) Oruba, (12) Porto Rico, (12) Saba, (12) St. Croix, (12) St. Eustatius, (12) St. John, (12) St. Martin, (12) St. Thomas, (12) Trinidad, (12) * Zanzibar.</p>
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Commercial Papers signify any papers which, though written by hand, have not the character of an actual and personal correspondence, such as Invoices, Deeds, copied Music, &c.

The sender of any Registered Article may have a receipt sent with it, for signature by the addressee and return, on paying an extra fee of 4 cents.

II.—TO NON-UNION COUNTRIES.

NON-UNION COUNTRIES.	PACKET.	SUPERSCRIP-TION.	LETTERS, PER ½ OZ.	REGIS-TRATION.	NEWS-PAPERS.	BOOKS & PAT-TERNS, PER 2 OZ.
		Via	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
*Aspinwall (N.R.), Bahamas, Guatemala (N.R.), Hayti (N.R.), New Granada (N.R.), Panama (N.R.), Venezuela (N.R.),	U.S.	San Francisco,	12	N.R.	4	6
	{ Fr. Br.	{ Naples, Southampton,	30	8	4	6
	Br.	Brindisi,	34	8	6	8
*Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, St. Helena, Ascension,	C.	—	24	8	2	4
	Pr. †	—	12	8	2	4
*Bolivia, Costa Rica, (N.R.), Ecuador (N.R.), Nicaragua (N.R.),	U.S.	San Francisco,	20	8	4	12
	{ Fr. Br.	{ Naples, Southampton,	30	N.R.	4	6
	Br.	Brindisi,	34	N.R.	6	8
*Hawaiian Kingdom, ...	U.S.	San Francisco,	12	N.R.	4 †	6 †
	{ Fr. Br.	{ Naples, Southampton,	12	N.R.	4	6
	Br.	Brindisi,	16	N.R.	6	8
*West Indies, (except those named under <i>Union Countries</i> , the Bahamas, and Hayti, which see) Paraguay, Uruguay, }	{ Fr. Br.	{ Naples, Southampton,	30	N.R. §	4	6
	Br.	Brindisi,	34	N.R. §	6	8

† This applies to the Australian Colonies only.

§ Except to British W. Indies, 8 cents.

N.R. signifies No Registration; Br., Fr., or U.S. by British, French, or United States Packet respectively; C., by Contract Packet; Pr., by Private Steamer; (*) Prepayment is compulsory; (†) A small extra charge is made on delivery.

III.—LOCAL POSTAGE.

	LETTERS PER ½ OZ.	REGIS- TRATION.	NEWS- PAPERS.	BOOKS & PAT- TERNS. PER 2 OZ.	PARCELS PER LB. INCLUDING REGISTRY.
	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>
Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction,	2	8	2	2	—
By Private Ship between any other two of the following (through a British Office), viz.: Hongkong, Macao, China, Japan, Siam, Cochin China, Tonquin, and the Philippines,	4	8	2	2	—
By Mail Packet (Br., Fr., or U.S.) between Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, in either direction,	8	8	2	4	—
Parcels; Between British Offices in China, Japan, Macao, Pakhoi, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca, by Private Ship only,	—	—	—	—	20

General Post Office, Hongkong, 1st April, 1879.

No. 82.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st April, 1879.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 11.]

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

CELEBES ISLAND—NORTH COAST.

Shoal Coral Ground in Strait of Banka.

The Netherlands Government has given Notice of the existence of two coral shoals lying nearly in the fairway of the strait of Banka, north coast of Celebes island:

1. A shoal, on which the least water found was 3½ fathoms, lying with the following bearings, viz.:—

- Cape Coffin.....S. 56¾° E.
- Likoepang flagstaff.....S. 39¼° W.
- North cape.....N. 80¾° W.

2. A shoal, on which the shoalest depth obtained was 6½ fathoms, situated 9 cables north-west of the above shoal, and lying with the following bearings, viz.:—

- Cape Coffin.....S. 54¼° E.
- Likoepang flagstaff.....S. 31¼° W.
- North cape.....N. 85¼° W.

NOTE.—The south point of Nain island just open of North cape leads northward of this shoal ground.

[The bearings are Magnetic. Variation 1¾° Easterly in 1879.]

By Direction of the Government of India,

R. C. CARRINGTON, *Chief Civil Assistant,*
for A. DUNDAS TAYLOR, *Comdr. (late I. N.),*
Superintendent, Marine Survey of India.

MARINE SURVEY DEPARTMENT, CALCUTTA, 20th February 1879.

This Notice affects the following:—British Admiralty Charts, Nos. 943, 2575, and 930.

If this Notice is received on boardship, the substance of it should be inserted on the Charts affected by it, and introduced into the Sailing Directions to which it relates.