

No. 119.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following letter from the Superintendent of the Botanical Gardens is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th May, 1879.

[No. 12.]

BOTANICAL GARDENS,
HONGKONG, 7th May, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the appended statistics on plant and seed exchanges which have been conducted by this department since it was made a separate establishment on the 15th of March, up to the end of April last.

The following are introductions of special interest:—

Reana Grass, (*Euchlæna luxurians*, Dur.), received from Sir JOSEPH D. HOOKER, Director, Royal Gardens, Kew. This was figured, and described by Sir J. HOOKER, in the *Botanical Magazine* for March. Sir J. HOOKER says "Few fodder grasses have of late years attracted more attention than the magnificent plant here figured, whether for its supposed value or for its botanical interest." In the Water-Lily house at Kew it grew fifteen feet high last year. The plants of it here are growing remarkably fast, and when distributed it will probably spread rapidly and prove a valuable addition to the fodder grasses of this Colony. It is a native of Guatemala.

Bamboo.—The one called "Mow Chuk" has, after many fruitless attempts to procure it, been obtained by the kind assistance of Mr. HELLAND of the Foochow Imperial Arsenal. This is probably the largest and one of the most valuable of the genus.

Chrysanthemum cuttings of the very best kinds have been kindly contributed by Mr. CHOW CHEE BEE.

In compliance with a request from Dr. CHANG, of the Tung Wa Hospital, some vegetable productions have been supplied for medicinal purposes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

CHARLES FORD,
Superintendent.

The Honourable W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

APPENDIX No. I.

Contributions from

NAMES, &c., OF CONTRIBUTORS.	PLANTS.	SEEDS. PACKETS.	ZOOLOGICAL.
Sampson, T., Canton, .....	...	1	...
Hill, W., Brisbane Botanic Gardens,	31	...	...
Whitehead, W. T., .....	...	...	1 bear.
Chow Chee Bee, (cuttings),	140	...	...
Humphreys, J. D., .....	...	45	...
Poate, T. P., Japan,	4	1	...
Queensland Acclimatisation Society,	69	...	...
Ellis, Captain, S. S. <i>Normanby</i>, .....	...	...	2 wallabies.
Do. Do.,	2 parrots.
Jules de Cock, Messrs., Ghent,	24	...
Helland, A., Foochow,	5
Totals,	249	71	5

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APPENDIX No. II.

Donations to

NAMES OF RECIPIENTS.	PLANTS.	SEEDS. PACKETS.
Herschel, Major, Calcutta,	34	...
Queensland Acclimatisation Society,	99	...
Hill, W., Brisbane Botanic Gardens,	102	53
Coughtrie, J. B.,	1	...
Sharp, Mrs. E.,	6	...
Hooker, Sir J. D., Royal Gardens, Kew, .....	...	56
Police Station, Yau-má-tí,	367	...
May, Hon. C.,	153	...
Hyde, J. B., New York, .....	...	11
Wade, Lady,	54	...
Hospital, Tung Wa,	27	...
Silva, J. M. da,	53	...
How Qua, Canton,	8	...
Vidal, Don Sebastian, Manila, Botanic Gardens,	38	...
St. Joseph's Church,	100	...
Helland, A., Foochow,	67	...
Totals,.....	1,109	120

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Superintendent, Botanic Gardens.

No. 120.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate the following gentlemen to be Trustees of St. John's Cathedral, under the provisions of Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1847.

The Honourable W. H. MARSH.
ALFRED LISTER, Esquire.
EDMUND SHARP, Esquire.
W. M. DEANE, Esquire.

and to be Auditor:—

The Honourable M. S. TONNOCHY.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th May, 1879.

No. 121.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office Hongkong, 14th May, 1879.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 15.]

NEW ZEALAND. SOUTH-WEST EXTREMITY OF MIDDLE ISLAND.

Flashing White Light on Puysegur Point.

The Marine Department, Wellington, New Zealand, has given notice that, on and after the 1st March 1879, a light would be exhibited from the light-house recently erected on Puysegur Point, south-west extremity of Middle Island.

The light is a flashing white light, showing a flash every ten seconds, elevated 180 feet above the level of the sea, and should be visible in clear weather in every direction seaward from a distance of 19 miles.