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Translations into Chinese, for the information of the Chinese portion of the Community, of some of the Government Notifications are inserted herein, but it is to be understood that in case of variance in the sense of the English and Chinese versions, the sense of the English text must be considered as correct.

By Command,

C. MAY, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1875.

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No. 122.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

NIGHT DUTIES OF THE POLICE.

The following Documents are published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,

Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th May, 1879.

[No. 118.]

VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 1st May, 1879.

Sir,—I have the honour to enclose the pension paper of ex P.C. 33, John Freeman.

- 2. The pension would be payable in London.
- 3. Ex P.C. Freeman applies for a passage to England, which would cost \$250; but by § 3 of Ordinance 8 of 1869, he is entitled to three months' pay, or \$120 he was enlisted in Hongkong.
- 4. It therefore rests with His Excellency to decide whether the reater favour is to be allowed.

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5. I enclose his character roll, which would count for ten years service as "Very Good.'

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Honourable

W. H. MARSH, Colonial Secretary, &c., &c.,

No. 33, P.C. John Freeman, joined April, 1869.

EXTRACTS FROM POLICE DEFAULTER'S BOOK.

Date.	Misconduct.	Decision of Superintendent.
1870. Apr. 30 July 12	Losing a Government Re- volver. Disorderly Conduct.	Revolver to be replaced. Cautioned.
- 1871. Apr. 12 May 8	Assault on P.C. 59, in Station. Absent from Drill.	Fined \$1. One day's extra Drill.
1874. Sept. 12	Absent from Station.	Cautioned.
1875. Oct. 5 1877. May 26 June 15	Fighting in Whitfeild Station. Gross Neglect of Duty. Asleep on Duty.	Leave stopped for one month. Fined \$6. Fined \$5.

W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent of Police.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

Let me see the record of the enquiry when he was fined \$6 in May, 1877.

> J. Pope Hennessy. 3rd May, 1879.

Report by Captain Superintendent of Police. Extract from Defaulter's Evidence Book.

"33, Freeman, neglect of duty. Mr. Cameron "states at 10 P.M. on 24th, defendant did not put "Indians on duty. " Fined \$6."

> "C. V. CREAGH, "Acting Captain Superintendent of Police."

> > W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent of Police.

3rd May, 1879.

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Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

Call on Inspector Cameron to furnish a more minute account of the neglect of duty in question.

> J. Pope Hennessy. 8th May, 1879.

Report by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

P. C. Freeman was in charge of Hung Hom At 10 P.M. he ought to have sent the At midnight the Inspector of Indians on duty. the District visited the theatre at To Kwa Wan, arrested a man, and found no Constable there. He went to Hung Hòm, and found Freeman and the Indians (who ought to have been on duty) in their beds.

W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent of Police.

9th May, 1879.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

I do not quite understand the last paragraph in the Captain Superintendent's letter, of the 1st of May, 1879. Ask him to explain what he means by saying "I enclose his (John Freeman's) "character roll, which would count for ten years "service as very good."

> J. Pope Hennessy. 14th May, 1879.

Report by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

I have the honour to report that the amplified meaning of the paragraph referred to is to this effect:

John Freeman has served ten years, and reference to his character roll shows that during that period of service he has only been fined on three occasions, and that on none of those occasions did the fine amount to \$10 (which sum denotes a "serious offence"). Therefore, as the number of offences are few when the number of years he has served are considered, his character on his discharge certificate would be marked "very good."

> W. M. DEANE, Captain Superintendent of Police.

Minute by His Excellency the Governor.

1. In this case it rests with me to decide whether P. C. John Freeman, who was enlisted in our Police Force ten years ago in Hongkong and who is now retiring on pension, should receive the three months' pay (as a sort of gratuity in addition to the pension) amounting to \$120, being the sum he can receive under section 3 of Ordinance 8 of 1869, or whether the greater favour of giving him \$250 (payable to Constables enlisted in the United Kingdom) should be allowed to him.

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- 2. In bringing this question before me, the Captain Superintendent adds that John Freeman's character roll counts for ten years' service as "Very good."
- 3. But on looking through the character roll, I find eight offences recorded, some no doubt not very serious, but one so grave that it is impossible for me to overlook it. It is an offence described in the character roll as "gross neglect of duty," and, on calling for the details, the Captain Superintendent states that it was a case in which P.C. Freeman being in charge of a Police Station was bound to have sent the Indian Constables on duty at 10 p.m., but that, at midnight, the Inspector of the district having occasion to arrest a man found no Constables on night duty, and on proceeding to the Police Station he found Freeman and the Indians (who ought to have been on duty) in their beds.
- 4. This incident occurred in the middle of the year 1877, and though FREEMAN was then fined \$6, he had again to be fined (\$5) in the following month for being "asleep on duty."
- 5. Though it appears to have been the practice for the Captain Superintendent to record the character roll of a Constable of the Hongkong Police as "Very good" in spite of such incidents, unless the offences were more numerous, or the fines in each case amounted to \$10,—I cannot approve of it.
- 6. I have long been of opinion that upon the thorough performance of the Night duties of the Police Force we have mainly to depend for the prevention of crime in this Colony. I see no reason for doubting the accuracy of the view taken by the recent Committee of the Legislative Council presided over by the late Mr. May, that this Colony has been insufficiently policed at night time and that this has had probably more to do with the increase in some class of offences than any other cause.
- 7. But if I were now to ratify the Captain Superintendent's certificate that P. C. FREEMAN's conduct has been "very good" and to give him accordingly the suggested bonus of \$250, I should not be encouraging that thorough performance of the night duties of the Force that I consider to be of such vital importance.
- 8. The Captain Superintendent will, therefore, be good enough to revise the discharge certificate in this case, substituting a lower mark of conduct for the phrase "very good," and he will also see that Freeman is paid the lower bonus of \$120, instead of \$250.
- 9. This decision may appear to press hardly upon P.C. Freeman, who, knowing the practice that had existed here for some years past, has not unnaturally calculated on receiving a discharge certificate marked "very good" though on two

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occasions during my brief administration of the Colony, he has been fined for neglect of night duties, yet I am sure every officer and man in the Police Force will understand that this decision points, on the other hand, to the fact that the Head of the Executive will not be indifferent to the faithful discharge of the night duties of the Police and that the award of whatever bonuses or promotions in the Police may be at my disposal, will depend, in no small degree, on the way in which each individual in the Force does his work in protecting the Colony at night.

> J. Pope Hennessy. 17th May, 1879.

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No. 117.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Hydrographic Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. Marsh, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th May, 879.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE. APPROACHES TO HONGKONG-TYTAMI CHANNEL.

Position of Danger.

Latitude 21° 57′ 36″ N. Longitude 114° 07′ 59″ E. Left extreme Tytami Island,N. 30° W. Right extreme Tytami Island, N. 58° E.

Least Water on the Rock (reduced to Low Water Springs) 13 feet.

Clearing Marks.

No vessel should stand to the Northward of a line joining the S. E. point of Yechau Island with the centre of Guyune Island (bearing respectively from each other N. 67° E. and S. 67° W.), until Echau Head opens clear of S. W. point of Tytami Island bearing N. $\frac{1}{2}$ W.

This rock is about 50 feet long East and West, and 20 feet North and South.

Between the Rock and the Island the Soundings vary from 8 to 10 fathoms.

> (Signed,) G. L. KING-HARMAN, Lieutenant & Navigating Officer, H. M. S. Mosquito.

Approved,

(Signed,) GEO. A. G. GREY, Lieutenant & Commander, H. M. S. Mosquito.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1879.

This Notice affects Admiralty Chart No. 2212, and Sailing Directions for the China Sea, Vol. III, page 73.

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