

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS ADDRESSED TO CHINESE.

May 19th, 1879.

近有付往外埠吉信數封無人到取現由外埠付回香港驛務總局如有此人

可即到本局領取茲將原名號列左

葉宅付谷當信一封交葉亞敬定球二位收入

黎宅付上海信一封交黎運油收入

付大呂宋惠啞基信一封交黃章成收入

譚護付細檢脩信一封交李社富收入

現有由外埠付到要信數封貯存驛務總局如有此人可即到本局領取茲將

原名號列左

又一封交陳序璜收入 又一封交凌云收入 又一封交林道恩收入

又一封交禮聲收入 又一封交禮庭收入 又一封交同興收入

又一封交美彩收入 又一封交林賢能收入 又一封交陳學養收入

又一封交李燦華收入 又一封交巧華收入 又一封交謝叶祥收入

又一封交鄭彥收入 又一封交胡二收入 又一封交梁宗洲收入

又一封交龍偉收入 又一封交黎有成收入 又一封交謝毛收入

又一封交梁鈞志收入

又保家信一封交怡隆收入 又保家信一封交黃章收入

又保家信一封交郭灼亭收入

No. 124.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Correspondence regarding Retiring Allowances of Civil Servants who do not give their whole time to the Public Service is published for general information.

By Command.

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

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

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
12th March, 1879.

SIR,—In connection with my Predecessor's Circular Despatch of 17th November, 1876 (of which a copy is enclosed for convenience of reference), I have the honour to forward to you herewith copies of two letters from Her Majesty's Treasury, in which you will find a statement of the rules that have been adopted for the treatment as to retiring allowances of Civil Servants who do not give their whole time to the Public Service.

It is my intention as regards Colonial Pensions, &c., to continue to follow the practice defined in these letters, except in cases in which, on special grounds, deviations from that practice may have been duly sanctioned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

The Treasury to the Colonial Office.

TREASURY CHAMBERS,
8th April, 1873.

SIR,—I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State, that their Lordships' attention has been called to the question of granting Compensation Allowances under the 7th Clause of the Superannuation Act of 1859, to persons holding situations in the Civil Service of the State of an established character, the duties of which are not such as to require that the holder should give his whole time to the Public Service.

2. The grant of Superannuation Allowances under that Act to persons retiring from age or ill-health is limited to persons in the Permanent Civil Service of the State, as defined by the 17th Section of the Act, and is subject to the power conferred on this Board by the proviso at the end of the 2nd Section of the Act, of deciding finally on the claim of any person or class of persons for Superannuation under that clause.

3. In the exercise of the discretion thus conferred upon them, this Board have, since the passing of the Act in question, uniformly declined to recognise any claim to Superannuation under the 2nd Section of the Act on the part of persons holding situations in the Civil Service of the State, the duties of which are not such as to require that the holder should give his whole time to the Public Service, due regard being had to the claims of any such persons who might have already acquired a claim to Superannuation before the passing of the Act. My Lords do not intend to make any change in their practice in this respect.

4. But the terms of the 7th Section of the Act, which provides for the grant of Compensation Allowances to "any persons retiring or removed from the Public Service in consequence of the abolition of his office, or for the purpose of facilitating improvements in the organization of the department to which he belongs, by which greater efficiency and economy can be effected," appear to My Lords to justify them in extending its benefits to persons whose position in the Civil Service gives them no claim to Superannuation under the 2nd Section.

5. My Lords, however, are at the same time of opinion that a marked distinction should be made in the amount awarded as compensation for abolition or reorganization of office to a Civil Servant who would have no claim to Superannuation in the event of his retiring from the Service on account of age or ill-health, and the amount of compensation which would have been awarded to the same Civil Servant if his position in the Civil Service had been such as to give him a claim to Superannuation under the 2nd Section of the Act.

6. Accordingly, My Lords intend to observe the following rule:—*When a person holding a situation in the Civil Service of the State of an established character, the duties of which are not such as to require that the holder should give his whole time to the Public Service, leaves the Service under the circumstances defined by the 7th Section of the Superannuation Act of 1859, My Lords will fix his Compensation Allowance under that Section at an amount equal to three-fourths of the Compensation Allowance which would have been awarded to the same person under the same Section if his position in the Service had been one which gave him a claim to Superannuation under the 2nd Section of the Act.*

7. It is hardly necessary to observe that the grant of Compensation Allowances under the 7th Section of the Act to persons who are in a position to claim Superannuation under the 2nd Section of the Act, is regulated by the Treasury Minutes of the 14th June, 1859 (paragraph 4), and the 17th December, 1864, copies of which were circulated at the time among the several Public Departments. Duplicate copies of these Minutes are, however, enclosed herewith for convenience of reference.

8. My Lords request that the above regulations may be made known to all persons serving in your Department, and in the Departments (if any) which are subordinate to your own, for which purpose such number of copies of this Circular and of the two Minutes above mentioned as you may require, can be had from the Treasury on application.

9. In order to enable this Board to apply correctly the regulations stated above to the several cases which are submitted to them either for Superannuation or for Compensation, My Lords have caused a new form to be prepared "of Particulars required to be furnished in reference to persons recommended for Superannuation, Compensation, or Compassionate Allowances, or Gratuities on Retirement," in which, *inter alia*, a heading has been inserted, requiring the Department which forwards the case to state whether the person retiring from the Service has held a situation, the duties of which are such as to require that the holder should give his whole time to the Public Service. Some minor improvements have also been made in the wording of this form.

10. My Lords request that for the future the particulars of all cases which are submitted to them for the grant of any Superannuation, Compensation, or Compassionate Allowance, or Gratuity on Retirement, may be furnished in the first instance on a form similar to the one now enclosed, copies of which may be had on application to the Stationery Office. This form will supersede the "form of particulars" now in use.

11. My Lords take this opportunity of calling your attention to the Minute of this Board, dated 14th of March, 1870, as to the importance of filling in the "date of cessation of duty," and the "date of cessation of salary," in the spaces reserved for that purpose in the form.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) WILLIAM LAW.

R. G. W. HERBERT, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

*The Treasury to the Colonial Office.*TREASURY CHAMBERS,
3rd October, 1878.

SIR,—In replying to Mr. MEADE's letter of the 15th instant, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Retiring Allowance (whether Superannuation or Compensation) of an Officer who entered the Public Service before the passing of the Superannuation Act of 1859, and whose duties have not required that his whole time should be given to the Public Service, but who had acquired a right to Superannuation before the passing of the Act of 1859, would be reckoned on the scale of that Act.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

CHARLES W. STRONGE.

R. G. W. HERBERT, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

No. 125.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that H. G. THOMSETT, Esquire, R.N., having reported his return to the Colony, has resumed his duties as Harbour Master and Emigration Officer, from this date.

By Command, •

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 126.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

In accordance with the authority given to him by Her Majesty, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct that the Anniversary of the Queen's Birthday be celebrated this year in Hongkong, and its Dependencies, on Saturday, the 24th of May.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th May, 1879.

No. 127.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, temporarily and provisionally and until further notice, EDWARD BURNIE, Master Mariner, to act as Government Marine Surveyor *vice* R. H. CAIRNS, Master Mariner, absent on leave.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th May, 1879.

No. 128.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office Hongkong, 20th May, 1879.

Government of India.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 19.]

EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO—JAVA. SUNDA STRAIT.

(1) *Discontinuance of Additional Light at Fourth Point.*

The Netherlands Government has given Notice, that the additional light shown from Fourth Point lighthouse to indicate the direction (now altered) of the Telegraph cable between Anjer and Telok Betong, is discontinued.

NORTH COAST.

(2) *Shoal in the Fairway to Batavia Road.*

Also, of the existence of a shoal in the approach to Batavia, bearing N. E. by E. of Serassa rock, distant 1.3 miles:—
The shoal, one cable in extent, with 4 fathoms over it at low water, lies with the following bearings, *viz.*—

East extreme of Parrie island,	N. 41° 45' W.
North-west extreme of Great Kombuys island,	S. 63 15' W.
West extreme of little Kombuys island,	S. 28 45' W.