

RETURNS of BIRTHS and DEATHS for the 3rd Quarter of 1879, ending 30th September.

DISTRICTS.	BRITISH AND FOREIGN COMMUNITY.				CHINESE.				DEATHS. BRITISH & FOREIGN COMMUNITY.
	BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		BIRTHS.		DEATHS.		
	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	
Victoria,	27	22	35	6	161	123	403	498	British and Foreign, 15 Portuguese, 7 Indians, &c., 5 Non-Residents, 14 <hr/> 41
Kow-loon, .....	..	..	..	..	8	7	35	32	
Sháu-kí Wán, ...	..	..	..	..	5	6	26	24	
Aberdeen, .....	..	..	..	..	..	4	10	19	
Stanley, .....	..	..	..	..	4	3	5	1	
TOTAL, ..	27	22	35	6	178	143	479	574	
GRAND TOTAL,	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE, PER 1,000 FOR 3RD QUARTER OF			1879.		178			
Births, ... 370	Whole Population, ..			31.44	..	..	..	..
Deaths, .. 1,094	British & Foreign Community,			18.27	..	..	..	..
	Do. deducting Non-Residents,			13.78	..	..	..	..
	Chinese,			32.35	..	..	..	..

JOHN GERRARD,
Acting Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 22nd October, 1879.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

CLOSING OF THE BRITISH POST OFFICES IN JAPAN.

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By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th October, 1879.

Agreement relative to the closing of the British Post Offices in Japan.

The undersigned, being thereunto duly authorized by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following articles, defining the conditions under which the British Post Offices in Japan shall be closed, and the Postal business thereof handed over to the Japanese Government.

ARTICLE I.

Her Britannic Majesty's Government shall have all such privileges as are usually enjoyed by Sovereign Powers, with regard to their official correspondence.

ARTICLE II.

All official correspondence (whether in the form of covers, bags or boxes, provided that its character as such official correspondence be marked on the outside or be otherwise readily recognizable) addressed to or destined for Her Britannic Majesty's Legation in Japan, shall be delivered immediately on the arrival of the steamer or vessel bringing any such official correspondence to the special officer designated for the purpose by Her Britannic Majesty's Minister. And a similar arrangement shall be adopted with regard to official correspondence for Her Britannic Majesty's Consulates in Japan, whenever a formal request to this effect shall have been made by Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed in any way to abridge the right of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, to make any special arrangement it may, in accordance with diplomatic usage, deem proper to make for the conveyance to, from or within Japan of its official correspondence, of all kinds, and such correspondence shall not be subjected to any detention or delay by the Customs or other Japanese Authorities.

ARTICLE III.

No privilege shall be granted to any other Power in respect of Postal matters, which shall not be equally extended to Great Britain.