

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 21.

Following Results of Magnetic Observations made in 1841-1885, are published for general

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th January, 1886.

RESULTS OF MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS MADE 1841-1885, IN HONGKONG.

1.—Declination.

Date.	Observer.	Locality.	Declination.
1843,	Belcher,	Hongkong,	0° 37' E.
1845,	Richards,	Kaulung,	0 30 "
1849,	Maclear,	"	0 55.6 "
1845,	Observatory,	"	0 47.0 "
1885.5,	"	"	0 45.2 "

2.—Dip.

Date.	Observer.	Locality.	Dip.
1841.1,	Belcher,	Hongkong,*	30° 2' 7 N.
1843.8,	"	"	30 50 "
1851,	Collinson,	"	29 40 "
1858,	Novara,	"	31 8 "
1858.1,	Shadwell,	Wellington Battery,	31 26 "
1872.3,	"	"	32 17.9 "
1873.3,	"	"	32 19.6 "
1874.9,	"	"	32 17.3 "
1874.9,	Maclear,	Kaulung,	32 20.4 "
1884.5,	Observatory,	"	32 26.7 "
1885.5,	"	"	32 26.4 "

* Near Granite Rocks.

3.—Total Force in British Units.

Date.	Observer.	Locality.	Force.
1843,	Belcher,	Hongkong,	8.95
1858,	Novara,	"	8.95
1874.9,	Maclear,	Kaulung,	9.231
1884.5,	Observatory,	"	9.258
1885.5,	"	"	9.257

It appears, that the observed declinations are insufficient to prove any secular change, and that the dip was about 1860, increasing three or four minutes, and about 1880 about one minute yearly. The total force appears to be slowly increasing.

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Hongkong Observatory. 13th January, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 22.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Thursday, the 28th January, 1886:—

1. For repairing, painting, colouring, and lime-whiting the Lock Hospital.
2. For constructing ventilation shaft and drain to sewer, top of Peel Street.
3. For constructing 345 feet lineal of sewer, and for repairing, channelling, and macadamizing 325 feet lineal of the Pokfulam Road, commencing from Bonham Road going Eastward.

For form of tender, apply at this Office.

For specification and further particulars apply at the Surveyor General's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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