

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 105.

The following finding of a Marine Court appointed to enquire into the stranding of the British Barque *Bothwell Castle*, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th March, 1886.

## FINDING.

We find that the British Barque *Bothwell Castle* of Newcastle N.S.W., Official No. 47,822 left Newcastle on 16th November, 1884, for Amoy with a cargo of coals.

At the time of sailing it would seem that the ship was sufficiently found for the voyage.

That on December 21st, 1884, the *Bothwell Castle* stranded on the reef surrounding Ngarik Island, Caroline Group. That she was subsequently abandoned and afterwards slipped off the reef, and went down in deep water.

That the crew landed on the Island, when friendly relations were established with the Natives.

That at the end of about one week, the Captain with two of the crew, left the Island in the long boat, saying that he was going to Guaham for assistance, and there is no evidence to show what afterwards became of them.

With the scant evidence before us, we have been unable to determine the circumstances which led to the casualty; but it appears that the Master had doubts as to his position for some days previous; also that the relations existing between the Captain and First Mate, and the general discipline on board was not such as would conduce to the well being of the ship.

The Court are of opinion that there is not sufficient evidence before them to enable them to apportion any blame for the casualty.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 24th day of March, 1886.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, *Ret. Com., R.N., and*  
*President of Court.*

GEORGE S. KEIGWIN, *Navigating Lieutenant, R.N.*  
W. MALCOLM, *Master British Bark "Sussex."*

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 106.

Tenders will be received at this Office, until Noon of Monday, the 5th April, for the supply of the undermentioned articles for the use of the Police Department:—

300 Bed-mats for Europeans and Indians.  
350 „ „ for Chinese.

Form of tender may be obtained at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Samples and any necessary information may be obtained, on application, at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

No tender will be received unless sent in the Form required.

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th March, 1886.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 107.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 9th April, 1886:—

1. For constructing a sewer in Middle Street; for raising and repairing the said street for constructing at the foot thereof 140 ft. run of sea wall; and for filling in the ground between Marine Lots 126 and 260 at Shektongsui.
2. For repairing, painting, colouring and limewhiting the Light House Keeper's quarters, out-offices, &c. at Cape D'Aguilar.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

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

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th March, 1886.