

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 207.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the 14th of June, being Whit Monday, be observed as a Holiday in the Government Departments.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th June, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 208.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to grant to PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES, Esquire, M.R.C.S.E., L.M., L.R.C.P.E., Colonial Surgeon and Inspector of Hospitals, four months' vacation leave and one month's leave of absence on half salary from the 6th instant.

Consequent on Dr. AYRES's absence, His Excellency has been pleased to appoint GREGORY PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S. to be Acting Colonial Surgeon and Acting Inspector of Hospitals.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th June, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 209.

Whereas by Ordinance No. 14 of 1886 it is provided that due notice of the appointment of the Procurator in Hongkong for the Dominican Missions in the Far East and of proof thereof having been placed in the hands of the Governor shall be given in the *Government Gazette* and that such notice shall be sufficient evidence of the said appointment and of proof thereof having been made: Now therefore notice is hereby given that the Very Reverend FERNANDO SAINZ is the duly appointed Procurator in Hongkong for the Dominican Missions in the Far East, and proof of such appointment has been placed in the hands of the Governor.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th June, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 210.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th June, 1886.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Sealed parcels not exceeding 7 lb. in weight can now be forwarded, through the United Kingdom, to Denmark and Sweden.

The gross weight of such parcels and the net weight of the contents must be entered on the declaration of contents and value.

These particulars are embodied in the following Table, copies of which can be obtained at the Post Office.

A. LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 1st June, 1886.

PARCEL POST.

N.B.—A Receipt will be given for each Parcel.

To	LIMIT OF WEIGHT.	POSTAGE PER lb.	LIMIT OF SIZE.	PROHIBITED ARTICLES.
	<i>lb.</i>	<i>cents.</i>		
Hongkong, China, Japan, Corea, Siam,	11	5	2 ft. by 1 ft., by 1 ft.	Opium.
Straits Settlements, India,	11	15	Do., and not smaller than 3 in. by 2 in., by 2 in.	Do.
United Kingdom, <i>viâ Gibraltar only</i> ,	11	25	3 ft. 6 in. long, or 6 ft. in greatest length and girth combined.	Tobacco, except for personal use.
Windward and Leeward Is., † Trinidad, } British Guiana, Barbados,	7	50	
Constantinople, (<i>viâ London</i>),	7	50	
Malta and Gibraltar, (<i>viâ London</i>),	7	50		Do.
Cyprus, (<i>viâ London</i>),	7	50	Do.	Coins, Tobacco.
St. Helena (<i>viâ London</i>),	7	50	Do.	Books copyright in the United Kingdom.
Cape Colony,	7	50	Do.	Letters.
Jamaica,	7	50	2 ft. long, or 4 ft. in length and girth combined.
Belgium, (<i>viâ London</i>),	7	30	2 ft. in any direction.	Letters.
†Germany, Holland, Norway, (<i>viâ London</i>), ..	7	30	Do.	Letters, { To Germany, Vines or parts of Vines.
†Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, (<i>viâ London</i>),	7	35	Do.	Letters.

† Antigua, Montserrat, S. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Virgin Is.; Grenada, S. Lucia, S. Vincent, Tobago.

1.—TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND PLACES BEYOND.—Parcels are forwarded by P. & O. packet only, and arrive in London about 8 days later than the Mail. They must be posted before 3 P.M. on the day before the Mail leaves. Those arriving from the Coast, &c. after this hour are kept for the next P. & O. Mail. No further charge is made on delivery except for Customs Dues, which (in the United Kingdom) apply to no articles ordinarily sent from China except Tea, Tobacco, and Gold or Silver plate.* A Declaration of Contents and Value is required with each parcel. The form is supplied free.

2.—The inward parcel mail is not opened until the distribution of letters, &c. is finished. The postage on parcels to China is 10d. per lb., and they are sent out *viâ Gibraltar*. Parcels may be posted at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, and are delivered free at Hongkong, Macao, Canton, Hoihow, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai and Hankow; or, at the addressee's risk, with the mails for other places in China. Parcels may also be forwarded from the places named above.

3.—TO INDIA.—By P. & O. and Indian Mail packet only. A declaration of Contents and Value is required. The form is supplied free.

4.—Parcels for these Countries *must be sealed*, and the net weight of the contents, as well as the gross weight of the parcel must be entered on the declaration.

5.—GENERAL RULES.—Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination. Dangerous or perishable goods, opium, articles likely to injure the mails, liquids (unless securely packed) and fragile packages are prohibited. No Parcel must exceed \$250 in value. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself (except in cases where the enclosure of letters is prohibited) or another Parcel to that address, but no other parcels.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

HONGKONG, 1st June, 1886.

* No Customs duty is charged on Watches, Jewellery, Personal Ornaments, or any articles not describable as *Plate*. Duties cannot be prepaid by the sender.