

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 143.

The following Notice from the Director of the Observatory is re-published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th April, 1886.

NOTICE.

- Meteorological Signals* will be hoisted on the mast in front of the Police Barracks at Tsimshátsui:—
- A red drum indicates the existence of a typhoon in the China Sea to the East of the Colony.
 - A red cone pointing upwards indicates, that a typhoon exists in a latitude more Northern than the Colony, or, that it is progressing towards North.
 - A red cone pointing downwards indicates, that a typhoon exists in a latitude more Southern than the Colony, or, that it is progressing towards South.
 - A red ball indicates the existence of a typhoon somewhere to the West of the Colony.
2. The shipping community is supposed to be guided not solely by these signals, but to consult *The China Coast Meteorological Register* issued daily from here.
 3. The Meteorological signals do not imply that a typhoon is approaching the Colony. *Local Storm-warnings* are given by firing the gun placed at the foot of the mast. It will be fired one round, whenever a strong gale of wind is expected here. It will be fired two rounds, whenever the wind is expected to blow with storm or typhoon force, and it will be fired again, if possible, when the wind is likely to shift round suddenly,—such shifting being frequently accompanied by great disasters to the shipping.
 4. In cases where special information is urgently required, enquiries at the Observatory should, if possible, be made between 1 p. and 4 p., as I am particularly engaged at other times.

W. DOBERCK,
Government Astronomer.

Hongkong Observatory, 25th May, 1885.

SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

THE Court will sit in *Summary Jurisdiction*, every Friday, until further notice.

THE Court will sit in *Original Jurisdiction*, on every Monday and Thursday, until further notice.

By Order of the Court,

A. G. WISE,
Acting Registrar.

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