

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 406.

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of Section 12 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1866, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint, on probation for three months, CH'AN SHING-TS'AN (陳成燦) to be a Chief District Watchman.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th October, 1886.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 407.

The following Finding of the Marine Court, held on the 14th instant, to enquire into the stranding of the British Steam-ship *Dafila*. Official No. 68,501, JAMES MOONEY, Master, whose Certificate of Competency is 0716, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th October, 1886.

## FINDING.

1. We find that the British Steam-ship *Dafila*, Official No. 68,501, of Sunderland, on a voyage from Bangkok to Hongkong, was stranded on the South Bank, Hainan Straits, China, on the 12th May, and that she was, after discharging a large portion of her Cargo into lighters, floated into the South Channel and towed to Hoihow by H.M.S. *Albatross*.

2. We are of opinion that the Master JAMES MOONEY, No. of Certificate of Competency 0716, was not justified in leaving Bangkok with so small a quantity of Coals. We are also of opinion that the Master, when on the voyage he found himself short of Coals, should have gone either into Saigon or Touron to obtain a supply.

3. The Chart by which the ship was navigated, is on so small a scale, that it was an error of judgment to trust to it in navigating the Hainan Straits.

4. We find that the Master has not been supplied by the Owners with the proper Charts or Sailing Directions requisite for the safe navigation of a ship.

5. After the ship had grounded, the Master did what he best could for the benefit of all concerned.

6. We consider that the errors of judgment, although grave, are not such as to justify the Court in dealing with the Master's Certificate.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 14th day of October, 1886.

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N., *Stipendiary Magistrate.*

GEORGE S. KEIGWIN, *Navigating Lieutenant, R.N.*

J. BROWN,

JOHN B. PURVIS,

F. D. GODDARD,

} *Masters Mercantile Marine.*

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 408.

Separate tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 22nd instant:—

1. For quarrying and breaking stone for the Reservoir Works at Tytam.

2. For building a retaining wall on the Shaukiwan Carriage Road at Quarry Bay.

3. For repairing and widening a portion of Magazine Gap Road.

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, 16th October, 1886.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 409.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 22nd November proximo, for the general surface scavenging of the City of Victoria.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications and full particulars apply at the Office of the Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th October, 1886.