

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 453

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

POSTAL NOTES.

1. Postal Notes of the values named below, payable within three months at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople, can be obtained at Hongkong or at any British Post Office in China (except Hoihow and Tientsin) at the following prices, which include Commission;—

1/- .....	31 cents.
1/6 .....	47 "
5/- .....	\$1.55 "
10/- .....	\$3.10 "
20/- .....	\$6.20 "

All money orders on the United Kingdom for even sums not exceeding £5 applied for at Hongkong or Shanghai will be issued by means of these Notes.

2. The purchaser of any Postal Note must fill in the Payee's name before parting with it. He may also fill in the name of the Office where payment is to be made. If this is not done, the note is payable (within three months) anywhere in the United Kingdom, or at Constantinople. Any Postal Note may be crossed to a Bank.

3. Postal Notes should always be forwarded in Registered Covers. If this precaution is not taken, NO ENQUIRIES WHATEVER will be made as to the loss or alleged loss of any Note.

4. Postal Notes issued in the United Kingdom are not payable in Hongkong or China.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, 26th NOVEMBER, 1886.

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The following Finding of the Marine Court, held on the 25th instant, to enquire into the stranding of the British Steam-ship *Greyhound*, Official No. 81,647, is published for general information.

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Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

FINDING.

We find that the British Steam-ship *Greyhound*, Official No. 81,647, of 227 tons Register, while on a voyage from Pakhoi to Hoihow, was, on the 2nd November, stranded on a reef running out from Nan Sa Point in the Gulf of Tonquin. After discharging the cargo, the vessel was floated, and went to Hoihow, where she arrived on the 13th instant, and she subsequently came to Hongkong.

We are of opinion that the *Greyhound* was set in shore off her course, by an unexpected current, which caused the vessel to be stranded.

The Court are of opinion that the lead was not used sufficiently, and that the Master (Mr. THOMAS) did not keep a proper personal lookout, but the Court do not feel justified in dealing with his Certificate.

The Court recommend that the attention of the Chinese Government be called to the want of lights and marks in the Hainan Straits, which has led to the stranding of so many vessels.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 25th day of November, 1886.

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

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

NEIL SHANNON,

W. H. WALKER,

H. C. A. HARRIS,

} *Masters in the Mercantile Marine.*