

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 27.

The following Rules made by the Governor in Council, under the provisions of Ordinance 5 of 1883, are published for general information.

Any breach of these Rules renders the offender liable to a penalty of \$25, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for three months, under section 5 of the Ordinance.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1887.

*Rules made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of
Section 4 of Ordinance 5 of 1883. (The Vehicles and
Public Traffic Ordinance, 1883.)*

1. Licences for public vehicles shall be issued by the Captain Superintendent of Police, who may, in his discretion, refuse to issue any licence. Not more than 500 licences for jinrickshas shall be current at any one time. Every Licence shall be taken out half-yearly or for the residue of the current half-year, and shall expire on the thirty-first day of May or on the thirtieth day of November, and the holder thereof shall be subject to the following rules.

2. The following fees for Licences shall be paid:—

(a.) For every wheeled vehicle,	\$6.00
(b.) For every chair,.....	1.00
(c.) For every driver or bearer of a vehicle.....	0.30

3. No Licence shall be transferable.

4. No holder of a licence for a vehicle shall let out his vehicle to any bearer or driver not being the holder of a lawful licence as bearer or driver.

5. Every licensed vehicle shall have thereto affixed, or painted thereon in such conspicuous places as the Captain Superintendent of Police directs, the number of its licence in figures not less than two inches in length.

6. No jinricksha licensed for the first time after the publication of these Rules shall exceed 36 inches in breadth between the wheels, or shall have tires to such wheels of less breadth than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Such tires must be flat, not bevelled, and the hood of such jinricksha must afford a clear height from the upper side of the cushion of 41 inches.

7. The driver or bearer of every licensed vehicle shall wear conspicuously a distinguishing badge bearing the number of his own licence. Should such badge be made of leather or metal, or of both, the Captain Superintendent of Police may demand a deposit of twenty-five cents for each badge, such deposit to be returned to the owner on the expiry of his licence and the return of the badge.

8. For each jinricksha there shall be two licensed drivers, who need not, however, both be in charge of the vehicle at the same time.

9. Each licensed driver or bearer of a vehicle shall be photographed, free of cost to himself; one copy of such photograph shall be attached to his licence, and one shall be retained by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

10. The licensee of every vehicle shall attend with his vehicle at such times and places as may be directed by the Captain Superintendent of Police for the inspection of such vehicle, and shall not leave such place of inspection until authorised to do so by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

11. The Captain Superintendent of Police may require the licensee of any vehicle to provide, and attach to such vehicle in such manner and in such place as the Captain Superintendent of Police may direct, a list of the authorised fares for such vehicle, of such material and pattern as the Captain Superintendent of Police may direct.

12. The Captain Superintendent of Police may refuse a licence in respect of any vehicle which in his opinion is not as to repairs or cleanliness in a state fit for public use, or for any misconduct on the part of the owner or driver or bearer. If a licence has been granted he may, for either of the above-mentioned reasons, withdraw the same and cause it to be forfeited.

13. The Captain Superintendent of Police may refuse a licence in respect of any driver or bearer who in his opinion is improperly clothed. If a licence has been granted he may, in such case, withdraw the same and cause it to be forfeited.

14. Every Person obtaining a licence for a vehicle shall give, upon receiving his licence, security in the sum of fifty dollars by the bond of himself and of some person or persons to the satisfaction of Captain Superintendent of Police, for the appearance at any time of the licensee and also of the driver or bearers of the vehicle when they shall respectively be thereunto required, and for his duly paying all fines which shall be imposed in respect of the vehicle or the driver or bearer thereof, and all damages which may be recovered for injuries committed in respect of the vehicle or by the driver or bearer thereof; the bond to be in such form as the Captain Superintendent of Police shall require.

15. The fares to be charged for public vehicles shall be such sums as the Captain Superintendent of Police shall, by a table of fares to be set up in some conspicuous place in his office, from time to time direct, and a copy thereof shall be inserted in every licence to be granted under these Rules and it shall be also affixed in a conspicuous place on every such vehicle. Such table of fares, or any alteration of the same, shall, before the same shall come into operation, be approved by the Governor in Council.

16. The driver or bearer of a licensed vehicle shall not without reasonable cause refuse, when employed, to accept hire.

17. The driver or bearer of a licensed vehicle shall not demand more than the authorised fare for the hire of his vehicle.

18. The driver or bearer of a licensed vehicle shall travel with reasonable speed.

19. The driver or bearer of a licensed vehicle shall not leave his fare before the completion of the engagement of such fare.

20. The driver or bearer of a licensed vehicle shall not use insulting language or behave rudely.

21. The driver or bearer of a licensed vehicle shall not sit or lie in, or in any way occupy his own vehicle.

22. Every licensed vehicle, when plying for hire or engaged after eight o'clock at night, shall carry a lamp of such description as the Captain Superintendent of Police shall direct.

23. All property left in any vehicle shall be taken forthwith to the Central Police Station and handed over to the police authorities, who shall cause the goods to be publicly advertised in the usual manner, and if claimed, the same shall be handed over to the owner claiming it, subject to a deduction of five per cent. on the value (to be given to the driver bringing the same to the Police) to be ascertained in case of difference by the Captain Superintendent of Police; and if the same shall be unclaimed at the expiration of three months from the date of the loss, the Captain Superintendent shall, as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, cause the said goods to be sold in such manner as he shall think best, and the Captain Superintendent shall deduct out of the proceeds of each sale a sum equivalent to ten per cent. on the proceeds of the sale of such goods, and shall pay the amount to the driver or bearer who shall have brought the said goods, and subject thereto the said proceeds shall be paid into the Treasury.

24. The persistent solicitation of passengers is strictly forbidden, as is also obstruction to the free transit of passengers, especially at hotels, or the wharves, or other landing places.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 21st January, 1887.

FEEES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—IN VICTORIA, WITH TWO BEARERS.

Half hour,	10 cents.	One hour,	20 cents.
Three hours,	50 „	Six hours,	70 „
Day (6 A.M. to 6 P.M.) \$1.			

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

II.—BEYOND VICTORIA, WITH FOUR BEARERS.

Hour,	0.60 cents.	Six hours,	\$1.50
Three hours,	\$1.00	Day (6 A.M. to 6 P.M.),	\$2.00

JINRICKSHAS.

(WITH SINGLE DRIVER).

Quarter hour,	05 cents.	Hour,	15 cents.
Half hour,	10 „	Every subsequent hour,	10 „

NOTE.—Victoria extends from Mount Davis to Causeway Bay and up to the level of Robinson Road. If the vehicle is discharged beyond these limits half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey. Extra bearers or drivers and extra hours to be paid proportionate sums.