
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 224

The Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, ARATHOON SETH, Esquire, to be Superintendent of Imports and Exports, under the provisions of Ordinance 22 of 1887, with effect from 1st proximo.

The attention of Importers of Opium and others is invited to section 16 of the above Ordinance, and they are requested to furnish to the Superintendent the information therein referred to, with as little delay as possible.

Until further notice the Office of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports will be in the premises adjoining the Supreme Court, Queen's Road Central, known as *Crosby's Store*.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th May, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 225.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to recognize, provisionally, and until further notice, MIKI SAITO, Esquire, as in charge of the Japanese Consulate at this Port.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd May, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 226.

The following Report from the Director of the Observatory, which was laid before the Legislative Council on the 23rd instant, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th May, 1887.

HONGKONG OBSERVATORY,

31st December, 1886.

SIR,—For the information of His Excellency the Acting Governor, I have the honour to forward my Annual Report for 1886.

2. The second annual volume was published early in the summer, and the third volume will probably be ready for distribution within a few months. The meteorological observations and researches have been extended, and kept up to date since the appointment of an additional clerk. Absolute magnetic observations were made monthly, and Sir W. THOMSON'S automatic tide-gauge was erected and has been worked since the end of October.

3. The electric time-ball was dropped as usual at 1 P.M., and the sidereal standard clock was kept going without being touched throughout the year. As soon as two years' ten-day rates are available, it is intended to re-examine the co-efficients.

4. Micrometric measures of Jupiter and Saturn occasionally made since 1879 have been reduced, and will be published in the astronomical report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. DOBERCK,
Government Astronomer.

The Honourable

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY,

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