

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION,—No. 387.

The following Finding of the Marine Court respecting the conduct of ALEXANDER COX, 1st Mate of the British Barque *Mauna Loa*, is published for general information.

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th September, 1889.

FINDING.

The Court having regard to the circumstances stated before it finds as follows:—

That ALEXANDER COX, 1st Mate of the British Barque *Mauna Loa*, Official No. 72,640, of Maitland, Nova Scotia, whose Certificate of Competency as Master, is No. 2,527, issued at Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been guilty of gross misconduct, cruelty, and tyranny towards LEWIS ELLIS, A. B. of the said ship, and the Court directs that his Certificate be suspended for two years from this date.

The Court also directs that LEWIS ELLIS and ROBERT LINDE be discharged from the *Mauna Loa*, and be paid the balance of wages due up to the date of discharge.

The Court further desires to express its opinion that so gross a case of tyranny could hardly have occurred without the knowledge and connivance of the Captain (ALEXANDER DOUGLAS, whose Certificate is No. 1,704 of Dominion of Canada), and think that it would be well for him to exercise more supervision over the way duty is carried out on board his ship.

Given under our hands at Victoria, Hongkong, this 9th day of September, 1889.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Ret. Com., R.N.,
President of Court.

A. S. MILLS, Lieut., R.N.

W. H. WALKER, Master, S.S. "*Belgic.*"

W. J. NANTES, Master, S.S. "*Gwalior.*"

J. C. WILLIAMSON, Master, S.S. "*Batavia.*"

Approved,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Administering the Government.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 388.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 31st August, 1889, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published for general information.

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ARATHOON SETH,
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BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,	1,412,732	500,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	1,436,896	650,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	3,077,276	1,500,000
TOTAL,.....\$	5,926,904	2,650,000

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The following Returns of Deaths for the Month ended 31st August are published for general information.

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for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th September, 1889.