

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 449.

The following notice is published for general information.

By Command,

A. LISTER,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd November, 1889.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that a Submarine Minefield for experimental purposes will be laid on the South side of Stone Cutters' Island from November till January.

The field will extend between 600 and 700 yards in a North and South direction from the south shore of the Island, and in an East and West direction about 700 yards.

The Southern boundary will be marked by two red and white buoys with a beacon on each, painted red and white, 3 feet above the buoy.

All ships, junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep to Southward of these boundary buoys.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, *Act. Com.,*  
*Harbour Master.*

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 26th October, 1889.

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## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
4th September, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the Government under your Government, a copy of a notice received through the Foreign Office, respecting a Literary Competition to be held in celebration of the Fourth Centenary of the discovery of America.

It will be seen that the essays are to be sent in in manuscripts, but are not to exceed two volumes of 500 pages each, of the same size and type as those of the complete works of Cervantes, by Rivadeneyra, 1863-64. From enquiries which I directed to be made, it appears that the works in question are printed on pages of the size 11 inches by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches, and that the size of the print on the page is 7 $\frac{1}{8}$  inches by 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches, with 33 lines to one page. The type is similar to that in which this Circular is printed.\*

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

KNUTSFORD.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

A DESPATCH has been received at the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Madrid, sending the following précis of the Programme of an International Literary Competition to be held on the occasion of the fourth centenary of the discovery of America, under the Vice-Presidency of the Duke of Veragua, who is a lineal descendant of Christopher Columbus:—

“*Précis of Programme of the International Competition.*”

“This Competition is instituted with a view of celebrating this great festival with some lasting literary work which will perpetuate its memory. This work, for which a prize will be given, must consist of an historical study, written in prose, recording the great event which it is intended to commemorate.”

\* The Circular may be seen at the Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong.