

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 470.

It is hereby notified that the Queen's Exequatur, empowering FREDERICH SEIP, Esquire, to act as Consul for Sweden and Norway at Hongkong, received Her Majesty's signature on the 28th day of September, 1889.

By Command,

A. LISTER,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 471:

The following Finding of the Marine Court into the loss of the British Barque *Hattie E. Tapley* is published for general information.

By Command,

A. LISTER,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th November, 1889.

## FINDING.

We find that the British Barque *Hattie E. Tapley*, Official No. 83,663, left Sandakan, North Borneo, on the 2nd October on a voyage to Hongkong with a cargo of Billian timber and firewood.

That ROBERT MALCOM, whose Certificate of Competency as Master is 82,860 of Glasgow, was Acting Master in the absence of the legal Master, who was sick in Hospital.

That on the night of the 1st November, while working up towards Hongkong the ship struck on the N. E. extreme of Chek Wan in the Samoun Group where she was eventually abandoned.

Having heard and carefully considered the evidence before the Court, we are of opinion,—

That the ship was not properly manned, seeing that there was no Certificated Officer on board besides the Acting Master, and

That she was not supplied with adequate sailing directions.

We are further of opinion that the loss of the ship was brought about through a grave error of judgment on the part of the Acting Master in attempting to pass to Windward of the Samoun Group with a light wind and a ship which he knew to be a poor sailer, and that having made up his mind to adopt this course in not having put all possible sail on the ship and above all in not having remained on deck himself.

It appears that when the casualty was inevitable, he did all in his power to avert it, and taking all the circumstances into consideration, we do not consider it necessary to deal with his Certificate which is therefore returned to him.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 12th day of November, 1889.

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

A. S. MILLS, Lieut., R.N.  
FRED. W. SPECK, } *Masters Mariner.*  
L. J. HUGHES, }

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION—No. 472.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that Artillery Practice will take place from Lyemun, on Wednesday next, the 20th instant, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 5 P.M., also on Friday, the 22nd instant, between the hours of 2 P.M. and 5 P.M.

The line of fire will be in E.N.E. and S.E. directions from the Battery.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,

A. LISTER,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th November, 1889.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 473.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Saturday, the 23rd instant, for the insurance of the S.S. *Fame* against all risks.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Surveyor General between the hours of 11 A.M. and 1 P.M.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

A. LISTER,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th November, 1889.