

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 39.

The following system of Meteorological Signals and Storm-Warnings is substituted for that published under Government Notification No. 74 of the 27th February, 1897, and will come into effect on and after this date.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1898.

WEATHER-FORECASTS AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM  
THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

## METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast beside the Time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not imply that bad weather is expected here:—

*A Drum* indicates a typhoon to the east of the Colony.

*A Ball* indicates a typhoon to the west of the Colony.

*A Cone point upwards* indicates a typhoon to the north of the Colony.

*A Cone point downwards* indicates a typhoon to the south of the Colony.

*Red Signals* indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

*Black Signals* indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

## NIGHT SIGNALS.

*Two lanterns hoisted vertically* indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

*Two lanterns hoisted horizontally* indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H.M.'s Receiving Ship.

## LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the *Typhoon Gun* placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

## NOTICE BOARDS.

Observations made at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are exhibited shortly after 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on notice-boards placed at the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company's Offices, at Peddar's Wharf, at the Harbour Office, and at the Office of the Kowloon Godown Company.

Weather-forecasts and storm-warnings are exhibited daily about 11 a.m. and also at other hours, day and night, whenever necessary, while typhoons are raging in the Far East.

*The China Coast Meteorological Register* is exhibited about Noon (Sundays and Government holidays excepted).

## THE LAW OF STORMS.

Further information concerning the weather to be expected while signals are hoisted, and sailing directions, are given in "The Law of Storms in the Eastern Seas."

W. DOBEREK,  
*Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, 29th January, 1898.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 40.

It is hereby notified that Field Firing with Maxims and Lee-Metford Rifles will take place at Deep Water Bay on the afternoon of Wednesday, the 2nd proximo.

The direction will be from Wong Nei Chong Gap neighbourhood towards the Bay, South-Westerly.

All persons as well as all ships, junks and other vessels in the neighbourhood of Deep Water Bay are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

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