

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 87.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1898.

No. 3.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 10th day of February, 1898.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.  
The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.  
The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).  
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

ABSENT :

The Registrar General, (The Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART).  
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

**Minutes.**—The minutes of a meeting held on the 27th January, 1898, were read and confirmed.

**Cattle Disease.**—A report by the Committee appointed to enforce the provisions of bye-laws 6 and 7 of Schedule A to Ordinance 17 of 1887, was laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns.**—The returns for the weeks ended the 29th January and 5th February, 1898, respectively, were laid on the table.

**Bubonic Plague.**—Two returns showing the progress of Bubonic Plague in Bombay, from the 22nd December, 1897, to the 18th January, 1898, were laid on the table.

**Defective House Drains.**—The Surveyor's reports—which had been circulated to Members—on the house-drains at blocks Nos. 38, 46 and 47 were laid on the table and the minutes on the circulating cover read.

The President moved—

*That the owners of these houses be called upon to carry out the works recommended by the Surveyor such works to be done in accordance with the laws governing house drainage works.*

The Honourable Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Licences.**—Two hundred and six applications for licences and renewal of licences to keep cattle and swine were considered.

The President moved—

*That the licences asked for be granted.*

The Honourable Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Licence.**—An application for a licence to sell fruit at No. 224 Queen's Road West was considered.

The President moved—

*The Board advises that the licence asked for be granted.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned till Thursday, the 24th February, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Read and confirmed this 24th day of February, 1898.

HUGH MCCALLUM,  
*Secretary.*

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1898.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.  
The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.  
The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).  
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

ABSENT :

The Registrar General, (The Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART).  
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.

**Small-pox.**—The President addressed the Board on the subject of the increased prevalence of Small-pox in the Colony. A discussion ensued.

The President moved—

*That No. 4 Health District be declared an area infected with Small-pox.*

The Vice-President seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

It was also agreed that a letter be addressed to the Colonial Secretary informing him that No. 4 Health District had been declared infected with Small-pox and requesting that a Police Constable be appointed to assist the Sanitary Inspector of the District in question in making a house-to-house visitation, and advising that such Constable should receive a dollar a day in addition to his ordinary pay while employed on this work.

It was further agreed that a letter be addressed to the Colonial Secretary informing him that the Chinese are not availing themselves so freely as is desirable of the opportunities now open of being vaccinated, and advising that the Registrar General be requested to draw up a notice urging the Chinese Community to avail themselves of the opportunity of being vaccinated at the places where free vaccination is being carried out, and that such notice be freely distributed to Householders by means of the District Watchmen.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,  
*President.*

Read and confirmed this 24th day of February, 1898.

HUGH McCALLUM,  
*Secretary.*

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 88.**

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By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th February, 1898.

**GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL—MARINE DEPARTMENT.**

**NOTICE TO MARINERS—No. 19.**

[First Publication.]

**BAY OF BENGAL—CHITTAGONG COAST.**

*Blue lights at Kutubdia lighthouse.*

With reference to Notice to Mariners No. 209, dated 30th October, 1897, the Port Officer, Chittagong, has given further notice that on and after the 1st March next, blue lights will be burnt from the Kutubdia lighthouse every half hour. The light is visible 17 miles to seaward in clear weather.

B. P. CREAGH, *Comdr., R.I.M.,*  
*Port Officer of Calcutta.*

Published for general information.

T. H. CLOWES,  
*Under-Secretary, Marine Department.*

CALCUTTA, the 24th January, 1898.

*Government of China.*

**NOTICE TO MARINERS,**

No. 318.

**CHINA SEA.**

**KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.**

**BUOYAGE OF HAINAN STRAIT.**

Notice is hereby given that the Hainan Head Bank Buoy has been shifted about 2 cables to the south-westward of its former position, on account of the extension of the bank in that direction; and that it is now moored in 35 feet at low water of spring tides, with the summit of Hainan Bluff bearing about S. 65° W., magnetic, and distant about 17 $\frac{4}{10}$  cables.

**DIRECTIONS.**

With the Hainan Head Bank Buoy in the position above described, and the Riversdale Rock and the Hainan Reef Buoys in their advertised positions, vessels entering the South Channel from the eastward should pass, say, 2 cables N.E. of the Riversdale Rock Buoy, and then steer to pass, say, 1 cable S.W. of the Hainan Head Bank Buoy, taking care to guard against being set towards the shore, and remembering that it is safe to borrow towards the banks on the starboard hand, of which the lead, which should be kept going, will give warning, while on the other side the bottom is rocky and uneven and the lead gives no warning. The Hainan Reef Buoy may be rounded at a distance of 1 cable or more at discretion.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs,

A. M. BISBEE,  
*Coast Inspector.*

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS,  
COAST INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,  
SHANGHAI, 14th February, 1898.