

“The belligerents shall have the right of controlling and visiting them; they will be at liberty to refuse their assistance, to order them to depart, and to detain them if the exigencies of the case require such a step.

“The wounded and wrecked picked up by these ships cannot be reclaimed by either of the combatants, and they will be required not to serve during the continuance of the war.

“ARTICLE XIV.

“In naval wars any strong presumption that either belligerent takes advantage of the benefits of neutrality, with any other view than the interest of the sick and wounded, gives to the other belligerent, until proof to the contrary, the right of suspending the Convention, as regards such belligerent.

“The Minister of Marine,

(Signed) “SEGISMUNDO BERMEJO.

“Madrid, April 24, 1898.”

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The following Extract of Meteorological Observations, made at the Hongkong Observatory during the Month of May, 1898, is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th June, 1898.

EXTRACT OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MADE AT THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1898.

DATE.	BARO-METER AT M.S.L.	TEMPERATURE.			HUMIDITY.		CLOUDI-NESS.	SUN-SHINE.	RAIN.	WIND.	
		Max.	Mean.	Min.	Rel.	Abs.				Dir.	Vel.
	ins.	°	°	°	p. c.	ins.	p. c.	hrs.	ins.	Points.	Miles. p. h.
1,.....	29.81	70.4	66.8	64.9	89	0.59	100	0.0	1.760	WNW	3.5
2,.....	.85	80.3	71.8	65.5	64	.50	27	11.3	...	N by E	8.4
3,.....	.93	75.4	71.8	68.6	79	.62	35	10.3	...	E by N	17.5
4,.....	.93	77.2	73.1	69.8	73	.59	53	6.7	...	E by N	19.8
5,.....	.89	77.7	73.9	71.0	82	.69	87	6.1	...	E	17.5
6,.....	.86	81.2	76.0	73.9	92	.83	49	8.4	0.015	E	8.8
7,.....	.80	86.5	79.3	73.5	81	.81	68	10.5	...	SW by W	6.0
8,.....	.75	86.0	80.8	77.9	80	.84	65	8.8	...	SW	10.5
9,.....	.76	87.6	81.3	77.5	80	.85	64	11.0	...	SW	8.0
10,.....	.79	88.4	80.6	76.8	79	.83	34	11.7	...	SW	6.5
11,.....	.77	83.4	79.0	76.1	86	.85	51	10.1	...	E	12.1
12,.....	.76	78.2	75.8	74.3	86	.77	98	0.0	0.135	E by N	24.8
13,.....	.80	81.8	76.9	73.3	91	.84	87	4.5	2.350	E by S	19.1
14,.....	.88	81.4	76.6	73.4	94	.86	97	2.7	0.225	E by N	18.4
15,.....	.85	75.4	73.4	71.9	92	.76	100	0.0	0.810	E by N	27.6
16,.....	.69	79.4	76.2	74.0	93	.84	85	5.5	0.095	E	15.1
17,.....	.66	81.5	78.3	75.7	91	.88	49	8.9	...	E	11.8
18,.....	.78	84.2	79.6	76.6	88	.89	66	4.2	...	ESE	7.6
19,.....	.90	84.1	80.1	77.9	90	.93	60	7.8	0.100	E	13.3
20,.....	.89	87.9	81.8	78.1	85	.92	24	11.7	...	SE by E	6.2
21,.....	.87	87.9	81.9	76.3	81	.88	9	12.2	...	W by S	4.6
22,.....	.95	82.0	79.1	78.1	87	.87	56	6.4	0.045	E	17.3
23,.....	.96	80.3	78.0	76.2	89	.86	90	4.3	0.130	E	20.2
24,.....	.94	85.8	81.0	78.0	85	.90	43	10.3	0.035	E by S	8.5
25,.....	.93	89.1	82.1	76.4	78	.86	16	12.2	...	SSW	6.0
26,.....	.93	84.6	80.8	78.1	81	.88	16	11.9	...	E	11.7
27,.....	.92	88.6	81.9	76.4	75	.81	11	11.8	...	SW by W	4.3
28,.....	.87	89.8	82.5	77.7	71	.82	6	12.2	...	SW	5.0
29,.....	.81	89.4	83.6	79.2	75	.86	24	11.8	...	S	3.2
30,.....	.78	91.5	84.0	79.4	73	.85	57	10.3	...	SW	4.1
31,.....	.79	88.6	83.7	78.8	73	.85	38	12.1	...	E by S	9.2
Mean or Total,	29.84	83.4	78.4	75.0	83	0.81	54	256.0	5.700	E	11.5

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Hongkong Observatory, 8th June, 1898.