

## Appendix F.

## STATISTICS OF GRASS FIRES.

| Date.        | Localities.                      | Number of Fires. | Number of Trees destroyed. |
|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1897.        |                                  |                  |                            |
| January 1    | Tytam Tuk, .....                 | 1                | 614                        |
| " 2          | Stanley Road, .....              | 1                | ...                        |
| " "          | Tytam Tuk, .....                 | 1                | 528                        |
| " 4          | Ngau Tau Wan, .....              | 1                | ...                        |
| " "          | Wanchai and Aberdeen Road, ..... | 1                | 15                         |
| " 5          | Mount Kellett, .....             | 1                | ...                        |
| " 12         | Stanley Gap, .....               | 1                | ...                        |
| March 9      | Mount Davis, .....               | 1                | ...                        |
| " 16         | Tytam Tuk, .....                 | 1                | ...                        |
| April 5      | Kai Lung Wan, .....              | 1                | ...                        |
| " 27         | Sandy Bay, .....                 | 1                | 28                         |
| " "          | Sai Wan, .....                   | 1                | ...                        |
| May 1        | Aplichau, .....                  | 1                | ...                        |
| September 23 | Stanley, .....                   | 1                | ...                        |
| December 19  | Wong Ma Kok, .....               | 1                | ...                        |
|              |                                  | 15               | 1,185                      |

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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 274.

Applications will be received at this Office up to Noon on Monday, the 27th instant, for the post of Clerk in the General Post Office.

The salary is \$50 a month.

*Qualifications:*—Good handwriting, knowledge of Arithmetic and Geography, and ability to read and interpret Hindustani.

Applicants should furnish certificates of health, with copies of testimonials.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1898.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 275.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that Artillery Practice will take place from the 15th to the 30th June, 1898, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, as follows:—

From Stone Cutters' Island in a South-Westerly direction.

From Belchers in a North-Westerly direction.

From Lyemun in a South-Easterly direction.

All ships, junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

The inhabitants of the houses near Belchers and Stone Cutters' Island are warned to keep their glass windows open during the practice, and all people working in the vicinity of Belchers' Battery are also warned to keep clear of that part which will be indicated by gunners placed on sentry for the purpose.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th June, 1898.