

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 389.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th September, 1898.

NOTICE.

Parcels may now be sent by Parcel Post, viâ England, to any place in European Russia, including Finland.

The postage is as follows:—

For a parcel weighing—

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| Not over 3 lbs. | \$1.80 |
| Over 3 lbs. but not over 7 lbs. | \$2.80 |
| Over 7 lbs. but not over 11 lbs. | \$3.80 |

No parcel may exceed 2 feet in length, breadth, or depth.

Each parcel, or each set of 2 or 3 parcels from the same sender to the same addressee, must be accompanied by four Customs declarations.

Parcels for Russia may be insured up to £120 under the usual conditions.

No parcel may contain a letter, plants, objects from which liquid or fat exudes, Russian coins of small value, gold or silver articles not up to the proper standard, lottery tickets or wooden pipe-stems.

Special care should be exercised in the preparation of the Customs declarations, as the omission to describe fully and accurately the nature of the various articles contained in a parcel, their quantity, quality and value may lead to an increase of 10 per cent in the Customs duty. The value of each article contained in a parcel should be given in Russian as well as in English money; weights should be given in grammes. In the case of gold or silver articles (except watches) the fineness of the metal must be stated.

A. M. THOMSON,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 6th September, 1898.

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BRITISH CONSULATE,
TAMSUI, 27th August, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to bring to your knowledge that a notification issued by the Governor General of Formosa on the 24th instant, prohibits for 10 days, from the 10th September, the passage between the Eastern Point of Fisher Island and a red buoy 800 yards in a South-East by East direction, from that point, and the passage between the North-West extremity of Flat Island and a red buoy 1,200 yards in a West by North direction, in the Pescadore Group—to all ships, on account of the manœuvres to be carried out during that period by the Makung Torpedo Corps, when mines, etc. will be laid.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

HENRY A. C. BONAR,
Consul.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Hongkong.