

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 144.

The following Regulations, made by the Governor-in-Council under section 23 of Ordinance 16 of 1890 and section 5 of Ordinance 6 of 1895, are published for general information; and the previous Regulations published under Government Notification No. 321 of the 17th July, 1895, are hereby repealed by the Governor-in-Council, except as regards anything lawfully done or suffered or any liabilities incurred thereunder.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

REGULATIONS

Made by the Governor-in-Council, under authority of Section 23 of Ordinance 16 of 1890 and Section 5 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1895, this 10th day of March, 1899.

1. Water will be supplied in bulk and measured by means of a meter to the following buildings or tenements:—

- (i) Those in which the water supply or any portion of it is utilized for any purpose of trade.
- (ii) Those having within their curtilage a Fountain, Garden supply, Hydrant, Stable, Cowshed, Piggery, or other annex of a similar nature.
- (iii) Hotels, Restaurants, Lodging Houses, or Clubs.
- (iv) Piers and Wharves.
- (v) Police Stations, Gaols, Markets, Slaughter Houses, Cattle Depôts and all Imperial, Colonial, Military or Naval Establishments.
- (vi) All premises situated within the City of Victoria in which the consumption exceeds the prescribed domestic limit.
- (vii) All premises situated outside the City of Victoria.
- (viii) All premises exempted from rates on account of any cause whatever.

2. The price of water supplied in bulk will be, until further notice, at the rate of twenty-five cents (25c.) per one thousand (1,000) gallons. In cases where unfiltered water is supplied half the above rates will be charged.

3. All water drawn from the water works into any ship, water-boat, steamer, or steam-launch, or supplied to any wharf or pier, shall be charged for at the rate of twenty-five cents (25c.) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

4. Water shall only be taken from a public fountain in buckets or other suitable receptacles, and in such a manner as to prevent its flow into any drain or side channel.

5. No hose pipe, pipe, tube, shoot, or other contrivance of any nature whatsoever shall be attached, either temporarily or permanently, to any public fountain.

6. No automatic self-closing valve or other automatic appliance attached to or forming a part of any public fountain shall be interfered with so as to prevent, either permanently or temporarily, its automatic action.

7. The following rent shall be paid into the Treasury, quarterly and in advance, for the use of meters for one quarter or any part of a quarter; such quarter shall be considered to commence on the first day of January, the first day of April, the first day of July and the first day of October:—

3"	Meter,	\$12	per quarter.
2"	"	\$ 8	"
1½"	"	\$ 6	"
1"	"	\$ 5	"
¾"	"	\$ 4	"
½"	"	\$ 3	"
⅓"	"	\$ 2	"
⅛"	"	\$ 2	"

No rent for the use of meters shall be charged in respect of water supplied to premises except in such cases as the buildings or premises are of the character mentioned in regulation 1, sub-sections (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi).

The Water Authority reserves the right to prescribe the size of meter which shall be fixed for measuring the supply to any premises.

8. Meters will be read at such times as the Water Authority may direct, not less frequently than three times a quarter. Whenever a meter is read a memorandum of the reading will be left with the occupier of the tenement supplied through it.

9. For the purpose of calculating the quarterly consumption the difference between two readings of the meter shall be taken.

The first reading may be that observed on any day not more than ten days before or after the calendar date of the commencement of the quarter, or, in the case of a newly-fixed meter, the first reading of the meter.

The second reading may be that taken on any day not more than ten days earlier or later than the calendar termination of the quarter, or if the meter is removed or the supply closed during the quarter then the last reading shall be taken; and the difference between the two readings shall be taken as the quarter's water consumption. If two or more meters have been in use during the quarter then the quarter's consumption shall be the sum of the quantities indicated by the meters:

Provided always that the reading used as the last reading of any quarter shall be used as the first reading of the ensuing quarter.

10. If a meter be found to be out of order, or if it be removed for repair or alteration, the fact will be noted on the memorandum, mentioned in Regulation 8. On fixing a new meter or refixing the old meter a second memorandum will be handed to the occupier of the tenement. The consumption for the time that the meter was out of order or for the time that the service was without a meter will be calculated according to the average daily rate of consumption that obtained during the period between any two successive readings, whilst the meter was in good order, immediately preceding the removal of the meter.

11. If the consumer doubts the accuracy of the meter, which measures the water supplied to the tenement owned or occupied by him, then the meter will, on demand, be tested by the Water Authority. The consumer, or any person appointed by him, may be present when the meter is tested. The results of the test will be binding both on the Water Authority and on the consumer; and the quantity of water indicated by the meter, from the first reading of the quarter as defined in Regulation 9, shall be corrected according to the results of the test.

If the meter be found to indicate correctly or if it be found to indicate too little, then a fee of \$10 shall be paid for testing.

If the meter be found to indicate too much then no fee shall be paid for testing.

12. Meters will be maintained by the Water Authority, and all repairs, except those caused wilfully or negligently, will be made by the Water Authority free of cost to the consumer.

13. The value of the amount of water consumed during the quarter will be ascertained and calculated in accordance with Regulations 2, 3, 9 and 10 as the case may be. From the sum thus obtained a deduction will be made, equal to one-third per cent. on the annual valuation of the tenement, as defined under the Rating Ordinance, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the Colonial Treasury. Each quarter's account shall be final, and no surplus shall be carried forward from one quarter to the next. The owner of any premises to which a metered supply is given shall be liable to pay for that supply until he has given notice to the Water Authority in writing of his wish to have the supply discontinued.

14. The price to be paid for the construction, alteration or repair of any services made at the request of the owner or occupier shall cover the cost of the materials used and the cost of labour and supervision. The Water Authority shall, as soon as practicable, after the completion thereof, present an account to the person who so requested in the form *A* in the schedule. The amount as shown in such account shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury in cash in full within fourteen days of the presentation of the account.

15. In all cases of non-domestic supply an account shall be delivered quarterly of the amount to be paid for the water consumed in the preceding quarter and for the meter rent in advance. The account shall be in the form *B* in the schedule, and the amount thereof shall be paid to the Colonial Treasury in cash in full within fourteen days of the presentation of the account.

16. The suspension of the water supply may be effected by severing the pipe, conveying the supply to be suspended, or by such other means as the Water Authority may deem necessary.

17. All new services and alteration to old services are to be done in accordance with the instructions of the Water Authority.

The Water Authority whilst consulting the wishes of the consumer, as far as practicable, reserves the right to determine finally all matters concerning the construction or alteration of services, such as the diameter of the pipe to be used, the manner in which it is to be laid and the number, size, pattern and position of the taps.

18. Notice of the intention to construct a new service, or to alter or extend any existing one must be given to the Water Authority by filling in a printed form which may be obtained, on application, at the said Office. This notice (form *C*) must be delivered at the Office of the Water Authority, addressed to the Water Authority, at least three clear days before work is commenced.

19. All new services or alteration or repairs to existing services must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Water Authority. Pipes and fittings of approved quality only are to be used. Samples may be seen at the Office of the Water Authority.

20. No pipes, valves, or other fittings forming part of a service shall be covered up until they have been inspected and tested by the Water Authority. As soon as a service has been inspected and approved, it will be connected with the waterworks, and the supply will commence. The connection will be made by the Water Authority's servants only.

21. Whenever the owner or occupier of any tenement wishes that a service should be made, altered, extended or repaired at his cost by the Water Authority, he must make application by filling in a printed form (form *D*), obtainable on application at the Office of the Water Authority.

On receipt of this form, duly filled in and signed, the Water Authority will cause the premises to be inspected and will arrange with the owner or occupier as to the manner of construction of the proposed service.

22. The applicant for a service having signified to the Water Authority his acquiescence in the final arrangement proposed by the Water Authority, the service will be constructed accordingly.

23. The Water Authority does not undertake to restore any ornamental floors, wall-surfaces or other decorations, which may be disturbed by the work.

24. The Water Authority will not be responsible for the maintenance or repair of any service constructed by the same, after the date of the account for construction.

25. The Water Authority, notwithstanding that its requirements have been complied with as regards services, does not hold itself liable for any damage that may arise in premises by bursting or overflowing. Nor will the Water Authority by any permission or act extend its responsibility beyond the main-pipes in the public thoroughfares.

26. All pipes, used in the construction of services, must be of cast-iron of approved thickness and quality or wrought-iron, both to be coated with bituminous composition, or galvanized wrought-iron piping (the latter, however, is not recommended).

27. Wrought-iron service pipes must be of the quality known as "Best water piping" and must be of the following weights:—

$\frac{3}{8}$ "	Diameter	60	lbs. per 100 feet.
$\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	96	" " "
$\frac{3}{4}$ "	"	130	" " "
1"	"	212	" " "
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	"	280	" " "
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"	345	" " "
2"	"	470	" " "

28. Cast-iron pipes must be substantially jointed with lead and yarn. Wrought-iron pipes must have screwed joints and sockets.

29. Lead pipes will only be permitted in new services when the water which passes through them cannot be used for drinking or cooking purposes (down-pipes to water closets or overflow pipes from cisterns, for example): Provided always that owners of premises which are now provided with lead-services will not be compelled to remove them unless in the opinion of the Water Authority they are too weak, or otherwise defective.

30. Every service must be provided with a strong gland stop-cock with solid bottom, either of brass or of cast-iron; if of cast-iron, the plug to be asbestos-packed, or, with a screw-down stop-cock with a loose-valve; or, in the case of services larger than 2" in internal diameter, with a sluice or slide-valve.

The stop-cock or valve must be fixed under the pavement where there is one, and as near to the tenement as practicable, and must be provided with a cast-iron cover and lid so that it may at all times be accessible; or, the stop-cock may be fixed above ground in the tenement immediately inside the door in some readily accessible place.

31. All draw-off taps are to be of the pattern known as "screw-down," or of such other pattern as the Water Authority may approve. Patterns of the taps may be seen at the Office of the Water Authority.

32. Every cistern, to which water is supplied from the waterworks, must be provided with an "Equilibrium" ball-valve of approved pattern, and the ball-valve must be so adjusted as to close the supply when the water-level in the cistern is two inches below the edge or overflow if there be one. A brass screw-down stop-cock must be fixed behind each ball-valve.

33. The overflow pipes of all cisterns must be brought out to the outside of the building and shall terminate in some conspicuous position, so that any leakage may be easily detected. No overflow pipe from any cistern shall on any account be connected with any drain or sewer or with the waste pipe of any bath or sink or with the overflow from any other cistern. Each cistern shall have a separate overflow pipe.

34. All water closets must be provided with automatic waste-preventing flush tanks of approved pattern and under no circumstances shall the service be in direct communication with any water-closet-pan, latrine or urinal. In every such case a cistern or tank shall be interposed so as to prevent the possibility of any return of foul liquid or gas to the service or mains.

35. The outlet of every draw off tap shall be in some open and conspicuous place, so that leakage may be easily detected; and on no account shall the outlet be below the high water level in any cistern, tank, or other vessel into which the tap delivers.

The inlet of every bath or lavatory basin must be separate and distinct from the outlet, and the inlet must be at the top of the bath.

36. No overflow pipe shall be altered without the permission of the Water Authority.

37. Meters may be fixed by the Water Authority, and the connections of any service with the waterworks may be altered as the Water Authority may deem expedient in order to ascertain the total quantity of water supplied to any tenement, block, or group of tenements.

38. The notice to be given under section 6 of the Water Works Ordinance, 1890, shall be in the form *E*, in the schedule.

39. The notices to occupiers and to owners to be given under section 13 of the same Ordinance shall be in the forms *F* and *G*, in the schedule (as the case may require).

40. The notice to be given as provided by section 17 of the said Ordinance shall be in the forms *H* and *I*, in the schedule (as the case may require).

41. All notices required to be given or sent under the said Ordinance shall be issued under the hand of the Water Authority and shall be served either by delivering the same to the person or persons to whom they are addressed or by leaving the same at the residence or place of business of such person or persons or by leaving the same on the tenement or tenements to which such notices relate.

42. No water passing into, through, or upon, or near any tenement from the waterworks shall be misused or wasted.

43. Should it come to the knowledge of the Water Authority that the water supplied from the waterworks is being wasted or misused from any cause whatever within any tenement block or group of tenements, the Water Authority may forthwith disconnect the service supplying such tenement block or group of tenements from the waterworks and shall not reconnect such service until he is satisfied that reasonable means have been taken to prevent such waste or misuse.

44. No water shall be drawn from the waterworks except from public fountains and house services in the manner laid down in these regulations without the written permission of the Water Authority, except in the case of fire when water may be obtained from the fire hydrants fixed in the streets for that purpose.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
Clerk of Councils.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATIONS.

Form A.

Account No.

in account with the Treasury.

HONGKONG,

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HOUSE SERVICE ACCOUNT.

REQUISITION No.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	\$	cts.
	To materials supplied in laying service to No.		
	To labour and supervision in laying the same		
	TOTAL.....	\$	

Water Authority.

N.B.—I have to call upon you to pay the above account into the Colonial Treasury within 14 days of the above date in accordance with Water Supply Regulations.

Form B.

Account No.

in account with the Treasury.

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WATER ACCOUNT FOR QUARTER ENDING

REFERENCE No.		\$	c.	\$	c.
	Size of Meter.....				
	Reading on.....				
	Reading on				
	Water consumed				
	Payment for Water consumed				
	Deduct $\frac{1}{3}$ % of annual rating valuation				
	TOTAL,			\$	

Water Authority.

N.B.—I have to call upon you to pay the above amount into the Colonial Treasury within 14 days of the above date in accordance with Water Supply Regulations.

Form C.

Notice of the intention to construct a New Service or to alter or extend any existing Service. (Regulation 18.)

I hereby give notice that I am about to construct a service, or to alter or extend the existing service, in the manner set forth in the Schedule at foot, to the

No. Street,

or on
Lot No.

and I request that on completion thereof you will inspect it and, if found satisfactory, cause it to be connected to the Mains of the waterworks.

Signature

Address

PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED WORKS AT No. , STREET ON INLAND LOT No.

PIPING ON PRIVATE PREMISES.		TAPS.			CISTERNS.		REMARKS.
Length.	Size.	Number.	Size.	Position.	Capacity cubic feet.	Position.	

Signature of Owner of Tenement.

Form D.

Requisition for Construction of Services, &c., by Water Authority under Regulation 21.

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To the

WATER AUTHORITY.

I, the undersigned, request that you will cause the work specified in the Schedule to be carried out in my house No. Street, Lot No.

I agree to pay to the Colonial Treasury the cost of the work performed by you, including all Labour, Materials and Supervision, within fourteen days of the presentation of the account as per a bill to be rendered by you as soon as practicable after the completion thereof.

Signed Accepted

Water Authority.

Form E.

OFFICE OF THE WATER AUTHORITY, Victoria, Hongkong.

Notice to alter Defective Service, under Section 6 of "The Water Works Ordinance, 1890."

To

The Owner or Occupier of No. Street, Lot No.

Take notice that the service to the above mentioned tenement having on inspection been found to be defective you are requested to take steps to carry out the alterations or repairs set forth in the accompanying memorandum which I hereby certify to be necessary. Should you fail to carry out such alterations and repairs within thirty days after the receipt of this notice, the service will be disconnected from the waterworks and will not be re-connected until it is renewed, altered or repaired to my satisfaction. Should you desire it, the necessary work can be done by the Water Authority at your expense. In such case you or your authorized agent should call at the Office of the Water Authority to sign the form which will be supplied to you.

Signed Water Authority.

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Form F.

OFFICE OF THE WATER AUTHORITY, Victoria, Hongkong.

Notice to abate Excessive Consumption, under Section 13 of "The Water Works Ordinance, 1890."

To

The Occupier of

I hereby give you notice that the consumption of water on tenement having been found to exceed the prescribed domestic quantity, you are hereby required to abate such excessive consumption forthwith; and if within fourteen days after service hereof such excessive consumption be not abated to my satisfaction the service to such tenement (or tenements) will be disconnected from the waterworks as provided by section 13 of the above Ordinance.

Signed Water Authority.

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按 照 一 千 八 百 九 十 年 水 喉 則 例 第 十 三 款

總理水務局官

諭 居 約 街 門

牌 第 號 屋 人

知 悉 現 察 悉 爾 屋 內 所 用

水 喉 有 逾 常 額 為 此 諭 飭

自 諭 之 後 亟 宜 樽 節 以 免

虛 糜 倘 限 到 十 四 日 之 期

仍 未 照 遵 尚 敢 如 前 浪 費

定 即 按 照 水 喉 則 例 第 十

三 款 將 該 屋 水 喉 停 截 用

示 懲 罰 切 切 特 諭

一 千 八 百 九 十 年

月 日 諭

Form G.

OFFICE OF THE WATER AUTHORITY,
Victoria, Hongkong

Notice to Owner, under Section 13 of "The Water Works Ordinance, 1890," that occupiers of tenements have been served with notice to abate excessive consumption.

To The owner of

I hereby notify you that the occupier (or occupiers) of tenement (or tenements) has been served with notice, under Section 13 of the above Ordinance, to abate excessive consumption of water at the said tenement (or tenements).

Signed Water Authority.

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按 照 一 千 八 百 九 十 年 水 喉 則 例 第 十 三 款
除 屋 客 節 減 用 水 外 另 諭 屋 主

總 理 水 務 局 官
諭 約 街
門 牌 第 號 屋 業
主 知 悉 現 查 得
居 住 該 屋 之 人 用 水 有
逾 常 額 除 經 按 例 諭 節
該 屋 租 客 節 減 外 合 再
諭 爾 屋 業 主 知 照 爲 此
特 諭
一 千 八 百 九 十 年
月 日 諭

Form H.

No.
OFFICE OF THE WATER AUTHORITY,
Victoria, Hongkong.

Notice of intention to enter to inspect, regulate, repair, alter, or make additions to service, under Section 17 of "The Water Works Ordinance, 1890."

To The Owner or Occupier of No. Street, Lot No.
Notice is hereby given that on the day of 189, an Officer duly authorized by the Water Authority will enter the above mentioned tenement for the purpose of inspecting, regulating (repairing, altering or making additions to) the service to the said tenement.

Signed Water Authority.

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Form I.

No.
OFFICE OF THE WATER AUTHORITY,
Victoria, Hongkong.

Notice of intention to enter to inspect, regulate, repair, alter, or make additions to Meter, under Section 17 of "The Water Works Ordinance, 1890."

To The Owner or Occupier of No. Street, Lot No.
Notice is hereby given that on the day of 189, an Officer duly authorized by the Water Authority will enter the above mentioned tenement for the purpose of inspecting, regulating (repairing, altering, or making additions to) the Meter.

Signed Water Authority.

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Form J.

I hereby give notice that the water supplied to premises No. Street, Lot No. is a non-domestic supply, and I call upon you, under section 14 of the Water Works Ordinance, 1890, to enter into an agreement with the Colonial Secretary on behalf of the Crown to pay quarterly into the Colonial Treasury such sums as may become due in respect of the water supplied and in respect of meter rent in accordance with the Regulations.

Signed Water Authority.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 145.

The following Report of the Superintendent of Fire Brigade for 1898 is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

POLICE OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 6th February, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit the following report on the Government Fire Brigade for the year 1898.

2. There were 16 Fires and 73 Incipient Fires during the year. Details regarding each will be found attached. The Brigade turned out 23 times.

The estimated damage caused by the fires was \$35,000.74 and by the incipient fires \$1,999.00.

A list is attached shewing the number of fires that have occurred during each of the last ten years with the estimated value of property destroyed in each case.

The record for last year is the best in the series. The estimated value of property destroyed is less than \$3,000 more than the lowest recorded which was in the year 1891, while the number of fires was double the number in that year.

3. There was one prosecution for arson in connection with the incipient fire at No. 112 Third Street. The accused, a Chinese woman, was discharged at the Criminal Sessions, being apparently not mentally responsible for her actions.

4. There was no loss of life at any fire.

5. The water in the mains was not turned off at any time during the year, and none of the land engines were used at a fire.

6. I attach a list of places where Fire Despatch Boxes are kept, and of private telephones to which the Police have courteously been granted access in case of fire, together with copy of a report from the Engineer on the state of the various Fire Engines, which are all in good working order.

7. During the year six shelters were built at convenient places in the city for the reception of a despatch box each. A certain number of Indian and Chinese Police Constables, not members of the Fire Brigade, have been trained in the use of the despatch box, and the beats on which the shelters are situated are assigned to these particular Constables, who carry the keys of the shelters and are ready to render first aid at any fire occurring on their beats or in the immediate vicinity.

The men receive a small monthly allowance for this additional responsibility.

The idea of thus extending the use of the despatch box and of utilising the Police on beat duty for the purpose, is one that occurred to Mr. WODEHOUSE (as I have discovered from an old report of his) before it occurred to me.

The system is capable of indefinite extension, and I am of opinion that the moral effect alone of the existence on the spot of appliances for first aid will be found to have a deterrent effect on incendiarism.

8. It was my intention to fix in the streets a few fire alarms of the usual type used at home, but on the suggestion of Mr. E. M. HAZELAND, in charge of the Government Telephone Service, telephones connected with the Central Fire Station have been fixed instead at the back of the Harbour Office, at the Junction of Hollywood Road and Queen's Road, and at the Junction of Wilmer Street and Connaught Road.

There has been as yet no opportunity to test the utility of these telephones, but I am in hopes that they may prove useful in speedily communicating alarms of fires to the Brigade.

The system requires careful watching and is capable of extensive development.

9. The increasing height of Chinese houses in the city and the great height of the new buildings on the Praya, render necessary a re-organisation of the ladder supply of the Brigade, and the subject is receiving my attention. The matter would be an easy one were it not for the obstruction caused by verandahs.

In the meantime it is well to warn the occupants of the upper stories of the blocks of new buildings on the Praya Reclamation, that there is no Fire Escape in the Colony and that they should provide themselves with some simple escapes such as the Amateur Dramatic Club have provided themselves with for use from the dressing rooms attached to the theatre.

10. The extension of the Central Fire Station has been completed and advantage has been taken of the additional accommodation to increase the permanent staff by 10 Chinese Firemen, the services of the 6 Soldiers who used to be on night duty being dispensed with. The soldiers used continually to be changed for various causes and rarely had an opportunity of becoming really efficient firemen.

The number of European Firemen at the Station has also been increased, and the Station should be generally in a higher state of efficiency than was possible under the old conditions. It is certainly far more decent and comfortable for the men.

11. The conduct of the Brigade throughout the year has been very good, with one exception—that of a Chinese watchman who was convicted of larceny of a jacket from the scene of the fire at No. 2, West Street, on the 10th October, and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

12. Mr. THOMAS CAMPBELL, Assistant Engineer, who was connected with the Brigade for upwards of nine years, died at the end of 1897.

Mr. CAMPBELL was a very able and experienced officer and was a great loss to the Brigade.

His post was filled during the year by Sergeant McLENNAN of the Police Force who fulfilled the duties in a satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. H. MAY,

Superintendent of Fire Brigade.

The Honourable

THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY,

&c., &c., &c.

List of Places where Fire Brigade Despatch Boxes are kept.

1 Box.	No. 1 Police Station.	2 Box.	No. 7 Police Station.
3 "	Engine House at No. 2 Police Station.	1 "	Bonham Strand West, at West End.
1 "	Naval Dock Yard.	1 "	Gas House, West Point.
1 "	Clock Tower.	1 "	Fat Hing Street, at Queen's Road West.
1 "	Government Offices.	1 "	Ko Shing Theatre.
1 "	Government House.	1 "	Government Lunatic Asylum.
1 "	No. 7 Queen's Garden, Engineers' Mess.	1 "	Nam Pak Hong Fire Station.
1 "	Central Police Station.	1 "	Man Mo Temple.
1 "	Wellington Street at Lyndhurst Terrace.	2 "	No. 5 Police Station.
1 "	Government Civil Hospital.	1 "	Kennedy Town Hospital.
1 "	Staunton Street at Sing Wong Street.	1 "	Collinson Street.
1 "	Water Lane at Queen's Road Central.	1 "	No. 463 Queen's Road West.

List of Telephones to which the Police can have access to communicate with Central Station in the event of a Fire breaking out.

Hongkong and China Gas Company, East and West Point, from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M.	Hongkong Hotel, Praya Central.
Tung Wa Hospital, Po Yau Street.	Royal Naval Yard, Queen's Road East.
Man On Insurance Office, Queen's Road West.	Mr. J. KENNEDY'S Causeway Bay.
	Electric Light Company, Queen's Road East.

FIRE BRIGADE STATION,
HONGKONG, 12th January, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith a report on the state of the Government Fire Engines for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

STEAMER No. 1.

(Floating Engine by Shand and Mason.)

This Engine has been two years in service; it has done good service at fires in the harbour; has been regularly tested at drill for drivers and is now in good order. The boat was put on the slip in the month of May for inspection and cleaning, and was found in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 2.

(Land Engine by Shand and Mason.)

This Engine has been twenty years in service (Boiler one year). It has not been used at a fire during the year and is now in good order and condition.

STEAMER No. 3.

(Land Engine by Shand and Mason.)

This Engine has been twenty years in service and is now in good order. It has not been used at a fire during the year, but has been regularly tested at drill for drivers.