

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY THE PURCHASER.

Memorandum that  
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the person whose name is hereunder written has been declared the highest bidder for the Lot described in the foregoing Particulars of Sale and hereunder specified opposite to his said name and signature, and does hereby agree to become the Lessee thereof under and subject to the foregoing Conditions of Sale, and on his part to perform and abide by the said Conditions.

No. of Sale.	Registry Number.	Annual Rental.	Amount of Premium at which Purchased.	Signature of Purchaser.
1	Kowloon Marine Lot 67.	\$300		

*Witness to Signature of Purchaser.*

*Director of Public Works.*

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.— No. 610.

The following Finding of the Marine Court of Enquiry into the stranding of the British Steamship *Shantung*, Official Number 99,039 of London, is published

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd November, 1899.

FINDING.

We find that the British Steamship *Shantung*, Official Number 99,039 of London, of which HEATHFIELD CHARLES DALTON FRAMPTON, whose Certificate of Competency is 04961, was Master, left Sourabaya (Java) on 5th of July bound to Hongkong with a full cargo of Sugar.

The ship appears to have been fully found and equipped and to have carried a full complement of officers and crew.

That on the 8th July the Master decided to pass close to Seraia Island (Natuna Group) with the object of examining the shore line as he had reason to think that there had been a wreck on the beach, and the chart showed deep water and suggested no danger in such a proceeding. That accordingly a course was steered passing about one mile off the western shore of the island.

That, while steering this course abreast of the island, the ship struck and passed over a rock sustaining so much damage that the Master decided on beaching her, which he did.

That, assistance having been obtained from Singapore, the ship was sufficiently repaired and hauled off on the 17th July and proceeded under her own steam to Singapore.

The Court is of the opinion that, with the exception of omitting to use the lead in close proximity to land, the ship was navigated by the Master in a seamanlike and proper manner, but, as this omission does not appear to have contributed to the casualty and as in the subsequent proceedings commendable energy was displayed, the Court do not consider it necessary to deal with the Master's Certificate.

Given under our hands at Victoria, Hongkong, this 2nd day of November, 1899.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Retd. Com., R.N.,  
*President.*

RICHD. J. ROGERS, Staff Commander, R.N.

JOHN H. RINDER, R.N.R., British S.S. *Coptic.*

PERCY H. ROLFE, R.N.R., British S.S. *Yuen Sang.*

J. A. MORRIS, British S.S. *Chow Tai.*

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.— No. 611.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th November, 1899.