

14. To summarize the matter, the scheme now proposed will give a supply of over 1½ million gallons per day, which it is anticipated will be fully required within a few years after the works have been completed.

15. I therefore submit that the entire scheme be now undertaken and that I be authorized to call for tenders for the dam and contingent works, the estimated cost of which, including materials to be supplied by the Government, is \$505,000. The balance of the estimated cost is absorbed by the mains, service, reservoirs, &c., which will form separate contracts. It is imperative that the works should be undertaken without delay and that the present dry season should be availed of to the greatest extent possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. CHATHAM,  
*Acting Director of Public Works.*

The Honourable

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 788.

The following Finding of a Marine Court of Enquiry into certain charges of misconduct brought against HARRY GORDON HARBORD, Mate of the British barque *Vale of Doon*, is published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th December, 1901.

FINDING.

The Court having heard and carefully considered the evidence given before the Court in the presence of the accused, and he having brought no evidence nor made any statement in his defence,

Finds:—

That the Mate of the British barque *Vale of Doon*, Official No. 63,211, of Hongkong, HARRY GORDON HARBORD, who holds a Master's Certificate No. 017,333 of Bristol, 15th April, 1889, has been guilty of gross misconduct on board the said ship, and they therefore suspend his certificate for a period of six months from this date.

The Court recommends that if he so desires he be granted a Second Mate's Certificate during such suspension.

Given under our hands at Victoria, Hongkong, this 24th day of December, 1901.

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

F. PAYNE-GALLWEY,  
*Lieut., R.N.*

R. F. DENSMORE,  
*Master, Barque "Osberga."*

W. E. CRAVEN,  
*Sub-Lieut., R.N.R.,*  
*Master, S.S. "Indravelli."*

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 789.

The following revised Table of Rates of Postage to take effect from the 1st of January, 1902, is published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th December, 1901.