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The following Notification is published,

By command,

CLAUD SEVERN,

Colonial Secretary.

NOTICES.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 116.—With reference to Government Notification No. 286 of the 3rd August, 1914, the following modification of Part III of the Public Traffic Regulations for the Port of Hongkong is published for general information:—

Vessels Leaving the Port.

Until further notice Merchant Vessels will be permitted to leave the Port at any time by day or night under the following conditions:—

- (1.) Application must be made to the Officer in charge of the Examination Service, H. M. Dockyard, through the Colonial Harbour Master at the Harbour Office.
- (2.) Masters must state when applying whether they wish to leave by day or night.

- (3.) Application must be made between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4.45 p.m.
- (4.) Instructions as to what signal will pass the vessel through the defence will be given to the Master together with a written pass signed by the Officer in charge of the Examination Service. Without this pass no vessel is to attempt to leave.
- (5.) Vessels must leave during the period of official day or official night for which the pass was issued, otherwise a fresh pass must be secured.
 - (6.) Vessels wishing to leave by night must provide themselves with two red and two white lights.
 - (7.) Should the Senior Naval Officer consider it advisable to close the Port to out-going craft by night, three red lights hoisted at Blackhead Hill will indicate Eastern Entrance closed, three red lights at Harbour Office Western Entrance closed.

By day three red balls will be hoisted as previously notified.

- (8.) A limited number of monthly passes permitting launches and pleasure craft to leave the harbour will in future be issued. They may be obtained under the same conditions as at present, viz., from the Officer in charge of the Examination Service through the Colonial Harbour Master with the permission of the Provost Marshal. These passes will be renewable on the first of each month.
 - Special arrangements will be made in the case of yacht races on application to the Officer in charge of the Examination Service.

Basil Taylour, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

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