

VI. The Emigration Officer shall not give his Certificate until he shall have mustered the Passengers, and have ascertained to the best of his Power that they understand whither they are going, and comprehend the Nature of any Contracts of Service which they have made; he shall also take care that a Copy of the Form of such Contracts, or an Abstract of their Substance, signed by himself, is appended to the said Certificate: If any of the Passengers are in bad Health, or insufficiently provided with Clothing, or if the Contracts are unfair, or if there is Reason to suspect that Fraud or Violence have been practised in their Collection or Embarkation, he may detain the Ship, and, if he shall think fit, may order all or any of the Passengers to be re-landed.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Emigration Officer's Certificate. &c.

I hereby authorize the Chinese Passenger Ship _____ to proceed to Sea for the Port of _____ in _____; and I certify that the said Ship can legally carry _____ Adults, and that there are on board _____ Passengers, making in all _____ Adults, viz., _____ Men, _____ Women, _____ Male Children, and _____ Female Children, such Children being between the Ages of One and Twelve Years; that the Space set apart and to be kept clear for the Use of such Emigrants is as follows:—On the Upper Deck, _____ Superficial Feet, being [here describe the Space], and in the Between Decks _____ Superficial Feet, being [here describe the Space]; that the Ship is properly manned and fitted, and that the Means of ventilating the Part of the Between Decks appropriated to Passengers are as follows, [here describe the Means of Ventilation]; that the Ship is furnished with a proper Quantity of good Provisions, Fuel, and Water for _____ Days' Issues to the Passengers according to the *annexed Dietary Scale, and with a proper Quantity of Medicines, Instruments, and Medical Comforts according to the *annexed Scale of Medical Necessaries; that I have inspected the Contracts between the Emigrants and their intended Employers (the Terms of which are annexed to this Certificate), and consider them reasonable; that no Fraud appears to have been practised in collecting the Emigrants; and that there are on board a Surgeon †[and Interpreter] approved by me, and designated [respectively _____ and _____] ‡[The Master of the Ship is to put into _____ and _____ for Water and fresh Vegetables.] (Signed) _____ Emigration Officer.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 18 _____

* These Scales must be those prescribed by the Regulations in Schedule A.
 † In case the Ship has been authorized to proceed without an Interpreter, omit the Part between Brackets, and add "and that the Ship has been authorized to proceed without an Interpreter."
 ‡ The Part between Brackets is to be inserted or not, as may be required.

SCHEDULE (C.)

Form of Bond to be given by the Masters of Chinese Passenger Ships.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we are held and firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, in the Sum of One thousands Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid to our said Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors; to which Payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and every of us, jointly and severally, for and in the whole, our Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and every of them, firmly by these Presents.

Sealed with our Seals.

Dated this _____ Day of _____ 18 _____

Whereas by the Chinese Passenger Act, 1855, it is enacted, that before any Chinese Passenger Ship shall clear out or proceed to Sea on a Voyage of more than Seven Days' computed Duration, the Master thereof shall, with Two sufficient Sureties to be approved by an Emigration Officer, enter into a Bond to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the Sum of One thousand Pounds.

Now the Condition of this Obligation is this, that if (in respect of the Ship _____, whereof _____ is Master) all and every of the Requirements of the said Chinese Passenger Act, and of the Regulations contained in Schedule (A.) to the said Act annexed, or enacted by the Legislature of Hongkong, shall be well and truly observed and performed [*in like Manner as the same ought to be observed and performed in case the said Ship were a British Ship, and the said _____ a British Subject], then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full Force and Effect.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-bounden _____ and _____, in the Presence of _____

* This Clause to be inserted only in the Case of a Foreign Chinese Passenger Ship.

No. 13.

PROCLAMATION.

JOHN BOWRING.

By His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China.

Whereas by an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland passed in this the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for the Regulation of Chinese Passenger Ships*, under the third clause thereof it is enacted, that "it shall be lawful for the Governor of Hongkong to declare by Proclamation for the purposes of this Act, what shall be deemed to be the duration of the Voyage of any Chinese Passenger Ship:

Now therefore I, SIR JOHN BOWRING, Governor as aforesaid, by this my Proclamation issued for that purpose do declare that the following shall be the Rule of Computation by which the Length of the Voyage of any Ship carrying Chinese Passengers from Hongkong to the several Places hereinafter mentioned shall be computed, for the purposes of the Act above referred to; that is to say:—

Passage from Hongkong to the undermentioned Places for Ships propelled by Sails.

	IN THE MONTHS	
	October to March.	April to September
	(both inclusive.)	
California or West Coast of America, North of the Equator,	100 days.	75 days.
West Coast of America South of the Equator,	120 "	120 "
Sandwich Islands,	75 "	56 "
New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Feejee Islands, Tahiti, Society or Friendly Islands,	100 "	100 "
Sydney, Melbourne, or South Australia,	60 "	80 "
Western Australia,	45 "	60 "
Van Diemen's Land,	65 "	80 "
New Zealand,	75 "	90 "
Manila,	20 "	20 "
Singapore,	20 "	45 "

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Mauritius or Bourbon,	60 "	80 "
Cape of Good Hope,	65 "	85 "
West Indies, or East Coast of America,	147 "	168 "
Great Britain or Europe,	162 "	184 "
Siam,	20 "	45 "

Given under my hand and Seal of the Colony, at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, this 26th Day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six, and in the Nineteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

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By His Excellency's Command,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 14.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THOMAS CHISHOLM ANSTAY, Esquire, having this day reported his arrival in the Colony, is appointed Attorney General of Hongkong by virtue of a Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 30th January, 1856.

No. 15.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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It is hereby notified, that in consequence of the continued indisposition of the Honorable The Chief Justice, His Excellency The Governor has, under his hand and Seal of the Colony, and in accordance with Clause V. of Ordinance No. 6 of 1845, appointed THOMAS CHISHOLM ANSTAY, Esquire, Attorney General, to sit in the place of the said Chief Justice, and hear and determine such Suits as may be brought before him under the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, on Friday next, the 1st proximo, and following days, until all such cases shall be by him adjudicated and determined.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 30th January, 1856.

No. 16.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor and Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to appoint THOMAS CHISHOLM ANSTAY, Esquire, Attorney General, to a Seat in the Legislative Council of this Colony, pending the Pleasure of Her Majesty's Government.

The Honorable THOMAS CHISHOLM ANSTAY, Esquire, has been this day sworn in accordingly.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st January, 1856.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE following Instructions received from His Lordship THE POST-MASTER GENERAL, dated 28th November 1855, are published for general information, viz:—

By the provisions of a Treasury Warrant dated the 19th Instant, a Rate of One Penny, British Postage, will henceforth be chargeable upon every Newspaper, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, forwarded by the Post, otherwise than through London, from Hongkong for delivery in the United Kingdom.

Upon Newspapers received from Hongkong, via Malacca, Postage will be collected in the United Kingdom as heretofore.

I have to desire, therefore, that you will in future collect in advance this rate of One Penny upon all Newspapers addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted via Southampton or by any other route than France."

WM. CHAPMAN,
Acting Post-Master.

Post-office, Hongkong,
31st January, 1856.

NOTICE.

M. R. P. DE SILVER is this day admitted a Partner in our Firm, and will take charge of the New York Branch Establishment.

DE SILVER & Co.

1st January, 1856.

Steam for SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, & SOUTHAMPTON;

Also, BOMBAY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "CADIZ," Captain BAKER, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo for the above Places, will leave this on FRIDAY, the 15th February next, at 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 13th, SPECIE until Noon on the 14th, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 14th.

For Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS, AND VALUE OF PACKAGES, ARE REQUIRED.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Océan Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness in such declaration.

ROB. S. WALKER,
Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong, 30th January, 1856.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE next GENERAL MAILS per "Cadiz," will be closed on THURSDAY, the 14th February, at 6 o'clock, P.M.; and the Customary SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up the following Morning between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock.

WM. CHAPMAN,
Acting Post-Master.

Post-office, Hongkong,
1st February, 1856.

NOTICE.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.
(Established 1836.)

Incorporated by Act of Parliament, FOR FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CAPITAL £1,259,760 STERLING.

THE undersigned have been appointed AGENTS at Hongkong, Canton, and Shanghai.

TURNER & Co.

Medical Advisers.

For Hongkong,—W. A. HARLAND, M.D.
For Canton,—WALT. GEO. DICKSON, M.D.
Hongkong, 9th August, 1855.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. C. VICTOR BESSIERES in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last.

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