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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Circular Despatch, of the 16th February, 1869, from the Right Honorable Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing an amended Scheme for His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh's Route in H. M. S. *Galatea*, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th April, 1869.

*Circular.*

DOWNING STREET, 16th February, 1869.

SIR,—With reference to my Predecessor's Circular Despatch of the 5th of November last, enclosing the Scheme of Route proposed to be taken by Captain His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, in Her Majesty's Ship *Galatea*, shewing the approximate times of arrival at and departure from the several places to be visited, I have the honor to enclose, for your information and guidance, an amended Scheme of the Route proposed to be taken by his Royal Highness.—I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servant,

GRANVILLE.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*

HONGKONG,

*&c., &c., &c.*

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ROUTE of H.M.S. "*Galatea*," with Approximate Times of Departure and Arrival.

PLACE OF DEPARTURE.	DATE OF DEPARTURE.	PLACE OF ARRIVAL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	DISTANCE.	REMARKS.
	1868.		1868.	Miles	
Plymouth	First of November	Madeira	First Week in November	1220	
Madeira	Middle of November	Cape of Good Hope	End of December	6440	
	1869.		1869.		
Cape of Good Hope	Beginning of January	{ Swan River, (Western } Australia)	End of January	4700	
Swan River	Beginning of February	Sydney	Middle of February	2290	Including calling at Adelaide and Melbourne, occasioning a probable detention of eight days.
Sydney	Middle of March	Wellington	End of March	1170	
Wellington		Auckland		530	
Auckland	End of May	Sandwich Isles	End of June	4778	With permission to visit Tahiti.
Sandwich Isles	Middle of July	Yokohama (Japan)	First Week in August	3300	
Yokohama	End of August	Gulf of Pechili	Middle of September	1200	
Pechili	Third Week in Sept.	Shanghai	End of September	600	
Shanghai	First Week in October	Hong Kong	Middle of October	800	
Hong Kong	Third Week in October	Manilla	Last Week in October	650	
Manilla	End of October	Singapore	First Week in November	1300	
Singapore	Middle of November	Penang	Third Week in November	980	
Penang	End of November	Calcutta	Second Week in December	1280	
	1870.		1870.		
Calcutta	Middle of March	{ Trincomalee, Point de } Galle, or Colombo	End of March	1210	
Colombo	End of April	Mauritius	Middle of May	2091	
Mauritius	End of May	Cape of Good Hope	Middle of June	2254	
Cape of Good Hope	End of July	St. Helena	Middle of August	1707	
St. Helena	End of August	Plymouth	End of September	4210	