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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notification in regard to the Census for 1869, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th May, 1869.

His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL having been pleased to direct that the Census for 1869 should be taken on the 1st Proximo, blank Forms of Return will be served on all Householders not Chinese on or before that day.

If any Householder be overlooked in the distribution of Forms, or if a Form be accidentally mislaid or destroyed, the deficiency can be supplied on application at the Registrar General's Office.

When one Form is insufficient, duplicates may be obtained in the same way, or from the distributing Officers.

In Hospitals, Schools, large families, etc., it is not necessary to write the names of all the inmates, or designate them separately. If the number of Patients, Pupils, Children, etc., of each Sex and Nationality be correctly indicated it will be sufficient.

Similarly in the cases of Chinese and Coloured Servants, Numbers and Sex only are required. It is not therefore necessary to write down their names.

ALFRED LISTER,
Acting Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 25th May, 1869.

No. 63.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report from the Superintendent of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th May, 1869.

No. 4.

VICTORIA, HONGKONG, 29th May, 1869.

SIR,—I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that an Inspection and Parade of the "Government" and "Volunteer" Fire Brigades was held on Friday, the 14th May, instant. The Fire Engines, Supply Carts, &c. were assembled at the Cross Roads at 5½ P.M., and thence proceeded by different routes to the line of road descending from tanks near St. Paul's College to the Clock Tower.

The Hand Engine of the "Royal" Insurance Company and the Steam Fire Engine of the "Hongkong" Insurance Company (the latter with two branches of Delivery Hose) were got into play from one of the Tanks, the Suction Pipes being introduced into the Tank.

The Chinese Volunteer Engines of the "Pawnbrokers," "Silk Mercers," and "Nampak Hongks" were got into play from the fire plugs in Wyndham Street, as also were the three Government Engines.

The Chinese Volunteers attended in considerable force and worked the Engines with zeal. All the Fire Engines were found to be in good order.

An Inspection of the Government Fire Brigade was held at the Cross Roads, Fire Station, at 5 P.M., on the 28th May instant. The Volunteers and Insurance Companies were not called upon to attend.

The Fire Engines were examined and found clean, and on being tested were found in good working order.

The personal equipment of the Firemen, the Delivery Hose, Suction Hose, Fire Ladders, and Implements and Equipment generally, both with the Engines, and Supply Carts and in Store, were examined and found in good order and ready for service. On both occasions of Parade and Inspection, the Captain Superintendent of Police was present with a strong party, and established a "cordon" around the places mentioned.

The Hose and implements at the forty Subsidiary Fire Stations have been examined during the month and found in order.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

C. MAY,
Superintendent Fire Brigade.

The Honorable J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Any persons who have in their possession old Registration Tickets belonging to Servants who have left or have been dismissed, are requested to send the same to this Office, with any remarks, on separate papers, they may wish to have recorded.

It would much tend to the more satisfactory working of the Registration of Domestic Servants, if Registration Tickets were in every case *kept completely out of the possession of the Servants themselves.* On the dismissal of a Servant his Ticket should be sent to this Office, unless it can be handed at once to his new Employer, and should on no account be confided to his own custody.

ALFRED LISTER,
Acting Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, 28th May, 1869.

No. 61.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Scaled Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon on the 21st Proximo, for the supply of 600 Telegraph Posts.

Specifications may be seen at the Surveyor General's Office, where also a proper Form of Tender may be obtained.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd May, 1869.

No. 60.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon on the 14th Proximo, for the supply of Plumbing Material and Labor required by the Government during the Twelve Months ending 30th June, 1870.

Schedules and proper Forms of Tender may be obtained at the Surveyor General's Office.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd May, 1869.

No. 59.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B., has been pleased to recognize provisionally, and pending reference to Her Majesty's Government, JOÃO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Esquire, as Consul General, and AGOSTINHO GUILHERME ROMANO, Esquire, as Vice-Consul for Portugal, at Hongkong.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st May, 1869.

No. 58.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to the Government Notification No. 53 of the 8th Instant, it is hereby notified that the Lubeck, Hamburg, and Oldenburg Consulates at Hongkong have been suppressed by their respective Governments.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st May, 1869.