

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

1. It is hereby notified that under arrangements made by the Director General of the Post Office of India which have been confirmed by His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, the fast Opium Steamers plying between Hongkong, the Straits and Calcutta will henceforward be classed as "Indian Mail Packets," and that prepayment of the Postage on ordinary Letters forwarded by them will be optional. Letters however which may be posted insufficiently paid will be charged as wholly unpaid.
2. The rate of Postage on Letters is 8 cents for each half-ounce, or fraction of half an ounce.
3. Letters for registration must be prepaid with the full amount of Postage at 8 cents for each half ounce, and 12 cents in addition for the registration fee on each Letter, irrespective of its weight.
4. Newspapers and Prices Current must be prepaid at the rate of 2 cents each.
5. Book Packets and Packets of Patterns must be prepaid, at the rate of 6 cents for each four ounces.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 11th May, 1869.

NOTICE.

To Consignees, Masters and Others in charge of Merchant Vessels.

I. On or before the 1st June proximo, all Ships, with the following exceptions, shall be moved over to the North side of the Harbor, mooring them properly with 45 fathoms on each Chain, the Anchors lying in an E.N.E. and W.S.W. direction from each other.

II. The Southern line of this Anchorage is the North extremity of Hongkong, shut in with the South extremity of the Kowloon Peninsula, bearing E. by S.; the Top-gallant Masts and Yards are to be on Deck and flying Jib-boom in; a Spare Anchor should be ready for letting go, and the Hawse kept clear.

III. Vessels discharging or taking in Cargo, and Hulks and Receiving Ships may, with permission, lie on the South shore.

Note.—The Masters of Ships taking advantage of Article III, and those whose Vessels lie alongside Wharves and Jetties are to understand that they do so at their own risk.

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,
Harbor Master, &c.

Harbor Master's Office, Hongkong, 1st May, 1869.

WEATHER TABLES FOR THE PAST WEEK.

REGISTER AT HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE, PRAYA WEST.

1869.		6 A.M.		NOON.				6 P.M.	
		Baro-meter.	Thermo-meter.	Baro-meter.	Thermo-meter.	THERMOMETER.		Baro-meter.	Thermo-meter.
						Self Registering.			
						Min.	Max.		
May	22	29.82	82	29.87	92	77	99	29.82	82
"	23	29.86	82	29.91	86	80	93	29.84	81
"	24	29.84	78	29.85	78	82	90	29.80	78
"	25	29.82	75	29.85	85	75	85	29.82	78
"	26	29.91	71	29.95	75	71	86	29.90	73
"	27	29.96	73	30.00	77	71	86	29.94	75
"	28	29.92	76	29.94	85	76	87	29.87	82

REGISTER AT BLOCK HOUSE, VICTORIA PEAK.
Height above Sea Level 1,770 feet.

DATE.	BAROMETER.					HYDROMETER.					THERMO-METER.		WINDS.						RAIN.	REMARKS AS TO WEATHER.	
						DRY BULB.			WET BULB.			Self Registering.		Force, range from 0 to 12.							In inches during the previous 24 hours.
						Min.		Max.		NOON.		6 A.M.		NOON.		6 P.M.		9 A.M.			
	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	NOON.	3 P.M.	6 P.M.	6 A.M.	NOON.	6 P.M.	6 A.M.	NOON.	6 P.M.	Min.	Max.	Dirn.	F.	Dirn.	F.		Dirn.		F.
1869.																					
May 22	28.11	28.18	28.18	28.14	28.14	73.50	77.00	75.50	73.00	76.00	74.00	73.00	76.50	NW	3	—	0	SSW	2	1.06	Rain during past night; fine cloudy throughout.
" 23	28.17	28.20	28.20	28.15	28.14	75.00	75.50	74.50	74.00	74.00	73.00	71.50	77.50	SSE	1	SW	2	SSW	1	0.06	Fine cloudy with slight rain at intervals throughout.
" 24	28.14	28.15	28.17	28.11	28.09	74.00	75.00	73.50	73.00	74.00	73.00	72.50	77.00	SbW	2	SbW	2	S	2	0.85	Rain with thunder and lightning during past night; rain and fog throughout.
" 25	28.10	28.15	28.16	28.13	28.12	72.00	74.50	78.50	71.50	78.50	73.00	70.50	75.00	NW	3	W	2	—	0	6.42	Heavy rain with thunder and lightning and strong wind during past night; rain and fog all day.
" 26	28.18	28.18	28.19	28.18	28.15	66.00	66.50	67.50	65.50	65.50	67.00	65.50	74.50	E	6	E	8	EbS	8	0.82	Rain during past night; dense wet fog all day.
" 27	28.22	28.25	28.26	28.24	28.20	66.50	69.00	72.00	66.50	68.50	71.50	66.00	69.00	E	6	E	3	SE	3	-0.07	Passing fog all day.
" 28	28.22	28.25	28.25	28.18	28.17	72.00	74.50	74.00	71.50	73.50	78.00	68.50	74.00	SE	2	SE	1	S	3	0.05	Fine overcast all day.