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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Decision of the Marine Court of Inquiry into the Loss of the British Barque *Glenclune* on the Coast of Formosa, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

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

## FINDING.

The Court having considered the evidence adduced, conclude:

*First.* That the British Barque *Glenclune*, Official number 17,200 of Glasgow, foundered at sea on the 9th instant, in about Latitude 21.43 North, and Longitude 118.48 East, owing to the severe gales encountered by her between the 25th October and that date.

*Second.* That no blame whatever can be attached to either the Master, Officers or Crew of the *Glenclune*; and the Court therefore returns the Master's Certificate of Competency.

The Court cannot separate without expressing their sense of the readiness of the Master of the North-German Barque *Hongkong*, J. Clüver, to relieve his fellow-seamen in distress. The Court also desire to bring to the notice of the Government the small sum (Thirty-five Dollars) demanded by Lee Chai, Master of the Hongkong Licensed Junk No. 124, for conveying the Officers and Crew from the North-German Barque to Victoria, a distance of 75 miles.

The Court recommend these two cases for the favorable consideration of His Excellency The GOVERNOR with a view to rewards being given to the Masters of the two Vessels rescuing the Crew of the *Glenclune*.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 23rd day of November, 1869.

(Signed,)

C. MAY, 1st Police Magistrate.

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

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JAMES P. DUNCANSON, Justice of the Peace.

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ROBT. McMURDO, Government Marine Surveyor.

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WM. M. GILLSON, Master Mercantile Marine.

Approved,

RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,  
*Governor.*

No. 140.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with Section 12 of "The Police and Lighting Rate Ordinance, 1863," His Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the Year 1870, at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria; and, in accordance with Section 18 of the same Ordinance, at Five per cent for Houses in the Villages of this Island.

His Excellency has also, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council, and in accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 4 of 1868, fixed the Fire Brigade Rate at  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria.

The above Rates, as regards Houses in Victoria, will be levied exclusive of a Lighting Rate of One-and-a-half per cent under Section 12 of the first named Ordinance, and a Water Rate of Two per cent per annum under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 12 of 1860.

The Police, Lighting, Fire Brigade, and Water Rates will, under Terms of the Ordinances, be payable Quarterly in advance at the Colonial Treasury, between the first and last Days of the first Month in each Quarter.

These several Rates shall be charged and chargeable on and recoverable from the Owners of the Tenements in respect of which the above Assessments have been made.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

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

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information that the rates of Postage (which must be paid in advance) chargeable upon Printed Papers and Patterns of Merchandize addressed to Constantinople will henceforward be as follows, viz:

For a Packet not exceeding 2 ounces,..... 2 cents.

For a Packet above 2 ounces and not exceeding 4 ounces, ..... 4 ,,

For a Packet above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, ..... 8 ,,

and so on, adding 4 cents for every additional 4 ounces.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 23rd November, 1869.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information that, as an experiment, Mails will be made up at this Office, to be forwarded by each homeward British Contract Packet, to the United Kingdom and to places beyond the United Kingdom *via Brindisi*.

All Letters and newspapers intended to be forwarded in these Mails must be specially directed *via Brindisi*, and they will be liable to the following rates of Postage, viz:•

FOR A LETTER

<i>Addressed to</i>	<i>not exceeding half an ounce in weight.</i>	<i>For every additional half an ounce.</i>
	Cents.	Cents.
The United Kingdom,...	38	38
The United States of } America, ..... }	48	48

FOR EVERY NEWSPAPER

<i>Addressed to</i>	<i>not exceeding 4 ounces in weight.</i>	<i>For every additional Newspaper not exceeding 4 ounces.</i>
	Cents.	Cents.
The United Kingdom...	8	8
The United States of } America, ..... }	10	10

The Postage must be *fully prepaid*. Unpaid or insufficiently paid Letters, &c., will not be sent *via Brindisi*. Book Packets and Packets of Patterns will not be forwarded *via Brindisi*.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 24th November, 1869.

No. 138.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice of appointment is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th November, 1869.