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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency Governor POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., has received a Despatch dated Downing Street, 4th February, 1878, in which he is informed that Her Majesty The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to entrust the Seals of the Colonial Department to the Right Honourable SIR MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th March, 1878.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

The following documents are published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th March, 1878.

[No. 40.]

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
HONGKONG, 28th March, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for the approval of His Excellency the Governor, certain recommendations with a view to filling up the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Master of the School at Wong-nai-ch'ung, in such a way as to conform with the desire of His Excellency the Governor, and also with the wishes of the community at Wong-nai-ch'ung to have English included among the subjects taught at the School in question.

1. SALARY.—To obtain a teacher qualified to teach the rudiments of both the English and Chinese languages, I consider it imperative to double the salary, ten dollars per month, at present connected with the post, and I may state that the Acting Head Master of the Government Central School, whom I consulted on the subject, is of the same opinion. As I find from Petition No. 103, presented to the Honourable the Colonial Secretary by the community of Wong-nai-ch'ung, on 25th March, that the community are prepared to contribute five dollars per month towards the salary of the teacher, I beg to recommend that the salary connected with the vacant post be fixed at twenty dollars per month, viz., fifteen dollars from the Colonial Treasury and five dollars from the community, with free quarters. There would thus be an increase of five dollars per month not provided by the Estimates.

2. MODE OF SELECTING A MASTER.—As to the mode of selecting a competent teacher qualified to teach the rudiments of both the English and Chinese languages, as required by the character of the School, which should be an Elementary Anglo-Chinese School corresponding to the Preparatory Classes of the Government Central School, I beg to recommend that Competitive Examinations be resorted to. I have therefore drawn up and append hereto draft of a Government Notification to be published in the *Government Gazette* as early as possible, so as to allow of the School at Wong-nai-ch'ung being re-opened