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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

TORNADO AT CANTON.

The following correspondence is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th April, 1878.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONGKONG, 13th April, 1878.

SIR,—On behalf of this Government and of the inhabitants of Hongkong, I venture to ask you to convey to His Excellency the Viceroy the deep sympathy of the whole community here on the sudden blow that has befallen Canton.

I am making arrangements with Mr. PRICE for endeavouring to repair one small part of the disaster, that relating to the Gardens at Shameen. From the Gardens at Government House, the Public Gardens, and I think I may safely add from my garden in Hongkong that I have them, we shall send you up young trees, shrubs and plants to fill, to some slight extent, the place of those that have been destroyed.

I am, &c.,

J. POPE HENNESSY.

To Dr. HANCE,
*British Consulate,
Canton.*

H. M. CONSULATE,
CANTON, 18th April, 1878.

[No. 22.]

SIR,—As requested in your Despatch of the 13th instant, I conveyed to His Excellency the Viceroy the expression of the deep sympathy felt by Your Excellency and the whole of the inhabitants of Hongkong at the calamity with which this city has been visited; and I have now the honour to forward a copy of the communication just received from the Viceroy, expressing His Excellency's acknowledgment for the same.

I am also desired, both by the Shameen Municipal Council and the Trustees of the Garden Fund, to whom I made known Your Excellency's most generous offer to supply trees and other plants, to replace those destroyed by the whirlwind, to tender their sincere thanks, on behalf of the entire foreign community, for the kind sympathy shown, and the aid so promptly offered; and to state that they will most probably be glad to avail themselves of the proffered aid, when time has enabled them to clear away sufficiently to ascertain what is required.

With the expression of my own special thanks for Your Excellency's humanity and courtesy on this sad occasion,

I have, &c.,

H. F. HANCE,
Acting Consul.

His Excellency
JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G.,
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Hongkong*

His Excellency the Viceroy to H. M. Acting Consul.

17th April, 1878.

GOVERNOR HENNESSY'S SYMPATHY.

I have had the honour to receive your note, in which I learn that His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong has been good enough to express his commiseration for the people of Canton under their recent sufferings caused by the late tornado; and from it I discern the breadth of His Excellency's humane sympathy, which finds equal expression irrespectively of the nationality of its object. Not only myself, but the gentry and people of the whole city, unite in lauding this *trait* of His Excellency's character.

I have humbly attempted to do my duty during the three years of my administration, but I feel that it is to my own shortcomings that must be ascribed this want of Heaven's favour, which has thus resulted in recurring disasters bringing sorrow to my people. I find it impossible to express my feelings of humiliation and awe.

I have directed the local authorities to take measures, with the charitable Association and the leading gentry, for the alleviation of the people's distress; to bury the dead; to heal the wounded; and to mete out succour to those who are left destitute and without means of support: and this, too, is only what is due from any one to his fellow men.

I beg you will communicate this reply to His Excellency, at the same time conveying to him my thanks and my distinguished consideration.

No. 84.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following extract from the *London Gazette* of the 19th February, relative to the Treaty of July 10th, 1851, between Great Britain and the Sandwich Islands is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th April, 1878.

EXTRACT FROM "THE LONDON GAZETTE"
OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 19, 1878.

Foreign Office, February 16, 1878.

Notice has been given by the Hawaiian Government to terminate Articles IV, V, and VI of the Treaty of July 10, 1851, between Great Britain and the Sandwich Islands. In consequence of this Notice these Articles will expire on the 3rd of July next.

No. 85.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that the Queen's Exequatur empowering TARO ANDO, Esquire, to act as Japanese Consul at this port, received Her Majesty's signature on the 4th March, 1878.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th April, 1878.

No. 86.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report from the Honourable CHARLES MAY, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, for the quarter ending 31st March, 1878, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th April, 1878.