

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.