

No. 120.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Dr. ALEXANDER VON DER HORCK to be Acting Superintendent of the Civil Hospital vice C. J. WHARRY, Esquire, M.D., absent on leave.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st June, 1878.

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 121.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the 10th of June, being Whit Monday, be observed as a Holiday in the Government Offices.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st June, 1878.

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 122.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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Colonial Secretary's Office

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

In the event of bad weather being apprehended by this Department, a *black drum* will be hoisted at the *Office Flagstaff*. A similar signal will be hoisted and a *gun* will be fired from the *Police Hulk*.

The usual signs of approaching bad weather are, a falling Barometer with high Thermometer, sultriness of the atmosphere, and wildness and discoloration of the clouds. Should these symptoms exist and the wind be anywhere between North-Westerly and North-Easterly, a typhoon of a severe type may be looked for.

If there are the same indications of bad weather with the wind between South-Easterly and South-Westerly, a typhoon may be known to be in the neighbourhood, but not likely to be severely felt at Hongkong.

This signal is not to be considered as relieving Masters of ships from their proper responsibilities. The signal is intended only as calling the attention of the Mercantile Marine to any change of weather which the undersigned is expecting.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 30th May, 1878.

J. P. McEuen, R.N.,
Acting Harbour Master, &c.

123.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st June, 1878.

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Government of New Zealand.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 9 of 1878.

*Exhibition of Fixed White Light on Moeraki Peninsula, and Alteration of Colour of Lights on Cape Wanbrow and Oamaru Break-water.*Customs Department (Marine Branch),
Wellington, New Zealand, 19th March, 1878.

Notice is hereby given, that on and after the evening of Monday, the 22nd day of April next, a Light will be exhibited from a Lighthouse which has been erected on the southern point of the Moeraki Peninsula, on the East Coast of the Middle Island, the characteristics of which are as follow:—

The Tower is 28 feet in height, built of wood, and painted white. The Light will be a *Fixed White Light* of the Third Order, visible all round as far as the land will allow. The Light will be elevated about 170 feet above the sea, and, allowing 15 feet for the height of the eye, will be seen at a distance of 19 nautic miles in clear weather, and at lesser distances according to the state of the atmosphere.

On the same night on which the Moeraki Light is exhibited, the *Fixed White Light* on Cape Wanbrow, Oamaru, will be altered to *Red* and the *Fixed Red Light* on the end of Breakwater to *Green*. This green light will not, however, be exhibited during bad weather, when the danger lights (two white horizontal with a red light between them) are shown from the flagstaff.

J. BALLANCE.

Government of South Australia.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

LIGHT AT CAPE BOWLING GREEN.

The Light house at Cape Bowling Green having
Revolving Light will be again exhibited on and after
The Light will be at an elevation of 70 feet at
every minute.

south-west 120 yards from its original position, the
with instant.
el, and will, as formerly, attain its greatest brilliancy

G. P. HEATH, Commander R.N.,
Portmaster.

Department of Harbours, Brisbane

Government of Ceylon.

Notice is hereby given that a circular buoy painted black has been moored 66 fathoms N. 60° E. from the patch in Batticaloa roads, eastern coast of Ceylon, and that in future the buoy will be moored in this position from February till the 31st October.

J. DO
Master Attendant

Master Attendant's Office, Colombo, 24th April, 1878.

NOTICE.

The Acting Harbour Master, under the provisions of Sections IX and X of Ordinance 1862, (Harbour Regulations), deems it expedient to issue the following directions, which shall remain in force until the 15th October next.

All vessels are to be moored with 45 fathoms on each chain; Top Gallant and Royals to be down; and Top Gallant Masts are to be housed or struck; the Hawse is to be ready for letting go; a spare Anchor is to be ready for letting go.

Unemployed vessels are to anchor in the Northern Anchorage, which has for its South end the North extreme of Hongkong shut in with the South extreme of the Kowloon Peninsula E. by S.

Masters of *ships discharging or loading cargo*, if desirous of lying on the ground at their own risk, may, on application to the undersigned, obtain permission to anchor in the Northern Anchorage.

Masters of *Steam-ships* are, when practicable, to keep their fires laid on and steam up when a typhoon is anticipated.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 30th May, 1878.