

No. 126.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th June, 1878.

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*Government of Ceylon.*

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice is hereby given that a bright light is now exhibited every night, from sun-set to sun-rise, at an elevation of 50 feet above the sea on the Flag Staff near the mouth of the Batticaloa Lake, Eastern coast of Ceylon; and will be exhibited hereafter till further notice from the 15th February to the 31st October, the time during which the port is open.

J. DONNAN,  
Master Attendant.

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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,

J. M. PRICE,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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

No. 122.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice respecting Typhoons is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

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

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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.

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

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 30th May, 1878.