

NOTICE.

Owners of Tenements assessed to the Police, Lighting, Water and Fire Brigade Rates, are hereby informed that the Rates for the Third Quarter of the year 1878, are payable *in advance*, during and within the Month of July.

It is requested that such Rates may be paid before the 31st July, as after that date application will be made to the Supreme Court for the recovery of arrears.

CECIL C. SMITH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 29th June, 1878.

No. 128.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

HONGKONG SILVER SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Notice is hereby given, that these Coins of the respective values of 20 Cents, 10 Cents, and 5 Cents each, can be obtained at par at the Colonial Treasury, and at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd June, 1878.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that Crown Rents for the half-year ending 24th June, 1878, should be paid into the Treasury on or before the 16th July, 1878.

CECIL C. SMITH,
Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 21st 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.

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.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified, that Ships conveying Chinese Passengers under the provisions of Ordinance No. 5 of 1874, will not be allowed to carry them on the Upper or Weather Deck between the 1st of June, and the 15th of October, inclusive.

J. P. McEuen,
Acting Emigration Officer, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1878.