

No. 134.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office, until Noon on Thursday, the 11th July, for the supply of the undermentioned Articles for the use of the Police Department from the First day of August, to the Thirty-first day of December, 1878:—

Oil.	Lampwick.	Buckets.	Tubs.	Salt.	Soap.	Gram.	Bran.	Paddy.	Oats.	Straw.	Hay.
Per jar of 24 catties.	large & small, per dozen of each.	each.		per lb.		per picul.					

The above enumerated Articles must be of good quality, deliverable at the Central Police Barracks, at such times and in such quantities as may be required.

Forms of Tender and any further information can be obtained on application at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

No Tenders will be received unless prepared in the Form required.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1878.

No. 135.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the Marine Court of Inquiry into the loss of the British Ship *Knight of Snowdown*, Official Number 51,022 is published for general information.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th July, 1878.

FINDING.

We find that the British Barque *Knight of Snowdown*, Official Number 51,022, of Liverpool, CHARLES RICHARDSON, Master, Number of whose Certificate of Competency (lost at the wreck) was 4,075, was totally lost on a reef, marked on the Chart by which he was navigating, about four miles to the Northward and Westward of Cape Santiago in the Island of Luzon, Philippine Group, on the night of the 12th of June, while on a voyage from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Manila, with a cargo of Coals.

We find that the Master CHARLES RICHARDSON conducted the navigation of his Ship in a negligent manner in not ascertaining the position at any time on the day of the wreck by means of cross bearings of the land which was visible at the time. That he also showed want of judgment in shaping a course, from an assumed position, that would take his vessel in dangerous proximity to a Coast which, according to the Chart he was navigating by, was imperfectly known.

We also find that want of care and attention was shown on the part of the Chief Mate ALEXANDER WALKER SCOTT THOMSON, Number of whose Certificate of Competency is 18,217 (whose watch it was at the time of the wreck) in not maintaining a better look out, as had he done so, the Court is of opinion that the broken water would have been seen in sufficient time to prevent the loss of the vessel.

The Court therefore adjudge that the Certificate of the Master be suspended for a period of three months from this date, and that the Certificate of the Chief Mate be suspended for a similar period.

Given under our hands at Hongkong, this 27th day of June, 1878.

C. MAY, *First Police Magistrate.*
 J. P. McEuen, R.N., *Acting Harbour Master.*
 N. J. Ede, *Un-official Justice of the Peace.*
 ROBT. McMURDO, *Government Marine Surveyor.*
 JAMES G. SELKIRK, *Commanding British Ship*
"Sarah Nicholson."

Confirmed,

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.