

"Your Excellency's liberal policy of treating and respecting all classes of people alike over whom you govern, without distinction of race, is well known and appreciated by us all, and if an illustration is needed, this visit is another instance of it. Your Excellency has not been long with us, but we feel certain in this, that in Your Excellency we have a just, impartial, and humane Governor. The active steps taken by Your Excellency to relieve the sufferings of the wounded persons occasioned by the sad catastrophe of the *Yesso* are beyond all praise and fully confirm our opinion. Your Excellency took a deep interest in their unfortunate case and personally visited them both in Gaol and in this Hospital, and when some of the prisoners in the Gaol had attended on them, Your Excellency, as an approval of their conduct, considerably pardoned them according to the degrees of offences of which they have been convicted.

"We may, therefore, safely conclude that from Your Excellency we need fear no harsh measures or class enactments which may press hardly on us, but that whatever measures enacted during the tenure of your high office will, we may be sure, tend to increase the prosperity of the Colony and to promote the welfare of all the inhabitants, natives as well as foreigners. In conclusion we beg again to thank Your Excellency for your kind visit to-day: we heartily wish Your Excellency and Mrs. HENNESSY happiness and prosperity, and trust that Your Excellency may long remain as Governor of this Colony.

In the course of his reply His Excellency said:—Mr. LEONG-ON, and Members of the Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital. This institution has done an immense amount of good. That there should be benevolent institutions wherever there is a Chinese community, we all know. We know that in the great cities of China, there are institutions where the aged and destitute are cared for; and should there not be such institutions in Hongkong? The expenses of this institution are defrayed by the voluntary contributions of the Chinese community, and I am happy to remind you that the F. OF KIMBERLEY, while he was Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveyed to my predecessor, Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, the sense of Her Majesty's Government of the good example that had set in establishing it, and I shall now be able, from the visit I have paid to-day, and minute inspection that the Admiral and myself have made of this Hospital, to do that which our predecessors have done,—bear testimony to the admirable way in which it is conducted. It has my duty to visit many hospitals; men in my position must do so; but I am bound to say that I have gone through the wards of any hospital in any country in which I found better ventilation, and that hospital character, that we so often experience, than in this building. I see that you understand the great value of cleanliness and fresh air. One of my predecessors, Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL, speaking at this table perhaps, and referring to his visit, made a similar observation, adding that it would be a fortunate thing for the Colony, if our own Civil Hospital had been so well built, and if the windows, doors and other means of ventilation were as adequately constructed as you have them here.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to commute the sentence of death passed on CHENG-A-SHIN to penal servitude for life.

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

Acting Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following letter is published for general information.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th July, 1878.

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 3rd July, 1878.

SIR,—With reference to the extent to which Her Majesty's Ships should be subject to Local Quarantine Regulations, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that H. M. Government are of opinion that as far as relates to communication with the shore and with the Shipping in Colonial Waters, H. M. Ships should be subject to Local Quarantine Regulations in the same manner as Merchant Ships, but that Local Authorities should not in any way interfere with the internal management of H. M. Ships or with their freedom to proceed to sea whenever the Officer in command may deem such course requisite.

I have, &c.,

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Secretary.[No. 497.] J. P. MCEUEN, Esq., R.N.,
Acting Harbour Master.[No. 498.] DR. ADAMS,
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