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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Arrangements having been concluded for the establishment of a Money Order system in this Colony and the Straits Settlements, His Excellency Governor POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G. to order (under Section XII of the *Post Office Ordinance*, 1876) that the issue of Money Orders in the Straits Settlements and the payment of Money Orders issued in the Straits Settlements commence in this Colony from the 22nd instant, and that the rates of commission and exchange be those mentioned in the following notice.

By Command,

J. M. PRICE
Acting Colonial Sec.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th July, 1878.

With regard to the above, the following Information as to Money Orders is published for general information:—

1. Money Orders on the United Kingdom and the Straits Settlements are issued at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama. Shanghai and Yokohama also issue on Hongkong and *vice versa*.
2. Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps.
3. Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order* is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing Office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in Cheque, Postage Stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications *in time*, as the Money Order Offices close some hours before the departures of the Mails.
4. No Order must exceed £10, or include any fraction of a penny. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day† and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.
The Commission is as follows:—

ORDERS ON THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Up to £2,.....	18 cents.
" £5,.....	36 "
" £7,.....	54 "
" £10,.....	72 "
LOCAL MONEY ORDERS (including Straits Settlements).	
Up to \$25,.....	15 cents.
" \$50,.....	30 "

5. Lists of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.
6. Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order be crossed (as Cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.
7. No Order can be paid till the Payee have signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another Office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.
8. If the Order be not presented within six months, an additional commission will be charged; if not within twelve months, the money will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.
9. No Order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

*Made out on a printed form which is supplied gratis.

† Except at Shanghai, where a fixed dollar rate for drawing on the United Kingdom is in force. Local Orders on Shanghai are drawn at 2 per cent premium in all cases.