

No. 195.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

Notice is hereby given, that Tenders for the Privilege of Preparing and selling Prepared Opium within the Colony for the term of one, two, or three years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1858, will be received at this Office, until Noon on Wednesday, the 23rd October, 1878.

Each Tender should specify the monthly payment offered for the period above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant Licences direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Following abstract of the Return of Revenue collected by the Collector of Stamp Revenue, published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

Collected in 1878 up to September 30th,.....	\$96,682.20
" in 1877 " " 30th,.....	88,246.88
Increase,	\$ 8,435.32

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd October, 1878.

LESTER,
Collector of Stamp Revenue.

No. 197.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notices to Mariners are published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 91.]

CHINA SEA.

WENCHOW DISTRICT—WENCHOW HARBOUR.

"Lion Rock" Beacon.

Notice is hereby given that a Beacon has been erected on a small pinnacle rock called "Shih Shih" (Lion Rock), submerged 8 feet at high water springs, situated near the anchorage at Wenchow, about 600 feet S. E. of the East end of the island known as the Chiang-Hsin-Ssu, which is in the middle of the river opposite the North wall of the city.

The Beacon consists of a pole 15 inches in diameter painted black and white alternate bands, on which is fixed a ball 6 feet in diameter painted black with a horizontal white band round the centre.

The top of the pole is 24 feet above high water springs. The centre of the ball is 15 feet above high water springs.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 20th September, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 92.]

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—CHINKIANG DISTRICT.

Beaver, or Pottinger Island Light.

Notice is hereby given that the Beaver Island Beacon Light has been shifted 500 yards to the S. 15° E. of its former position, in consequence of the washing away of the river embankment.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 21st September, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 93.]

CHINA SEA.

RIVER MIN—FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

"Benjamin Aymar" Rock.

Notice is hereby given that a red and black chequered Buoy, 6 feet in diameter, surmounted by a black diamond-shaped cage, will shortly be placed at the "Benjamin Aymar" Rock, on which the American barque *Benjamin Aymar* struck in January, 1878, near the "North Channel" entrance to the Foochow river.

For bearings, etc., see Notice to Mariners, No. 84, of 16th April, 1878.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 23rd September, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 94.]

CHINA SEA.

RIVER MIN—FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Half-tide Beacon.

Notice is hereby given that during the rebuilding of the Half-tide Beacon situated in the river Min, $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles N.N.E. of the Mingan Pass, a boat will be stationed a short distance to the westward of it.

A *Red Flag* will be flown at the masthead during the day, and a *Red Light* shown at night.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE, SHANGHAI, 25th September, 1878.

NOTICE.

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

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

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 5th October, 1878.