GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with "The Rating Ordinance, 1875," His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the Year [illegible] at Six-and-three-quarters per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria, and at Five per cent for Houses in British Kowloon and the outlying Villages of the Colony; and the Lighting Rate at One-and-a-quarter per cent, the Fire Brigade Rate at One-half per cent, and the Water Rate at One-and-a-half per cent per annum, for Houses in the City of Victoria.

The Police, Lighting, Fire Brigade, and Water Rates will be payable Quarterly in advance at the Colonial Treasury, between the first and last Days of the first Month in each Quarter.

These several Rates shall be charged and chargeable on, and recoverable from, the Owners of the Tenements in respect of which the above Assessments have been made.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th December, 1878.

NOTICE.

Under provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, notice is hereby given, that a Special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Police Magistrates' Court, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Tuesday, the Twenty-first of January next, and thereafter on the first Tuesday of every month, for the purpose of considering applications for granting or transferring Spirit Licences during the year 1879.

Such applications to be lodged at the Police Magistrates' Court, at least ten days before each of the Sessions now notified.

C. V. CREAGH,
Acting Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 20th December, 1878.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Unclaimed Correspondence, 27th December, 1878.

	Letters.	Papers.
[illegible]	1	
[illegible] H.	1	
[illegible] William	1	
[illegible] S.	1 regd.	
[illegible] Mrs. M.	1	
[illegible] Monsr. J.	1	
[illegible] Miss A.	1	
[illegible] Wm.	2	
[illegible] C. J.		1
[illegible] J. H.	1	1
[illegible] Miss	2	
[illegible] Monsr.	1	
[illegible] Hugh	1	
[illegible] Jas	1	
[illegible] Dr	2	
Caldwell, Miss B.	1	
Crawford, J. W.	1	
Cristoforis, G. de	1	
Cooper, Capt.		2
Clark, Mrs. S. J.	1	
Dhite, Monsr.	2	
Dumont, Mrs. H.	1	
Dacin, Monsr.	1	
Davis, Quintin	1	
Evans, J. S.	1	
Esteban, C. y.	1	
Fretas, Jose	1	
Garstin, Major	1	
Garcia, Juliana	1	
Gracias, A. J.	1	
Garceau, Monsr. A.	1	
Gonzales & Co.	1	
Howard, Mrs.	1	
Hannen, G.	1	
Hemptinne, Monsr.	4	
Hi Loi	1	
High Comtom	1	
Haziett, Alvah	1	
Harrison, Capt.	1	
Jensen, C.	1	
Kelly, Mr.	1	
Kwong Tai Cheong	2	
Luz, Ellarina da	1	
Leys, Robert R.	1	1
Lamerton, H.	1	
Leu Tong	2	
Lumley, John	2	
Larnach, J. W.	1	
Lilly, E.	1	
More, Miss E. J.	1	
Mulier, A.	1	
Mellomcosta, A.	1	
Mudge, Wm.	1	
Moore, Miss J.	1	
McMillan, Harry	2	
Musso, Jean B.	1	
Neo Teing Siew	1 regd.	
Oyarzabal, G.	1	
Pike, Mr.	1	
Patterson, Mrs. H.	1	
Persse, Capt.	1	
Pagsan, R.	1	
Quong Tong Tai	1	
Roche, John	2	1
Rosendah, P.	1	
Rayden, W. M.	1	
Roberts, A.	1	
Reily, Chs.	1	
Roberts, W. C.	1	
Rouchand	1	
Sams, W. F. B.	1	
Sheather, C. H.	1	
Stewart, Capt.	1	
Souza, D. J. de	1	
Smith & Co., R.	1	
Smith, Geo.	1	
Talpey, Capt. F.		3
Thomson, Alex.	1	
Taffell, Wm.	1	
Thornton, Wm.	1	
Veltz, Miss M.	1	
Wing On Chong	1	
White, Wm. E.	1	
Wai Chung	1 regd.	
Wildash, F. J. C.	1	
Whyte, Jno.	1	
Williams, John	1	
Walker, Thos.	2	
Wilson, James	1	

For Merchant Ships.

	Letters.	Papers.
Arabella	6	2
Anne	1 regd.	
Avar	1	
Abbey Cowper	2	
Antoine	1	
Ann Adamson	3	
Alcyone	2	
Assyria Isle	3	3
Asser	1	
Alarmara	1	
Amy Turner	1	
Alexandria	1	
Brisbane	1	
Bebar, s.s.	1	
Bertha Marson	2	
Bellerry	1	1 regd.
Bessie Bigelow	1	
Bahman	1	
Bury St. Ed	1	2 regd.
Black Watch	2	
Benefactor	1	
Cashmere		1
Corona	5	2
Countess of Erroll	5	1
Corrientes	2	
Columbian, s.s.	1	
Corea	9	8
Challenge	1	
Channel Queen	1	
Charmer	1	
Cilurnum	1	
Caldew		1
Cosmo	1	1
Cirkland	1	
Carlton, s.s.	1	
Dharwar	2	
Davina	1	
Erminia	1	
Eleanor	1	
Estrone	1	
Espiegle	1	
Freeman Clark	2	
Fair Leader	1	
Ferntower, s.s.	1	
Fabius	2	
Frederick	1	
Fiatin, s.s.	1	
Fusilier	1	
Flintshire, s.s.	1	2
Firth	1	
Great Admiral	1	
Glamis	1	
Gitanilla	2	
Glamorgan, s.s.	1 regd.	
Golden Fleece	1	
Hawkesbury		2
Helen	1	
Hopeful	3	
Hornet	1	
Herat	1	
Hilda	3	
Humboldt	2	
Haraway	1	
Irigo	1	
James Shepherp	7	1
J. MacDonald	1	
Jassan		1
Jessie Jamieson	3	
Java	2	
Johore, s.s.	1	
Lady Penrhyn	4	
Lota	8	1
Lord Macaulay	1	
Leucadia	1	
Lodore	1	
Magdala	2	
Mary Blair	8	6
Mary Smith	2	
McNear	3	
Magdalen	1	
Moss Glen	1	
Maritime Union	2	5
Marcia, s.s.	1	
Mary Fraser	1	
Matchless	1	
Masonic	1	
Nyassa	3	1
Overdale	1	
Palestine	1	
Parthead Tuescanal	1	
Prince Amadeo	2	3
Prince Louis	10	1
Premier	1	
Pilgrim	1 regd.	
Peteral, s.s.	1	
Pelham	1	
Penrith	1	
Rosie Welt	5 regd.	
Regent	1	
Rosebud		1
Sacramento	8	
Strathern	2	
Southern Cross	1	
Sarah Bell		1
S. Hunlie	1	
Satent	1	
Southesk	1	
Sydenham	10	9
Spinaway	1	
Stanfield	1	
Tokatea	1	
Teti Austrian	1	
Tamar	1	
Tweed	2	
Taunton	1	
Tre Corde		1
Three Brothers	5	
Wm. Manson	1	
Wm. Phillips	1	
W. E. Gladstone	6	

For H. M. Ships.

Fly,.....1 Letter regd.

Victor Emanuel,.....1 Letter.

Iron Duke,.....6 Letters; 1 regd.

Books, &c., without Covers.

Aristarco-Diplolet.
Amsterdamsche Courant.
Amsterdammer.
Christadelphian.
Christian.
Daybladet.
Daily Telegraph.
El Imparcial.
Glasgow Weekly Mail.
Illustrated London News.
Illustrated Austratian.
Journal de Geneve.
Journal de St. Petersbourg.
L'Union Savoisienne.
Leisure Hour.
Loofungen und Lehrterte.
Navy List.
Rotterdamsche Courant.
Reynolds's Newspaper.
Russian Newspaper.
Sunderland & Durham County Herald.
Saturday Falkirk Herald.
Schreib und Hülfskalender, 1879.
Times.
The Times of India.
The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.
United Methodist Free Churches Minutes 1878.
Weekly Scotsman.

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