

HONG KONG—VICTORIA PEAK.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE compiled from observations taken at the Signal House, Victoria Peak, between Nov. 30th, 1872 and Nov. 30th, 1874. Barometer reduced to 32° but not to sea level. Height of Victoria Peak on Admiralty Chart, 1825 feet.

MONTH.	BAROMETER.		Mean Temp. in shade.	Mean Range of Temp.	Max. Temp. in shade registered.	Min. Temp. in shade registered.	Clouds—0 to 10 Mean Amount.	RAIN.		WIND.											No. of days Gale.	No. of days Fog.	
	Mean Height.	Ext. Range.						Total Fall.	No. of days.	Av. Hourly velocity.	NO. OF DAYS FROM												
											N.	N.E.	E.	S.E.	S.	S.W.	W.	N.W.	Calm				
JANUARY.	ins. 28.426	ins. 0.43	51.8	7.5	67.0	40.0		Inches. 1.14	7		5	6	12	1	0	1	1	5	0	2			
FEBRUARY.	28.407	0.43	55.4	7.1	60.0	39.5		1.00	7		3	4	14	2	2	0	1	1	1	4			
MARCH.	28.343	0.27	58.5	6.5	71.0	44.0		2.53	14		2	2	16	8	2	0	0	1	0	3			
APRIL.	28.286	0.33	64.3	6.0	73.5	49.0		4.21	16		2	1	16	4	4	1	0	1	1	2			
MAY.	28.134	0.32	70.8	4.6	77.5	61.0		23.44	26		0	1	9	3	10	5	1	2	0	4			
JUNE.	28.122	0.39	74.1	4.1	79.5	64.0		7.17	21		0	0	8	4	11	6	0	0	1	3			
JULY.	28.125	0.34	74.7	3.0	82.0	68.0		14.50	21		1	0	4	4	11	9	1	1	0	3			
AUGUST.	28.131	0.41	74.9	4.2	81.5	68.0		11.77	21		0	1	10	5	7	7	0	0	1	1			
SEPTEMBER.	28.114	0.73	75.0	5.0	83.0	67.0		8.53	16		4	3	10	2	4	2	2	2	1	4			
OCTOBER.	28.230	0.34	70.1	6.0	80.0	56.0		2.31	7		4	3	21	0	1	1	0	1	0	0			
NOVEMBER.	28.281	0.49	61.7	6.8	72.0	42.0		0.42	2		6	6	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			
DECEMBER.	28.452	0.20	60.9	8.1	70.5	47.5		1.07	6		3	3	21	1	0	1	0	1	1	1			
MEANS AND TOTALS.	28.254	0.73	66.0	5.8	83.0	39.5		78.00	164		30	30	158	34	52	38	6	15	7	28			

All the zoological and other specimens collected during the cruise between Sydney and Hong Kong were landed at Kowloon and placed in a house belonging to the dock-yard, where they were carefully packed; one hundred and twenty-nine cases and several casks being placed on board H.M.S. "Adventure" on the 1st January 1875 for transmission to England.

The British residents and naval and military officers at Hong Kong received the members of the Expedition with great hospitality, and a similar hospitality was extended to those members of the Expedition who visited Canton.

The chief event during the stay at Hong Kong was, however, the appointment, much to the regret of every one on board, of Captain Nares to the command of the Arctic Expedition, and his departure for England accompanied by Lieutenant Aldrich, the first lieutenant of the ship; previous to their departure they were entertained to dinner by the naval officers and members of the Civilian Scientific Staff.

The late Captain Frank Turle Thomson of H.M.S. "Modeste," who was then serving on the China station, was appointed to the Challenger, and joined the Expedition on the 2nd January 1875.

The water at Hong Kong was brilliantly phosphorescent during the whole of the stay