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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Contract hitherto in force for the publication of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS having ceased on the 21st instant. —Notice is hereby given, that the *HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE*, this day established, will be hereafter the only Official Organ of Proclamations, Notifications, and all Public Papers of this Government.

By Order,

W. CAINE,
Colonial Secretary.

Victoria, Hongkong, 24th September, 1853.

PROCLAMATION.

W. CAINE.

BY The Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel William Caine, Lieutenant-Governor administering the Government of the Colony of Hongkong.

WHEREAS the Commands of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, requiring the immediate publication of the subjoined Order of the QUEEN in Council directing that Russian Merchant Vessels which at the time of the publication of the said Order shall be in any ports or places within any of Her Majesty's foreign or Colonial possessions shall be allowed thirty days from the time of the publication of that Order in such foreign or Colonial possessions for loading their cargoes and departing from such ports or places. I do hereby publish the said Order accordingly. And I do hereby declare that the time of such publication is the twelfth day of June Instant.

evacuation of Russian Merchant vessels

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By the Command of The Honorable The Lieutenant-Governor.

C. B. HILLIER,
Officiating Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

At the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 7th day of *April* 1854.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty being compelled to declare war against His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, and being desirous to lessen as much as possible the evils thereof, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Russian merchant vessels which, at the time of the publication of this Order, shall be in any ports or places in Her Majesty's Indian territories, under the Government of the East India Company, or within any of Her Majesty's foreign or colonial possessions, shall be allowed thirty days from the time of the publication of this Order in such Indian territories, or foreign or colonial possession, for loading their cargoes and departing from such ports or places; and that such Russian merchant vessels, if met at sea by any

of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue their voyage if, on examination of their papers, it shall appear that their cargoes were taken on board before the expiration of the above term. Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be taken to extend, to Russian vessels having on board any officer in the military or naval service of the enemy, or any article prohibited or contraband of war, or any despatch of or to the Russian Government.

And it is hereby further ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council as aforesaid, that any Russian merchant vessel which, prior to the twentieth day of March now last past, shall have sailed from any foreign port, bound for any port or place in any of Her Majesty's Indian territories, or foreign or colonial possessions, shall be permitted to enter such port or place, and to discharge her cargo, and afterwards forthwith to depart without molestation; and that any such vessel, if met at sea by any of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue her voyage to any port not blockaded.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, the Right Honourable the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, and all governors, officers, and authorities, whom it may concern, in Her Majesty's East Indian, foreign, and colonial possessions, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. Gerville.

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