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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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

William Henry Mitchell, Esquire, Assistant Magistrate, Sheriff and Coroner, has returned to the Colony and resumed his duties.

By Order,

C. B. HILLIER,
Officiating Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 26th June, 1854.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Honorable The Lieutenant-Governor Administering the Government has been pleased to direct the publication of the subjoined documents—namely.—

1. Order by The Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council dated the 11th day of April last.
2. Treasury Minute dated the 13th day of April last.
3. Two Orders of Her Majesty in Council dated the 15th day of April last.
4. Order by The Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council dated the 24th day of April last.

By Order,

C. B. HILLIER,
Officiating Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 26th June, 1854.

At the *Council-Chamber, Whitehall*, the 11th day of *April*, 1854.

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

The Lords of the Council having taken into consideration certain applications for leave to export arms, ammunition, military and naval stores, &c., being articles of which the exportation is prohibited by Her Majesty's Proclamation of February eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four; their Lordships are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that permission should be granted by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to export the articles so prohibited to be carried coastwise to ports in the United Kingdom, and likewise to all places in North and South America, except the Russian possessions in North America; to the coast of Africa, West of the Straits of Gibraltar, and round the South and East coast of Africa; to the whole coast of Asia

not within the Mediterranean Sea or the Persian Gulf, and not being part of the Russian territories; to the whole of Australia, and to all British colonies within the limits aforesaid, upon taking a bond from the persons exporting such prohibited articles that they shall be landed and entered at the port of destination; and that all further permission to export such articles to other parts of the world be only granted upon application to the Lords of the Council at this Board.

C. C. Greville.

COPY OF A TREASURY MINUTE DATED 13TH APRIL, 1854.

Read a letter from the Clerk to the Council in Waiting, transmitting an order in Council, relative to granting Permissions for exportation of Prohibited Articles within certain limits.

Transmit a Copy of this Letter and of the Order in Council to the Commissioners of Customs for their information and guidance.

State, that their Lordships authorize the Commissioners to permit the exportation of the Articles adverted to in the Order in Council to be carried coastwise to Ports in the United Kingdom, and also to places abroad, situated within the Geographical limits described in the Order in Council, in all cases in which the Commissioners of Customs shall not see reason to suspect the existence of a clandestine intention to transmit the Articles to places other than those indicated by the Applicants.

The Commissioners of Customs will observe that a Bond is in all cases to be taken from the Persons exporting the Articles, that they shall be landed and entered at the port of destination. And my Lords desire that the Exporters may be informed that they will be expected to obtain and transmit to the Commissioners of Customs, within the period named in the Bond (which will be fixed by the Commissioners of Customs), certificates of landing and entry as follows:—

In the case of the United Kingdom.

From the Collector or other Principal Officer of Customs.

Of a British Possession abroad.

From the Collector of Customs, Governor, or other constituted Authority.

Of Foreign Parts.

From the British Consul or Consular Agent, or, if there be no such functionary, under the hand of the Chief Magistrate, or other Principal National Public Functionary there.

My Lords desire that the Commissioners will take the requisite steps to secure the due fulfilment of the Conditions of the Bond in conformity with the Regulations above described; and that they will consider these Instructions as superseding all former directions which have been given on the subject.

Transmit a Copy of this Minute to the Clerk of the Council for the information of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council.

Transmit a Copy to Mr. Hammond, and request that he will move the Earl of Clarendon to give corresponding instructions to Her Majesty's Consuls abroad.

At the Court at *Windsor*, the 15th day of *April*, 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Her Majesty was graciously pleased, on the twenty-eighth day of March last, to issue Her Royal Declaration in the following terms:

“Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, having been compelled to take up Arms in support of an Ally, is desirous of rendering the War as little onerous as possible to the Powers with whom she remains at Peace.

“To preserve the commerce of neutrals from all unnecessary obstruction, Her Majesty is willing, for the present, to waive a part of the belligerent rights appertaining to Her by the law of nations.

“It is impossible for Her Majesty to forego the exercise of Her Right of seizing articles contraband of war, and of preventing neutrals from bearing the enemy's despatches, and she must maintain the right of a belligerent to prevent neutrals from breaking any effective blockade which may be established with an adequate force against the enemy's forts, harbours, or coasts.

“But Her Majesty will waive the right of seizing enemy's property laden on board a neutral vessel, unless it be contraband of war.

“It is not Her Majesty's intention to claim the confiscation of neutral property, not being contraband of war, found on board enemy's ships; and Her Majesty further declares, that being anxious to lessen as much as possible the evils of war, and to restrict its operations to the regularly organized forces of the country, it is not Her present intention to issue letters of marque for the commissioning of privateers.”

Now it is this day ordered, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that all vessels under a neutral or friendly flag, being neutral or friendly property, shall be permitted to import into any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions all goods and merchandize whatsoever, to whomsoever the same may belong; and to export from any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions to any port not blockaded, any cargo or goods, not being contraband of war, or not requiring a special permission, to whomsoever the same may belong.

And Her Majesty is further pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby further ordered that, save and except only as aforesaid, all the subjects of Her Majesty and the subjects or citizens of any neutral or friendly State shall and may, during and notwithstanding the present hostilities with Russia, freely trade with all ports and places wheresoever situate, which shall not be in a state of blockade, save and except that no British vessel shall under

any circumstances whatsoever, either under or by virtue of this Order, or otherwise, be permitted or empowered to enter or communicate with any port or place which shall belong to or be in the possession or occupation of Her Majesty's enemies.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. Greville.

At the Court at *Windsor*, the 15th day of *April*, 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, of the twenty-ninth of March last, it was amongst other things ordered, "that any Russian merchant vessel which prior to the date of this Order shall have sailed from any foreign port, bound for any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, 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 whereas Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is now pleased to alter and extend such part of the said Order, it is hereby ordered, by and with such advice as aforesaid, as follows; that is to say:—that any Russian merchant vessel which, prior to the fifteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shall have sailed from any port of Russia, situated either in or upon the shores or coast of the Baltic Sea or of the White Sea, bound for any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, shall be permitted to enter such last-mentioned 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 Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice aforesaid, further to order, and it is hereby further ordered, that in all other respects Her Majesty's aforesaid Order in Council, of the twenty-ninth day of March last, shall be and remain in full force, effect, and operation.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. Greville.

At the Council-Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 24th day of *April*, 1854,

By the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

The Lords of the Council, having taken into consideration certain applications for leave to export various articles, of which the exportation is prohibited by Her Majesty's Proclamation of the 18th February, 1854, are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the officers of Her Majesty's Customs do not hereafter prevent the export of any articles except only—

Gunpowder, Saltpetre, and Brimstone,

Arms and Ammunition,

Marine Engines and Boilers, and the component parts thereof.

And that such last-named articles be prohibited from export only when destined to any place in Europe north of Dunkirk or to any place in the Mediterranean Sea east of Malta; and that the officers of Her Majesty's Customs do permit the export of the said enumerated articles to any other part of the world, upon taking, from the persons exporting the same, a Bond, that they shall be landed and entered at the port of destination.

Whereof the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and officers of Her Majesty's Customs, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

C. C. Greville.

NOTICE.

Wanted, a Passage to Singapore for Twenty-nine Chinese Convicts. Sealed Tenders will be received at this Office.

For Particulars, apply to the Harbour Master.

By Order,

C. B. HILLIER,
Officiating Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 15th June, 1854.

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