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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.

The Honorable William T. Mercer, Esquire, Colonial Secretary and Auditor General having returned to the Colony, resumes this day the duties of his Office.

Mr. Mercer also resumes his seat in the Executive Council, filled during his temporary absence by the Honorable C. B. Hillier, Esquire.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 4th July, 1854.

Diplomatic Department.

NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of British Trade, &c., &c., directs it to be notified that the Commands of Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN, conveyed through the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, have been received, approving of and confirming Ordinance No. 1 of 1854, intituled *An Ordinance for the prevention of Desertion amongst Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces serving in the Colony of Hongkong or in China.*

By Order,

G. W. CAINE,
In the absence of Mr. Officiating Secretary Medhurst.

Superintendency of Trade, Shanghai,
24th June, 1854.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
Hongkong, 7th July, 1854.