

No. 101.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that Instructions have been received from the Right Honorable The Secretary of State, confirming N. R. MASSON, Esquire, in the Office of Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court of this Colony.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 30th September, 1856.

No. 103.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that a Sale of Crown Lands will be held on the ground at West Point, in Lots to suit Chinese Tenants, at 3 P.M., on Wednesday the 29th Instant.

The Lots will be *Eighteen* in Number, each 52½ Feet Square, at an Annual Rental of £8.15.0.
Further particulars may be learnt at the Surveyor General's Office.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 1st October, 1856.

No. 104.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

At the request of the Conte de Courcy, Chargé d'Affaires of His Imperial Majesty, NICOLAUS DOUS, Esquire, will be recognized, pending the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government, as Vice-Consul for France in this Colony, in the place of G. L. Haskell, Esquire, resigned.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 1st October, 1856.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Diplomatic Department.

His Excellency The Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China publishes for general information Copy of a Despatch from H. M.'s Consul at Bangkok on the subject of the Exportation of Rice from the Kingdom of Siam.

By Order,

W. WOODGATE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 29th September, 1856.

No. 16.

BRITISH CONSULATE, BANGKOK, 15th August, 1856.

SIR,—I have the honor to report to Your Excellency that His Majesty the First King has authorized me to state, that the Rice Trade of Siam is now open, although the Royal Proclamation to this effect, already prepared, has not yet been issued.

In reply to my further enquiry, His Majesty said, That he could not guarantee for any definite period the absence of all restriction on the exportation of Rice by foreigners; should there arise the necessity of recurring to a prohibitory edict, the month's notice conceded by Treaty would be given to the Consul; at present there existed on the part of Government no wish or intention to interfere; and His Majesty hoped that in future the rise of prices on the approach of scarcity would be found to afford all needful protection to his subjects, and to be in itself the best security against an excessive export of food.—I have, &c.,

(Signed)

C. B. HILLIER,
H. B. M. Consul.

His Excellency
SIR JOHN BOWRING, LL.D.,
&c., &c., &c.

True Copy,

W. WOODGATE.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Diplomatic Department.

With reference to the Notification of the 6th July 1855, from this Office, His Lordship The Right Honorable the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has been pleased to confirm Mr THOMAS FRANCIS WADE in the appointment of Chinese Secretary in the Superintendency of Trade in China.

By Order,

W. WOODGATE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 30th September, 1856.