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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Contract for publishing this *Gazette*, entered into on the 24th September, 1853, was terminated on the 30th ultimo; and notice is hereby given, that a NEW SERIES of this *Gazette* will be published hereafter, to commence from the 7th instant, under a New Contract, and that

“THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE”

will, as before, be the only Official Organ for PROCLAMATIONS, NOTIFICATIONS, and PUBLIC PAPERS, of this Government.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, *Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d July, 1855.

No. 120.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

In consequence of unauthorized Burials in the Protestant Cemetery at Wong-nei-chung, it has become necessary to notify, that in future, before any interment can be permitted there, information must be given to Mr JOSEPH SCOTT, the Sexton.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 15th November, 1856.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Diplomatic Department.

His Excellency Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of Trade in China, &c., &c., publishes, for general information, Copy of a Circular issued to the British Community at Canton by Her Majesty's Consul, in reference to the existing state of our relations with the Chinese.

By Order,

W. WOODGATE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 15th November, 1856.

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CIRCULAR.

BRITISH CONSULATE, CANTON, 14th November, 1856.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul has received the instructions of His Excellency Rear-Admiral Sir MICHAEL SEYMOUR, K.C.B., Naval Commander-in-Chief, &c., &c., to issue the following notice to the British Community.

His Excellency feels it unnecessary to recapitulate to the British Community the origin and progress of what has been done at Canton during the last few weeks by Her Majesty's Naval Forces under his command. Their loss has, happily, been trifling, and their operations, now including the capture of the Bogue Forts, eminently successful.

His Excellency regrets to find that neither the extreme measures to which the Imperial Commissioner's defiance of Treaty obligations has compelled him to resort, nor the plain proof given that the city and its inhabitants are at the mercy of Her Majesty's Ships-of-war, have as yet induced the Imperial Commissioner to make the concession demanded by His Excellency, as a guarantee against future misunderstandings of a similar nature to the present. The concession is not regarded as unreasonable by Chinese, who, His Excellency understands, adequately represent the feeling of the respectable inhabitants of Canton, nor is any tangible obstacle to it alleged by these, except the impracticability of the Commissioner himself, who has laboured to associate the people with him, by representing the English as in league with rebels and outlaws, and has pushed his hostility to the ferocious length of proclaiming rewards for the lives of English subjects without distinction.

His Excellency is determined that his demand shall be conceded. But the Community must be well aware that any course His Excellency may now contemplate would be compromised by publicity. His Excellency, therefore, confines himself to stating, that he sees no immediate prospect of a restoration of quiet. The security of the Foreign position will be as well cared for as heretofore: the nature and object of any measures now to be resorted to, His Excellency deems it advisable to keep to himself.

(Signed)

HARRY S. PARKES,

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul Officiating at Canton.

TO THE BRITISH COMMUNITY, CANTON.

True Copy,

CHARLES A. WINCHESTER.