MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, APPOINTED THIS DAY.

Saturday, 26th June, 1858.

The Committee met, as appointed, to continue the hearing of the Petitioners, and the Honourable the Chief Justice

was voted into the Chair. At the conclusion of Mr Parsons' speech, it was unanimously resolved that this Committee do report progress to the Council, and the Committee broke up.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Clerk of Councils.

No. 58.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that Her Most Gracious Majesty has been pleased to approve and confirm the appointment of the Honourable John Dent, Esquire, to a Seat in the Legislative Council of this Colony.

By Order.

W. T. BRIDGES Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 29th June, 1858.

No. 59.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that His Excellency The Governor in Council has been pleased to establish, and declare open, for Public use, the undermentioned Markets:-

> CENTRAL MARKET. WESTERN MARKET TAIPINGSHAN MARKET.

EASTERN MARKET. WANCHI MARKET. SOOKUNPOO MARKET.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES. Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d July, 1858.

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No. 27.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Her Majesty's Acting Consul for Canton has communicated to His Excellency Sir John Bowring, Knight, LL.D., Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China, &c., &c., Copy of a Chinese Proclamation, issued by the Allied Military and Naval Authorities at Canton, of which the following is a translation, and which is published for general information.

G. W. CAINE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 29th June, 1858.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL STRAUBENZEE, AND IN THE NAME OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES ADMIRALS SEYMOUR AND GENOUILLY.

(Re-translated from the Chinese.)

WHEREAS certain Braves have, under prospect of rewards, been committing the most atrocious murders, and those of the Gentry who love disturbances have been everywhere posting up notices of an extravagant and wicked nature, all highly detrimental to the public peace: It is hereby notified that, on and after the 28th instant, no Junk, Passage, or other Boat, shall be permitted to pass to and fro upon that portion of the Canton River, lying between Ta-sha-tow (Kuper's Island[?]) on the East and Pih-ngo-tan (entrance of the Macao passage[?]) on the West, nor shall any [Chinese] Vessel, great or small, be allowed to remain upon the River between the neighbourhood of Fatee and that of the Western Suburb.

[Her Majesty's] Ships-of war cruising in the River, have received orders to open fire at once upon any Vessel whatsoever, which, on or after the above date, shall be found within the limits aforesaid.

Say not that you have not been forewarned, and do not disobey this special Proclamation.

Dated 26th June, 1858.

Translated by,

(Signed,)

J. MONGAN. Assistant Chinese Secretary.

True Copy,

H. F. HANCE.