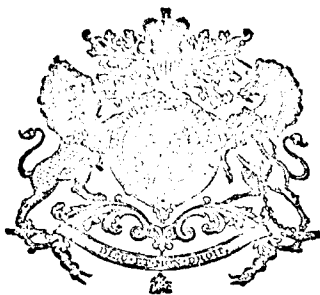


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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

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

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

By Order, W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

No. 66.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

*Conflict of Austria & France*

The subjoined Proclamation by Her Majesty The QUEEN, for the maintenance of Neutrality pending the Hostilities which have broken out between The Emperor of Austria on the one Part, and The King of Sardinia and The Emperor of the French on the other, having been transmitted to this Government by The Right Honourable The Secretary of State for the Colonies, is, by direction of His Excellency The Acting Governor, published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 15th July, 1859.

BY THE QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS We are happily at Peace with all Sovereigns, Powers, and States :

And whereas, notwithstanding Our utmost Exertions to preserve Peace between all the Sovereign Powers and States now at War, Hostilities have unhappily commenced between His Imperial Majesty The Emperor of Austria on the one Part, and His Majesty The King of Sardinia and His Imperial Majesty The Emperor of the French on the other Part :

And whereas a State of War now exists between His Imperial Majesty The Emperor of Austria on the one Part, and His Majesty The King of Sardinia and His Imperial Majesty The Emperor of the French on the other Part, and between their respective Subjects and others inhabiting within their Countries, Territories, or Dominions :

And whereas We are on Terms of Friendship and amicable Intercourse with all and each of these Sovereigns, and with their several Subjects and others inhabiting within their Countries, Territories, or Dominions :

And whereas great Numbers of Our loyal Subjects reside and carry on Commerce, and possess Property and Establishments, and enjoy various Rights and Privileges, within the Dominions of each of the aforesaid Sovereigns protected by the Faith of Treaties between Us and each of the aforesaid Sovereigns :

And whereas We, being desirous of preserving to Our Subjects the Blessings of Peace, which they now happily enjoy, are firmly purposed and determined to abstain altogether from taking any part, directly or indirectly, in the War now unhappily existing between the said Sovereigns, their Subjects and Territories, and to remain at Peace with and to maintain a peaceful and friendly intercourse with all and with each of them, and their respective Subjects, and others inhabiting within any of their Countries, Territories, and Dominions, and to maintain a strict and impartial Neutrality in the said Hostilities and War unhappily existing between them :

We, therefore, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation :