



Powers, Instructions, and Authorities, as shall from time to time and at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you, under Our Signet and Sign Manual, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council, or by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State: And We do hereby require and command all Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the Inhabitants of Our said Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, to be obedient, aiding, and assisting to you the said HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, in the execution of this Our Commission, and of the Powers and Authorities herein contained. In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the Twenty-second Day of June in the Twenty-third Year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual.

C. ROMILLY.

*LETTERS PATENT appointing SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight, to be Vice-Admiral of the Island of Hongkong.*

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, To Our beloved HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Esquire, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Island of Hongkong, and its Dependencies, and in the event of his absence, the Officer administering the Government of our said Island and its Dependencies for the time being, Greeting: We confiding very much in your Fidelity, Care and Circumspection in this behalf, do by these Presents, which are to continue during Our pleasure only, ordain, constitute, and depute you, the said HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief aforesaid, and in the event of your absence, the Officer administering the Government of Our said Island and its Dependencies for the time being, Our Vice-Admiral, Commissary, and Deputy in the Office of Vice-Admiralty in Our Island of Hongkong aforesaid, and Territories thereon depending, and in the Maritime parts of the same, and thereto adjoining whatsoever, with power of taking and receiving all and every the Fees, Profits, Advantages, Emoluments, Commodities, and Appurtenances whatsoever due and belonging to the said Office of Vice-Admiral, Commissary, and Deputy in Our said Island of Hongkong, and Territories dependent thereon, and Maritime parts of the same and adjoining to them whatsoever, according to the Ordinances and Statutes of Our High Court of Admiralty of England: And We do hereby commit and grant unto you, the aforesaid HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief aforesaid, and in the event of your absence, the Officer administering the Government of Our said Island, and its Dependencies for the time being, Our Power and Authority in and throughout Our Island of Hongkong afore mentioned and Territories thereof, and Maritime parts whatsoever adjacent thereto, and also throughout all and every the Sea Shores, Public Streams, Ports, Fresh Waters, Rivers, Creeks, and Arms as well of the Sea as of the Rivers and Coasts whatsoever of Our said Island of Hongkong, and Territories dependent thereon, and Maritime parts whatsoever of the same, and thereto adjacent, as well within Liberties and Franchises as without, To take cognizance of and proceed in all Causes, Civil and Maritime, and in Complaints, Contracts, Offences, or Suspected Offences, Crimes, Pleas, Debts, Exchanges, Accounts, Charter-Parties, Agreements, Suits, Trespasses, Injuries, Extortions, and Demands, and Businesses Civil and Maritime whatsoever, commenced or to be commenced, between Merchants, or between Owners and Proprietors of Ships and other Vessels, and Merchants or others whomsoever, with such Owners and Proprietors of Ships, and all other Vessels whatsoever employed or used within the Maritime Jurisdiction of Our Vice-Admiralty of Our said Island of Hongkong, and Territories depending on the same, or between any other Persons whomsoever, had, made, begun, or contracted for any Matter, Thing, Cause, or Business whatsoever done or to be done within Our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid, together with all and singular their Incidents, Emergencies, Dependencies, annexed and connected Causes whatsoever, wheresoever, or howsoever, and such Causes, Complaints, Contracts, and other the Premises aforesaid, or any of them, which may happen to arise, be contracted, had, or done, to hear and determine according to the Rights, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, and Customs, anciently observed; And moreover, in all and singular Complaints, Contracts, Agreements, Causes, and Businesses, Civil and Maritime, to be performed beyond the Sea, or contracted there, howsoever arising or happening, and also in all and singular other Causes and Matters which in any manner whatsoever touch, or any way concern, or anciently have and do or ought to belong unto the Maritime Jurisdiction of Our aforesaid Vice-Admiralty of Our said Island of Hongkong and Territories thereon depending, and Maritime parts thereof, and to the same adjoining, whatsoever, and generally in all and singular other Causes, Suits, Crimes, Offences, Excesses, Injuries, Complaints, Misdemeanors, or suspected Misdemeanors, Trespasses, Regrattings, Forestallings, and Maritime Businesses whatsoever, throughout the places aforesaid, within the Maritime Jurisdiction of Our Vice-Admiralty of Our Island of Hongkong aforesaid and Territories thereon depending, by Sea or Water, or the Banks or Shores of the same, howsoever done, committed, perpetrated, or happening, and also to enquire, by the Oaths of honest and lawful Men of Our said Island of Hongkong, and Territories depending thereon, and Maritime parts of the same and adjoining to them whatsoever, dwelling both within Liberties and Franchises and without, as well of all and singular such matters and things which of right, and by the Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, and Customs anciently observed were wont and ought to be enquired of, a Wreck of the Sea, and of all and singular the Goods and Chattels of whatsoever Traitors, Pirates, Manslayers, and Felons, howsoever offending, within the Maritime Jurisdiction of Our Vice-Admiralty of Our Island of Hongkong aforesaid and Territories thereunto belonging, and of the Goods, Chattels, and Debts of all and singular their Maintainers, Accessories, Counsellors, Abettors, or Assistants whomsoever, and also of the Goods, Debts, and Chattels of whatsoever Person or Persons, Felons of themselves, by what means or howsoever coming to their death within Our aforesaid Maritime Jurisdiction, wheresoever any such Goods, Debts, and Chattels or, any part thereof, by Sea, Water, or Land, in Our said Island of Hongkong and Territories thereon dependent, and Maritime parts of the same, and thereto adjacent, whatsoever, as well within Liberties and Franchises as without, have been or shall be found forfeited or to be forfeited or in being: And moreover, as well of the Goods, Debts, and Chattels, of whatsoever other Traitors, Felons, and Man-slayers, wheresoever offending, and of the Goods, Debts, and Chattels of their Maintainers, Accessories, Counsellors, Abettors, or Assistants, as of the Goods, Debts, and Chattels of all Fugitives, Persons Convicted, Attainted, Condemned, Outlawed, or howsoever put or to be put in exigent for Treason, Felony, Manslaughter, or Murder, or any other Offence or Crime whatsoever, and also concerning Goods, Waving, Flotzon, Jetson, Lagon, Shares, and Treasures, found or to be found, Decadants, and of the Goods of all others whomsoever taken or to be taken derelict or by chance, found or to be found, or howsoever due or to be due, and of all other Casualties, as well in, upon, or by the Sea and Shores, Creeks, and Coasts of the Sea or Maritime parts, as in, upon, or by all Fresh Waters, Ports, Public Streams, Rivers, or Creeks, or Places overflowed whatsoever within the ebbing and flowing of the Sea or High Water, or upon the Shores or Banks of any of the same, within Our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid, howsoever, whensoever, or by what means soever, arising, happening, or proceeding, or wheresoever such Goods, Debts, and Chattels, or other the Premises, or any Parcel thereof, may or shall happen to be met with or found within Our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid: and also

...ing Anchorage, Lastage, and Ballast of Ships, and of Fishes Royal, namely, Sturgeons, Whales, Porpusses,
 Tuna, Riggs, and Grampusses, and generally of all other Fishes whatsoever, which are of a great or very large
 ...fitness, anciently by Right or Custom, or any way appertaining or belonging to Us, and to ask, require, levy,
 ...collect, receive and obtain and to the use of Us and the Office of Our high Admiral of Great Britain aforesaid for
 ...the being, to keep and preserve the said Wreck of the Sea, and the Goods, Debts, and Chattels, and all and singu-
 ...lar the Premises, together with all and all manner of Fines, Mulets, Issues, Forfeitures, Amercements, Rans-
 ...oms, and Recognizances whatsoever, forfeited or to be forfeited, and pecuniary Punishments for Trespasses, Crimes, In-
 ...juries, Extortions, Contempts, and other Misdemeanors whatsoever, howsoever imposed or inflicted, or to be imposed or
 ...inflicted, for any Matter, Cause, or Thing whatsoever, in Our said Island of Hongkong and Territories thereunto belong-
 ...ing and Maritime parts of the same and thereto adjoining, in any Court of Our Admiralty there held or to be held,
 ...assessed or to be presented, assessed, brought, forfeited, or adjudged, and also all Amercements, Issues, Fines,
 ...Penalties, Mulets, and pecuniary Punishments whatsoever, and Forfeitures of all manner of Recognizances before
 ...you or your Lieutenant, Deputy or Deputies, in Our said Island of Hongkong and Territories thereunto belonging
 ...and Maritime parts of the same and thereto adjacent, whatsoever, happening, or imposed or to be imposed or in-
 ...flicted, or by any means assessed, presented, forfeited, or adjudged, or howsoever by reason of the premises due or to
 ...be due in that behalf to Us or Our Heirs and Successors; And further to take all manner of Recognizances, Cautions,
 ...Recognitions, and Stipulations, as well to Our use, as at the instance of any Parties for Agreements, or Debts, and
 ...other Causes whatsoever, and to put the same in execution, and to cause and command them to be executed, and
 ...to arrest, and cause and command to be arrested, according to the Civil and Maritime Laws and ancient Cust-
 ...oms of Our said Court, all Persons, Ships, Things, Goods, Wares, and Merchandises, for the Premises and every of
 ...them and for all other causes whatsoever concerning the same, wheresoever they shall be met with or found through-
 ...out Our said Island of Hongkong and Territories thereunto belonging and Maritime parts thereof and thereto
 ...adjoining, as well within Liberties and Franchises as without; and likewise for all other Agreements, Causes, or
 ...Matters, howsoever contracted or arising, so that the Goods or Person of the Debtors may be found within Our Mari-
 ...time Jurisdiction aforesaid, and to hear, examine, discuss, and finally determine the same, with their Emergencies, De-
 ...mands, Incidents, annexed and connexed Causes and Businesses whatsoever, together with all other Causes Civil
 ...and Maritime, and Complaints, Contracts, and all and every the respective Premises whatsoever above expressed, ac-
 ...cording to the Laws and Customs aforesaid, and by all other lawful Ways, Means, and Methods according to the best of
 ...our skill and knowledge, and to compel all manner of Persons in that behalf, as the case shall require to appear, and to
 ...appear, with power of using any temporal Coercion, and of inflicting any other Penalty or Mulet according to the Laws
 ...and Customs aforesaid, and to do and minister Justice according to the right order and course of the Law summarily
 ...and plainly, looking only into the truth of the fact, and to fine, correct, punish, chastise, and reform, and imprison,
 ...and cause and command to be imprisoned in any Gaols being within Our Island of Hongkong aforesaid, and
 ...Territories thereunto belonging, the parties guilty, and the Contemnors of the Law and Jurisdiction of Our
 ...Admiralty aforesaid, and Violators, Usurpers, Delinquents, and Contumacious Absenters, Masters of Ships,
 ...Boatsmen, Rowers, Fishermen, Shipwrights, and other Workmen and Artificers whatsoever, exercising any
 ...part of Maritime Affairs, according to the Rights, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, and Customs anciently observed;
 ...and to deliver and absolutely discharge, and cause and command to be discharged, whatsoever Persons imprisoned
 ...in such Cases who are to be delivered; and to preserve, and cause to be preserved the Public Streams,
 ...Rivers, Fresh Water, and Creeks whatsoever within our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid, in what Place
 ...ever they be in Our said Island of Hongkong, and Territories thereunto belonging, and Maritime parts of the
 ...same, and thereto adjacent whatsoever, as well for the preservation of Our Navy Royal, and of the Fleets and
 ...Ships of Our United Kingdom and Dominions aforesaid, as of whatsoever Fishes increasing in the Rivers and
 ...Streams aforesaid; and also to keep, and cause to be executed, and kept in our said Island of Hongkong, and Ter-
 ...ritories thereunto belonging, and Maritime parts thereof, and thereto adjacent whatsoever, the Rights, Statutes, Laws,
 ...Ordinances, and Customs anciently observed, and to do, exercise, expedite, and execute all and singular other Things
 ...of the Premises, and every of them, as they by right and according to the Laws and Statutes, Ordinances, and Customs
 ...aforesaid should be done; And moreover to reform Nets too close and other unlawful Engines or Instruments whatso-
 ...ever for the catching of Fishes wheresoever, by Sea or Public Streams, Ports, Rivers, Fresh Waters, or Creek whatso-
 ...ever throughout Our Island of Hongkong aforesaid, and Territories dependent thereon, and Maritime parts of the
 ...same and thereto adjacent, used or exercised by Water within Our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid wheresoever, and
 ...to punish and correct, the Exercisers and Occupiers thereof according to the Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, and Custom
 ...aforesaid; and to pronounce, promulge, and interpose all manner of Sentences, and Decrees, and to put the same in
 ...execution with Cognizance, and Jurisdiction of whatsoever other Causes, Civil and Maritime, which relate to the Sea,
 ...in which any manner of Ways respect or concern the Sea, or Passage over the same, or Naval, or Maritime Voyages,
 ...within Our said Maritime Jurisdiction, or the Places or Limits of Our said Admiralty, and Cognizance aforesaid
 ...mentioned, and all other things done or to be done, with power also to proceed in the same, according to the Statutes,
 ...Laws, Ordinances, and Customs aforesaid anciently used, as well of mere Office, mixed or promoted, as at the
 ...instance of any party, as the Case shall require and seem convenient. And likewise with cognizance and decision
 ...of the Wreck of the Sea, great or small, and of the death, drowning, and view of Dead Bodies of all Persons,
 ...whosoever killed, or drowned, or murdered, or which shall happen to be killed, drowned, or murdered, or
 ...by any other means come to their death in the Sea, or Public Streams, Ports, Fresh Waters, or Creeks
 ...whatsoever within the flowing of the Sea and High Water mark, throughout Our aforesaid Island of Hong-
 ...kong, and Territories thereunto belonging, and Maritime parts of the same, and thereto adjacent, or elsewhere
 ...within Our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid, together with the Cognizance of Mayhem in the aforesaid Places
 ...within Our Maritime Jurisdiction aforesaid, and flowing of the Sea and Water there happening, with Power also
 ...of punishing all Delinquents in that kind according to the Exigencies of the Law, and Customs aforesaid, and to do,
 ...exercise, expedite, and execute all and singular other things which in and about the Premises only shall be
 ...necessary, or thought meet according to the Rights, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances, and Customs aforesaid,
 ...with power of deputing and surrogating in your place for the premises One or more Deputy or Deputies, as often
 ...as you shall think fit, and also with power from time to time of naming, appointing, ordaining, assigning,
 ...making, and constituting whatsoever other necessary fit and convenient Officers and Ministers under you for
 ...the said Office and execution thereof in Our said Island of Hongkong, and Territories thereunto belonging,
 ...and Maritime parts of the same and thereto adjacent whatsoever. Saving always the Right of Our High Court
 ...of Admiralty of England, and also of the Judge and Registrar of the said Court, from whom, or either of whom, it is
 ...our intention in any thing to derogate by these Presents; and saving to every one who shall be wronged or
 ...grieved by any definitive Sentence, or Interlocutory Decree, which shall be given in the Vice-Admiralty Court
 ...of Our Island of Hongkong aforesaid, and Territories thereunto belonging, the right of appealing to Us in
 ...Council: Provided nevertheless, and under this express Condition, that if you the aforesaid HERCULES GEORGE

ROBERT ROBINSON, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief aforesaid, and in the event of your absence the Officer administering the Government of Our said Island and its Dependencies for the time being, shall not yearly, (to wit.) at the end of every year between the Feasts of Saint Michael the Archangel and all Saints, duly certify, and cause to be effectually certified (if you shall be therunto required) to Us, and Our Lieutenant-Official, Principal, and Commissary General and Special, and Judge and President of the High Court of Our Admiralty of England aforesaid, all that which from time to time by virtue of these presents you shall do, execute, collect, or receive in the Premises or any of them, together with your full, and faithful account thereupon to be made in an authentic form and sealed with the Seal of Our Office remaining in your Custody, that from thence, and after default therein, these Our Letters Patent of the Office of Vice-Admiral aforesaid, as above granted, shall be null and void, and of no force or effect: Further, We do in Our Name command all and singular Our Governors, Justices, Mayors, Sheriffs, Captains, Marshals, Bailiffs, Keepers of all Our Gaols and Prisons, Constables, and all other Our Officers, and faithful and liege Subjects whomsoever and every of them, as well within Liberties or Franchises as without, that in and about the execution of the Premises, and every of them, they be aiding, favouring, assisting, submissive, and yield obedience in all things, as is fitting, to you the aforesaid HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Esquire, Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Island of Hongkong and its Dependencies and in the event of your absence, the Officer Administering the Government of Our said Island and its Dependencies for the time being, and to your Deputy whomsoever, and to all other Officers (by you appointed, or to be appointed) of Our said Vice-Admiralty in Our Island of Hongkong aforesaid, and Territories therunto belonging, and Maritime parts of the same, and thereto adjoining, under pain of the Law and the peril which will fall thereon.

Given at London in the High Court of Our Admiralty of England aforesaid, under the Great Seal thereof, the Twenty-third Day of June in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine, and of Our Reign, the Twenty-third.

H. C. ROTHERY,  
Registrar.

No. 78.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

W. H. ADAMS, Esquire, having reported his arrival in the Colony, has been appointed Attorney General of Hongkong, by virtue of a Warrant under the Royal Sign Manual.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 9th September, 1859.

No 79.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Under Orders from His Grace The Secretary of State for the Colonies, W. H. ADAMS, Esquire, Attorney General, has been this day appointed Acting Chief Justice of Hongkong, until further notice.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 9th September, 1859.

No 80.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

F. W. GREEN, Esquire, has this day resumed the office of Acting Attorney General, held by him previously to the departure of the Honourable Chief Justice HULME.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 9th September, 1859.

No 81.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON, Esquire, has been appointed Private Secretary to His Excellency The Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 9th September, 1859.

### NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor and Commander-in-Chief will be glad to receive Heads of Departments, Naval and Military Officers, and Gentlemen desirous of calling on him, at the Government House, on Tuesday next the 13th instant, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

By Order,

W. C. F. ROBINSON,  
Private Secretary.

Government House, Victoria, Hongkong, 10th September, 1859.