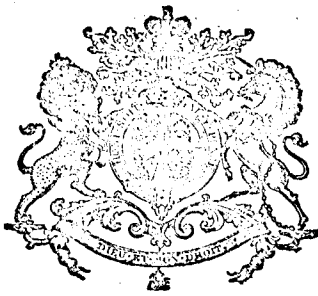


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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Contract for publishing this Gazette, entered into on the 21th 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. 1.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Honourable FREDERICK WILLIAM ADOLPHUS BRUCE, C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, is pleased to direct that the following Commission from Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN be published for general information.

By Order,

W. DE NORMANN,
First Attaché to Her Majesty's Legation in China.

Victoria, Hongkong, 30th April, 1859.

(Seal) VICTORIA R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.—To all Regular to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting! Whereas by a certain Act of Parliament, passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the 3d and 4th years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William IV., intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade to China and India," it was amongst other things enacted, that it should and might be lawful for Us, by any Commission or Commissions, or Warrant or Warrants, under Our Royal Sign Manual, to appoint not exceeding three of Our Subjects to be Superintendents of the Trade of Our Subjects to and from the Dominions of the Emperor of China, for the purpose of protecting and promoting such Trade; and whereas by a certain other Act of Parliament passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the 6th and 7th years of Our Reign, intituled "An Act for the better government of Our Majesty's Subjects resorting to China," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for Us by any Commission or Commissions, under Our Royal Sign Manual, to make such provision as to Us may seem fit for the temporary exercise of the duties of Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Our Subjects to and from China in the event of a vacancy occurring in that Office by Death, Resignation, or otherwise; and whereas, in pursuance and in exercise of the powers in Us vested, in and by the recited Acts, We, on the 24th day of December 1853, by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual of that Date, did appoint John Bowring, Esquire, now Sir John Bowring, to be Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Our Subjects to and from the Dominions of the Emperor of China, and did make such provision, as to Us seemed fit, for the temporary exercise of the duties of the said Chief Superintendent in the event of a vacancy occurring in that Office by the Death or Resignation of the said John Bowring, Esquire, now Sir John Bowring, or otherwise: Now know ye that We have revoked and do hereby revoke the said recited Warrant of the 24th day of December 1853; and We, in further pursuance and execution of the powers and authorities in us vested by the said recited Acts of Parliament, or otherwise, do by this Our Commission or Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, constitute and appoint Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable Frederick William Adolphus Bruce, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Our Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of China, to be Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Our Subjects to and from the Dominions of the Emperor of China, for the purpose of protecting and promoting such Trade; and We do hereby grant that the said Honourable Frederick William Adolphus Bruce shall hold the said office during the pleasure of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and no longer; and We do hereby strictly charge and require the said Honourable Frederick William Adolphus Bruce, in the execution of this Our Commission, to conform to and observe all such Rules and Regulations as are or shall be given to him for his guidance, under Our Royal Sign Manual, or in such instructions as shall from time to time be given to him in Our Privy Council, or by Us through one of Our Secretaries of State; and We do, in pursuance and exercise of the powers aforesaid, further direct and appoint that in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Chief Superintendent as aforesaid by the death or resignation of him, the said Honourable Frederick William Adolphus Bruce, or otherwise, the Person who shall be acting as our *Chargé d'affaires* in China shall in such case assume and hold the office of Chief Superintendent, and exercise all the Powers and Duties thereof, until such time as any Person appointed by Us to hold the said office in the stead of the said Honourable Frederick William Adolphus Bruce shall arrive in China; and we do further direct that this Our Commission shall have full effect from and after the arrival of him, the said Honourable Frederick William Adolphus Bruce, in China, and not before.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the 1st day of March 1859, in the 22d year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

MALMESBURY.

No. 28.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Time Table, to regulate the Peninsular and Oriental Company's Mail Service for the current year, which has been approved by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and transmitted to this Government by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is here published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 25th April, 1859.