

No. 24.

PROCLAMATION.

W. T. MERCER.

By His Excellency WILLIAM THOMAS MERCER, Esquire, Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas by an Ordinance No. 3 of 1862, intituled "An Ordinance to authorize His Excellency the Governor by Proclamation to prohibit the Exportation of Military Stores and other Articles," it was enacted that it should be lawful for His Excellency the Governor by and with the Advice of the Executive Council by Proclamation to be published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* or in any *Extraordinary Gazette* to prohibit for such period as should be mentioned in such Proclamation either to be exported from the Colony of Hongkong or to be carried Coastwise within the said Colony Arms, Ammunition and Gunpowder, Military and Naval Stores, and any Articles which His Excellency might judge capable of being converted into or made useful in increasing the quantity of Military and Naval Stores, Provisions or any sort of Victual which may be used as food by man or any or either of such Arms, Ammunition, Gunpowder, Stores, Goods, or Articles respectively. And in case any such Arms, Ammunition, Gunpowder, Stores, Goods or Articles which shall have been so prohibited should be exported from the said Colony or should be carried Coastwise or be Waterborne to be so exported or carried they should be forfeited and should vest in Her Majesty and that forthwith thereupon it should be the duty of the Harbour Master of this Colony by Warrant under his Hand upon his own view or upon an information made upon Oath before any Justice of the Peace for the said Colony to cause all such Goods and Articles so thereinbefore declared forfeited to be seized and to detain the same to the use of Her Majesty and to be disposed of as His Excellency the Governor should by order under his Hand and Seal direct;

And whereas it has come to my knowledge that Arms, Military and Naval Stores and Articles capable of being converted into Stores and comprised in the enumeration of Articles in the said Ordinance have been exported from this Colony;

And whereas I being instructed to put an end to all such exportation from this Colony of Arms, Military and Naval Stores and Articles have determined with the Advice of the Executive Council of this Colony by this Proclamation to prohibit such exportation and carrying Coastwise in manner by the said Ordinance provided;

Now therefore I, WILLIAM THOMAS MERCER, Esquire, do by and with the Advice of the Executive Council of this Colony hereby for a period of Twelve Months from the Twenty-eighth day of February, 1863, and for such further period as shall from time to time be specified in any Proclamation to be hereafter duly published, prohibit either to be exported from the Colony of Hongkong or to be carried Coastwise within the said Colony, Arms, Ammunition and Gunpowder, Military and Naval Stores;

And I do with the Advice aforesaid hereby declare that all such proceedings for the suppression of such several acts as are provided by the said Ordinance or by Law shall and may be taken for the suppression of such exportation and carrying Coastwise and for the forfeiture, seizure and detention and disposition of the same Articles and things and the punishment of Offenders against the said Laws.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 28th Day of February, 1863.

No. 25.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office up to noon of Monday, the 23rd Proximo, for the Privilege of preparing and selling Prepared Opium within the Colony of Hongkong for One year from the 1st April next, under the conditions set forth in Ordinance No. 2 of 1858.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1863.

No. 26.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Surveyor General's Office, on or before the 12th of March next, for the extension and completion of the Syingpoon Market.

Plans and specifications may be seen between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th February, 1863.