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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to Government Notification, No. 109, of the 28th October, 1862, the following additional Order in Council is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th March, 1863.

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT,
THE 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1863.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Order in Council, dated, at Windsor, the thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (reciting certain provisions of an Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to prevent the enlisting or engagement of Her Majesty's Subjects to serve in Foreign Service, and the fitting out or equipping in Her Majesty's dominions vessels for warlike purposes, without Her Majesty's license"); Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, being desirous of enabling Her subjects to engage in and enter the naval and military service of the Emperor of China, was pleased to order, and it was thereby ordered, that from and after the first day of September then next, it should be lawful for Horatio Nelson Lay, one of Her Majesty's subjects, and Sherard Osborn, a Captain in Her Majesty's Navy, to enter into the military and naval service of the said Emperor, and to accept any commission, warrant, or other appointment under the said Emperor, and to accept any money, pay, or reward for their services, and to fit out, equip, purchase, and acquire ships or vessels of war for the use of the said Emperor, and to engage and enlist British subjects to enter the military and naval service of the said Emperor. And it was thereby further ordered, that it should be lawful for every British subject to enlist and enter himself, by engaging and enlisting himself with the said Horatio Nelson Lay and Sherard Osborn, and no other person or persons whatsoever, in the military and naval service of the said Emperor, and to serve the said Emperor in any military, warlike, or other operations, either by land, or by sea, and, for that purpose, to go to any place or places beyond the seas, and to accept any commission, warrant, or other appointment from or under the said Emperor, and to accept any money, pay, or reward for his service: Provided always, that the license and permission thereby given should be in force only for the term of two years from the said first day of September then next, unless by Order in Council, made in manner aforesaid, such period should be further extended;

And whereas Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is desirous of extending and enlarging the permission and license contained in the said Order in Council.

Her Majesty is therefore pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered, that, from and after the sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, it shall be lawful for all military officers in Her Majesty's service to enter into the military service of the said Emperor, and to accept any commission, warrant, or other appointment under the said Emperor, and to accept any money, pay, or reward for their services.

And it is hereby ordered, that it shall be lawful for all officers in Her Majesty's military service to serve the said Emperor in any military, warlike, or other operations, and for that purpose to go to any place or places beyond the seas, and to accept any commission, warrant, or other appointment from or under the said Emperor, and to accept any money, pay, or reward for their services: Provided always, that the license and permission hereby given shall be in force only until the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, unless by Order in Council, made in manner aforesaid, such period should be further extended.

EDMUND HARRISON.

No. 31.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Report of the *Board of Education* for 1862, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th March, 1863.