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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 the Commands of Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN, conveyed through His Grace The DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, K.G., Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, approving of and confirming the following Ordinances; namely:—

No. 15 of 1862, entitled—“*An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a Supplementary Sum not exceeding One hundred and Forty-nine thousand Dollars to defray the charges of the year 1862;*”

No. 1 of 1863, entitled—“*An Ordinance to amend certain provisions in Ordinance No. 6 of 1862, intituled “An Ordinance to abolish the Office of Chief Magistrate, and to appoint and define the duties of two Police Magistrates;”*”

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared, that the said Ordinances have been so approved and confirmed, as aforesaid.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 20th Day of May, 1863.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill, read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th January last, is published for general information.

By Order,

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 21st May, 1863.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. of 1863.

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, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance for Vesting all Estates and Property occupied by or for the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in this Colony in the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, of the said United Kingdom for the time being.

Title.

[January, 1863.]

Whereas divers messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments have been at various times purchased for the use of the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of

Preamble.