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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Commission empowering His Excellency the GOVERNOR of Hongkong to pardon Criminals imprisoned in the Colonial Gaols under sentence of Her Majesty's Consular Courts in China, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th December, 1863.

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VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, TO Our trusty and well beloved Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies or in his absence to Our Lieutenant Governor or the Officer administering the Government of the Colony and Dependencies aforesaid. WHEREAS by an Order in Council bearing date at Buckingham Palace, the thirteenth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, in the sixteenth Year of Our Reign, it is provided that British Subjects lawfully sentenced to be imprisoned in respect of Offences committed in China, or within one hundred miles of the Coasts thereof, may in certain cases be sent to Our Colony of Hongkong, and undergo their respective terms of imprisonment in the common Gaol of the said Colony. NOW KNOW YOU, that we reposing especial trust and confidence in the prudence, courage and loyalty of you Our Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Officer administering the Government of Our Colony of Hongkong, of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, do hereby give and grant unto you during our pleasure full power and authority as you shall see occasion in Our name and on Our behalf to grant to any British subject undergoing imprisonment in the said Gaol, in respect of any Offence committed in China, or within one hundred miles of the Coast thereof, a free and unconditional pardon or a pardon subject to such conditions as by any Law or Ordinance in force at the time of the granting of any such pardon may be thereunto annexed, subject nevertheless to such instructions as shall be given to you in that behalf under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or by Our Order in Our Privy Council or by despatch through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State. IN WITNESS whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster, the thirteenth day of October in the twenty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the QUEEN'S Sign Manual,

C. ROMILLY.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice from the *London Gazette* is published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1863.

Downing Street, September 24, 1863.

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State having the Department of the Colonies, has been pleased to direct, that Penrose Goodchild Julian and William Charles Sargeant, Esquires, heretofore styled "Agents General for the Crown Colonies" shall henceforth be designated "Crown Agents for the Colonies."