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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill, read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 19th Instant, is published for general information.

By Order,

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 24th March, 1864.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. of 1864.

By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight, 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 to give effect to Her Majesty's Regulations for the observance of Neutrality during the existing hostilities between the United States and the States calling themselves the Confederate States of America.

Title.

[March, 1864.]

Preamble.

Whereas Her Majesty has expressed her full determination to observe the duties of neutrality during the existing hostilities between the United States and the States calling themselves the Confederate States of America and has resolved to prevent as far as possible the use of Her Majesty's Harbours, Ports and Coasts and the Waters within Her Majesty's territorial jurisdiction in aid of the warlike purposes of either belligerent; And whereas in furtherance of such Her Majesty's determination so expressed as aforesaid Her Majesty has (amongst other things) caused it to be notified and published that no Ship of War or Privateer of either belligerent should be permitted while in any Port, Roadstead or Waters subject to the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty to take in any supplies except provisions and such other things as might be requisite for the subsistence of her Crew, and except so much Coal only as would be sufficient to carry such vessel to the nearest port of her own country or to some nearer destination and that no Coal should be again supplied to any such Ship of War or Privateer in the same or any other Port, Roadstead or Waters subject to the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty without special permission, until after the expiration of three months from the time when such Coal should have been last supplied to her within British Waters as aforesaid; And whereas the circumstances of this Colony are such as to render it necessary in order to give full effect to Her Majesty's intention as aforesaid that recourse be had to local enactment: Be it therefore enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong by and with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

I. Whosoever shall furnish or supply, or shall contract or agree to furnish or supply, or shall knowingly aid or assist in furnishing or supplying, or shall knowingly cause or procure to be furnished or supplied, to any Ship of War or Privateer of the United Furnishing Arms, Ammunition, &c., to Ships of War, &c., of either belligerent

whilst in the waters of this Colony or within a distance of five miles to be deemed a misdemeanor.

States of North America or of the States calling themselves the Confederate States of America, whilst such Ship of war or Privateer is within the waters of this Colony or within any distance from this Colony, not exceeding five miles, with any Arms, Ammunition, Gunpowder or Naval or Military Stores, or shall put on board or shall contract or agree to put on board, or shall aid or assist in putting on board, or shall cause or procure to be put on board of, any Vessel, Boat, Sampan or other Craft, any Arms, Ammunition, Gunpowder or Naval or Military Stores with the intent and design that the same may be conveyed to any such Ship of War or Privateer as aforesaid, whilst such Ship of War or Privateer shall be in the Waters of this Colony aforesaid or within the distance from this Colony aforesaid shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and being convicted thereof shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years.

Furnishing Coals, &c., to Ships of War, &c., of either belligerent whilst in the waters of this Colony or within a distance of five miles without the license of the Governor to be deemed a Misdemeanor.

II. Whosoever shall, without the leave or license of the Governor, for that purpose first had and obtained, furnish or supply, or contract or agree to furnish or supply, or knowingly aid or assist in furnishing or supplying, or knowingly cause or procure to be furnished or supplied, to any Ship of War or Privateer of the United States of North America or of the States calling themselves the Confederate States of America, whilst such Ship of War or Privateer is within the Waters of this Colony or within any distance from this Colony not exceeding five miles with Coal or other Article, or shall, without such leave or license as aforesaid put on board or contract or agree to put on board or aid or assist in putting on board, or cause or procure to be put on board of any Vessel, Boat, Sampan or other Craft any Coal or other Article with the intent and design that the same may be conveyed to any such Ship of War or Privateer as aforesaid whilst such Ship of War or Privateer shall be in the Waters of this Colony aforesaid or within the distance from this Colony aforesaid shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and being convicted thereof shall be liable at the discretion of the Court to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years.

Interpretation Clause.

III. In the construction, and for the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "Other Article," as used in the second Section hereof, shall apply to, and comprehend, all Articles other than and except Arms, Ammunition, Gunpowder and Naval and Military Stores.

No. 52.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that GEORGE FARLEY HEARD, Esquire, is recognized by this Government from this date as Acting Vice-Consul for His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th March, 1864.

No. 53.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

With reference to Government Notification No. 26 of 2nd ultimo, the subjoined Return of Revenue and Expenditure for 1863, including Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Colony by the Crown Agents in England, is now published for general information—with the Comparative Statement for the Years 1862 and 1863.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd March, 1864.