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PROCLAMATION.

HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON.

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.

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 Ordinance; namely:—

No. 8 of 1863, entitled—“*An Ordinance to prevent the fraudulent marking of Merchandise:*”

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

By His Excellency's Command,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 23rd Day of April, 1864.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 16th Instant, are published for general information.

By Order,

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 18th April, 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 render admissible in certain cases the Depositions of Witnesses who cannot be produced at the Trial.

Title.

[th April, 1864.]

Whereas the circumstances of this Colony are such as to render it necessary, in order to prevent a failure of justice, that more effectual Provision should be made for receiving in Evidence in certain cases, the Depositions of Witnesses which shall appear to the Court to have been duly taken: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Preamble.