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**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

With reference to Government Notifications No. 109 of 28th October, 1862, and No. 32 of 12th March, 1863, the following Order of HER MAJESTY in Council of the 1st March, 1864, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th May, 1864.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR, THE 1st DAY OF MARCH, 1864.

PRESENT:

(L.S.)

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Order, dated the thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, Her Majesty was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order 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 Osborne, a Captain in Her Majesty's Navy, to enter into the military and naval service of the Emperor of China, 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 Osborne, 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 by another Order in Council, dated the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, Her Majesty was further pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that from and after the sixteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, it should 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 was thereby ordered, that it should 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 thereby given should 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:

And whereas it has seemed fit to Her Majesty to revoke the said Orders:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that so far as relates to any acts to be done in Great Britain or Ireland, the said several Orders in Council, bearing date respectively the thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, shall be, and the same are hereby revoked as from the day of the date of this present Order; and that, so far as relates to any acts to be done within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or elsewhere than in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the said several Orders in Council, bearing date respectively the thirtieth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, shall be, and the same are hereby revoked, as from the expiration of three calendar months from the day of the date of this present Order.

ARTHUR HELPS.