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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined Instructions received from Her Majesty's Government regarding the Neutrality to be observed in Her Majesty's Dominions during the contest between Denmark and the Powers of Germany are published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

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

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET, 23rd April, 1864.

SIR,—The following Instructions have been drawn up by Her Majesty's Government for the guidance of Her Majesty's Civil and Naval Authorities Abroad, during the continuance of the present hostilities between Denmark and the German Powers, and it will be your duty to take care that these Instructions are strictly observed within the Colony under your Government.

✓1. During the continuance of the present hostilities between His Majesty the King of Denmark, on the one side, and His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, His Majesty the King of Prussia, and the Germanic Confederation, or any of these Powers, on the other side, no prize captured or taken by any armed ship of any of the Belligerent Powers, or by any Officers or Persons in the service of any of the said Powers, shall be permitted to be brought into any of the Ports, Harbours, Roadsteads, or Waters belonging to Her Majesty, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

✓2. All Ships of War of any of the said Belligerents are strictly prohibited from making use of any Port or Roadstead in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in the Channel Islands, or in any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Possessions Abroad, as a Station or place of resort for any warlike purpose, or for any purpose of warlike equipment; and no Ship of War of any of the said Belligerents shall hereafter be permitted to sail out of, or to leave any Port, Roadstead, or Waters subject to British jurisdiction, from which any vessel of the Power or Powers with whom such Belligerent is at War (whether the same shall be a Ship of War or a Merchant Ship) shall have previously departed, until after the expiration of at least 24 hours from the departure of such last mentioned vessel beyond the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty.

3. These orders are to be in force, and to be strictly observed in every case until Her Majesty shall be pleased to make any further or other order to the contrary.

4. The word "Privateer" is not used in these Instructions, because by the Declaration respecting Maritime Law, signed at Paris on the 16th April, 1856, Austria and Prussia agreed that "Privateering is and remains abolished," and Denmark adhered to the same Declaration, on the 25th of June, 1856. —I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient, humble Servant,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

SIR H. ROBINSON,
 &c., *&c.*, *&c.*