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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 The Right Honorable EDWARD CARDWELL, M.P., Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, approving of and confirming the following Ordinance; namely:—

No. 3 of 1864, entitled—“*An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a Supplementary Sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-two thousand Dollars to defray the charges of the year 1863:*”

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 9th Day of August, 1864.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Treasury Warrant authorizing and regulating the transmission of Trade Patterns by Post between the United Kingdom and this Colony, is published for the information of the Community.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th August, 1864.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post; and by the same Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office.

And whereas it is expedient to authorize the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and Ceylon and Hong Kong of certain packets, and for that purpose to make certain regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said herebefore-recited Acts of Parliament, and every of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided, order and direct as follows (that is to say):—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any part of Ceylon or Hong Kong, or posted in any part of Ceylon or Hong Kong, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any part of Ceylon or Hong-Kong by British packet-boat, direct or via Egypt, subject to