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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.

No. 130.

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

the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform single rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of four-pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage, hereinafter mentioned.

2. 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 in closed mails *viâ* France (the sea conveyance being by British or by French packet-boat) subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform single rate of postage (British, colonial, and foreign combined) of sixpence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

3. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, if exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one-half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate, chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

4. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject, to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter contained, (that is to say):—

5. No such packet, which in length or breadth, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

6. No pattern or sample, being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

7. There shall be no enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

8. There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices.

9. All such packets shall be sent in covers, open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Nevertheless samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen, or of other material; but bags so enclosed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

10. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall in length, or breadth, or depth exceed the dimensions of two feet, or shall consist wholly of patterns, or samples of any intrinsic value, as in the sixth clause of this Warrant mentioned, or if there shall be any writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices, or if any such packets shall not be sent in covers, open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination (except samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, and which may be enclosed in bags of linen, or of other material), or in case of bags being used, if such bags shall be so closed that they cannot be readily opened, every such packet shall be chargeable, and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

11. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any enclosure, sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office, and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage, equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under the provisions of this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, and the remainder of the packet, if duly pre-paid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address, without any extra charge.

12. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid posted in the United Kingdom, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this Warrant.

13. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in Ceylon or Hong Kong, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

14. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted in the United Kingdom, or in Ceylon or Hong-Kong, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage, equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom,

or in Ceylon or Hong Kong, without any postage having been paid thereon, or without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such respective packet shall be forwarded, charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, if the postage had been paid when posted.

15. In order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

16. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise, whether any packet or any pattern or sample contained therein transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant, is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose

decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive upon all parties.

17. The terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

18. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

19. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1864.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 11th day of June, 1864.

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

No. 131.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Surveyor General's Office on or before Monday, the 29th Instant, for the erection of a Portion of the Gaol at Stone Cutters' Island. Plans and Specification may be seen on application between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th August, 1864.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Public Garden having been established for the recreation of the inhabitants of Hongkong, all respectable persons will be admitted subject to the following regulations, which will be altered hereafter as circumstances may render necessary.

- 1.—No person will be allowed to walk on the grass or to quit the walks.
- 2.—It is strictly prohibited to pull or handle flowers, or to do any injury to any plant or tree: and persons in charge of Children are required to see that this rule is observed by them.
- 3.—Chinese Mechanics and labourers will not be allowed to use the Garden as a thoroughfare.
- 4.—No admission will be allowed to Chairs and Chair Coolies, or to Dogs unless led.
- 5.—The Garden will be open from 5 A.M. to 8 P.M. from April 1st to September 30th, and from 6 A.M. to 7 P.M. from October 1st to March 31st.

By Order,

W. WILSON,
Acting Surveyor General.

Surveyor General's Office, Hongkong, 6th August, 1864.

No. 122.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Surveyor General's Office on or before Monday, the 15th Proximo, for the erection of a Sea Wall at Kowloon. Plans and Specification may be seen on application at the Surveyor General's Office between the hours of 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th July, 1864.