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**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

The following Order of Her Majesty in Council, of the 9th July last, imposing penalties on British Subjects aiding the Insurgents against the Chinese Government, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th August, 1864.

[L.S.] AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,  
*the 9th day of July, 1864.*

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by an Act passed in the session of the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the better government of Her Majesty's subjects resorting to China," power was given to Her Majesty to authorise the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China (so long as such Superintendent should be also the Governor of the island of Hong Kong) to enact, with the advice of the Legislative Council of the said island of Hong Kong, all such laws and ordinances as might from time to time be required for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the Coast of China, and to enforce the execution of such laws and ordinances by such penalties and forfeitures as to him, by the advice aforesaid, should seem fit; and it was (amongst other things) enacted that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to disallow, in the whole or in part, any laws or ordinances so to be enacted as aforesaid, and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council to alter the same, or any of them, as to Her Majesty in Council should seem meet; and that it should also be lawful for Her Majesty by any Order or Orders made, with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, to ordain for the government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the Coast of China, any law or ordinance which to Her Majesty in Council might seem meet, as fully and effectually as any such law or ordinance could be made by Her Majesty in Council for the government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the said island of Hong Kong;

And whereas under and by virtue of the said Act, and of a certain other Act passed in the same Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the exercise of power and jurisdiction by Her Majesty within divers countries and places out of Her Majesty's dominions, and to render the same more effectual," Her Majesty was pleased by an Order in Council bearing date the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, to make provision for the good government of Her Majesty's subjects resorting to China, and for certain other purposes therein mentioned; and thereby

(amongst other things) Her Majesty's Superintendent of British Trade in China, for the time being, was authorised and empowered to make and enforce, by fine and imprisonment, rules and regulations for the observance of the stipulations of treaties, and for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any British ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the Coast of China; And Her Majesty was thereby further pleased (amongst other things) to give authority to any of Her Majesty's Consuls within the dominions of the Emperor of China, to cause any British subject, who, after having been twice convicted of and punished for any crime or offence, should not be able to find good and sufficient security for his good behaviour, or who might be convicted before such Consul of any of certain particular crimes therein enumerated, to be sent out of the dominions of the Emperor of China, in the manner therein mentioned;

And whereas by another Order in Council, passed on the twelfth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, Her Majesty was pleased to order, that it should not be lawful for any person who should thereafter be sent out of the dominions of the Emperor of China, by any of Her Majesty's Consuls, under and by virtue of the said Order of the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and of another Order, dated the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, respectively, or under and by virtue of the said Order now in recital, afterwards to return to and again take up his abode within any part of the said dominions, without Her Majesty's permission, to be signified as therein mentioned; and any such person so returning to, and taking up his abode within any part of the said dominions, was thereby made punishable, by fine or imprisonment, and liable to be again sent out of the dominions of the Emperor of China, at any time afterwards, in default of finding good and sufficient security for his future good behaviour, in the manner therein particularly mentioned;

And whereas by a certain Ordinance made and passed on the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, by His Excellency Sir John Bowring, Kt., then Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the said Colony of Hong Kong and its dependencies, and Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, it was enacted, that it should be a misdemeanour, punishable by not more than two years' imprisonment, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars (such punish-

ment to be accumulative or not, at the discretion of the adjudicating tribunal), for any British subject, within any part of China, to assist either the existing Chinese Government, or any or either of the different factions then engaged, or who might be thereafter engaged, in opposition to the Government, by personal enlistment in the service of either of the said several parties, or by procuring other persons to enlist in such service, or by furnishing, selling, or procuring warlike stores of any description, or by fitting out vessels, or by knowingly and purposely doing any other act to assist either party, by which neutrality might be violated; and that the tribunal for adjudicating on offences, of the description intended to be thereby dealt with, should consist of a Consular Officer in charge of a Consulate, and two Assessors of Her Majesty, resident within the Consulate;

And whereas it is expedient that the said Ordinance of the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, should be explained and amended, and that further provisions should be made to prevent the participation of British subjects within the dominions of the Emperor of China, in acts of war or rebellion against the authority of the said Emperor;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of all powers enabling Her in this behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Nothing in the said Ordinance made and passed on the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall extend or apply, or be deemed to have extended, or to have been applicable, to any British subject, who, at any time heretofore may have assisted, or may hereafter assist, the Government of the Emperor of China, by the means in the same Ordinance mentioned, or otherwise howsoever, by or under the leave or licence of Her Majesty, or by or under the authority of any Order of Her Majesty in Council, at any time heretofore made, or to be hereafter made.

2. If any subject of Her Majesty, within any part of the dominions of the Emperor of China, shall, at any time after the publication of this present Order, in Her Majesty's Colony of Hong Kong, levy war, or take part in any operations of war, against the Emperor of China, or aid or abet any persons who are or who may be engaged in carrying on war or rebellion or insurrection against the said Emperor, in carrying on such war or rebellion, or insurrection, such person shall be liable to the several penalties mentioned in the said Ordinance of the seventeenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and shall further be liable to be sent out of the dominions of the Emperor of China; and in case of his afterwards returning within the same, shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished, and to be again sent out of the said dominions, and so from time to time, in the same manner, in all respects, as is provided by the said Orders in Council of the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and the twelfth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, respectively, concerning the persons liable to be sent out of the said dominions under those respective Orders.

3. Every person offending against this present Order may be proceeded against in the same manner, in all respects, as is provided by the said Order of the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, concerning persons offending against any rules or regulations duly made, under and by virtue thereof, by Her Majesty's Superintendent of British Trade in China for the time being.

And the Right Honourable Earl Russell, and the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

ARTHUR HELPS.

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### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following *Circular* from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, covering the new Instructions issued by the Royal National Life Boat Institution for the Restoration of Persons apparently Drowned, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th August, 1864.

### CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET, 20th June, 1864.

SIR,—I transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Royal National Life Boat Institution, with copies of new Instructions which have been issued by that Institution, for the Restoration of Persons Apparently Drowned.

I have been informed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Medical Director-General of the Navy has given it as his opinion that the Instructions in question are valuable, and that they have been circulated in the Royal Navy; I have therefore no hesitation in giving to these Instructions the circulation desired by the Committee of the Institution.—I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,

EDWARD CARDWELL.

*Governor*

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

*Mr. Lewis to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.*

(Copy.)

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE BOAT INSTITUTION, 14, JOHN-STREET, ADELPHI,  
LONDON, 26th May, 1864.

SIR,—I am directed to transmit to you a few copies of the new Instructions issued by the Royal National Life Boat Institution for the Restoration of the Apparently Drowned.

These Instructions are the result of extensive inquiries which have recently been made by the Institution amongst medical men, medical bodies, and coroners throughout the United Kingdom.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have ordered 1,000 copies to be circulated throughout Her Majesty's Fleet, and the Commodore Controller-General of Coast Guard has also requested 2,000 copies to be supplied for distribution throughout the Coast Guard Service.

The Committee are desirous that these directions should be known throughout the British Colonies, and they would therefore feel much obliged if you would do them the honour to direct that the accompanying letters, containing packets of the same, be transmitted to the respective Governors of the Colonies.—I have, &c.,

(Signed) RICHARD LEWIS,  
*Secretary.*