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**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

His Excellency the GOVERNOR is pleased to direct that the Holidays, notified in No. 182 of the 20th Instant, be extended to the Morning of the 4th, instead of the 3rd Proximo.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th December, 1864.

No. 187.

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.**

The following Order of Her Majesty in Council with the Proclamation approved therein, by which it is directed that from this date the Dollar shall be issued to Her Majesty's Forces in Hongkong and its Dependencies at the rate of Four Shillings and Three Pence, is published for general information.

By Command of His Excellency the GOVERNOR,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 31st December, 1864.

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

PRESENT:

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

LORD PRESIDENT.  
EARL DE GREY AND RIPON.  
EARL RUSSELL.

LORD WODEHOUSE.  
MR. SECRETARY CARDWELL.

Whereas there was this day read at the Board the Draft of a Proclamation regulating the rate at which the Mexican Dollar and other Coins referred to therein shall be issued in payments to Her Majesty's Forces in Her Majesty's Island of Hongkong and its Dependencies, Her Majesty having taken the same into consideration was pleased by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council to approve thereof, and to order, and it is hereby ordered by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's said Council that the Proclamation approved this day do take effect and come into force on the day on which it shall be promulgated in Her Majesty's said Island of Hongkong by the Governor or Officer administering the Government thereof.

And the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Edward Cardwell and the Earl de Grey and Ripon, two of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions accordingly.

EDWARD HARRISON.

**DRAFT PROCLAMATION.**

Whereas by a Proclamation issued by Our Order in Council, dated the 9th January, 1863, it was declared and ordained that from and after a day to be fixed by the Governor or Officer administering the Government of Hongkong, by Proclamation, our previous Proclamations therein recited, regulating the Currency of Our said Island of Hongkong and its Dependencies, should be repealed and annulled; and it was further declared and ordained that from and after the same date the Dollar of Mexico or other Silver Dollar of equivalent value, as may from time to time be authorized by the Governor or Officer administering the Government of Hongkong should be the only legal tender of payment (except as thereafter directed)