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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council of the 28th December last, extending to the United States of Colombia the provisions of the Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd April, 1867.

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT,  
*the 28th day of December, 1866.*

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by the "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," it is provided that whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering or apprehending seamen who desert from British Merchant Ships in the territories of any Foreign Power, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from Merchant Ships belonging to such Power, when within Her Majesty's Dominions, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such Order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient; and whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British Merchant Ships in the territories of the United States of Colombia:

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Her by the said "Foreign Deserters' Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of the Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that, from and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette, seamen, not being slaves, and not being British subjects, who, within Her Majesty's dominions, desert from Merchant Ships belonging to the United States of Colombia, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships:

Provided, always, that if any such deserter has committed any crime in Her Majesty's Dominions he may be detained until he has been tried by a competent court, and until his sentence, if any, has been fully carried into effect.

And the Right Honorable the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Honorable the Viscount Cranborne, and the Right Honorable Spencer Horatio Walpole, three of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

(Signed) EDMUND HARRISON.

No. 55.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice issued by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, respecting Goods entered or required to be entered, under the Regulations of transit, from the United Kingdom to the British Possessions abroad, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd April, 1867.