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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Right Reverend CHARLES RICHARD, Lord Bishop of Victoria, having arrived in his Diocese, His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL directs that the Letters Patent appointing his Lordship to the See of Victoria, together with the Certificate of Consecration, be published for general information.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th October, 1867.

HONGKONG.

(BISHOPRIC OF VICTORIA.)

Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal, appointing the Reverend CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD, M.A. to be Bishop of Victoria, (Hongkong.)

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith,—To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas by an Order in Council made and passed on the First day of May, One thousand Eight hundred and Forty-nine, under authority of an Act of Parliament passed in the Session of the Sixth and Seventh Years of Our Reign intituled "An Act for the better Government of Her Majesty's Subjects in China," We were pleased to order and direct that all persons in Holy Orders of the United Church of England and Ireland being within the Dominions of the Emperor of China, or within any Ship or Vessel at a distance of not more than One hundred miles from the Coast of China, should be subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the See of Victoria and the Bishop thereof in the same manner as if they were resident in the Island of Hongkong: And whereas by Our Letters Patent under the great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the Eleventh day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and Forty-nine, We did declare the City of Victoria and all the territory comprised within the Island of Hongkong and its dependencies to be the Diocese of the Bishop therein named and of his Successors, and to be called in all time the Diocese of Victoria, and did constitute the Church of Saint JOHN in the said City to be a Cathedral Church and Bishop's See, and did name and appoint Our well beloved the Reverend GEORGE SMITH, Doctor in Divinity, to be ordained and consecrated Bishop of the said See and Diocese for the term of his natural life, under the title of The Lord Bishop of Victoria, subject nevertheless to such right of resignation as in the said Letters Patent is particularly set forth: And whereas by the resignation of the said GEORGE SMITH the said See and Bishopric has become vacant: Now know ye, that We having great confidence in the learning, morals, probity and prudence of Our well beloved CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD, Clerk, Master of Arts, do nominate and appoint him to be ordained and consecrated Lord Bishop of the said See of Victoria, and do signify to the Most Reverend Father in GOD, CHARLES THOMAS, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan, such Our nomination and appointment of the said CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD, requiring and by the Faith and Love whereby he is bound unto Us commanding the said Most Reverend Father in GOD to ordain and consecrate the

said CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD to be Bishop of the said See in manner accustomed, and diligently to do and perform all other things appertaining to his Office in this behalf, with effect. And We do ordain and declare that the said CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD so by Us nominated and appointed after having been ordained and consecrated, as aforesaid, may, by virtue of such appointment and consecration, enter into and possess the said Bishop's See as the Bishop thereof, without let or impediment from Us, Our Heirs and Successors for the term of his natural life, subject, nevertheless, to the right of resignation hereinbefore mentioned, and in the above recited Letters Patent particularly set forth, and may perform in the said Diocese of Victoria all the functions peculiar and appropriate to the Office of a Bishop. And We declare Our pleasure to be that all provisions whatever contained in the said recited Letters Patent, so far as they relate to the said GEORGE SMITH and his Successors, Bishops of Victoria, shall apply to the said CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD so long as he shall be and remain Bishop of that Diocese. And to the end that all things aforesaid may be finally holden and done, We Will and Grant to the aforesaid CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD that he shall have Our Letters Patent under Our Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom duly made and sealed.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster the Fourteenth day of January in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual.

(Signed,) C. ROMILLY.

On Saturday, the Second day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-seven, and in the Fifth Year of the Translation of the Most Reverend Father in GOD, CHARLES THOMAS by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan in the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ in the City of Canterbury.

The said Most Reverend Father in GOD, CHARLES THOMAS, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, by virtue and authority of certain Letters Patent of Her Most Gracious Majesty and Our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith (and so forth) and dated at Westminster the Fourteenth Day of January, in the Thirtieth Year of Her said Majesty's Reign, to him the said Most Reverend Father in this behalf directed (The Right Reverend Father in GOD, SAMUEL, Lord Bishop of Oxford, JOSEPH COTTON, Lord Bishop of Rochester, FRANCIS, Lord Bishop of Montreal (Metropolitan), The Bishop of Illinois in the United States of America, HENRY LASCELLES, Lord Bishop of Dunedin in New Zealand, and Doctor GEORGE SMITH, late Bishop of Victoria assisting him) consecrated the Reverend CHARLES RICHARD ALFORD, Clerk, Master of Arts, named and appointed to be Bishop of the See and Diocese of Victoria, he having at the appointed time of the said Consecration taken the Oath of due obedience to the said Most Reverend Father in GOD, CHARLES THOMAS, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the rites, circumstances and ceremonies anciently used in the Church of England being observed and applied according to the form and manner prescribed in the Book entitled "The form and manner of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests, and Deacons" in the presence of me FRANCIS HART DYKE, Notary Public, Principal Registrar of the Province of Canterbury, there being then and there also present The Right Worshipful TRAVERS TWISS, Doctor of Laws, Vicar General of the said Most Reverend Father with many others then and there assembled.

Which I attest,

F. H. DYKE,
Notary Public and Registrar.

We the underwritten Notaries Public by Royal Authority duly admitted and sworn residing at Doctors Commons in the City of London, do hereby certify and attest to all to whom it may concern that FRANCIS HART DYKE whose Name is subscribed to the foregoing Act was and is a Notary Public and that the Letters Names and Words thereto subscribed were and are of the proper handwriting and subscription of the said FRANCIS HART DYKE, that we were present and saw him sign the same and that full faith and entire credit is and ought to be given to all Acts subscriptions and attestations of the said FRANCIS HART DYKE as well in Judgment as out.

In Testimony whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names to serve and avail as occasion may require at Doctors Commons, this Sixth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-seven.

J. SHEPHARD,
Notary Public.

LIRNEL SKIPWITH,
Notary Public.