

No. 12.

PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL.

By His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, Knight, and Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas by Section III of Ordinance No. 15 of 1867, entitled "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend 'The Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1854,'*" it is enacted as follows:—

"This Ordinance shall commence and take effect on such Day as shall hereafter be fixed by Proclamation under the hand of the Governor:"

Now, therefore, I, SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, Governor of the Colony of Hongkong, in pursuance of the said Section and by virtue of the authority thereby in me vested, do hereby under my hand Proclaim that the said Ordinance shall commence and take effect from this date.

By His Excellency's Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 7th Day of December, 1867.

No. 168.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that the Right Reverend the LORD BISHOP OF VICTORIA has, by virtue of his Letters Patent, appointed the Reverend JOHN HENRY GRAY, M.A., Her Britannic Majesty's Consular Chaplain at Canton, to be Archdeacon of Hongkong.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 169.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following translation of a Proclamation under the joint Seals of the Vice Roy of the two Kwang Provinces, and the Superintendent of Customs, Kwang-Tung, transmitted through Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton, is published for general information.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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

PROCLAMATION

By JUI, Viceroy of the two Kwang Provinces, and SHIH, Superintendent of the Maritime Customs of Kwang-tung.

A communication has been received from the British Consul, Mr. Robertson, quoting the tenor of a despatch received by him from His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, who writes that, as he learns, a combination has been entered into by the Canton traders with the object of abstaining from all purchases of Cotton imported through Hongkong, to which agreement they have prevailed upon a number of dealers in Hongkong to accede, the system to be brought into operation by a certain date; and further that a circular had been issued by the traders at Canton notifying that all Cotton thereafter imported at Canton or elsewhere without bearing a certain Stamp should entail seizure, fine, and confiscation—thus giving out that official sanction to the system had been obtained. The Consul, observing upon this that great detriment is entailed upon the trade of Hongkong by the measures detailed, requests that a Proclamation be issued, &c., &c.

On consideration hereof, the Viceroy and Superintendent have come to the conclusion that the resolutions adopted by the dealers in Cotton are merely devised for the purpose of enabling them to grasp at exclusive control of the trade, which it is highly necessary should be prohibited. This Proclamation is accordingly issued for the information of all traders, junk-masters, and others. Be it