

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

known that henceforward Cotton, or other merchandize, purchased at, or imported from, whatsoever place may as heretofore be freely dealt in and carried to or fro; and that the regulations unauthorizedly drawn up prohibiting purchases and sales in Hongkong, and imposing fines, &c., may on no account be carried into effect. It is equally incumbent upon all, on the other hand, to abide by the established rules as regards submitting merchandize to Customs' inspection and paying duty thereupon. Let all carry on their trade in a legitimate manner, and abstain from smuggling transactions and evasion of duty by clandestinely transporting merchandize to the Country districts and there disposing of it, to the detriment of the Customs' revenue and in violation of the established laws. If any venture to oppose disobedience in this respect, they will be severely punished by the Viceroy and Superintendent when apprehended and brought before the tribunals. Let the dealers in Cotton also abstain from giving rise to subjects of dispute and interfering injuriously with commercial interests.

Let all obey this special Proclamation!

Tung-chih, 6th Year, 11th Month, 4th Day, (29th November, 1867.)

Translated by

(Signed,) Wm. FREDK. MAYERS,
Vice-Consul.

No. 170.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with Section 12 of "The Police and Lighting Rate Ordinance, 1863," His Excellency the GOVERNOR, by and with the Advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police Rate for the Year 1867 at Ten and a quarter per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria; and in accordance with Section 18 of the same Ordinance at Five per cent for Houses in the Villages of this Island.

The above Rate, as regards Houses in Victoria, will be levied exclusive of a Lighting Rate of One and a half per cent under Section 12 of the above Ordinance, and a Water Rate of Two per cent per Annum under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 12 of 1860.

The Police, Lighting and Water Rates will, under terms of the Ordinances, be payable Quarterly in advance, at the Colonial Treasury, between the first and last Days of the first Month in each Quarter.

These several Rates shall be charged and chargeable on and recoverable from the Owners of the Tenements in respect of which the above assessment has been made.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1867.

No. 171.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon on the 19th Instant, for the re-building of *Mountain Lodge* at Victoria Peak. Plans and Specifications can be seen on application at the Surveyor General's Office, where also a proper Form of Tender may be obtained.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1867.

No. 172.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, Notice is hereby given that a Special Sessions of the Justices of the Peace will be held at the Police Magistrates' Court, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Thursday, the 9th Day of January, 1868; and thereafter on the first Thursday of every Month, for the purpose of considering applications for granting or transferring Spirit Licenses.

Such applications to be lodged at the Police Magistrates' Court, at least Ten Days before each of the Sessions now notified.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th December, 1867.

No. 167.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at this Office till Noon on the 9th Proximo, for the Removal of the Overseer's and Watchman's Bungalows at Pokfulum Reservoir to Farm Lot 32. Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Surveyor General's Office.

By Command,

CECIL C. SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th November, 1867.