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PROCLAMATION.

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By His Excellency SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas the Commands of Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN, conveyed through The Right Honourable The Earl of KIMBERLEY, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, approving of and confirming the following Ordinance; namely:—

No. 10 of 1873, entitled,—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend "The Chinese Emigrant Ship Ordinance, 1873"*:—

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared, that the said Ordinance has been so approved and confirmed, as aforesaid.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 8th Day of January, 1874.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Advertisement, received from the Government of Ceylon, notifying that a Pearl Fishery will take place at Aripo at the commencement of March next, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th January, 1874.

PEARL FISHERY.

Notice is hereby given that a Pearl Fishery will take place at Aripo, in the Island of Ceylon, on or about the 2nd of March next, 1874; and that the Bank to be fished is the North-West and South-West Chival Paar Bank, estimated to contain Oysters sufficient to employ Fifty Boats for Ten days.

It is therefore recommended that such Boat-owners and Divers as may wish to be employed at the said Fishery, should be at Aripo on or before the 20th February, next. And it is particularly notified, that the first day's fishing will positively take place on the first day in March that the weather may permit the Boats to fish.

The Fishery will be conducted on account of Government, and the Oysters put up to sale in such lots as may be deemed expedient.

The arrangements of the Fishery will be the same as have been usual on similar occasions.

All payments to be made in ready money in Ceylon Currency.

Drafts on the Banks in Colombo, or Bills on the Agents of this Government in India at Ten days' sight, will be taken, on Letters of Credit being produced to warrant the drawing of such Drafts or Bills.

For the convenience of purchasers, the Treasurer at Colombo and the different Government Agents of Provinces will be authorized to receive Cash Deposits from parties intending to become purchasers, and Receipts of these Officers will be taken in payment of any sums due on account of the Fishery.

No deposit will be received for a less sum than Five Hundred Rupees.

By His Excellency's Command,

ARTHUR N. BIRCH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, 12th December, 1873.