

No. 43.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Circular Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 27th November, 1878, is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th February, 1879.

DOWNING STREET, 27th November, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acquaint you that the Secretary of State for War has represented that under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of Promotions of the 13th of August, 1877, it is no longer possible to allow an Officer to hold the appointment of Aide-de-Camp to a Colonial Governor, or any other Colonial appointment without replacing him in his regiment; and that under these circumstances the additional cost of appointing an Officer to such a post will not now be limited to the Staff pay and allowances, but will involve the increased charge of his Regimental pay, which in the case of a Captain is £211 per annum.

2. As the conditions on which Aides-de-Camp have been allowed to Colonial Governors have been that the whole additional charge shall be met by the Colony, it will in future be necessary for the Colonies either to pay the full Regimental pay of these Officers, when claimed by the War Office, in addition to the Staff pay and allowances, or which the Secretary of State for War thinks will be the most convenient course, to make arrangements with each Officer to pay him his total emoluments for the whole term of Service fixed for the appointment.

3. It is to be understood that the amount of the Staff pay and allowances of an Aide-de-Camp to a Colonial Governor may be fixed at such rates as each Colonial Government may decide upon.

4. The Regimental pay of such Officers will continue to be defrayed from Imperial Funds until the 31st of March next inclusive, but from that date either it must be defrayed from Colonial Funds, as well as the Staff pay and allowances, or the Officers must return to their Regiments from which they can no longer be spared.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

The Officer Administering the Government of HONGKONG.

No. 44.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Circular Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to payment for Coals, &c., consumed on board Her Majesty's Ships when employed in the conveyance of the Governors of Colonies and other Officials on Colonial Service, is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th February, 1879.

DOWNING STREET, 10th December, 1878.

SIR,—A Correspondence having recently taken place between this Department and the Admiralty relative to the payment for coals, &c., consumed on board Her Majesty's Ships when employed in the conveyance of the Governors of Colonies and other Officials on Colonial Service, I have the honour to call your attention to Lord KIMBERLEY's Circular Despatch of the 13th of December, 1871, on the subject, and to inform you that whenever a Governor requires a Queen's Ship for any purpose which the Naval Authorities do not consider to be part of her ordinary duty, the cost of the coal will be charged against the Colony under his government, and paid by it in the first instance. If, however, the Governor should be of opinion that the cost of the service in question should be charged not against the Colony under his government, but against some other Colony or against Imperial Funds, such representations as he may make to this effect will be considered, and if they appear right, the money will be refunded to the Colony under his government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

The Officer Administering the Government of HONGKONG.