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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Extract from the *London Gazette* of the 14th January, 1879, relating to the termination of Commercial Treaties between Great Britain and France, on the 1st January, 1880, is published for general information.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th March, 1879.

 Extract from the *London Gazette* of Tuesday, January 14, 1879.
Foreign Office, January 13th, 1879.

The Government of France have given notice for the termination of the following Commercial Treaties with this Country:—

The Treaty of Commerce of the 23rd of January, 1860.

Additional Article of 25th of February, 1860.

Second Additional Article of 27th of June, 1860.

First Supplementary Convention of 12th of October, 1860.

Second Supplementary Convention of 16th of November, 1860.

Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 23rd of July, 1873.

Convention Supplementary to ditto of 24th of January, 1874, and

Declaration relative to Expertise of 24th of January, 1874.

This Notice will take effect on the 1st of January, 1880.

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The following despatches have been laid before the Legislative Council.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th March, 1879.

His Excellency Governor Pope Hennessy, C.M.G., to The Right Honourable
Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

HONGKONG, 28th September, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose, for your information, copies of some Minutes I felt it necessary to make respecting the night duties of the Hongkong Police, together with a report of Mr. DEANE, the Captain Superintendent, and some returns on the subject.

2. Upon the official report of a Burglary committed in the Central District of Victoria, on the 29th of last month, I made a Minute asking for the details of the night duties of the Police Force, and the number of men in each beat on the 1st of September, 1878, and at the corresponding date in 1877 and 1876. In reply to this Minute, I received a return relating to the principal police district; whereupon I called, on the 9th of September, for similar information respecting the other Police districts of the Colony.

3. Accompanying those returns were certain volumes giving the details for each day and night of the Police duties since the year 1876. The returns were further explained by a brief report from Mr. DEANE, dated the 3rd September.

4. I understand it was the first time since the Police Commission of 1871, that these details of night duties had been called for, or in any way brought to the notice of the Executive.

5. I regretted to find that instead of the number of men on the night beats having been increased with the increasing population of the Colony, they were being diminished, and, upon the whole, I was struck with the manifestly inadequate strength of the night beats and patrols for such a place as the Town of Victoria. Accordingly I have instructed Mr. DEANE to restore the night beats and patrols to the maximum strength of the year 1876; to make weekly reports in future of the night duties, and not to alter the number in any particular district without specially reporting it.