

No. 98.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Despatches have been laid before the Legislative Council.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th April, 1879.

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

[No. 63.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONGKONG, 30th July, 1878.

SIR,—I find it has not been the practice here to give leave certificate to Police Officers who proceed to England at the completion of their five years' period of service. Something of the kind however seems to be desirable, as they often wish to re-enlist again, and I would venture to suggest that some modification in the form of leave certificate in the Colonial Regulations may be sanctioned in such cases.

2. Recently Mr. HORSPOOL, the Acting Chief Inspector, left for England on the termination of his period of service. I understand he is willing to come out again, and indeed I should not be sorry to see so worthy an officer promoted to the long vacant post of Assistant Superintendent of Police, the salary of which is £400 a year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) J. POPE HENNESSY.

The Right Honourable

Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, BART., M.P.,

*Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies,**&c., &c., &c.*

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

HONGKONG,

No. 13.

DOWNING STREET,

30th January, 1879.

SIR,—In consequence of a letter from Mr. GEORGE HORSPOOL, dated the 9th of January, copy of which is enclosed, I decided to adopt, in a modified form, the recommendation made in the 2nd paragraph of your Despatch No. 63 of the 30th July last.

2. On condition that Mr. HORSPOOL re-enlists for a further term of five years' service in the Hongkong Police, I have appointed him to the permanent position of Chief Inspector of that Force, on a salary of \$1,440 a year.

3. I enclose for your information copies of the further correspondence which has passed with Mr. HORSPOOL on this matter, and I have desired him to proceed to the Colony without delay, and directions have been given to the Crown Agents to prepare the usual agreement and to provide passage.

4. The vacant appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Police is, by the foregoing arrangement, abolished, and the salary of the place, namely £400, will henceforth be removed from the Estimates.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

M. HICKS-BEACH.

Governor HENNESSY, C.M.G.,

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