9. This decision may appear to press hardly upon P.C. Freeman, who, knowing the practice that had existed here for some years past, has not unnaturally calculated on receiving a discharge certificate marked "very good," though on two occasions during my brief administration of the Colony, he has been fined for neglect of night duties, yet I am sure every officer and man in the Police Force will understand that this decision points, on the other hand, to the fact that the Head of the Executive will not be indifferent to the faithful discharge of the night duties of the Police, and that the award of whatever bonuses or promotions in the Police may be at my disposal, will depend, in no small degree, on the way in which each individual in the Force does his work in protecting the Colony at night.

> J. POPE HENNESSY. 17th May, 1879.

The Right Honourable Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., to the Officer Administering the Government.

> DOWNING STREET, 29th July, 1879.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Hennessy's Despatch No. 70 of the 29th May, and to convey my approval of the action which he has taken in regard to the certificates given to Policemen upon leaving the force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

To

The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

No. 6.

## PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] J. POPE HENNESSY, Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

By His Excellency John Pope Hennessy, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the

Whereas a despatch has been received from the Right Honourable Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying to me Her Majesty's Gracious Confirmation and Allowance of the following Ordinance; namely:

> No. 3 of 1878, entitled—An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend "The Markets Ordinance, 1858."

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

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. MARSH, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 9th Day of September, 1879.

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