

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 148.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that, in future, all applications for new and correct Crown Leases should be addressed to the Land Officer, the No. 4 Supreme Court House.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th April, 1886.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 149.

## MUNICIPAL RATES, 1886-1887.

Notice is hereby given that in virtue of the powers conferred upon him by Section 12 of Ordinance No. 21 of 1885, the Governor in Council has adopted the existing Valuation of tenements in this Colony as the Valuation for the year beginning 1st July, 1886.

The Valuation List will be open to inspection at the Treasury during office hours for fourteen days from the 3rd May.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th April, 1886.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 150.

The following Circular Despatch covering a copy of the Queen's Regulations respecting Foreign Orders and Medals, as recently revised by Her Majesty's command, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st May, 1886.

## CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
1st March, 1886.

SIR,—With reference to previous Circular Despatches of the 20th of January, 1864, and the 5th of September, 1867, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of the Colony and your Government, the accompanying copy of the Queen's Regulations respecting Foreign Orders and Medals, as recently revised by Her Majesty's command.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

GRANVILLE

The Officer Administering the Government of  
HONGKONG.

## REGULATIONS RESPECTING FOREIGN ORDERS.

1. No subject of Her Majesty shall accept a Foreign Order from the Sovereign of any country, or wear the Insignia thereof, without having previously obtained Her Majesty's permission to that effect, signified by a Warrant under Her Royal Sign-Manual.
2. Excepting in the case of Special Complimentary Missions to Foreign Sovereigns, such permission shall not be granted to any Subject of Her Majesty unless the Foreign Order shall have been conferred in consequence of active and distinguished Service before the Enemy, either at Sea or on Land; or unless he shall have been actually and entirely employed, beyond Her Majesty's dominions, in the service of the Foreign Sovereign by whom the Order is conferred.
3. The intention of a Foreign Sovereign to confer upon a British Subject the Insignia of an Order must be notified to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs either through the British Minister accredited to the Court of such Foreign Sovereign, or through His Minister accredited to the Court of Her Majesty.