

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.

the service for which it is proposed to confer the Order has been performed during War, the Notification required by the preceding clause must be made not later than two years after the date of the Ratifications of a Treaty of Peace.

If the service has been performed in time of Peace, the Notification must be made within two years after the date of such service.

When such Notification shall have been received, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs shall, if the case comes within the conditions prescribed by the present Regulations, refer it to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, previously to taking Her Majesty's pleasure thereupon, in order to ascertain whether there be any objection to Her Majesty's permission being granted. Similar reference shall also be made to the Commander-in-Chief if the application relates to an Officer in the Army, or to the Lords of the Admiralty if it relates to an Officer in the Navy.

6. When Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs shall have taken the Queen's pleasure on any such application, and shall have obtained Her Majesty's permission for the person in whose favour it has been made to accept the Foreign Order, and wear the Insignia thereof, he shall signify the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, in order that he may cause the Warrant required by Clause 1 to be prepared for the Royal Sign-Manual.

When such Warrant shall have been signed by the Queen, a Notification thereof shall be inserted in the "Gazette," stating the service for which the Foreign Order has been conferred.

7. The Warrant signifying Her Majesty's permission may, at the request and at the expense of the person who has obtained it, be registered in the College of Arms.

8. Every such Warrant as aforesaid shall contain a Clause providing that Her Majesty's license and permission does not authorize the assumption of any style, appellation, rank, precedence, or privilege appertaining to a Knight Bachelor of Her Majesty's Realms.

9. When a British subject has received the Royal permission to accept a Foreign Order, he will at any future time be allowed to accept the Decoration of a Higher Class of the same Order, to which he may have become eligible by increase of rank in the Foreign Service, or in the Service of his own country; or any other distinctive mark of honour strictly consequent upon the acceptance of the original Order, and common to every person upon whom such Order is conferred.

10. The preceding Clause shall not be taken to apply to Decorations of the Guelphic Order, which were bestowed on British subjects by Her Majesty's predecessors, King George IV and King William IV, on whose heads the Crowns of Great Britain and of Hanover were united.

Decorations so bestowed cannot properly be considered as rewards granted by a Foreign Sovereign for services rendered according to the purport of Clause 2 of these Regulations. They must be rather considered as personal favours bestowed on British Subjects by British Sovereigns, and as having no reference to services rendered to the Foreign Crown of Hanover.

Foreign Office, February 3, 1886.

REGULATIONS RESPECTING FOREIGN MEDALS.

1. APPLICATIONS for permission to accept and wear Medals which, not being the Decoration of any Foreign Order, are conferred by a Foreign Sovereign on British Subjects in the Army or Navy, should be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief or the Lords of the Admiralty, as the case may be, who, if they see fit, may submit the same for Her Majesty's sanction, upon obtaining which they may grant such permission without other formality.

2. Any other British subject, having obtained Her Majesty's permission, is at liberty to accept and wear a Foreign Medal, not being the Decoration of a Foreign Order.

3. No permission is necessary for accepting a Foreign Medal, if such Medal is not to be worn.

(Signed) SALISBURY.

Foreign Office, August, 1885.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 151.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Monday, the 10th instant, for the repairs of roads and side channels at Stone Cutters' Island.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specification and further particulars apply at the Surveyor General's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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