

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 446.

The following Post Office Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th November, 1886.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

The making up of Mails for Natal and the Cape Colony to be transmitted by way of Aden and Zanzibar will in future be discontinued, all correspondence for these Colonies not specially marked via Aden being forwarded weekly to London for transmission by the first opportunity.

Attention is invited to the fact that the postage on a letter to Natal or the Cape is *twenty-five cents*, and on a newspaper or book packet of one rate, *five cents*. Much of the correspondence posted is insufficiently paid.

A. LISTER,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 18th November, 1886.

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FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th November, 1886.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
4th October, 1886.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit, for publication in the Colony under your Government, copies of two Orders by Her Majesty in Council, extending the provisions of the "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," to the Republic of the Equator and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

EDWARD STANHOPE.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

"LONDON GAZETTE," 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1886.

At the Court at Balmoral, the 24th day of September, 1886.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," it is provided that, whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in the territories of any foreign power, Her Majesty may by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from merchant ships belonging to a subject of such power, when within Her Majesty's dominions, shall be liable to be apprehended, and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient.

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in the dominions and possessions of the Republic of the Equator.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from and after the publication hereof in the *London Gazette*, seamen, not being slaves, and not being British subjects, who, within Her Majesty's dominions, desert from merchant ships belonging to the Republic of the Equator, shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships.

Provided always, that if any such deserter has committed any crime in Her Majesty's dominions, he may be detained till he has been tried by a competent court, and until his sentence, if any, has been carried into effect.

And the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Secretary of State for India in Council, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. PEEL.