I feel, however, that I cannot accept any personal present, though I am most sensible of the kind feeling which has prompted it, but as you are aware that it is suggested in commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee year, to establish an "Imperial Institution" for the Colonies and India, in the promotion of which I take the deepest interest, I should be most grateful if the subscribers would allow the funds collected for my Testimonial to be applied in aid of that object.

Should they kindly do so, it will be an ample reward to me, for any services I may have rendered to make the Exhibition of 1886 a success.

Believe me,

My dear Cadogan,

Very sincerely yours,

ALBERT EDWARD P.

THE EARL CADOGAN, &C., &C.

Whereupon the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:-

That, in view of the letter addressed by His Royal-Highness, the Executive President, to the Chairman of this Committee, in which His Royal Highness, while conveying his grateful appreciation of the proposed Testimonial to himself, expresses the wish that it may not take such a form, but that any funds collected may be applied towards the "Imperial Institution," which it is intended to found to commemorate the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's reign.

Resolved therefore: -- "That the Committee, believing it to be the wish of the subscribers to evince their high sense of His Royal Highness's great services in the manner most acceptable to himself, acquiesce in the suggestion contained in his letter.

"They-desire, at the same time, to record what they are assured will be the unanimous feeling of all the donors, that the step thus taken by His Royal Highness will, if possible, add to the appreciation entertained of his disinterested and publicspirited efforts, not only on behalf of an Exhibition from which many millions of Her Majesty's subjects have already derived so much advantage, but to further a project which will at once be a graceful Memorial of Her Majesty's long and happy reign, and conduce to the permanent consolidation of the Empire."

It was further Resolved:—"That the Chairman report the foregoing proceedings for the approval of the full Committee and the Subscribers."

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 488.

Notice is hereby given that the Governor in Council, under and in pursuance of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862, entitled—An Ordinance for granting Patents for Inventions within this Colony, has granted Letters Patent bearing date the 17th day of December, 1886, to Sally Adolf Rosenthal, of Berlin, Germany, for securing to the said SALLY ADOLF ROSENTHAL the exclusive right of using within the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, an Invention for which Her Majesty's Letters Patent have been obtained in England by the said SALLY ADOLF ROSENTHAL, for Improvements in Pocket Sewing-Machines, for the term of Fourteen Years, from the 17th day of December, 1885.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 489.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1886.

NOTICE.

Crown Rents for the half-year ending 25th December, 1886, should be paid into the Treasury on or before the 15th January, 1887. A. LISE

Treasurer

Treasury, Hongkong, 20th December, 1886.