

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 300.

The following Circular Despatch, accompanying a copy of a letter from the Assistant Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th July, 1887.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET, 25th May, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Assistant Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, drawing my attention to the periodical issue by that establishment of a "Bulletin of Miscellaneous Information" relative to economic products and plants which have been made the subject of particular investigation at Kew. I also enclose copies of a slip explanatory of the objects of the "Bulletin," and would suggest for your consideration whether it might not be desirable to order copies of the publication through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and to take steps, through the local press or otherwise, to bring it to the notice of the community interested in the commerce of the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

H. T. HOLLAND.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

Copy.

Mr. Morris to Colonial Office.

ROYAL GARDENS, KEW,
13th May, 1887.

SIR,—I am desired by Mr. Thiselton Dyer to bring under your notice a publication known as the "Kew Bulletin," which is issued by this establishment, under the authority of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works.

2. This Bulletin has been started with the view of conveying in an expeditious manner information on the economic products of plants which have been made the subject of particular study and investigation at Kew, to persons resident in the Colonies and India.

3. Five numbers of the Bulletin have been already issued, and it is proposed to issue others at regular intervals. Copies of these Bulletins have been already supplied to the Colonial Office, and one on Bowstring Hemp is forwarded herewith.

4. It is anticipated that the publication of this Bulletin will facilitate the interchange of communications between numerous correspondents of Kew in distant parts of the Empire, and increase the usefulness of this establishment as a centre for the diffusion of knowledge on plant products.

5. Under these circumstances Mr. Thiselton Dyer thinks it possible that the Secretary of State may desire to bring the Bulletin under the notice of Colonial Governors interested in extending knowledge respecting planting and agricultural matters, especially in Colonies where such enterprise is calculated to prove of general and public benefit.

6. I beg to forward some slips explanatory of the nature of the Bulletin, and the manner in which it can be most conveniently obtained.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.)

D. MORRIS.

The Honble. R. H. MEADE, C.B.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street.

ROYAL GARDENS, KEW.

THE "KEW BULLETIN" of Miscellaneous Information is issued as an occasional publication from the Royal Gardens at Kew.

It contains notes on the Economic products of plants which have been made the subject of particular study and investigation at Kew; and it is intended to be a means of communication to persons interested in Botanical subjects and products in India and the Colonies.

The "BULLETIN" is published by Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, London, E.C., and may be obtained directly from them or through any Bookseller. Price *Twopence* per copy. By post—United Kingdom, $2\frac{1}{2}d.$; Foreign Countries and Colonies, $3d.$ per copy.

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