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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 525.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to issue the following Commission to enquire into the causes of Fever in the Western District.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th December, 1887.

[L.S.] G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

Whereas it is expedient that a Commission should be appointed to enquire into the statements made in a Petition from certain of the residents in the Western District of the City of Victoria; to enquire into the causes of fever referred to therein; and to recommend such remedial measures as may be deemed requisite: Now therefore I, G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council assembled, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance 27 of 1886 entitled *The Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886*, appoint you PHILIP BURNARD CHENERY AYRES, Esquire, Colonial Surgeon; EDWARD TOWNSEND MORTIMER, Esquire, Deputy Inspector General of the Royal Naval Hospital; MICHAEL THOMAS YARR, Esquire, Surgeon of the Army Medical Staff; PATRICK MANSON, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery; JAMES CANTLIE, Esquire, Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery; WILLIAM YOUNG, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery; GREGORY PAUL JORDAN, Esquire, Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery; and JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON, Esquire, Bachelor of Medicine and Member of the Royal Collège of Surgeons, England, to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry, with power to appoint your Chairman by ballot or otherwise: And I do hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall, for the purpose of making the said enquiry, have all such powers as are now vested in the Supreme Court of this Colony or in any Judge thereof on the occasion of any suit or action, in respect of—

The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on Oath, affirmation, or otherwise;

The compelling the production of documents;

The punishing persons guilty of contempt;

The ordering the inspection of any property;

With power also, for the purpose of this Commission, to enter and view any premises:

And I do hereby further direct that every examination of witnesses shall be held in public: And I do further require of you to report to me the evidence and your opinion thereon: And I hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you herein:

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, in Executive Council, this 17th day of December, 1887.

By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.