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By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th July, 1889.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
13th June, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your Government, a copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, extending the provisions of the "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," to the United States of Mexico.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

KNUTSFORD.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR,

The 28th day of May, 1889.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

LORD PRESIDENT

EARL OF COVENTRY

LORD ASHBOURNE.

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 territories belonging to the United States of Mexico under a Treaty between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States of Mexico, signed at the City of Mexico, on the 27th November, 1888:

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 Citizens of the United States of Mexico, 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 until he has been tried by a competent Court, and until his sentence, if any, has been fully 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.