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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 298.

With reference to Government Notification No. 180 of the 19th April, 1898, the following Circular Despatch, with its enclosure, is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th July, 1898.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
30th May, 1898.

SIR,—With reference to my Circular despatch of the 1st March last enclosing copies of a Provisional Order of the Queen in Council applying section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," respecting the arrest of seamen deserters, in the case of Japan, I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your Government, copies of a further Order in Council dated the 19th May, issued after compliance with Section 1 of the "Rules Publication Act, 1893."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR.

The 19th day of May, 1898.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by sub-section (1) of section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," it is provided that, where it appears to Her Majesty that due facilities are, or will be, given by the Government of any foreign country for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in that country, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that that section shall apply in the case of such foreign country, subject to any limitations, conditions, and qualifications contained in the Order:

And whereas it appears to Her Majesty that due facilities are given by the Government of Japan for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in that country:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, on the 3rd day of February, 1898, to pass a Provisional Order applying section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," in the case of Japan:

And whereas the provisions of section 1 of "The Rules Publication Act, 1893," have been complied with:

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the herein-before recited sub-section (1) of section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that the said section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," shall apply in the case of Japan.

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.

J. H. HARRISON.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 299.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th July, 1898.

No. 12.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 16th day of June, 1898.

PRESENT:

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.
The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.
The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).
The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

Minutes.—The minutes of meetings held on the 2nd and 9th of June, 1898, were read and confirmed.

Resignation of Secretary.—The President addressed the Board and moved—

That this Board desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. McCallum as Secretary of the Board since its formation—a period of over fifteen years—and at the same time to express its regret that continued illness has rendered it necessary for him to send in his resignation.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to unanimously.

Special cleansing.—A report on the special cleansing in Health Districts 5 and 6 was read and laid on the table.

Insanitary dwellings.—A report concerning certain insanitary dwellings at Tai Kok Tsui was read and laid on the table.

Bakery.—An application for the registration of 118, Praya Central, ground floor, as a Bakery was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Public Laundry.—An application for the registration of 10, St. Francis Street, ground floor, as a Public Laundry was considered.

The President moved—

That the premises be registered as requested.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bubonic Plague.—Returns showing the progress of Bubonic Plague at Bombay and Macao were laid on the table.

Mortality Returns.—The mortality returns for the weeks ending June 4th and June 11th, 1898, were laid on the table.

Licences to keep Pigs.—One hundred and thirty-five applications for licences to keep pigs were considered.

The President moved—

That the licences be granted.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The President moved—

That strangers be requested to withdraw.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1898.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Read and confirmed this 30th day of June, 1898.

F. W. CLARK,
Acting Secretary.