

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 425.

The following Letters with Rules in regard to the entrance of Chinese to the port of Manila are published.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd September, 1898.

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNOR.
MANILA, P. I., *September 7, 1898.*

SIR,—The rules which will govern the United States Military Authorities in regard to the entrance of Chinese to the port of Manila have been formulated and furnished the Intendente General.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the same for your information and to state that any applications for amendment thereof will not, for the present, be entertained. It is the intention to rigidly enforce these rules and no Chinaman should be encouraged to present himself at this port whose right to enter such is in doubt.

The following are the rules:—

Chinese laborers, skilled or unskilled, formerly resident in Manila and temporarily absent therefrom, will be allowed to return upon proper proof of such previous residence which may be made by presentation of a Spanish "Cedula," or certificate of the American Consul of the port from which the returning Chinese have sailed.

The closest scrutiny of such "Cedulas" and certificates is enjoined, and in doubtful cases the Collector of this port will require them to be supported by additional proof, and no Chinaman of whatever nationality will be permitted by him to land except upon conclusive proof of previous residence.

There will be exempted from the above restrictions the parties named in Article 3 of the Convention between the United States of America and the Empire of China, published in supplement to the Revised Statutes of the United States, Volume 2, pages 155-7, to wit, Chinese Officials, Teachers, Students, Merchants or Travellers for curiosity or pleasure. The coming of these classes of Chinese will be permitted upon production of a certificate from their Government or the Government where they last resided, viséd by the diplomatic or consular representative of the United States in the country or port whence they depart, supplemented by such further proof as is required in section 6, of an Act of Congress approved July 5, 1884, and published in supplement of the Revised Statutes of the United States 1874 to 1891, page 458, to the requirements of which your attention is invited.

You will be informed at a later date of the rules and regulations which will govern your action in cases of Chinese residents of Manila leaving this port for foreign ports, with the intention of returning after a temporary absence.

I have the honor to be,
Most respectfully, your obedient Servant.

(Signed) T. A. OTIS,
Military Governor.

The Honorable

H. A. RAMSDEN,
*Her Britannic Majesty's Consul,
Manila, P. I.*

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNOR.
MANILA, P. I., *September 8, 1898.*

SIR,—I furnished you yesterday with a schedule of rules formulated to secure the interests of former resident Chinese who wish to return to Manila. The following language is used therein:—

"You will be informed at a later date of the rules and regulations, which will govern your actions in cases of Chinese residents of Manila, leaving this port for foreign ports with the intention of returning after a temporary absence."

To meet that condition of affairs I have now the honor to furnish you with the following regulations, which have been imposed on the United States Collector of Customs.

The Military Governor directs that the following regulations will govern the return to this port of Chinese laborers skilled and unskilled, residents of Manila, who leave this port after this date:—

Every such Chinese laborer will, before his departure from this port, report to the Collector of Customs or one of his Deputies who will enter in a registry book, to be kept for that purpose, the name of such laborer, his age, occupation, physical marks or peculiarities, and such other facts as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of identification. Said Collector or his Deputy will furnish to every such departing Chinese laborer a certificate to be signed by said Collector, or his Deputy, which certificate shall set forth all the facts shown by the registry books above mentioned, corresponding with said registry in all particulars.

The certificate herein provided for shall entitle such Chinese laborer, to whom the same is issued, to return to and re-enter this port, upon producing and delivering the same to the Collector of Customs of said port, and said certificate shall be the only evidence permissible to establish his right of re-entry, but said certificate may be controverted and the facts therein disproved by the United States Authorities. Upon delivering such certificate by such Chinese laborer to the Collector of Customs at the time of re-entry into this port, said Collector shall cause the same to be filed in the Custom House, and duly cancelled.

I am, with great respect,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) T. A. OLLIS,
Military Governor.

To
HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S CONSUL,
Port of Manila, P.I.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 426.

Notice is hereby given that Gun practice will be carried out by the crew of H.M.S. *Immortalité* from the shore to the Eastward of Kowloon Docks across Kowloon Bay towards Channel Rock from Thursday next, the 22nd instant, for seven days.

All ships, junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th September, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 427.

Information has been received from the Military Authorities that Artillery Practice will take place from the 5th to the 12th October, 1898, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, as follows:—

From Belchers in Northerly and North-Westerly directions.

All ships, junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

The inhabitants of the houses near Belchers are warned to keep their glass windows open during the practice, and all people working in the vicinity of Belchers' Battery are also warned to keep clear of that part which will be indicated by gunners placed on sentry for the purpose.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd September, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 428.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Wednesday, the 2nd November, 1898, for—

The general surface scavenging of, and the removal of household and trade refuse, and animal manure from, the City of Victoria and Hill District.

For specification, period of contract and full particulars apply at the Sanitary Board Offices, "Beaconsfield House."

No tender will be received unless the person tendering produces a receipt to the effect that he has deposited in the Treasury the sum of \$250 as a pledge of the *bona fides* of his tender, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if such person refuses to enter into the usual bond, should the tender be accepted.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th September, 1898.