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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 559.

The following Circular Despatch with its enclosure is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th December, 1898.

HONGKONG.
No. 289.

DOWNING STREET,
4th November, 1898.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you for your information a copy of an Order of the Queen in Council dated the 20th ultimo entitled "The China and Japan Order in Council, 1898."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

EDWARD WINGFIELD,
for the Secretary of State.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT BALMORAL,

The 20th day of October, 1898.

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

DUKE OF FIFE

EARL OF KINTORE

LORD GEORGE HAMILTON.

WHEREAS by Treaty, capitulation, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, Her Majesty the Queen has jurisdiction in China and Japan.

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the "Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890," or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of the Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The Registrar of Her Majesty's Supreme Court for China and Japan shall be appointed by Her Majesty.

He shall be either a member of the Bar of England, Scotland, or Ireland, or a solicitor of the Supreme Court in England or Ireland, or a writer to Her Majesty's Signet, or a solicitor in the Supreme Courts of Scotland.

He may also, with the approval of the Secretary of State, hold the office of Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court.

In case of the absence or illness of the Registrar, or during a vacancy in the office of Registrar, or during the employment of the Registrar in another capacity, or on emergency, the Chief Justice may, by writing under his hand and the Seal of the Supreme Court, appoint any fit person to act as Registrar for the time therein mentioned, or until the appointment is revoked by the Chief Justice or disapproved by the Secretary of State.

2. The Registrar shall, subject to any directions of the Supreme Court, hear and determine in a summary way such criminal cases as may, under the Orders in Council relating to China and Japan, be so heard and determined, and for that purpose shall have the jurisdiction, power, and authority of the Supreme Court.

3. The Registrar shall, subject to any directions of the Supreme Court, have and discharge within the district of the Consulate-General of Shanghai all the powers, rights, and duties appertaining to the office of Coroner in England; and Article 53 of "The China and Japan Order in Council, 1865," shall apply to the Registrar in like manner as to the Supreme Court and every other Court.

4. On the commencement of this Order the Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court shall cease to be the Registrar of that Court; and the existing Chief Clerk shall be the first Registrar under the provisions of this Order.

Sub-article (2) of Article 4 of "The China and Japan Order in Council, 1878," is hereby revoked.

5. This Order shall come into force on the day on which it is first exhibited in the public office of Her Majesty's Consulate-General of Shanghai, and that day is in this Order referred to as the commencement of this Order.

6. This Order may be cited as "The China and Japan Order in Council, 1898."

A. W. FITZROY.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 560.

It is hereby notified that Her Majesty has not been advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—

No. 18 of 1898, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Trade Marks.

No. 24 of 1898, entitled—An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Intoxicating Liquor Licenses.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th December, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 561.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th December, 1898.

NOTICE.

PARCEL POST TO TASMANIA.

From the 1st January, 1899, parcels for Tasmania may be sent via Ceylon per P. & O. Mail steamers. The rate of postage will be—

First lb.....90 cents.
Each subsequent lb.....50 „
Limit of weight 11 lbs.

A. M. THOMSON,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1898.