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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 201.

The following Order of Her Majesty the Queen in Council is published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th April, 1899.

AT THE COURT AT BALMORAL,

The 20th day of October, 1898.

PRESENT,

**THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL.**

WHEREAS by a convention dated the 9th day of June 1898 between Her Majesty and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China, it is provided that the limits of British territory in the regions adjacent to the Colony of Hong Kong, shall be enlarged under lease to Her Majesty in the manner described in the said convention.

And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the Government of the territories acquired by Her Majesty under the said Convention, during the continuance of the said lease.

It is hereby ordered by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, as follows :—

1. The territories within the limits and for the term described in the said Convention shall be and the same are hereby declared to be part and parcel of Her Majesty's Colony of Hong Kong in like manner and for all intents and purposes as if they had originally formed part of the said Colony.

2. It shall be competent for the Governor of Hong Kong, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of the said Colony to make laws for the peace order and good government of the said territories as part of the Colony.

3. From a date to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor of Hong Kong, all laws and ordinances which shall at such date be in force in the Colony of Hong Kong, shall take effect in the said territories and shall remain in force therein until the same shall have been altered or repealed by Her Majesty or by the Governor of Hong Kong, by and with the advice or consent of the Legislative Council.

4. Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Chinese officials now stationed within the city of Kowloon shall continue to exercise jurisdiction therein except in so far as may be inconsistent with the military requirements for the defence of Hong Kong.

And the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.