GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 335.

The following Letter, with its enclosure, is published.

By Command,

J. G. T. BUCKLE, for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th June, 1899.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, SINGAPORE, 2nd June, 1899.

Sir,—I am directed by the Governor of the Straits Settlements to forward, for the information of the Government of Hongkong, the enclosed copy of a proclamation made by His Excellency in Council suspending Chinese coolie immigration from certain ports on the coast of China into this Colony.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

E. G. BROADRICK, for Colonial Secretary, S.S.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Hongkong.

(Enclosure.)

In the name of Her Majesty VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir Charges Bullen Hugh Mitchell, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements and Vice-Admiral of the same.

(LS) C. B. H. MITCHELL.

WHEREAS by section 1 of "The Prevention of Disease Ordinance 1894" it is enacted that whenever any dangerous infectious or contagious disease exists at any port beyond the limits of the Colony or in the country adjacent to such port from which Chinese immigrants are ordinarily brought into the Colony, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to declare by Proclamation to be published in such manner as to the Governor in Council may seem fit that the provisions of sections 2, 3 and 5 of the said Ordinance shall be in force within the Colony:

And whereas it appears that a dangerous infectious and contagious disease exists at Amoy, Swatow, and Pakhoi:

Now therefore I, Sir Charles Bullen Hugh Mitchell, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements, with the advice of my Executive Council, do hereby Declare and Proclaim that the provisions of sections 2, 3 and 5 of "The Prevention of Disease Ordinance 1894" are in force within the Colony, and shall have effect in respect of all such ships as may sail from or call at the ports hereinafter mentioned. The ports in respect of which the provisions of section 2 of the said Ordinance are in force are all the ports on and off the Chinese Coast South of the 26th degree North Latitude from Longitude 108° to 120° East of Greenwich, including the ports in Hainan and Hongkong mands and Macao.

This Proclamation shall be published by the insertion thereof in the Gazette.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. SWETTENHAM, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Given at Singapore, this 1st day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

The above is a correct version of the Proclamation published in the Government Gazette of the

2nd June, 1899.