

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 424.

With reference to Government Notification No. 397 of the 20th October, 1896, the following Circular Despatch is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th July, 1899.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
31st May, 1899.

SIR,

With reference to my Circular despatch of the 31st August, 1896, I have the honour to inform you that the Principality of Montenegro has given notice of withdrawal from the International Copyright Convention of the 9th of September, 1886, as from the 1st of April, 1900.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 425.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct that Monday, the 7th August, being a Bank Holiday, is to be observed as a Holiday by the Government Departments.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th July, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 426.

His Excellency the Governor desires to express his warm appreciation of the public spirit shewn by the following gentlemen:—

CHESNEY DUNCAN.
GERSHOM STEWART.
C. H. GALE.
P. G. LAW.
W. NAGEL.
E. RALPHS.

who offered their services in connection with the suppression of the Plague, which it is happily now unnecessary to accept owing to the decrease of the epidemic.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th July, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 427.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps with effect from the 25th May, 1899:—

Lieutenant DONALD MACDONALD to be Captain in the Field Battery, *vice* CHAPMAN promoted.
Sergeant JOHN HENRY WILLIAM ARMSTRONG to be Lieutenant in the Field Battery, *vice* MACDONALD, promoted.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th July, 1899.