

15. And, lastly, that your Petitioners have large stocks ordered from Europe and partly in course of transit to this Colony and have further entered into contracts for the sale thereof or of a part thereof; and that heavy losses would result to your Petitioners in connection with the foregoing in the event of the closing of their said businesses which would be occasioned by the imposition of such licence fee of \$1,200 as aforesaid.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray Your Excellency that the existing annual licence fee for dealers in arms as provided by section 10 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1895 be not increased and that the proposed fee of \$1,200 be not imposed; and further that Your Excellency may be pleased to take such other action in the premises as to Your Excellency may seem fit. And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

Dated this 8th day of July, 1899.

譚鏡 德隆泰記 陳逢桂 廣德昌隆記 關樑 福隆 雷銓 同盛 伍聰學 致仁義記 司徒華 祥泰號 何世榮 有孚 伍桂芳 興和號 林義益 同德 伍深榮 永德

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 443.

The following Regulation, made by His Excellency the Governor under section 10 of the Post Office Ordinance, is published for general information:—

REGISTERED COVERS.

From and after the tenth day of August, 1899, no registered covers shall be received at the General Post Office unless the same shall bear on the left-hand lower corner thereof the name and address, in full, of the sender.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th August, 1899.

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The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th August, 1899.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that, in consequence of a communication received from the Director General of the Post Office in India to the effect that a Post Office is maintained by the Government of British India at—

Chandernagore,
Karikal,
Mahé,
Pondicherry,
Yanam,

from and after this date the scheme for Imperial Penny Postage will apply to the British Post Offices at those places as regards letters posted through this Office.

W. C. H. HASTINGS,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 5th August, 1899.