

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 603.

With reference to Government Notification No. 374 of 25th August, 1898, the following Circular Despatch, with its enclosures, is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th October, 1899.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
4th August, 1899.

SIR,

With reference to my Circular despatch of the 5th July, 1898, forwarding papers respecting the commercial relations of Germany with the British Empire after the expiration of the Treaty of 1865, I have the honour to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a translation of a further law on the subject passed in Germany on the 1st ultimo, together with a translation of the Notification based on that law, which has been published in the *Imperial Gazette*.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

TRANSLATION.

(No. 2592.) LAW REGARDING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE
BRITISH EMPIRE, JULY 1ST, 1899.

We, William, by the Grace of God, German Emperor, King of Prussia, &c.

Order as follows, in the name of the Empire, with the consent of the Federal Council and the Imperial Diet, for the time subsequent to the 30th of July, 1899.

The Federal Council is authorized to extend to the subjects and products of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and to persons belonging to British Colonies and Foreign Possessions and the products of British Colonies and Foreign Possessions, until the 30th of July, 1900, such advantages as are granted by the Empire to the subjects and products of the most favoured nation.

Given under our hand and Imperial Seal.

TRAVEMÜNDE,

July 1st, 1899.

WILLIAM,

COUNT VON POSADOWSKY

SEAL.

NOTIFICATION.

7th July, 1899.

On the basis of the law of July 1st, 1899, the Bundesrath have resolved that the Decree published in the Notification of June 11th, 1898, by which those advantages are granted to the subjects and products of Great Britain and Ireland, as well as to those of the British Colonies and Foreign Possessions, with the exception of Canada, which are accorded by the Empire to the subjects and products of the most-favoured nation, shall remain in force beyond July 30th, 1899, until further notice.