

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 4.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th January, 1901.

NOTICE.

In accordance with the terms of the Rating Ordinance, No. 15 of 1888, Owners and Occupiers of Tenements are reminded that Rates for the First Quarter of 1901 are payable in advance on or before the 31st of January, 1901.

If any person shall fail to pay such Rates on or before the 28th of February, 1901, proceedings will be taken in the Supreme Court for their recovery without further notice.

No refund of Rates on vacant tenements will be granted unless such Rates have been paid during and within the month of January.

A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Treasurer.

Treasury, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 5.

The following Circular Despatch with its enclosure is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th January, 1901.

CIRCULAR.⁽²⁾

DOWNING STREET,
13th November, 1900.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your Government, a copy of a Convention between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Costa Rica for the reciprocal protection of Trade Marks and Designs, signed at Guatemala on the 5th March, 1898, the ratifications of which were exchanged in London on the 29th September, 1900.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of

HONGKONG.

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA FOR THE RECIPROCAL
PROTECTION OF TRADE-MARKS, &c.

Signed at Guatemala, March 5, 1898.

[*Ratifications exchanged at London, September 29, 1900.*]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and his Excellency Señor Don Rafael Iglesias, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, desiring to conclude a Convention for the reciprocal protection of trade-marks and designs, have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, George Francis Birt Jenner, Esq., Her Britannic Majesty's Minister Resident in Central America, &c., &c.; and

His Excellency Señor Don Rafael Iglesias, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, Honourable Señor Don Ricardo Villafranca y Bonilla, Consul-General of the Republic of Costa Rica at Guatemala:

Who, having communicated to each other their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

The subjects or citizens of each of the Contracting Parties shall have, in the dominions and possessions of the other, the same rights as are now granted, or may hereafter be granted, to subjects or citizens in all that relates to trade-marks, industrial designs, and patterns.

In order that such rights may be obtained, the formalities required by the laws of the respective countries must be fulfilled.

ARTICLE II.

The stipulations of the present Convention shall be applicable to all the Colonies and foreign possessions of Her Britannic Majesty, excepting to those hereinafter named, that is to say, except to—

India.
The Dominion of Canada.
Newfoundland.
The Cape of Good Hope.
Natal.
New South Wales.
Victoria.
Queensland.
Tasmania.
South Australia.
Western Australia.
New Zealand.

Provided always that the stipulations of the present Convention shall be made applicable to any of the above-named Colonies or foreign possessions on whose behalf notice to that effect shall have been given by Her Majesty's Representative to the President of the Republic of Costa Rica within one year from the date of the exchange of ratifications of the present Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in London as soon as possible.

It shall come into operation one month after the exchange of ratifications, and shall remain in force until the expiration of one year from the day on which either party may give notice of its intention to terminate it.

In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done in duplicate at Guatemala, the 5th day of March, 1898.

(L.S.) G. JENNER.

(L.S.) RIC. VILLAFRANCA.