

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 85.

The following Decree by His Majesty the King of Siam prohibiting the exportation of Arms to China and Hongkong, and Regulation made by His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Bangkok, are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th February, 1901.

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DECREE PROHIBITING THE EXPORTATION OF ARMS TO CHINA
OR HONGKONG.

CHULALONKORN, King of Siam, etc., to all to whom these Presents shall come, Know ye.

Whereas, in view of the present disturbances in China, several States, whose forces are now engaged in military or naval operations in the Chinese Empire, have prohibited the exportation to China of arms and ammunitions of war; and whereas, for the sake of humanity and of the friendly relations existing between Siam and these States, it appears desirable to prevent that, in defiance of such prohibition, this country should become a focus for the traffic of arms with China:

Now it is enacted as follows:—

- 1.—From and after the date hereof, and until further order, exportation of arms or ammunitions of war from any part of Our territory direct to China or Hongkong is prohibited.
- 2.—If any arms or ammunitions of war, or finished parts of arms, in destination to China or Hongkong shall be exported or brought to any quay or other place to be shipped for exportation from this Kingdom or carried coastwise, or shall be waterborne to be so exported or carried, they shall be forfeited, and the exporter or his agent or the shipper of any such goods shall be subject to the penalty of the fine not exceeding eight hundred ticals.

Provided that fire-arms and ammunition which a passenger, leaving for Hongkong or for China may wish to take for his own private or personal use shall be allowed by the Officers of Customs to be exported whenever a special permission thereto shall be granted by Our Government.

Given on the 21st day of December in the 119th year of Ratanakosindr (the year of the Foundation of Bangkok) being the 23rd year of Our Reign (1900).

NOTICE.

WHEREAS, in view of the present disturbances in China, several States, whose forces are now engaged in military or naval operations in the Chinese Empire have prohibited the exportation to China of arms and ammunitions of war; and whereas it appears desirable, as a matter of urgency, to prevent that, in defiance of such prohibition, this country should become a focus for the traffic of arms with China;

The undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul-General, under and by virtue of the powers in that behalf conferred upon him by Section 84 of Her Majesty's Order in Council, 1889, has made the following Regulation for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the dominions of the King of Siam:—

REGULATION.

1. From and after the date hereof, and until further order, exportation of arms or ammunitions of war from any part of the Kingdom of Siam direct to China or Hongkong is prohibited.
2. If any arms or ammunitions of war, or finished parts of arms, in destination for China or Hongkong shall be exported or brought to any quay or other place to be shipped for exportation from the Kingdom of Siam, or carried coastwise, or shall be waterborne to be so exported or carried, they shall be forfeited, and the Exporter or his Agent shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Fifty Pounds or to imprisonment not exceeding one month.

Provided that firearms and ammunition which a passenger, leaving for Hongkong or for China, may wish to take for his own private or personal use shall be allowed by the Officers of Customs to be exported whenever a special permission thereto shall be granted by the Siamese Government.

Given under my hand and Seal this 26th day of December, 1900.

(Signed) Wm. J. ARCHER,
H. B. M. Acting Consul-General.