

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 485.

Information has been received from His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Amoy that the Port of Amoy is now free from Plague, and that clean Bills of Health are now being issued there.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 486.

The following Circular despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and its enclosure, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
25th July, 1901.

SIR,—With reference to Lord Knutsford's Circular despatch dated the 22nd April, 1890, forwarding an Order in Council giving effect to the Convention of 12th June, 1889, between this Country and the United States of America for the extradition of Fugitive Criminals, I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony, a copy of an Order of His Majesty the King in Council, dated the 26th June, 1901, giving effect to a supplementary Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America for the same purpose, which was signed at Washington on the 13th December, 1900, and of which the ratifications were exchanged on the 22nd April, 1901.

It will be observed that by Article I of the Convention certain crimes are added to the list of crimes in the first Article of the 1889 Convention on account of which extradition may be granted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Saint James's, 26th June, 1901.

EXTRADITION CONVENTION.—AMERICA.

At the Court at *Saint James's*, the 26th day of *June*, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.
Lord President.
Lord Privy Seal.
Duke of Norfolk.
Duke of Portland.
Marquess of Dufferin and Ava.
Lord Steward.
Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Suffield.
Mr. Ritchie.

WHEREAS by the Extradition Acts, 1870 to 1895, it was amongst other things enacted that, where an arrangement has been made with any foreign State with respect to the surrender to such State of any fugitive criminals, His Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct that the said Acts shall apply in the case of such foreign State; and that His Majesty may, by the same or any subsequent Order, limit the operation of the Order, and restrict the same to fugitive criminals who are in or suspected of being in the part of His Majesty's dominions specified in the Order, and render the operation thereof subject to such conditions, exceptions, and qualifications as may be deemed expedient;

And whereas a Convention was concluded on the thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred, between Her late Majesty Queen Victoria and the President of the United States of America, for the mutual extradition of fugitive criminals, which Convention is in the terms following :—

“ Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and the President of the United States of America, being desirous of enlarging the list of crimes on account of which extradition may be granted under the Convention concluded between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States on the twelfth July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, with a view to the better administration of justice and the prevention of crime in their respective territories and jurisdictions, have resolved to conclude a Supplementary Convention for this purpose, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries, to wit :

“ Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, His Excellency the Right Honourable Lord Pauncefote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Her Majesty’s Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States ; and

“ The President of the United States, the Honourable John Hay, Secretary of State of the United States ;

“ Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, which were found to be in due and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following Articles :—

“ ARTICLE I.

“ The following crimes are added to the list of crimes numbered one to ten in the first Article of the said Convention of July twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, on account of which extradition may be granted, that is to say :

- “ 11. Obtaining money, valuable securities, or other property by false pretences.
- “ 12. Wilful and unlawful destruction or obstruction of railroads which endangers human life.
- “ 13. Procuring abortion.

“ ARTICLE II.

“ The present Convention shall be considered as an integral part of the said Extradition Convention of July twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and the first Article of the last-mentioned Convention shall be read as if the list of crimes therein contained had originally comprised the additional crimes specified, and numbered eleven to thirteen in the first Article of the present Convention.

“ The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged either at London or Washington as soon as possible.

“ It shall come into force ten days after its publication, in conformity with the laws of the High Contracting Parties, and it shall continue and terminate in the same manner as the said Convention of July twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

“ In testimony whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention in duplicate, and have thereunto affixed their seals.

“ Done at Washington, this thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred.

“ (L.S.) PAUNCEFOTE.

“ (L.S.) JOHN HAY.”

And whereas the ratifications of the said Convention were exchanged at Washington on the twenty-second day of April, one thousand nine hundred and one :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, and in virtue of the authority committed to Him by the said recited Acts, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and one, the said Acts shall apply in the case of the United States and of the said Convention with the President of the United States of America.

Provided always that the operation of the said Acts shall be and remain suspended within the Dominion of Canada so long as an Act of the Parliament of Canada passed in one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and entitled “ An Act respecting the Extradition of Fugitive Criminals,” shall continue in force there, and no longer.

A. W. FitzRoy.