

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 592.

The following Commission issued by His Excellency the Governor is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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

COMMISSION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

[L.S.] HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a Commission be appointed to enquire into and report on the following matters, viz.:—

1. The duties and responsibilities of the Public Works Department of Hongkong generally, with special reference to—
 - (a.) The constitution and sufficiency of the staff of the Department,
 - (b.) The advisability of increasing such staff or of making any changes in its personnel,

and

 - (c.) Generally what changes should be made in the working of the Department.
2. The manner in which the duties devolving upon the Public Works Department have been performed during the period of two years preceding the 1st day of October, 1901.

NOW, therefore, I, Sir HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance 27 of 1886, entitled The Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886, appoint you:—

1. The Honourable JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.,
2. The Honourable HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.,
3. The Honourable JOHN THURBURN,
4. Colonel LEWIS FAULKNER BROWN, R.E.,
5. ROBERT SHEWAN, Esquire,

to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry; And I do hereby appoint you the said JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART to be Chairman of such Commission; And I do hereby appoint EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE to be Secretary to such Commission; And I do hereby order and direct that for all or any of the purposes of this Commission three Members thereof inclusive of the Chairman shall be and constitute a quorum.

AND I do further hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall, for the purpose of making the said enquiry, have all such powers as are vested in the Supreme Court of this Colony or in any Judge thereof on the occasion of any suit or action in respect of the following matters, viz.:—

- (a.) The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on oath, affirmation or otherwise, as the Commissioners or any of them may think fit.
- (b.) The compelling the production of documents.
- (c.) The punishing persons guilty of contempt.
- (d.) The ordering an inspection of any property.

AND also the power, for the purposes of this Commission, to enter and view any premises.

AND I do hereby further direct that every examination of witnesses shall be held in private; AND I do further direct that any person examined as a witness in the enquiry aforesaid who in the opinion of the Commissioners makes a full and true disclosure touching all the matters in respect of which he is examined shall receive a certificate under the hand of the Chairman or presiding Member of the Commission, countersigned by the Secretary, stating that the witness has upon his examination made a full and true disclosure as aforesaid, as provided by Section 4 of the before mentioned Ordinance; AND I do further require you to report to me the evidence and your opinion thereon; AND I hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you herein.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony in Executive Council, this 11th day of October A.D. 1901.

By Command,

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 11th October, 1901.