

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 765.

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, 10th December, 1901.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
18th October, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your Government, copies of an Order of the King in Council applying Section 238 of the "Merchant Shipping Act 1894" as to Merchant Seaman Deserters to the Republic of Honduras.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT ST. JAMES'S,

The 26th day of September, 1901.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by sub-section (1) of section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," it is provided that where it appears to His Majesty that due facilities are or will be given by the Government of any foreign country for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in that country, His Majesty may, by Order in Council stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that that section shall apply in the case of such foreign country subject to any limitations, conditions, and qualifications contained in the Order:

And whereas it has been made to appear to His Majesty that the Government of the Republic of Honduras gives and will give due facilities for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in that country:

NOW, THEREFORE, His Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in him by the hereinbefore recited sub-section (1) of section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare that the said section 238 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1894," shall apply in the case of the Republic of Honduras:

And the Right Honourable CHARLES THOMSON RITCHIE, the Right Honourable JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, and the Right Honourable Lord GEORGE HAMILTON, three of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FITZROY.

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With reference to Government Notification No. 134 of the 8th of March last, the following Circular Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th December, 1901.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
23rd October, 1901.

SIR,—In continuation of my Circular despatch of the 14th January, 1901, respecting the changes in the French Customs Tariff on Colonial produce, I have the honour to inform you that the applica-