

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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 766.

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-

tion of the minimum French tariff rates has been prolonged to February 23rd, 1902, beyond which date the French Government, under the Law of 24th February, 1900, has no power of further prolonging the application of these rates.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 767.

With reference to Government Notification No. 645 of the 29th of October last, the following 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.

HONGKONG.  
No. 371.

DOWNING STREET,  
6th November, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 17th ultimo, and to inform you that I telegraphed to you on the 24th ultimo, stating that I had received from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation a cheque for £12,500 being the contribution of the Colony of Hongkong towards the National Memorial to Her late Majesty Queen VICTORIA, and that the generosity of the Colony was highly appreciated.

2. I enclose a copy of a letter which has been received from the Mansion House, London, acknowledging the receipt of this contribution.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor,

Sir H. A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,  
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THE MANSION HOUSE, LONDON, E.C.,  
LONDON, E.C., October 31st, 1901.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day sending, by direction of Mr. Secretary CHAMBERLAIN, a cheque for £12,500 as the contribution of the Colony of Hongkong to the National Memorial to Her late Most Gracious Majesty Queen VICTORIA.

The Lord Mayor will be obliged if you will tender his thanks to the Secretary of State for making this remittance and will request Mr. Secretary CHAMBERLAIN to do him the honour of conveying to the Colony of Hongkong his most grateful acknowledgments for their munificent contribution towards a movement which appeals to the hearts and sympathies of all classes of His Majesty's subjects throughout the Empire. It may be interesting to add that this is the first Colonial contribution to the Fund. I enclose a formal receipt.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) W. J. SOULSBY,  
*Secretary to the Lord Mayor.*

*The Under Secretary of State,*  
*Colonial Office.*

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 768.

The following Returns of Deaths, for the month of October, 1901, are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th December, 1901.