

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 444.

The following Paper relative to the Rate of Exchange for payment of Pensions under the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund, which was laid before the Legislative Council on the 21st instant, is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd July, 1902.

HONGKONG,
No. 170.

DOWNING STREET,
27th August, 1897.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements has adopted the following resolution, viz.:—"That from the 1st January, 1897, the pensions payable to Widows and Orphans, resident in a country with a gold standard, from the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund of the Colony be paid through the Crown Agents at the rate of 3/- to the dollar, the difference between the amounts so reckoned and those payable out of the Fund (at the current rate of exchange) being made good by the Colonial Government."

2. The Government of Ceylon has adopted a similar rule, taking the Rupee at 1s. 6d.

3. I should be prepared to approve the adoption of a similar rule in Hongkong, if the Legislative Council would be willing to vote the money necessary for carrying out the proposal as an act of grace.

4. It should be understood that the official members of the Council should not vote on the question as it affects them personally.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

C. P. LUCAS,
for the Secretary of State.

Governor

Sir W. ROBINSON, G.C.M.G.,
 &c., &c., &c.

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His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of H. M. the KING, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 25 of 1902.—An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHOY YAN, alias CHOY MUN LAU, alias CHOY KWONG SUM, alias CHOY SUK WAH.

Ordinance No. 26 of 1902.—An Ordinance for the Naturalization of SIU TIT SHANG, alias SIU KIT, alias SIU SAU LEUNG, alias SIU YU CHOI.

Ordinance No. 27 of 1902.—An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five Dollars and seven Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1901.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th July, 1902.