

## APPOINTMENTS, &c.

**No. 314.**—The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. ADÃO MARIA DE LOURDES SOARES to act as Consul of Bolivia at Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

*1st October, 1910.*

**No. 315.**—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint ROBERT BAKER to act as Chief Resident Engineer and Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, British Section, during the absence from the Colony of EDWARD SERGINT LINDSEY or until further notice, with effect from this date.

*6th October, 1910.*

## NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**No. 316.**—The following Acts are published for general information.

### Regency Act, 1910.

[10 EDW. 7 AND 1 GEO. 5. CHAPTER 26.]

A.D. 1910. An Act to provide for the Administration of the Government in case the Crown should descend to any issue of His Majesty while such issue shall be under the age of eighteen years, and for the care and guardianship of such issue.

[3rd August, 1910.]

**W**HEREAS Your Majesty, by Your Majesty's Royal message to both Houses of Parliament, has been pleased to recommend that provision should be made for a Regency in certain events:

Now therefore we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in Parliament assembled, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it be enacted, and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Her Majesty  
Queen Mary  
to be Regent.

1.—(1) If on the demise of His present Majesty (whom God long preserve) any child of His Majesty succeeds to the Crown whilst under the age of eighteen years, Her Majesty Queen Mary shall be the guardian, and have the care and tuition of such child until the child attain the age of eighteen years, and until that time shall have the disposition, ordering, and management of all matters and things relating thereto.

(2) Her Majesty Queen Mary shall, until such child attain the age of eighteen years and no longer, have full power and authority in the name of such child and in the stead of such child, and under the style and title of "the Regent" to exercise and administer according to the laws and constitution thereof, the Royal power and government of this realm, and all the dominions, countries, and territories belonging to the Crown thereof, and use, exercise, and perform all prerogatives, authorities, and acts of government and administration of

government that belong to the Sovereign of this realm to use, execute, and perform according to the laws thereof, but in such manner and subject to such conditions, restrictions, limitations, and regulations as are contained in this Act.

(3) All acts of Royal power, prerogative, government, and administration of government of any kind which shall be done or executed during the Regency established by this Act otherwise than by and with the consent and authority of the Regent, in the manner and according to the directions prescribed by this Act, shall be absolutely null and void to all intents and purposes.

2. The Regent, before she shall act or enter upon her office of Regent, shall take the oaths set out in the Schedule to this Act before the Privy Council, and the Privy Council are empowered and required to administer those oaths and to enter them in the Council books.

Oaths to be taken by Regent.

3.—(1) During the Regency, the Sovereign for whom the Regent is appointed shall not intermarry, before attaining the age of eighteen years, with any person, unless the consent in writing of the Regent and the assent of both Houses of Parliament is previously obtained, and any marriage entered into in contravention of this section shall be null and void to all intents and purposes.

Marriage of Sovereign under the age of eighteen forbidden during Regency without consent of Regent and Parliament.

(2) Any person who shall knowingly act, aid, abet, or be concerned in obtaining, procuring, or bringing about any marriage in contravention of this section, and the person who shall be married to the Sovereign knowing that the marriage is a marriage in contravention of this section shall be guilty of a felony under the Treason Felony Act, 1848.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 12.

4. The Regent shall not give or have power to give the Royal Assent to any Bill for repealing, changing, or in any respect varying, the order or course of succession to the Crown of this realm, as established by the Act of Settlement, or to any Bill for repealing or altering an Act of the fifth year of the reign of Queen Anne, made in Scotland, intituled "An Act for securing the Protestant religion and Presbyterian government".

Regent not entitled to give the Royal Assent to any Act altering the succession to the Crown &c.  
12 Will. 3. c. 2.  
13 & 14 Chas. 2. c. 4.

5. If Her Majesty Queen Mary shall, after becoming Regent, be reconciled to or hold communion with the See or Church of Rome, or shall profess the Roman Catholic religion, or shall marry a person professing the Roman Catholic religion, or shall cease to reside in or absent herself otherwise than temporarily from the United Kingdom, Her Majesty shall no longer be guardian and Regent; and all the powers and authorities which she may have derived under or by virtue of this Act shall thenceforth cease and determine.

Powers of the Act to determine if Regent becomes Roman Catholic or marries Roman Catholic, or resides abroad.

6. This Act may be cited as the Regency Act, 1910.

Short title.

SCHEDULE.

1. I do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to [*here insert the name of the Sovereign*] his heirs and successors according to law. So help me God.

2. I do swear that I will truly and faithfully execute the office of Regent according to the Regency Act, 1910, and that I will administer the government of this realm and of all the dominions thereunto belonging according to the laws, customs, and statutes thereof, and will in all things to the utmost of my power and ability consult and maintain the safety, honour, and dignity of [*here insert the name of the Sovereign*] and the welfare of His people. So help me God.

3. I do faithfully promise and swear that I will inviolably maintain and preserve the Settlement of the true Protestant religion with the government, discipline, rights, and privileges of the Church of Scotland as established by law. So help me God.

### Accession Declaration Act, 1910.

[10 EDW. 7 AND 1 GEO. 5. CHAPTER 29.]

A.D. 1910. An Act to alter the form of the Declaration required to be made by the Sovereign on Accession.

[3rd August, 1910.]

**B**E it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Alteration  
of form of  
accession  
declaration.  
1 Will. &  
Mary, Sess.  
2, c. 2.  
12 & 13 Will.  
3, c. 2.

1. The declaration to be made, subscribed, and audibly repeated by the Sovereign under section one of the Bill of Rights and section two of the Act of Settlement shall be that set out in the Schedule to this Act instead of that referred to in the said sections.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Accession Declaration Act, 1910.

#### SCHEDULE.

I [*here insert the name of the Sovereign*] do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful Protestant, and that I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant succession to the Throne of my Realm, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law.

**No. 317.**—It is hereby notified that Mr. E. S. LINDSEY, Chief Resident Engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section), having certified in writing to the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council, as required by Section 16 of the Railways Ordinance, 1909, (Ordinance No. 21 of 1909), that he has made a careful inspection of the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway and of such of the rolling stock as has already been put on the rails, and that he is of opinion that the works and rolling stock are in a sound condition and that the Railway can be opened for the public carriage of passengers without danger to the public using it, the British Section of the said Railway was opened for the public carriage of passengers on the 1st instant.

A. M. THOMSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

7th October, 1910.