

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 16.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
19th December, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that my attention has been called to the increasing frequency of applications for exemption from Colonial Regulation No. 46, respecting the acceptance by Colonial Officers of valuable presents.

2. That Regulation was based on motives of sound policy ; and it must be obvious that it would be detrimental to the best interests of the Public Service if a regular practice of offering presents to public officers were established. Whether the presents came from official or unofficial sources there would be the same probability of the imputation of ulterior motives ; and there would be a constant impression that officials were influenced by considerations other than those which alone should weigh with them in the discharge of their duties.

3. In these circumstances I desire it to be clearly understood that applications for exemption from the Regulation will not be entertained unless they are made in very exceptional circumstances.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

No. 17.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
21st December, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit to you for your information, and with a view to publication in the Colony under your Government, the accompanying copy of a Proclamation by the King in Council determining new designs for gold and bronze coins.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1910.

PRESENT.

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

THE following Draft Proclamation was this day read at the Board and approved.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION

DETERMINING NEW DESIGNS FOR GOLD AND BRONZE COINS.

WHEREAS under section eleven of the Coinage Act, 1870, We have power, with the advice of Our Privy Council, from time to time by proclamation to determine the design for any coin :