

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 51.

COMMISSION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

[L.S.] F. D. LUGARD,
 Governor.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a Commission be appointed to enquire into and report on:—

- (a.) Questions relating to the making of Wills by Chinese :
- (b.) The Chinese personal law and custom in force in the Kwong Tung Province: and to draw up a series of principles embodying it and to advise how these may best be administered by the Hongkong Courts :

NOW, therefore, I, Sir FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council assembled, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance 13 of 1886, entitled The Commissioners' Powers Ordinance, 1886, appoint—

1. Sir FRANCIS TAYLOR PIGGOTT, Knight, Chief Justice of the said Colony of Hongkong, or other the Chief Justice for the time being.
2. HENRY HESSEY JOHNSTON GOMPERTZ, Puisne Judge, or other the Puisne Judge for the time being.
3. The Honourable Mr. WILLIAM REES DAVIES, K.C., Attorney General, or other the Attorney General for the time being.
4. The Honourable Mr. ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN, Registrar General, or other the Registrar General for the time being.
5. The Honourable Dr. Ho KAI, C.M.G.
6. The Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
7. CECIL CLEMENTI, Esquire, Assistant Colonial Secretary.

to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry ; And I do hereby appoint you the said Sir FRANCIS TAYLOR PIGGOTT or other the Chief Justice for the time being to be Chairman of such Commission ; And I do hereby appoint JAMES DANIEL LLOYD, First Assistant Registrar General, or other the First Assistant Registrar General for the time being, to be Secretary to such Commission ; And I do hereby order and direct that for all or any of the purposes of the Commission four Members thereof inclusive of the Chairman shall be and constitute a quorum.

AND I do further hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall, for the purpose of making the said enquiry, have all such powers as are vested in the Supreme Court of this Colony or in any Judge thereof on the occasion of any suit or action in respect of following matters, *viz.*:—

- (a.) The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on oath, affirmation or otherwise, as the Commissioners or any of them may think fit.
- (b.) The compelling the production of documents.

AND I do hereby further direct that every examination of witnesses shall be held in private.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony in Executive Council, this 1st day of March, 1911.

By Command,

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG, 1st March, 1911.