

## DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 193.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
3rd June, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that from cases which have come before me it would appear that the rules relating to the acceptance of literary and other compositions by His Majesty the King might with advantage be more generally known in his oversea possessions.

2. It is a fixed rule that His Majesty cannot accept any composition which is in manuscript, and in any case in which you may be asked to forward such a composition to His Majesty you should return it to the sender with an intimation that you are unable to comply with his request, in view of the standing rules on this subject.

3. It is not the custom of the King to accept the dedication of any work unless it is composed by a person who is known to His Majesty or of recognised standing in the literary world, and you should reply accordingly to any application for permission to dedicate a work to His Majesty.

I have, etc.,

L. HARCOURT.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

No. 194.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
8th June, 1911.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Chamberlain's Circular despatch of the 17th August, 1898, I have the honour to transmit to you copies of the new Regulations respecting Foreign Orders and Medals which have been issued by His Majesty's command in substitution for those hitherto in force.

I have, etc.,

L. HARCOURT.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

*The King has been pleased to command that the following Regulations respecting Foreign Orders and Medals shall be substituted for those hitherto in force:—*

1. It is the King's wish that no subject of His Majesty shall wear the Insignia of any Foreign Order without having previously obtained His Majesty's permission to do so, signified either:—

- (a.) By Warrant under the Royal Sign-Manual, or
- (b.) By private permission conveyed through His Majesty's Private Secretary.

2. Permission given by Warrant under the Royal Sign-Manual will enable the Insignia of the Foreign Order to be worn at all times and without any restriction.

Private permission will only enable the Insignia to be worn on the occasions specified in the terms of the letter from the King's Private Secretary conveying the Royal Sanction.

3. The full and unrestricted permission by Warrant under the Royal Sign-Manual is designed, subject to the exception mentioned in Rule 4 (a) respecting British Naval or Military Officers during hostilities, to meet cases where the Decoration may be said to have been earned by some valuable service rendered to the Head of the State conferring it, or to the State itself. The private or restricted permission is contemplated for Decorations which are more or less of a complimentary character. In either case, the matter will be submitted to the King by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.