

DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 268.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
2nd August, 1911.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit, for your information, with reference to Mr. Chamberlain's Circular despatch of the 28th of February, 1902, a copy of an Agreement between the United Kingdom and Japan, signed at London on the 13th of July, 1911.

I have, etc ,

L. HARCOURT.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONGKONG.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND JAPAN.

Signed at London, July 13, 1911.

Preamble.

The Government of Great Britain and the Government of Japan, having in view the important changes which have taken place in the situation since the conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement of the 12th August, 1905, and believing that a revision of that Agreement responding to such changes would contribute to general stability and repose, have agreed upon the following stipulations to replace the Agreement above mentioned, such stipulations having the same object as the said Agreement, namely ;

(a.) The consolidation and maintenance of the general peace in the regions of Eastern Asia and of India ;

(b.) The preservation of the common interests of all Powers in China by insuring the independence and integrity of the Chinese Empire and the principle of equal opportunities for the commerce and industry of all nations in China ;

(c.) The maintenance of the territorial rights of the High Contracting Parties in the regions of Eastern Asia and of India, and the defence of their special interests in the said regions :—

ARTICLE I.

It is agreed that whenever, in the opinion of either Great Britain or Japan, any of the rights and interests referred to in the preamble of this Agreement are in jeopardy, the two Governments will communicate with one another fully and frankly, and will consider in common the measures which should be taken to safeguard those menaced rights or interests.

ARTICLE II.

If by reason of unprovoked attack or aggressive action, wherever arising, on the part of any Power or Powers, either High Contracting Party should be involved in war in defence of its territorial rights or special interests mentioned in the preamble of this Agreement, the other High Contracting Party will at once come to the assistance of its ally, and will conduct the war in common, and make peace in mutual agreement with it.

ARTICLE III.

The High Contracting Parties agree that neither of them will, without consulting the other, enter into separate arrangements with another Power to the prejudice of the objects described in the preamble of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV.

Should either High Contracting Party conclude a treaty of general arbitration with a third Power, it is agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall entail upon such Contracting Party an obligation to go to war with the Power with whom such treaty of arbitration is in force.

ARTICLE V.

The conditions under which armed assistance shall be afforded by either Power to the other in the circumstances mentioned in the present Agreement, and the means by which such assistance is to be made available, will be arranged by the Naval and Military authorities of the High Contracting Parties, who will from time to time consult one another fully and freely upon all questions of mutual interest.

ARTICLE VI.

The present Agreement shall come into effect immediately after the date of its signature, and remain in force for ten years from that date.

In case neither of the High Contracting Parties should have notified twelve months before the expiration of the said ten years the intention of terminating it, it shall remain binding until the expiration of one year from the day on which either of the High Contracting Parties shall have denounced it. But if, when the date fixed for its expiration arrives, either ally is actually engaged in war, the alliance shall, *ipso facto*, continue until peace is concluded.

In faith whereof the Undersigned, duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement, and have affixed thereto their Seals.

Done in duplicate at London, the 13th day of July, 1911.

E. GREY,

*His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs.*

TAKAAKI KATO,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
His Majesty the Emperor of Japan at the Court
of St. James.*

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 269.

Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 3 of the Public Places Regulation Ordinance, 1870, (Ordinance 2 of 1870), for the maintenance of good order and preservation of property in King's Park, Kowloon, and for the better enjoyment thereof by persons frequenting the same, this 24th day of August, 1911.

The Regulations made under the abovementioned Ordinance published in the *Government Gazette* on the 10th November, 1905, and 2nd July, 1909, and on pages 18, 19, 20 and 26 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1910, are hereby repealed and the following Regulations are substituted therefor:—

King's Park.

1. These Regulations shall apply to the piece of land situate in Kowloon known as "King's Park" delineated and shown on the plan marked "King's Park" signed by the Director of Public Works and countersigned by the Governor and deposited in the Land Office under the provisions of the Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1909.
2. The maintenance and preservation of King's Park shall be under the care and direction of the Director of Public Works.
3. No person shall alter or interfere with King's Park without the written permission of the Director of Public Works.
4. Subject to these Regulations the portions of King's Park marked A, B, and D and 01 to 09 on a Plan deposited in the Office of and signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 14th July, 1911, are set aside for the use of the different Clubs, Associations and bodies mentioned in the Schedule hereto upon the days and for the purposes therein mentioned. The unapportioned area (except the Rifle Range) shall be for the general use of the Public, but shall not be used by any Club or Association for games of any description.