

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 361.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. CHAN KAI-MING to be an Un-official Member of the Legislative Council, during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK, with effect from this date.

19th September, 1918.

No. 362.—The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. EISAKU SUZUKI to act as Consul General for Japan in Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

20th September, 1918.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 363.—The following Notifications issued by the Consul General for the United States of America are published for general information.

AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE.

Consular Notifications.

The attention of the travelling public is called to the fact that under instructions of the Government of the United States the consular officers of the United States are no longer visaing the passports of persons travelling to the United States for pleasure and recreation or for purposes of ordinary health requirements or otherwise than for a purpose both necessary and consistent with the policy of the government to restrict travel both into and within the United States.

While wide discretion has been given the consular officers of the United States in this matter and radical, arbitrary or otherwise harsh or embarrassing action will be avoided nevertheless it is incumbent upon persons proposing to visit the United States to inquire whether the object of their visit thereto is such as to merit the approval of the American authorities and it is advisable to submit the usual alien declaration and application for visa before making final arrangements for the trip.

The attention of the owners and agents of all vessels proceeding to the United States is called to the fact that this Consulate General has been instructed to require masters of all vessels leaving Hongkong for a port in the United States to present to this office before sailing a complete crew manifest showing (1) name; (2) nationality; (3) date and place of birth; and (4) place of residence of each member of the crew of said vessel. Four complete lists are required all of which must be presented to this office before the departure of the vessel. The Consulate General is instructed to withhold the bill of health until such lists are furnished as required. One copy of such list will be visaed by the Consulate General and returned to the master of the vessel, who in turn must present the visaed copy and any supplemental lists to the authorities of the United States at the first American port and to hold it available for examination by any consular or other officer of the United States. If the said crew list is amended in any way after it has been inspected by this office a supplemental list showing such changes or additions must be submitted at once to the Consul of the United States at the port where the changes are made for his visa and approval.

Ships will not be given documentation for entry into an American port until these regulations are complied with.

GEORGE E. ANDERSON,
Consul General.

HONGKONG, 14th September, 1918.