COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 709.—The following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1931:—

General Holidays:

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	Every Sunday
	The First week-day in January Thursday, 1st Towns
	Chinese New Year's Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day
	The First week-day following Chinese New Year's Day, or if Chinese New Year's Day should be a Sunday then the Tuesday following Chinese New Year's Day Wednesday, 18th February.
	Good FridayFriday, 3rd April.
	The day following Good FridaySaturday, 4th April.
	Easter MondayMonday, 6th April.
*	Whit Monday and (Empire Day)Monday, 25th May.
	The Birthday of His Majesty the King, unless it shall be ordered by the Governor, by an order published in the Gazette, that His Majesty's Birthday is to be kept on some other day, and then, such other day
	The first week-day in July
	The first Monday in August
	The first Monday in September
	The tenth day of October, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day
	Armistice Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day
	Christmas Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day
	The twenty-sixth day of December, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day, or if Christmas Day should be a Sunday then the Tuesday following Christmas Day

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to exclude the Police Magistrate's Department from the operation of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, on the 18th February, 4th and 6th April, 25th May, 3rd August, 7th September, 10th October, and 26th December, 1931.

The Imports and Exports Department will be open for the purpose of Revenue collection and issue of permits only from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon on all the above days except Sundays, Chinese New Year's Day, Good Friday, 10th October, and Christmas Day.

* Empire Day, a Statutory Public Holiday, coincides with Whit Monday.

E. R. HALLIFAX, Colonial Secretary.