

PROCLAMATION.

No. 2.

[L.S.] G. A. S. NORTHCOTE,
Governor.

By His Excellency Sir GEOFFRY ALEXANDER STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same.

WHEREAS by the second section of the Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886, it is enacted that the Governor in Council shall have power to nominate and appoint Commissioners under the Public Seal for the purpose of instituting, making and conducting any inquiry that may be deemed advisable and for reporting thereon :

AND WHEREAS I with the advice and consent of the Executive Council have deemed it advisable that a Commission be appointed

A. to inquire into and report upon

(1) the prevalent charges for rent in the towns of Victoria and Kowloon, having regard to their rise and fall during the last ten years, and

(2) the extent to which and the manners in which tenants and landlords have been and are being affected by the sudden growth of the population of Hong Kong since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities last year :

B. to receive oral and written evidence upon the foregoing issues :

C. to make such relevant recommendations as may commend themselves to members.

NOW I with the advice and consent of the Executive Council hereby nominate and appoint

Mr. Walter Schofield,

Mr. William James Lockhart-Smith,

Mr. Robert John Minnitt

to be Commissioners for the purpose of instituting, making and conducting such inquiry.

AND I do also appoint the said Mr. Walter Schofield to be Chairman of the said Commissioners.

AND I do also appoint Mr. Robert John Minnitt to be Secretary to the said Commissioners.

AND I do further with the advice and consent of the Executive Council order and direct that the said Commissioners shall have all the powers, rights and privileges set out in the third section of the Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886.

AND I do further require the said Commissioners to report to the Governor in Council their findings in the matter of the said inquiry at as early a date as possible.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Victoria, Hong Kong, this Ninth day of March, 1938.

Published by His Excellency's Command,

N. L. SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

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