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**PROCLAMATION.**

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No. 4.

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

WHEREAS by Article II of the Letters Patent intituled "Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the Realm amending Article XVI of the Letters Patent of the 14th of February, 1917, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies" and dated the 30th day of April, 1938, a copy whereof is appended to this Proclamation, it is directed and enjoined that the said Letters Patent shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Hong Kong Government Gazette, and shall be published in the said Gazette, and shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places within the Colony as the Governor shall think fit:

AND WHEREAS I have thought fit that the said Letters Patent shall be read and proclaimed in the presence of the Legislative Council of this Colony on this 7th day of July, 1938, at the Council Chamber and that they shall come into operation on the 7th day of July, 1938:

AND WHEREAS the said Letters Patent have been so read accordingly:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir GEOFFRY ALEXANDER STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, do hereby PROCLAIM the said Letters Patent and appoint that they shall come into operation on the 7th day of July, 1938.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony of Hong Kong this 7th day of July, 1938.

Published by His Excellency's command.

N. L. SMITH,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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## Hong Kong

LETTERS PATENT passed under the Great Seal of the Realm amending Article XVI of the Letters Patent of the 14th of February, 1917, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies.

Dated 30th April, 1938.

GEORGE THE SIXTH by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date at Westminster of the Fourteenth day of February, 1917, His Majesty King George the Fifth did constitute the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Our Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies.

Recites  
Letters  
Patent of  
14th  
February,  
1917.

AND WHEREAS We are minded to make other provision than is contained in Article XVI of the said Letters Patent :

Now KNOW YE that We do hereby declare Our will and pleasure as follows :—

I. Article XVI of the said Letters Patent of the Fourteenth day of February, 1917, is hereby revoked but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, and the following Article is substituted therefor :—

Replaces  
Article  
XVI  
of Letters  
Patent of  
14th  
February,  
1917.

“XVI. The Governor may, subject to such instructions as may from time to time be given to him by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, dismiss or suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding any public office within the Colony, or, subject as aforesaid, may take such other disciplinary action as may seem to him desirable.”

“Dismissal  
and suspen-  
sion of  
Officers.”

II. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or them may seem fit.

And We do direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Hong Kong Government Gazette, and shall be published in the said Gazette, and shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places within the Colony as the Governor may think fit.

Date of  
coming  
into  
operation.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourself at Westminster this thirtieth day of April, 1938, in the Second year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT under The King's Sign Manual.

SCHUSTER.