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PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL.

By His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, Knight, and Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas the Commands of Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN, conveyed through The Right Honorable The Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, approving of and confirming the following Ordinance; namely:—

No. 10 of 1868, entitled—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, and to enable the Justices of the Peace to grant Licenses for the Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors by Hotel Keepers, Restaurateurs and Confectioners:*

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared, that the said Ordinance has been so approved and confirmed, as aforesaid.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 30th Day of January, 1869.

No. 11.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Most Distinguished Order of SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th January, 1869.

Hongkong.

DOWNING STREET, 8th December, 1868.

SIR,—The QUEEN has had occasion to observe that the constant progress of the British Empire in population, wealth and enterprise and the increased opportunities thus happily afforded to Her Subjects of rendering effective services to their Sovereign and their Country, have in some respects outgrown Her Majesty's means of recognizing those services in a fitting manner. You are aware that with the object of supplying that deficiency it was found requisite in the year 1847 to enlarge and modify the ancient Order of the Bath, and more recently that Her Majesty has been pleased to create a new Order of Knighthood—the Star of India,—for the reward of services rendered in relation to Her Indian Empire. The sphere of usefulness and eminence which is now open in the British Colonies is so varied and extensive as to render it, in Her Majesty's judgment, advisable that to them, as to India, a special form of distinction should be appropriated.