

No. 14.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following List of Masters and Mates who have passed their Examinations before the Board of Examiners provided by Ordinance No. 17 of 1860, between the 1st of July, 1867, and the 31st of December, 1868, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th February, 1869.

LIST of MASTERS and MATES who have passed their Examination between the 1st July, 1867, and 31st December, 1868.

| DATE. | No. OF CER- TIFICATE. | NAMES. | RANK. |
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| 1867. | | | |
| July 2 | 267 | J. R. Baker, | Second Mate. |
| " 6 | 268 | H. Vahland, | Master. |
| " 11 | 269 | J. Bourne, | Do. |
| " 12 | 270 | J. B. Atkinson, | Do. |
| " 18 | 271 | C. R. Moe, | First Mate. |
| August 3 | 272 | D. N. Winters, | Do. |
| " 20 | 273 | Amadie Loiseau, | Do. |
| " 31 | 274 | A. G. Cary, | Master. |
| September 23 | 275 | C. L. Baker, | Do. |
| " 24 | 276 | J. E. Punchard, | First Mate. |
| " 28 | 277 | E. Perks, | Master. |
| October 24 | 278 | F. Milsom, | First Mate. |
| November 15 | 279 | Carl Kock, | Master. |
| " 22 | 280 | A. G. Webster, | Do. |
| " 28 | 281 | J. C. Crefting, | Do. |
| " 30 | 282 | W. Marden, | Do. |
| December 12 | 283 | W. Kirby, | First Mate. |
| " 28 | 284 | J. A. Kock, | Master. |
| 1868. | | | |
| January 17 | 285 | C. W. Brice, | First Mate. |
| " 21 | 286 | G. W. Clark, | Master. |
| February 25 | 287 | John Reynolds, | Only Mate. |
| March 4 | 288 | A. Winsor, Jr., | Master. |
| " 13 | 289 | C. J. Alford, | First Mate. |
| April 2 | 290 | J. C. Russell, | Do. |
| " 7 | 291 | B. T. Knight, | Do. |
| June 3 | 292 | E. Tappy, | Do. |
| " 6 | 293 | R. Greenwood, | Only Mate. |
| July 4 | 294 | G. C. Anderson, | First Mate. |
| " 8 | 295 | R. Flooy, | Master. |
| " 8 | 296 | O. R. Young, | Second Mate. |
| " 14 | 297 | W. A. Wetherall, | Master. |
| August 3 | 298 | J. Knowles, | Do. |
| " 4 | 299 | J. Hamlin, | Do. |
| " 12 | 300 | F. W. Schutze, | Do. |
| " 13 | 301 | P. J. Buesnel, | Do. |
| September 15 | 302 | G. Robertson, | Do. |
| October 10 | 303 | A. Andresson, | Do. |
| November 14 | 304 | H. W. McNutt, | Only Mate. |
| " 20 | 305 | J. B. Carpenter, | Master. |
| " 25 | 306 | R. S. Stewart, | Only Mate. |
| " 27 | 307 | M. P. Olsen, | First Mate. |
| December 9 | 308 | F. Crighton, | Do. |
| " 12 | 309 | A. Spence, | Master. |

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N.,
Harbor Master, &c.

Harbor Master's Office, Hongkong, 12th January, 1869.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified for general information that henceforward closed Mails for the United Kingdom will be made up at this Office and forwarded to London by the United States Mail Packets via San Francisco.

Correspondence intended to be forwarded by this route must be addressed "via San Francisco."

Letters, Newspapers, Books and Patterns, will be liable to the same rates of postage as those sent by the British Mail Packets via Southampton, viz. :—

For Letters, 24 cents per half ounce.

For each Newspaper not exceeding 4 ounces, 4 cents.

For a Packet of Books or Patterns, 8 cents per 4 ounces.

The Postage must in all cases be paid in advance; Correspondence not fully prepaid will be sent viâ Suez.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 1st February, 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.

For this purpose Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to sanction such a modification of the Statutes of the Order of ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE, originally instituted by King GEORGE III in connection with His Majesty's Mediterranean Possessions; and now presided over by a Prince of the Blood Royal, together with such an enlargement of its numbers as will render it available as a reward of distinguished merit or services in any part of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

I annex, for publication in the Colony under your Government, copies of so much of the new Statutes as prescribes the qualifications for admission into the Order and the number of the Knights.

The QUEEN is confident that this measure will be received by Her Subjects as an evidence of the importance which Her Majesty attaches to Her Colonial Dominions as integral parts of the British Empire, of Her constant interest in their progress, and of Her desire that services of which they are the scene or the occasion may not pass without adequate and appropriate recognition.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,

BUCKINGHAM & CHANDOS.

Governor

SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.,

&c., &c., &c.

Extract from the Statutes of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, dated the 4th December, 1868.

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| <p>Order to contain Three Classes of Knights Grand Cross, Knights Commanders, and Companions.</p> | <p>It is Ordained, that this Most Distinguished Order shall contain Three Classes, as in Our said Letters-Patent mentioned, to be Styled and Designated respectively— KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS, KNIGHTS COMMANDERS, and COMPANIONS.</p> |
| <p>First Class to comprise [25] Knights Grand Cross.</p> | <p>It is Ordained, that the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross, shall not exceed Twenty-five in Number.</p> |
| <p>Second Class to comprise [60] Knights Commanders.</p> | <p>It is Ordained, that the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, shall not exceed Sixty in Number.</p> |
| <p>Third Class to comprise [100] Companions.</p> | <p>It is Ordained, that the Third Class, or Companions, shall not exceed One hundred in Number.</p> |
| <p>Qualifications of persons eligible for admission into the Order.</p> | <p>It is Ordained, that the Persons to be admitted into this Most Distinguished Order, shall be such natural-born Subjects of Our Crown of the United Kingdom of <i>Great Britain and Ireland</i>, as may have held, or shall hereafter hold, High and Confidential Offices within any of Our Colonial Possessions, or such Other natural-born Subjects of Our Crown of the United Kingdom of <i>Great Britain and Ireland</i>, as may have held, or shall hereafter hold, High and Confidential Offices, or may render Extraordinary and Important Services to Us as Sovereign of the United Kingdom of <i>Great Britain and Ireland</i>, in relation to any of Our Colonial Possessions, or who may become eminently Distinguished therein by their Talents, Merits, Virtues, Loyalty, or Services, or who now are, or hereafter may be, appointed Officers of this Most Distinguished Order.</p> |