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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Commission, under the Hand and Seal of His Excellency the Governor, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd March, 1869.

[L.S.] RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,
Governor.

Whereas for the furtherance of Public Interests as connected with the construction of Buildings and the prevention of Nuisances in the Colony of Hongkong, and more especially in the City of Victoria it is expedient that the present Building Ordinance, No. 8 of 1856, should be amended, and that certain preliminary inquiries should be made; And Whereas such inquiries will be most conveniently and expeditiously prosecuted by means of a Commission: Now, therefore, know Ye that I, 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, do hereby under my Hand and the Seal of the said Colony appoint you the Honorable JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable WILLIAM HEPBURN RENNIE, Auditor General, and you the Honorable HUGH BOLD GIBB, the Honorable WILLIAM KESWICK, and the Honorable JAMES BANKS TAYLOR, Members of the Legislative Council for the said Colony, or any three of you, to be a Commission for instituting and prosecuting all needful or proper inquiries in that behalf, and to take evidence in the premises. And to report to me all evidence so taken by you, and also your opinions thereon. And I do hereby require you to commence your enquiries forthwith, and to proceed therein continuously and to make your report to me as aforesaid with all reasonable despatch. And I do hereby empower you, during the course, and for the purposes of your said Commission, to demand and obtain access at all times to all papers, records, and documents relating to the subject matter of the said Commission being in the custody and under the control of the several Public Departments within this Colony. And from time to time to call before you and examine all persons superintending or employed in or under any of the said Departments. And I do hereby charge all Persons in the Public Service to be aiding and assisting unto you herein.

Given under my Hand and under the Seal of the Colony of Hongkong, at Victoria in the said Colony, this First day of March, A.D., One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty-nine.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL directs the publication of the subjoined Annual Report of the Hongkong General Post Office, for the Year 1868.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th March, 1869.