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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ALEXANDER FALCONER, Esquire, having been appointed Third Master of the Central School in Hongkong, has reported his arrival in the Colony, and assumed his duties from the 16th ultimo.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th July, 1869.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B., has been pleased to appoint EDWARD J. R. WILLCOCKS, Esquire, to be an Appraiser of the Supreme Court, *vice* JARMAN, resigned.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

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

No. 74.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Letter from Her Majesty's Consul at Manila, respecting the equalisation of Port Dues in the Philippine Islands, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

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

H. B. M.'s CONSULATE,

MANILA, 30th June, 1869.

SIR,—I have the honour to forward herewith inclosed to your Excellency, two decrees in translation issued by the Provisional Government at Madrid relative to the reciprocity conceded to British ships entering Philippine ports in the matter of the payment of Port and Navigation Dues.

On a reference to that bearing date the 25th of March, it will be observed that all vessels under the British flag entering the Spanish Colonial possessions, whatever may have been the port of their departure, are as regards the payment of those dues, entitled to the enjoyment of equal benefits with those under the Spanish flag.—I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient and most humble Servant,

G. T. RICKETTS.

His Excellency

SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.,

&c., &c., &c.

N.B.—Both these decrees have been published in the Manila Gazette.

G. T. R.

TRANSLATION.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR,—In view of various communications made to this Ministerial Department by that of State, transmitting different Notes of the Minister Plenipotentiary of H. B. M., in which it is demonstrated that Spanish Ships enjoy equal benefits with English ones in the payment of Port and Navigation Dues in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and in the English possessions of Canada, the island of Ceylon, Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Island, English Guyana, Barbadoes, Antigua, Jamaica, Bahamas, British Honduras, St. Lucia, Bermudas Islands, St. Helena, Granada, St. Kitt's,