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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Programme of such arrangements, as it may probably be found expedient to make, for the reception of His Royal Highness, is published for general information; but at the same time it must be distinctly borne in mind that all such arrangements are only provisional, and are subject to alteration by His Royal Highness. Therefore no dates are as yet fixed for the Levee, Theatre and Exhibition of Fireworks.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th October, 1869.

Public Landing of His Royal Highness The DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

On occasion of the Public Landing of the DUKE OF EDINBURGH, His Royal Highness will be received at Pedder's Wharf by His Excellency the GOVERNOR, the Civil, Naval and Military Authorities, and such Persons as may be specially invited to attend. The Route from thence to Government House will be lined by Troops by the Clock Tower and along the Queen's Road to the Murray Barracks, and thence by the Road bordering the East Side of the Parade Ground, past the Government Offices and by the upper Albert Road to Government House.

The above Route will be closed to Carriages, Chairs and Horses a quarter of an hour before His Royal Highness is expected to pass, and no Person will be admitted within the lines, but those specially invited to receive His Royal Highness, nor will any Chair or other Conveyance be allowed to remain stationary on any part of the above Route.

Once the Route is cleared, all Chairs and Foot Passengers must pass outside the Soldiers, as may be directed by the Police, and no one will be permitted to come within one pace behind the lines of Troops, when His Royal Highness is approaching.

THE LEVEE.

In the event of His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH holding a Levee at the City Hall, as early notice as practicable will be given of the hour. Residents and visitors wishing to pay their respects to His Royal Highness are invited to do so at the Levee. Gentlemen entitled to wear uniform are expected to attend in uniform, and others are requested to attend in Evening Dress,—an arrangement not imperative, but simply proposed as more convenient to many who in this Climate are unprovided with what constitutes in Europe suitable morning costume.

Each gentleman is also requested to bring with him two cards with his name *distinctly written on each*, to be handed to the Aides-de-Camp in waiting respectively appointed to receive them.

The Private Entree will commence Fifteen minutes before the General Levee, and will be attended by Civilians being members of either Council, or Judges, and by Heads of Departments to be designated by the Governor, also by Consuls General and Consuls, and by such Naval and Military Officers, as may be designated by their Excellencies the Admiral of the Station and the Major-General. Gentlemen attending the Private Entrée will assemble in Saint Andrew's Hall.

Gentlemen attending the General Levee will, on arrival at the City Hall, proceed up the principal Staircase and assemble in a room adjoining the new Ball Room, which will be pointed out to them.

It is desirable that persons wishing to attend the Levee should arrive at least a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for its commencement.

Addresses to His Royal Highness are to be presented at the close of the General Levee and copies of all such addresses must be sent to one of the Equerries of His Royal Highness on the preceding day.

Empty Chairs will be arranged by the Police on the Upper Parade Ground.

THEATRE.

Persons visiting the Theatre on any occasion when His Royal Highness is expected to be present, are requested to wear uniform if entitled to do so.

Chairs must set down from the East side of the Fountain, and take up from the West side.

Empty Chairs will be arranged by the Police in two parallel lines down Queen's Road to the West, also, down Wardley Street, and must come to the Theatre door in turn.

Neither Carriages, nor Horses, will be permitted to stand in the Queen's Road, or in the South end of Wardley Street.

FIREWORKS.

Foreign Community:—Where to be accommodated.

The Cathedral enclosure will be reserved for the European and American Community.

Chinese Females and Children:—Where to be accommodated.

The S.W. Angle of the Parade Ground will be railed off for Chinese Women and Children; who will enter the enclosure from the Upper East Corner of the Ground.

Chinese Coolies will not be permitted to pass along the Upper Approaches to the Ground.

Empty Chairs:—Where to be disposed.

Empty Chairs will wait in Wardley Street, the Street leading to Government Wharf, and, on the Road leading to Head Quarter-House.

N.B.—The Rule of the Road must, in all cases, be strictly observed, when practicable.

ILLUMINATIONS.

The Governor hopes the Community will assist as extensively as possible in the projected illuminations, which, if the weather permits, will take place on the date of His Royal Highness' arrival in Hongkong, and not on that of his Public Reception, provided the day of his arrival be not Sunday, and provided His Royal Highness arrives before 4 P.M., so that notice may be given to the Community.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Circular Despatch from The Right Honorable EARL GRANVILLE, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the International Exhibition to be held in London in 1871, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd October, 1869.

Circular.

DOWNING STREET, 24th August, 1869.

SIR,—At the request of Her Majesty's Commissioners for the International Exhibition of 1851, I transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a communication which I have received from them, enclosing a copy of an announcement of the first of a series of International Exhibitions of selected specimens of Art and Industry which it is intended shall be held in London in the year 1871; and I have to request that you will take such measures as may be necessary for giving publicity to that announcement within the Colony under your Government.—I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,

GRANVILLE.

Governor

SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.,

&c., &c., &c.

HONGKONG.

Lieut.-Col. Scott to the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

(Copy.)

OFFICE OF HER MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS FOR THE EXHIBITION OF 1851,
5, UPPER KENSINGTON GORE, W.,
10th August, 1869.

SIR,—I am directed by Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851, to transmit, for the information of the several British Colonies, copies of the announcement of the first of the series of International Exhibitions of selected Specimens of Art and Industry, which it is intended shall be held in London in 1871, and to request that you will move the Earl Granville to cause them to be forwarded to each Colony as early as convenient.

Her Majesty's Commissioners desire me to point out that these Exhibitions will be on a comparatively limited scale, that the objects sent from each Colony will not be arranged together as heretofore, but in their proper classes, and that it is desired that Manufacturers should exhibit only a single specimen of each object.