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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,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th November, 1878.

[L.S.] J. POPE HENNESSY.

Whereas in consequence of the conviction of FREDERICK SOWLEY HUFFAM for the misappropriation of certain money received by him as Official Assignee under Ordinance 13 of 1867 of certain Bankrupt Estates, I have considered it desirable in the interest of the public service of this Colony, of the Suitors in the Supreme Court, and of the public generally, that enquiries should be made as to whether or not greater precautions may be adopted for the security and due appropriation or distribution of moneys, goods and chattels, or valuable securities, which are paid into or deposited with the Supreme Court of this Colony, or are collected or received by, or deposited with persons holding official appointments in connection therewith:

And whereas such enquiries will be most conveniently prosecuted by Commissioners appointed by a Commission to report upon the matters in question: I, JOHN POPE HENNESSY, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, appoint you The Honourable CHARLES MAY, Acting Colonial Secretary and Auditor General, The Honourable GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Attorney General, THOMAS JACKSON, Esquire, and WILLIAM WOTTON, Esquire, to be Commissioners for instituting and prosecuting all needful or proper enquiries in that behalf and for this purpose to make enquiries as to the duties and responsibilities of the Registrar of the Supreme Court, the Sheriff, the Deputy Registrar, the Bailiffs, and the Officers and Servants in the departments of the Registrar and the Sheriff, and also as to the duties and responsibilities of the Registrar of the Supreme Court as Official Assignee and Official Administrator ex-officio respectively under Ordinances 5 of 1864 and 9 of 1870, and also as to the duties and responsibilities of Official Assignees especially appointed by the Governor under Ordinance 15 of 1867, of Official Liquidators appointed by the Court under Ordinance 1 of 1865, and of Official Trustees appointed by the Governor under Ordinance 1 of 1873, and of all other persons holding similar appointments from the Crown, the Governor, or the Court, whose duty it is to collect, receive, or dispose of any moneys, securities for money, or property of any description, under or by virtue of the orders of the Supreme Court, or under or by virtue of their respective appointments, in respect to the collection, receipt, custody, management and disposition of all moneys, goods and chattels, valuable securities, or other property which may be received or disposed of by them in any such official capacity as aforesaid, and as to the practice and procedure connected with the receipt and payment of money, and as to the method of keeping accounts by such parties respectively, and as to any existing checks upon fraud or malversation of office by such parties respectively, and as to the rules in force for the guidance of such parties in dealing with public money, or securities, or with money or valuable securities entrusted to or received or collected by them in virtue of any such appointment as aforesaid, and generally as to the practice and procedure in respect of the realization of assets and the payment and distribution thereof, and the winding up of estates in which any of the parties above enumerated are concerned, and to take evidence in the premises, and to report to me all evidence so taken by you and your opinions and recommendations thereon, and I do hereby require you to commence your proceedings forthwith 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 this Commission, to demand and obtain access at all times to all papers, records and documents relating to the subject matter of your enquiry in the custody and under the control of the Registrar of the Supreme Court or any of the public Departments within this Colony, and from time to time to call before you and examine all such Officers and other persons as aforesaid and all other persons in the public service that you may consider necessary, 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 this Colony, this sixth day of November, 1878.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 214.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Order by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th November, 1878.

ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
the 6th day of November, 1878.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by "The Post Office Ordinance, 1876," it is provided, amongst other things, that the Governor in Council may, from time to time, by Order under his hand determine the Rates of Postage to be charged upon all correspondence sent by post from the General Post Office of the Colony, or received from places outside the Colony, and the Scale of Weights according to which such Rates are to be charged:

And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the 17th day of September, 1877, the Governor in Council was pleased to order that the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight should, until further notice, be according to the Table to the said Order annexed:

And whereas it has been necessary to revise the said Table and to substitute a new Table in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., in Council, by virtue of the powers in that behalf by the said Ordinance or otherwise in him vested, is pleased to order that the said Table annexed to the said Order of the 17th day of September, 1877, be revoked, and that the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight shall, until further notice, be according to the Table hereunto annexed.

Approved in Council,

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.

RATES OF POSTAGE

I.--TO COUNTRIES OF THE POSTAL UNION:

		LETTERS, PER ½ OZ.	REGISTRATION.	NEWSPAPERS AND PRICES CURRENT.	BOOKS AND PATTERNS, PER 2 OZ.
General Rates of Postage to or from the Countries of the Postal Union (see list below),	PAID	12 cents.	8 cents.	2 cents.	4 cents.
	UNPAID	18 ,, ¶	Cannot be sent.	Letter Rate.
Exceptional Rates to or from the Countries marked (16) in the list below, <i>via Brindisi</i> only, .	PAID	16 cents.	8 cents.	4 cents.	6 cents.
	UNPAID	22 ,, ¶	Cannot be sent.	Letter Rate.

¶ Less the value of the Stamps, if any.