

No. 215.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given that Rule 67 of the Victoria Gaol Regulations is rescinded, and the following Rule has been substituted for it by His Excellency the Governor in Council.

By Command,

C. MAY,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th November, 1878.

## RULE No. 67, VICTORIA GAOL.

*Drawn by His Excellency the Governor's request.*

No. 67.—The Colonial Chaplain shall read prayers with the prisoners of his own persuasion at least once *in every week*, and preach to them, and perform all other offices of religion as he may think fit, and may visit each of such prisoners in his or her cell as often as he may think fit at reasonable times. To sick, dying, or condemned prisoners, he shall have access at any time.

No. 216.

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The following letter from the Privy Council to the Colonial Office, dated 5th September, 1878, together with the Memorandum accompanying it, is by direction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th November, 1878.

*Privy Council to Colonial Office.*

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE,  
5th September, 1878.

SIR,—I am directed by the Lord President of the Council to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a Memorandum which has been sent to the Foreign Office for the purpose of calling the attention of Foreign Governments to the provisions in the "Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878," which relate to animals imported from abroad.

The Lord President requests that you will lay the Memorandum in question before Secretary Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, and that you will call his attention to Section 5, Sub-section IX., of the above-named Act, by which animals imported from Her Majesty's Colonies are deemed, for the purposes of the Act, to be foreign animals, and I am to suggest, for the consideration of Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH, whether the attention of the various Colonial Governments should not be called to this fact, in order that the information referred to in the Memorandum may be furnished by any Colony that may desire to apply for exemption from the provisions of the Act as regards slaughter at the port of debarkation.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed,) C. L. PEEL.

*The Under Secretary of State,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Colonial Office.*

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## MEMORANDUM.

The attention of all Foreign Governments should be called to the provisions of the "Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878," under which, except in the case of countries specially exempted by the Privy Council, in whole or in part, from the operation of the Act, all animals landed from abroad in any part of the United Kingdom, will, after the 1st January next, be slaughtered at the port of debarkation.

The Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council will require from any country applying for exemption—

1. A statement of the laws which regulate the importation of animals into that country ;
2. Of the methods adopted to prevent the spreading of any contagious disease when it exists there ;
3. A periodical report on the general sanitary condition of their animals.

It is also desirable that their Lordships should be furnished, before the 1st of November next, with such information, on the points above referred to, as Her Majesty's representatives in foreign countries which export animals to the United Kingdom may be able to obtain through the British Consulates.