

No. 2894.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office, 29th January, 1906.

No. 8.

COMMERCIAL.

LISBON,

January 19, 1906.

SIR,—A Decree dated the 18th January is published in the *Diario de Governo* of to-day exempting from payment of import duties fish, salt and pork imported into the Colony of Macau and abolishing exclusive rights for the sale of salt and fish.

Under the new regulations, salt will pay land duty of two reis per kilo.

Salt of inferior quality intended for salting fish for exportation will pay only "statistic" dues of half a real per kilogram.

Fish, fresh, dried or salted will pay a duty of two per cent. *ad valorem*.

The duty on live swine is fixed at fifty reis per head.

The new duties come into force on the 1st July, 1906.

I have, &c.,

H. D. BEAUMONT.

The Right Hon. Sir EDWARD GREY, Bart., M.P.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 186.

31st January, 1906.

The Colony of Hongkong through its Legislative Council desires humbly to express the sorrow with which the intelligence of the death of the Queen's father has been received and its deep sympathy with Their Majesties the King and Queen in their bereavement.

NATHAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, LONDON.

HONGKONG,

No. 26.

DOWNING STREET,

6th February, 1906.

SIR,—I have laid before the King your telegram of the 31st of January, expressing the Colony's sympathy with His Majesty and with Her Majesty the Queen on the death of the King of Denmark.

2. His Majesty commands me to express on behalf of the Queen and himself his high appreciation of this kind and loyal message of sympathy from His people in Hongkong.

I have, &c.

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Governor Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.