

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 390.—The following Commission issued by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

10th May, 1906.

COMMISSION BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

[L.S.] MATTHEW NATHAN,
Governor.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a Commission be appointed to enquire into and report on the following matters, viz. :—

1. Whether the administration of the Sanitary and Building Regulations enacted by the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, as now carried out is satisfactory, and, if not, what improvements can be made.
2. Whether any irregularity or corruption exists or has existed among the officials charged with the administration of the aforesaid Regulations.

NOW, therefore, I, Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and Vice-Admiral of the same, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance 13 of 1886, entitled The Commissioners' Powers Ordinance, 1886, appoint you :—

1. The Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.,
2. The Honourable Mr. EDBERT ANSGER HEWETT,
3. FUNG WA CHÜN, Esquire,
4. LAU CHÜ PAK, Esquire,
5. HENRY HUMPHREYS, Esquire,
6. AUGUSTUS SHELTON HOOPER, Esquire,

to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry; And I do hereby appoint you the said HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK to be Chairman of such Commission; And I do hereby appoint CYRIL FRANCIS WOGAN BOWEN-ROWLANDS to be Secretary to such Commission; And I do hereby order and direct that for all or any of the purposes of the Commission four Members thereof inclusive of the Chairman shall be and constitute a quorum.

AND I do further hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall, for the purpose of making the said enquiry, have all such powers as are vested in the Supreme Court of this Colony or in any Judge thereof on the occasion of any suit or action in respect of the following matters, viz.:—

- (a.) The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on oath, affirmation or otherwise, as the Commissioners or any of them may think fit.
- (b.) The compelling the production of documents.
- (c.) The punishing persons guilty of contempt.
- (d.) The ordering an inspection of any property.

AND also the power, for the purposes of this Commission, to enter and view any premises.

AND I do hereby further direct that every examination of witnesses shall be held in private AND I do further direct that any person examined as a witness in the enquiry aforesaid who in the opinion of the Commissioners makes a full and true disclosure touching all the matters in respect of which he is examined shall receive a certificate under the hand

of the Chairman or presiding Member of the Commission, countersigned by the Secretary, stating that the witness has upon his examination made a full and true disclosure as aforesaid, as provided by Section 4 of the before mentioned Ordinance; AND I do further require you to report to me the evidence and your opinion thereon; AND I hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you herein.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony in Executive Council, this 10th day of May, A.D. 1906.

By Command,

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Hongkong, 10th May, 1906.

No. 391.

Regulations with respect to the despatch, receipt, and delivery of Chinese correspondence by Postal Hongs, made by the Governor in Council, this 3rd day of May, 1906, under the authority of The Post Office Ordinance, 1900, (Ordinance No. 6 of 1900). Sections 9 and 11.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Postal Hong Regulations, 1906.
2. The Regulations dated 26th April, 1902, with respect to the despatch, receipt, and delivery by Postal Hongs of Chinese correspondence shall cease to be in force after the 30th day of April in the present year.
3. No Hong shall despatch, receive, or deliver correspondence unless under licence from the Postmaster General with the approval of the Governor.
4. The Postmaster General shall keep a Register of Hongs licensed to despatch, receive, and deliver correspondence.
5. Every licence issued by the Postmaster General shall bear date as of the 1st day of May in the year in which it is issued, and shall expire on the 30th day of April of the succeeding year: Provided that the Governor may at any time and at his absolute discretion revoke any such licence.
6. Every Hong shall on applying for a licence under these Regulations furnish the Postmaster General with particulars containing the Hong name, the names of the persons constituting the Hong, the address of the office or other place where business as a Postal Hong is to be carried on, the number of the persons to be employed in the despatch, receipt, and delivery of correspondence and whether as carriers or how otherwise.
7. Badges to be obtained from the Postmaster General by each licensed Hong shall be worn on the right arm by each carrier employed by such Hong while engaged in the delivery of correspondence.
8. The rate of postage to be charged on each Hong letter-packet, or bag, addressed to Canton shall be four cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
3rd May, 1906.