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The following Notifications are published,

By command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Colonial Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 710.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to amend the Form of Grant of the Hongkong Opium Farm, published in Government Notification No. 439 of the 23rd May, 1906, by adding the following provisos:—

“Provided always that in the event of the exportation of Raw Opium from India being so restricted during the term hereby granted, as in the opinion of the Governor-in-Council seriously to affect the business of the Grantee, the onus of proof whereof shall rest on the Grantee, the Governor-in-Council upon the application of the Grantee, shall reduce the rent payable under this Grant to such an extent or may modify the terms of this Grant in such other manner as to the Governor-in-Council may seem equitable.

Provided also that in the event of the exportation of Raw Opium from India being prohibited during the term hereby granted and the Grantee not being able to procure sufficient opium for boiling the Grantee may give notice to the Governor-in-Council of his desire to surrender this Grant, and, if, in the opinion of the Governor-in-Council such prohibition seriously affects the business of the Grantee, the onus of proof whereof shall rest on the Grantee, the Governor-in-Council shall thereupon, or so soon thereafter as he may deem desirable cancel the same. Nothing in the two preceding provisos is to be taken to mean that an alteration in the quantity of opium exported from India is to be accepted as *prima facie* evidence that the Farmer is entitled to a reduction of rent or to a modification of the terms of this Grant.”

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
18th August, 1906.