

No. 181.—It is hereby notified that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have now authorised banks in the United Kingdom to release deposits held by them in blocked accounts in respect of Belgian goods shipped from Holland to overseas destinations, provided that no payment is made to or for the benefit of enemies or to persons or firms who are on the Statutory Black List.

Certificates of origin will still be issued for goods of Belgian origin shipped to overseas destinations from both Dutch and Belgian ports.

No. 182.—The following correspondence relating to the retirement of Sir HENRY MAY is published for general information.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

17th April, 1919.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
HONGKONG, *31st January, 1919.*

DEAR SIR HENRY MAY,—On the 21st January, I received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies as follows:—

“Greatly regret to inform you that Governor has tendered resignation which I
“have accepted from end of February with much reluctance and warm
“thanks for his long and distinguished services. I do not doubt that
“this feeling will be fully shared by the Colony for which he has done
“so much.

MILNER.”

to which I replied as follows on the 22nd January:—

“I have received with very great regret your telegram of January 20th announcing the resignation of the Governor. I propose to move a resolution
“at an early meeting of both Councils.”

I also caused letters to be addressed to the senior Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and to the Public Press of which I enclose copies.*

I also enclose a copy* of the proceedings at the joint meeting of both Councils held on the 25th January. The speeches delivered reflect the general feeling of the community of this Colony. On the eve of what it is hoped will be a period of great development the loss of your wide experience and knowledge will be deeply felt. I desire on behalf of the Colony to convey to you, to Lady MAY and to the members of your family an expression of sincere regret at your retirement, and of gratitude for the great services that you have rendered.

Yours, &c.,

(Sd.) CLAUD SEVERN.

BUENA VISTA HOTEL,
COWICHAN BAY, B.C.,
9th March, 1919.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st of January covering copies of telegraphic correspondence with Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of my resignation of the Governorship of Hongkong, together with a copy of the proceedings of a joint Meeting of the Executive and Legislative Councils held on the 25th January relating to the same subject.

* Not printed.

It is not surprising that you yourself and the Honourable Members of the Councils were, in the circumstances, at a loss to understand the reasons which induced me to ask the Secretary of State so suddenly to relieve me of my duties. I now hasten to inform you that on the 15th of January I was obliged to send the enclosed telegram to Lord Milner, and that I received the enclosed reply.

I am happy to say that since the attack from which I suffered, my health has gradually improved.

The Resolution which you were good enough to move at the meeting of the Councils and the speeches in which the Resolution was supported have profoundly moved me; and I would ask you to convey to the Honourable Members of the Councils my deep and abiding sense of their warm appreciation of whatever services I have been able to render to the Colony of Hongkong. I value especially the expressions of esteem and affection which they have extended to my wife and to my family.

The sorrow which we feel at parting with Hongkong is, we beg to assure you, wonderfully lightened by the sympathy and appreciation which your letter and its enclosures express.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) F. H. MAY.

Copy of telegram sent to Lord Milner on January 15th, 1919.

On the 10th of January I had a slight cerebro-vascular attack affecting right leg. In doctors opinion should not risk return to post, especially if pressure of work. On public grounds alone it appears best to tender my resignation with great regret, from such date as you may decide.

MAY.

Copy of answer received from Lord Milner on January 21st, 1919.

Have received your telegram 15th January with great regret. In the circumstances can only accept your resignation from the end of February with much reluctance and warm thanks for your long and distinguished services. Am informing Hongkong. Sincerely hope that with rest your health will be re-established.

OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF TRADE MARKS.

No. 183.—It is hereby notified that the registrations of the following trade marks have been renewed under the provisions of the Trade Marks Ordinance, 1909:—

Number of Mark.	Date of Registration.	Name of Owner.	Period of Renewal.	Class in which renewed.
No. 16 of 1905.	14th April, 1905.	W. R. Loxley and Company, Hongkong.	14th April, 1933.	24
No. 17 of 1905.	"	"	"	38
Nos. 20, 21, and 22 of 1905.	"	The British-American Tobacco Company, Limited, 86, Strand, London, England.	"	45

HUGH A. NISBET,
Registrar of Trade Marks.

14th April, 1919.