

HONGKONG.

## DESPATCH RESPECTING MR. DEANE'S SALARY.

*(Attached to C. O. Despatch No. 110 previously laid before Council.)**Laid before the Legislative Council, by Command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.*HONGKONG.  
No. 203.DOWNING STREET,  
20th September, 1890.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 273 of 5th August last, forwarding a letter from Mr. DEANE, asking how the scheme for the increase of salaries in Hongkong should be applied to his case.

2. It appears that Mr. DEANE has since 1875 received a salary of at least \$5,040 besides quarters, although part of the salary was regarded as a personal allowance until 1884, when the allowance was merged in the salary of his office, in accordance with the last paragraph of Lord KIMBERLEY'S despatch No. 213 of 30th September, 1882.

3. I consider therefore that in accordance with paragraph 9 of my despatch 110 of 19th June last, the future salary of the office of Captain Superintendent of Police is to be raised to such an extent, that when taken with the *present* value of his quarters the gross emoluments of the office shall be 35 per cent. more than \$5,040, plus the estimated value of the quarters in 1875. As I stated in my despatch of 19th June last, it will be necessary to estimate the value of the quarters in 1875 and at the present time, and such value appears according to the report enclosed in Sir W. DES VŒUX'S despatch No. 389 of 23rd December last, to have increased since 1875 from 100 to 150 per cent. Of course the personal allowance of \$600 granted to Mr. DEANE in 1885 will cease to be drawn by him being merged in the larger increase of salary now to be granted to him.

4. The above ruling will apply also to the case of the Registrar General, except that he has no quarters, so that in his case the rise will be 35 per cent. on the gross emoluments of 1875, which appear to have amounted to \$5,040. When I wrote paragraph 4 of my despatch No. 110 there was nothing in the papers before me to show that the Registrar General drew, in 1875, a personal allowance of \$1,200, which was subsequently merged in the salary of the office, such higher salary being expressly continued to the present holder of the office, by my despatch No. 237 of 21st December, 1887.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

KNUTSFORD.

*The Officer Administering the Government of*

HONGKONG.