

power and authority, as far as in them lies, to compose and settle all and all manner of differences, contentions, suits, and variances that may or shall happen to arise between British subjects and the subjects of the Emperor of China, and between British subjects and the subjects of any foreign power, and which may be brought before them for settlement:

And whereas, by the above first recited Act, it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any commission or commissions under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or by any instructions under Her Majesty's signet and sign manual accompanying and referred to in any such commission or commissions, to authorize the Superintendent of the trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China (so long as such Superintendent shall be also Governor of the island of Hong Kong) to enact, with the advice of the Legislative Council of the said island of Hong Kong, all such laws and ordinances as may from time to time be required for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the coast of China, and to enforce the execution of such laws and ordinances by such penalties and forfeitures as to him, by the advice aforesaid, shall seem fit; and whereas Her Majesty has been pleased to grant such commission as aforesaid to John Francis Davis, Esq. appointed by Her Majesty Superintendent of the trade of Her subjects in China, or the Superintendent for the time being of such trade:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Her Majesty's Consuls and Vice-Consuls in China, or any persons acting provisionally as such Consuls or Vice-Consuls as aforesaid, shall, in the exercise of the jurisdiction granted unto them by this present Order, be governed by such laws and ordinances in that behalf as may be enacted in the manner and form aforesaid by the Superintendent of the trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China for the time being, being the Governor of Hong Kong; and in further exercise of the powers in Her Majesty vested by the above-recited Act, for removing doubts as to the exercise of power and jurisdiction by Her Majesty within divers

"places out of Her dominions, and for rendering the same more effectual," Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to appoint the colony of Hong Kong as the British colony wherein crimes and offences committed by British subjects within the dominions of the Emperor of China, which it may be expedient should be inquired of, tried, determined, and punished within Her Majesty's dominions, shall be so inquired of, tried, determined, and punished, and that Her Majesty's Consuls, Vice-Consuls, or other persons provisionally acting as such, under warrant from the Chief Superintendent of British trade in China as aforesaid, shall have authority to cause any British subject, charged with the commission of any crime or offence the cognizance whereof may at any time appertain to them, or any of them, to be sent for trial to the said colony of Hong Kong; and it is further ordered, that the Chief Justice of the colony of Hong Kong for the time being, or other person provisionally acting as such, shall, when duly required by the said Superintendent, proceed to the dominions of the Emperor of China, and shall have power and authority, within the said dominions, to inquire of, try, determine, and punish any crimes or offences committed by British subjects within the said dominions:

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen, and the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*C. C. Greville.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 17th day of *April* 1844,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to carry into effect, with certain modifications, the fourth report of the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Duties and Revenues;" duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the twelfth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, in the words and figures following, that is to say: