IMPERIAL DECREE WILL HERE

THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGNERS.

By the courtesy of H.E. the Governor we are enabled to publish the following translation of a letter from the Acting Viceroy of Canton to Consul B. C. G. Scott, enclosing a copy of a proclamation which embodies an Imperia Decree of the 17th July:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING VICEROY TO MR. CONSUL SCOTT.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that on 20th July I received an Imperial Decree, dated 17th July, ordering that protection should be afforded to foreigners, and missionaries of all nationalities. This I have embodied in a proclamation and I am issuing instructions to all the civil and military authorities to zealously protect the lives of foreign merchants, missionaries, and converts and all their valuables and property, whether at the open ports, or in the cities, villages or market towns; no laxity is to be allowed.

I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of the Draft of the Proclamation referred to.

I have, etc.,

(Seal of Acting Viceroy).

B. C. G. Scott, Esquire, H.B.M. Consul, Canton.

PROCLAMATION EMBODYING AN IMPERIAL DECREE.

I had the honour to receive on 20th July, transmitted to me by telegraph, a decree dated 17th July, as follows:—

"The present conflict between China and the Powers originated in quarrels between the ordinary people and the Christians. Subsequently military hostilities commenced on account of the seizure of the Taku Forts. The Throne, rightly having deep regard for International friendship, was even at that stage unwilling lightly to break off relations and issued repeated orders for the protection of the Legations, besides instructing the Provincial Authorities to protect the missionaries. Now hostilities are still afoot, and the foreigners, merchants and others in China all require protection. therefore all the Tartar Generals, Viceroys, and Governors, make the necessary investigations and zealously give protection as is due by Treaty to all Foreigners, whether they are merchants and missionaries at the Ports, or living in the Prefectures or Districts of the interior There must be no laxity.

"Last month the January Secretary was

then, with short delay, followed the murder of the German Minister. Now the latter was appointed to Peking to conduct international relations, and his sudden assassination filled us with great grief and affliction. It is our duty again to insist upon the arrest and punishment of the murderers.

"The Prefect of Shun Tien Fu and the Chihli Viceroy must instruct their subordinates each to make proper investigations, as to the losses and harm, except those caused directly by military operations, to the property of Missionaries and foreigners generally, in consequence of the rebel disturbances after the commencement of hostilities at Tientsin. When the various records are collected together action can be taken upon them.

"The recent acts of arson, robbery and attacks committed against law-abiding subjects by the revolted people are signal violations of what is right. Let the high provincial and military authorities make enquiry into the actual state of affairs and crush the bands of rebels as opportunity offers, so as to stop disorder at its fountain head.

"Promulgate this Decree."

It is accordingly my duty to promulgate this, and I call upon you, people and soldiers of the whole province, to learn and mark that this present conflict in the North arose from the disturbances of the "Boxer" rebels, and was not premeditated by either the Central Government or the Foreign Powers.

Now the natives and foreigners at all the ports are mutually at peace, and trade goes on as usual. The authorities must, of course, as ordered by the Decree, afford to merchants and missionaries alike at the ports and in the inland Prefectures and Districts, the protection guaranteed by the Treaties. Lawless ruffians who deliberately disobey the Edict, start rumours to disturb men's minds, and collect together to make disturbances, will most certainly be at once caught and straightway heavily punished. If any ruffians or members of illegal societies make pretexts for giving annoyance in order to bring about a rising, troops are stationed in large numbers everywhere, and these will at once use severe measures to repress them. As to the soldiery and police, if these cause trouble or vexation, or do harm in any way, they will be punished according to military law.

Let all tremble and obey.

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O medo Se alguns, a boa fe' Se outros e a maior en menor imprietação Se espirito. Se Todos, esta sendo exeptorada for gente que, sem mada salar, que famar por hem informada, e que tem turo a ganhar e mada a perder com taes hostor, a por menters com granque des turbios que possa haver.

Courta me que » Comemaron de Contes Since hoje saber ou vo entrangeiros em Behim foram salvos no Sio 18, mas nos garante a neracidade. Sa noticie, alias en terio telegrapharo a N. J... Deus franse, etc.

Officio 13.79-24 julho - à Legação.

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Dens quaise, etc.

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Deus Guarse a V. f.

Ilmo Jim S. ellinista. e. L'enelació S'Estavo vos. Nepairo Petrangenia.

Joseph Heliorno Callero Cuy