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WHEREAS it has for many years past been recognized that an
extension of Hong Kong territory is necessary for the proper
defence and protection of the Colony,

It has now been agreed between the Governments of Great
Britain and China that the limits of British territory shall be
enlarged under lease to the extent indicated generally on the
annexed map. The exact boundaries shall be hereafter fixed
when proper surveys have been made by officials appointed by the
two Governments. The term of this lease shall be ninety-nine
years.

It is at the same time agreed that within the city of Kowloon
the Chinese officials now stationed there shall continue to exercise
jurisdiction except so far as may be inconsistent with the military
requirements for the defence of Hong Kong. Within the
remainder of the newly-leased territory Great Britain shall have
sole jurisdiction. Chinese officials and people shall be allowed as
heretofore to use the road from Kowloon to Ilisinan.

It is further agreed that the existing landing-place near
Kowloon city shall be reserved for the convenience of Chinese
men-of-war, merchant and passenger vessels, which may come and
go and lie there at their pleasure; and for the convenience of
movement of the officials and people within the city.

When hereafter China constructs a railway to the boundary of
the Kowloon territory under British control, arrangements shall be
discussed.

It is further understood that there will be no expropriation or
expulsion of the inhabitants of the district included within the
extension, and that if land is required for public offices, fortifications,
or the like official purposes, it shall be bought at a fair
price.

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If cases of extradition of criminals occur, they shall be dealt with in accordance with the existing Treaties between Great Britain and China and the Hong Kong Regulations.

The area leased to Great Britain, as shown on the annexed map, includes the waters of Mirs Bay and Deep Bay, but it is agreed that Chinese vessels of war, whether neutral or otherwise, shall retain the right to use those waters.

This Convention shall come into force on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, being the thirteenth day of the fifth moon of the twenty-fourth year of Kuang Hsü. It shall be ratified by the Sovereigns of the two countries, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in London as soon as possible.

In witness whereof the Undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done at Peking in quadruplicate (four copies in English and four in Chinese) the ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, being the twenty-first day of the fourth moon of the twenty-fourth year of Kuang Hsü.

(L.S.) CLAUDE M. MACDONALD,
(L.S.) SEAL OF THE CHINESE
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HONG KONG EXTENSION

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