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PROCLAMATION

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THE Sultan Hamangkubwana the Second, has, by his crimes and violation of treaty, shewn himself unworthy of the confidence of the British Government, and unfit to be farther entrusted with the administration delegated to him.

But a few months have elapsed since the Sultan experienced the utmost measure of forbearance, clemency, and generosity of the British Government. He had violently seized upon the Government from which his want of faith towards his late Sovereign had removed him, and in the execution of his purpose, put to death the First Minister of his Government, an officer, whose office and person were solemnly protected in all the existing engagements, and, until his time, had been held inviolate.

The British Government, with a tender respect for his advanced age, his high rank and supposed misfortunes, were willing to make a new trial of his conduct, and on his expressing a contrition for his past offences, even confirmed him in the throne he had presumed to usurp.

Scarcely however was he restored to power, when he caused to be assassinated the father of that Minister with whose blood he had recently stained his hands, a blameless and inoffensive old man. He shortly thereafter ordered to be strangled, seven of the highest and most respectable chiefs of the country, without even an alleged offence; men, whose persons were by the existing engagements, under the immediate protection of the British Government. He degraded and affronted the Hereditary Prince, lost to all sense of the dutiful respect with which he himself, during his prior degradation, had been treated by him; nay, he even publicly threatened the life of the Prince, and was hindered from putting his threats into execution, only by the direct interference of the British Government. He has refused to deliver over the lands and districts ceded to the late Government, and confirmed to the British by the last treaty. He has entirely neglected and overlooked every minor stipulation of that treaty; and lastly, he has been detected in intriguing with the Court of

the Soosoonan, in violation of the most solemn and most important engagement of all the treaties, with the avowed object of undermining and subverting the British supremacy in Java.

By such conduct, inimical to the peace, good government, and general tranquillity of the country at large, the Sultan has displayed to the world, how unworthy he is of the high and important trust which the British Government reposed in him. He has forfeited all claim to the future confidence of that Government, and entirely lost the love and affection of his people, reducing the country to a state bordering upon anarchy.

The Princes, the Chiefs, and the people of Djocjocarta at large, are therefore hereby informed, that the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor of the whole island of Java and its dependencies, is hereby pleased, in the name and on behalf of the British Government, to depose the present Sultan, and in reassuming the administration of the one half of the high lands of Java, known by the name of the kingdom of Mataram, again to delegate the same to the present Pangeran Adipati, who is hereby proclaimed Sultan of Mataram, under the title of Hamangkubwana the Third.

All persons are therefore required to obey him as their lawful Sovereign; and it is hereby declared, that all who presume to abet the dethroned Prince in his pretensions to the Government, will be considered as traitors to their country, and dealt with accordingly.

That no person may plead ignorance of this proclamation, the same is directed to be translated into the Javanese language, and affixed at the gates of the Craton, at the British Fort and Residency-House, and in such other public places as proclamations and publications are usually affixed.

Dated at Djocjocarta this 18th day of June 1812,
By me, the Lieutenant-Governor of the island of Java and its dependencies,

(Signed) THO. S. RAFFLES.

By order of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor,

J. CRAUFURD, Resident at Mataram.

(A true copy.)

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