

SCHEDULE OF THE ACTS OF PARLIAMENT TO WHICH THIS ORDINANCE REFERS.

6 & 7	Victoria, Cap. 34.—An Act for the better Apprehension of certain Offenders.
"	" " " 85.—An Act for improving the Law of Evidence.
"	" " " 96.—An Act to amend the Law respecting defamatory Words and Libel.
7 & 8	" " " 62.—An Act to amend the Law as to burning Farm Buildings.
8 & 9	" " " 47.—An Act for the further Prevention of the Offence of Dog Stealing.
9 & 10	" " " 25.—An Act for preventing malicious Injuries to Persons and Property by fire, or by explosive or destructive Substances.
10 & 11	" " " 66.—An Act for extending the Provisions of the Law respecting Threatening Letters and accusing Parties with a view to extort Money.
14 & 15	" " " 19.—An Act for the better Prevention of Offences.
15 & 16	" " " 24.—An Act for the Amendment of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA, intituled "An Act for the Amendment of the Laws with respect to Wills."

HONGKONG.

ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 4 of 1854.

BY The Honorable Lieutenant-Colonel WILLIAM CAINE, Lieutenant-Governor administering the Government of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

Title. AN ORDINANCE FOR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF JURYMEN FROM EIGHTEEN TO TEN. [31st October, 1854.]

Preamble. WHEREAS in consequence of the more frequent holding of Criminal Sessions in future, it will be unnecessary to summon more than a panel of Ten Jurymen :  
 Ordinance 4 of 1851 SS. 6 and 7 amended. I. Be it therefore enacted and ordained by the Honorable the Lieutenant-Governor administering the Government of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, that Sections VI and VII of Ordinance No. 4 of 1851 be amended by substituting the word Ten for the word Eighteen so often as the same occurs therein respectively, in order to diminish the said panel by eight names.

W. CAINE.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 31st Day of October, 1854.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,  
 Clerk of Councils.

SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

REGULA GENERALIS.

ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

MICHÆLMAS TERM.

31st OCTOBER, 1854.

Amendment of Sec. III, Part I, of Regula Generalis of 1st March, 1847. Criminal Sessions. I. That Section III of Part I of Regula Generalis of 1st March, 1847, be amended in such wise that there shall be criminal Sessions holden on the 29th Day of January, the 28th Day of February, the 29th Day of March, the 25th Day of April, the 25th Day of May, the 25th Day of June, the 25th Day of July, the 25th Day of August, the 29th Day of September, the 29th Day of October, the 29th Day of November, and the 29th Day of December, in every year, and be continued by adjournment, as the case may require, until the whole of the Criminal business is disposed of:—Provided, if any or either of the hereinbefore mentioned days occur on a Sunday, then that the Criminal Sessions be holden on the day following. Provided further, that, if the Chief Justice find it so expedient, Criminal Sessions shall not be holden two months in every year, such two months not being consecutive.  
 Proviso. II. That Schedule 7 attached to the Regula Generalis above mentioned be amended according to the Form hereunto annexed.  
 Fees.

By the Court,

W. H. ALEXANDER,  
 Acting Registrar.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 31st Day of October, 1854.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,  
 Clerk of Councils.

COURT FEES.

For filing or entering Plaintiff, or Statement of Cause of Action, . . . . .	\$1.00
Writ of Summons, each Defendant, . . . . .	0.50
For filing every Affidavit of Debt, where the Sum sworn to shall not exceed \$100, . . . . .	2.00
Do. do. where the Sum sworn to shall exceed \$100, for every \$100 or Fractional Part thereof, beyond the first \$100, . . . . .	0.25

Writ of Capias,	\$1.00
Alias or Pluries do.,	1.00
Filing and entering every Appearance,	1.00
Filing and entering Declaration, where the Real Amount claimed shall not exceed \$100,	0.50
For every \$100 or Fractional Part thereof, after the first \$100,	0.25
In all Ejectments, and in all Actions and Proceedings where the Property sought to be recovered shall consist of Lands or Houses, or both, the Charge on filing or entering Declaration shall be one quarter per cent upon the Valuation at which the same is assessed by Government.	
In all Actions or Proceedings brought for the recovery of a Specific Personal Chattel, or for Damages done thereto, or for conversion of the same, the Charge for filing and entering Declaration shall be one quarter per cent on the value of the Chattel, and one quarter per cent on the Damage laid in the Declaration.	
Registrar's Certificate of Declaration being filed,	1.00
For filing and entering every Plea, Demurrer, Joinder in Demurrer, Replication, Rejoinder, or other Pleading,	0.50
For filing any Documents or Affidavits not otherwise charged,	0.25
For the Pleadings when Issue is joined, in fact or in Law or both.—One Fee of,	2.00
NOTE.—This Fee is to be collected on signing the Writ of Trial, or on passing the Record, or otherwise on the taxing of Costs.	
For Subpoena, each Witness,	0.50
For signing the Jury Process, and passing and sealing the Record of Nisi Prius,	1.00
NOTE.—Venire and Distringas included in this.	
For striking and reducing a Special Jury,	5.00
For entering an Interlocutory Judgment, where no Pleading Fee of \$2 has been previously payable,	1.00
For entering a Final Judgment,	1.00
For entering a Judgment of Non Pros.,	1.00
For every Satisfaction acknowledged upon Record,	1.00
For entering an Audita Querela,	1.00
For exemplifying a Record.	1.00
For entering every Cause for Trial,	1.00
For calling same,	0.25
For administering every Oath, in Court or Chambers,	0.25
For reading every Exhibit, Document, or Paper produced in Evidence, unless the Court or Judge shall at the time direct a larger Sum to be paid,	0.25
For every Judgment or Decree pronounced by the Court or Judge, where the Amount recovered does not exceed \$100,	0.50
For every \$100 or Fractional Part thereof above the first \$100,	0.25
For entering such Judgment or Decree,	0.50
For taxing Costs where the Bill does not exceed \$100,	2.00
For every \$100 or Fractional Part thereof above the first \$100.	0.50
For every Report or Determination of the Registrar, on Special Reference from the Court,	5.00
For every Examination before the Registrar, vivá voce, or on Written Interrogatories,	2.50
For settling every Bond, as Security for Costs,	3.00
For all Writs of Execution,	2.00
For every Writ not otherwise charged,	0.50
For every copy of Declaration or other Pleading, or any other Document, Paper, or Proceeding in Court not otherwise charged, in all Matters, per Folio,	0.50
For Registrar or Clerk examining or attesting and certifying same in all matters,	0.50
For every Attachment for Contempt, in the Presence of the Court or otherwise, or Disobedience of Rule or Order of Court,	1.00
For all Interrogatories and answers filed thereto, in pursuance thereof,—per Folio,	0.25
For every Commission to examine or swear Witnesses,—each Witness,	1.00
For every Search in the Registrar's Office,	0.25
For every Judge's Summons,	1.00
For every Rule or Order of Court, including sealing,	1.00
Filing Notice of Motion,	0.50
For every Attendance by Registrar, or other Person appointed by the Court (within the Limits of Victoria) to take Affidavits, administer Oaths, or transact other Business,—exclusive of Expenses,	1.00
Beyond the Limits of Victoria,—exclusive of Expenses,	2.00
Attendance as Commissioners to take Interrogatories,—per Diem,	3.00
Attendance at the Judge's House, at the request of a party,	2.00
Special Case for the Opinion of the Court,	1.00
Demurrer and other Paper Books,	1.00
Exhibit to which Judge's Signature is required,	0.50
Certificate on Nisi Prius Record,	1.00
Escape Warrant,	1.00
Warrant to apprehend an Insolvent,	1.00
For every Receipt granted by the Registrar, when demanded,	0.50
For affixing the Seal of the Court to any Process during Court Hours,	1.00
After Court Hours,	2.00
For every Transcript of Record, where the same shall not exceed 50 Folios,	25.00
Each Folio beyond 50 Folios,	0.50

## ECCLESIASTICAL FEES.

## BY THE PROCTORS.

For drawing and copying Affidavit, Petition, and other Documents, Attendances &c., the same Fees as in Actions at Law.

## BY THE REGISTRAR.

For filing and entering Petition for Probate or Letters of Administration, &c.,	\$0.50
Swearing Petitioner to the Truth of Petition,	0.50
For every Citation,	0.50
For every Caveat filed,	0.50
For every Commission of Appraisement,	0.50
For granting Probate or Letters of Administration,	2.50
For filing and entering Bond by Administrator,	1.00
For every Certificate by the Registrar or other Officer of Accounts and Inventories being filed, where the Sum realised shall amount to \$200,	1.00
For every subsequent \$100 or Fractional Part thereof,	0.50
Swearing Party to the Truth of Account or Inventory,	0.50
Every Exemplification of Will,—per Folio,	0.50
For every order of Court or Judge,	0.50

NOTE.—No Fees payable where the Estate is sworn to be under \$200; above this sum and under \$500 one half of each fee.

## SHERIFF'S FEES.

For Service of every Writ of Summons, Subpoena, Citation, or Order,	1.00
For every Arrest on Civil Process,	2.50
For discharging every Defendant by desire of Plaintiff,	0.50
For releasing Property taken in Execution at the desire of Plaintiff,	2.50
For drawing and taking Bail Bond, each Defendant,	1.00
For conveying Defendant to Gaol from Place of Arrest,—per Mile,	0.50
For every Arrest or Seizure in execution, 2 per cent to be charged on the first \$500; and 1 per cent on every \$100 or Fractional Part thereof above \$500.	
For receiving Money upon Deposit, and paying same into Court,	2.00
For filing Bail Bond,	1.00
For Assignment of Bail or other Bond,	1.00
For Return to any Writ of Habeas Corpus,—if one Action,	3.00
For each Action after the first,	1.00
Searching Office for Detainers,	0.50
For each Man left in possession, if boarded,—per diem,	1.00
Do.                      Dp.                      Not boarded,	1.50

*On Writs of Inquiry.*

On lodging Writ for entering Cause and Warrant for Summoning Jury,	1.00
Sheriff for presiding,	5.00
Bailiff for summoning Jury and Attendance in Court,	1.00
For drawing and engrossing Inquisition,—per Folio,	0.50
For returning Inquisition,	1.00
Summons for Attendance of Witness,	0.50

*In Replevin.*

For every Replevin Bond, where the Value of the Property replevined shall not exceed \$100,	2.00
For every \$100 or Fractional Part thereof above the first \$100,	0.25
Precept to Bailiff,	1.00
Notice for Service on Defendant,	0.50
Bailiff for summoning Parties and delivering Goods to Tenant,	2.00

*Jury Process.*

For return to venire,	1.00
The like on Distringas or Habeas Corpus for Jury,	3.00
The like with a view,	5.00
For each Warrant to Bailiff to summon common Juror and service,	0.50
For attendance naming special Jury,	5.00
For each Warrant to Bailiff to summon special Juror and service,	1.00

## ATTORNEY'S FEES.

Writing Letter for Payment of Debt,	1.00
Service and Copy,	1.00
Instructions to Sue or Defend,	2.00
Warrant to Sue or Defend,	0.50
Summons and attending to Issue,	3.00
Copy for and service on each Defendant,	1.50
Searching for, or entering Appearance,	1.00
Drawing Pleadings, Statements, Accounts for Clients, Petitions, Cases, Affidavits, Proceedings in Court, Bill of Costs, Briefs, &c., &c., for the first Folio,	1.00
Every subsequent Folio,	0.50
Fair Copy of the like and all other Documents, per Folio,	0.25
Engrossing the like, per Folio,	0.25
Drawing and Copy particulars of Demand,	1.50

Attending to deliver same, . . . . .	1.00
Drawing Rule to Plead, . . . . .	1.00
Demand of Plea, . . . . .	0.50
Copy and Service, . . . . .	1.00
Notice of Trial, . . . . .	0.50
Copy and Service, . . . . .	1.00
Entering Issue on Roll, . . . . .	1.00
Attending thereon, . . . . .	1.00
Warrant and Docket, . . . . .	1.50
Attending to pass Record, . . . . .	1.00
Copy particulars to annex to Record, . . . . .	1.50
Venire and Attending to issue, . . . . .	2.00
Distingas Do. . . . .	1.00
Attending for Return, . . . . .	1.00
Attending to enter Cause for Trial, . . . . .	1.00
Drawing Subpœna, . . . . .	1.00
Copy and Service (each Witness,) . . . . .	4.00
Instructions for Brief, . . . . .	3.00
Attending Counsel in Court, cause not tried, . . . . .	6.00
Do. do. cause tried, . . . . .	2.50
Drawing and Engrossing Postea, . . . . .	1.50
Entering Interlocutory Judgment, . . . . .	2.00
Do. Final Judgment, . . . . .	1.00
Attending thereon, . . . . .	1.00
Attending to deliver Bill of Costs, . . . . .	1.50
Notice to Tax Copy and Service; . . . . .	2.00
Attending to Tax, . . . . .	2.00
Attending Counsel, when necessary, . . . . .	1.00
Do. Officers of Court, Sheriff or Deputy, where not otherwise charged, . . . . .	
Do. Court or Judge at Chambers in support of or opposition to motion, summons, &c., . . . . .	4.00
&c., where no Counsel employed, . . . . .	2.00
Do. do. if Counsel employed, . . . . .	2.00
Attending Court on motion by Counsel including notice and motion paper to Registrar, . . . . .	12.00
Do. do. and conducting the trial of any suit, action, or prosecution (if no Counsel employed,) . . . . .	3.00
Do. before arbitrator at per hour, . . . . .	1.00
Do. Client in Solicitor's office, when necessary, . . . . .	2.00
Do. the like out of office at Client's request in writing within the limits of Victoria, . . . . .	4.00
Beyond these limits, . . . . .	
For every necessary letter written upon matters in dispute between the parties, including copy to be kept by Attorney, . . . . .	1.00
Discharge to Sheriff, including service and copy, . . . . .	1.00
Notices of all proceedings by Attorney, &c., on opponent, including copy to keep, . . . . .	0.50
Service of do., . . . . .	1.50
Fee to each Attorney or Agent, when a cause is settled without going to trial, . . . . .	

## POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE next GENERAL MAILS by the *MALTA*, will be closed at 6 o'clock P.M., on *Friday, the 10th November*, and the customary SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up on the following Morning between the Hours of 9 and 10 o'clock.

THOMAS HYLAND,  
Post-Master.

Post-Office, Victoria, Hongkong,  
28th October, 1854.

## STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES,  
AND SOUTHAMPTON;

## ALSO,

BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship *MALTA*, Captain PURCHASE, with *Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo*, will leave this for the above Places, on *SATURDAY, the 11th November*, at 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 2 P.M. on the 9th, SPECIE until Noon on the 10th, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 10th.

For particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

## CONTENTS, AND VALUE OF PACKAGES, ARE REQUIRED.

A written declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness in such declaration.

ROBERT S. WALKER,  
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Company's Office,  
Hongkong, 28th October, 1854.

## NOTICE.

THE undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on *THURSDAY NEXT, the 9th instant*, FARM Lot No. 12, situated near the GAP by order of the BAILIFF of the SUPREME COURT of HONGKONG.

TERMS OF SALE,—Cash in MEXICAN Dollars, and all expenses of transfer to be paid by the Purchaser.

C. MARKWICK,  
Government Auctioneer.

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