

HONGKONG.
ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 6 of 1854.

BY the Honourable 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED BALANCES OF THE ESTATES OF PERSONS DYING INTESTATE WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Title.

[31st October, 1854.]

WHEREAS certain sums of money have been for many years past and now are lying in custody of the Officers in charge of the Public Treasure Vault of this Colony, which sums have been delivered to such custody by the official administrator of Intestate Estates as unclaimed Balances of certain such Estates, after full satisfaction according to scheme of division of all claims proved against such Estates, and in pursuance of the terms of Ordinance No. 6 of 1845; and whereas it is expedient to dispose of such sums of money for the public use and the benefit of this Colony:—

Preamble.

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 on the expiration of six years from the date of the decease of any Person dying Intestate, it shall be lawful for the Officer administering the Government of this Colony to direct the payment of the unclaimed Balance of such person's Estate into the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, for the general purposes of the Colony, or the transfer of such Balance to the Public Funds held by the officers in charge of the Treasure Vault, so that it may be rendered available for the public purposes of the Colony; Provided always that a certificate be given by the Official Administrator of Intestate Estates showing that due advertisement has been made for claims against such Estate, and for claims against such Balance of such Estate, and that, so far as is known to such Official Administrator, no further claim can reasonably be expected against such Balance of such Estate.

How Intestate Estates are to be dealt with, when unclaimed for a period of six years.

II. And be it further enacted and ordained, that from and after the passing of this Ordinance all such Balances as have lain in the Treasure Vault of the Colony for a longer period than six years, shall and may be at once appropriated by the Officer administering the Government in manner aforesaid, after the production of the certificate of the Official Administrator of Intestate Estates to the effect above specified.

How existing unclaimed Balances to be dealt with.

III. And be it further enacted and ordained, that at the expiration of the fifth year of such moneys remaining unclaimed, it shall be necessary for the Official Administrator to cause advertisements to be published both in this Colony and in the Mother Country of the deceased to the effect that if no claimant appear within twelve months to the funds in question, the Supreme Court of this Colony on motion made on that behalf by the Colonial Government will declare such funds confiscated for Colonial purposes, and that whether any claimant appear or not, the expenses attendant on such advertisements be deducted from the funds advertised.

As to confiscation of unclaimed Balances.

IV. And be it further enacted and ordained, that it shall be lawful for the Officer administering the Government in his discretion to direct that all or any unclaimed Balances as aforesaid at any time previous to the expiration of six years as aforesaid, be lodged in a chartered Bank within this Colony, at such rate of interest as may be procurable; and that the amount of such interest shall be added to, and considered portion of such unclaimed Balance as aforesaid.

Lodgment of unclaimed Balances in a chartered Bank.

V. And be it further enacted and ordained, that this Ordinance shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's Pleasure shall be known with respect thereto.

Suspending clause.

W. CAINE.

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

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

In re	THOMAS DELANY,—Police Constable, deceased	
"	JOHN KINGSMILL,	" "
"	ABDOOLAK,	" "
"	BERNARD WHELEHAM,	" "
"	MAHOMED,	" "
"	ISHMAEL,	" "

NOTICE.—All CLAIMS against the above ESTATES must be proved before the Official Administrator before the *eleventh day of May, 1855*; otherwise they will not be included in the Schemes of Division. All persons indebted to the said ESTATES are to be requested to make payment to,

WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER,
Acting Registrar, Official Administrator.

NOTICE.

THE Hours of Divine Service in the CATHEDRAL CHURCH of St. JOHN are, on *Sundays* at 11 A.M. and 4 P.M., and on *Thursdays* at 6 P.M.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1854.

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