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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Contract for publishing this *Gazette*, entered into on the 24th September, 1853, was terminated on the 30th ultimo; and notice is hereby given, that a **NEW SERIES** of this *Gazette* will be published hereafter, to commence from the 7th instant, under a New Contract, and that

“**THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE**”

will, as before, be the only Official Organ for PROCLAMATIONS, NOTIFICATIONS, and PUBLIC PAPERS, of this Government.

By Order,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d July, 1855.

W. T. MERCER, *Colonial Secretary.*

NOTICE.

The time during which Crown Rents due for the Half-year ending 24th June last were payable at the Colonial Treasury, having expired on the 15th instant, it is hereby notified, that on the conclusion of Ten days further from this date, Legal Proceedings will be instituted against all Defaulters in such respect.

W. T. MERCER, — *President.*

J. HYNDMAN, } *Members,*
H. REINHARD, }

of the Colonial Treasury Commission.

Victoria, Hongkong, 19th July, 1856.

一千八百五十六年七月十九日
咸豐六年六月十八日示

署香港公庫官麥
照得納本歲上半年地
稅頭限止於英七月十
五日起今日限十日由本
日納地稅者即照律告討
毋違特諭

No. 78.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor is pleased to direct the publication for general information, of the subjoined Ordinance, which it is proposed to submit to the consideration of the Legislative Council.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th July, 1856.

HONGKONG.
ANNO VIGESIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.
No. of 1856.

By His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance for Seamen.

[July, 1856.]

Be it enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, in manner following, that is to say:—

I. His Excellency in Executive Council is empowered to grant unto such and so Persons, and for such respective Periods and under such Conditions and Regulations, (whether with regard to forfeiture or otherwise,) as to His said Excellency in Council shall from Time to Time seem meet, (but always subject to the provisions of this Ordinance,) Licenses to act in this Colony in and about the Procuring, Supplying, Hiring, and Engaging of Seamen for Merchant Vessels—which said Persons shall be called Licensed Shipping Agents: and all such Conditions and Regulations shall, so soon as the same shall be approved by His said Excellency in Council, take effect according to the tenor thereof; and the same shall from Time to Time, when approved, be notified by insertion in the *Hongkong Government Gazette*.

Fees on Licenses. II. Every Licensed Shipping Agent shall, on receiving his License, pay the sum of _____ Dollars, and the same sum on every Renewal thereof at the end of the year during which he may have held the same.

No License to be granted to Innkeepers, &c. III. No License shall be granted under this Ordinance unto any Person keeping or being employed or interested in any Tavern, Inn, or Seamen's Lodging or Boarding House.

Offices and Clerks of Shipping Agents. IV. Every Licensed Shipping Agent shall have and maintain an Office within a short distance from the Harbour Master's Office for the better despatch of the business thereof, and likewise a place for the Daily attendance or resort of Seamen desiring employment on Shipboard; and the said Agent shall also provide and engage a fit and sufficient Person as Clerk in his said Office, who shall be so far versed in the Indian and Malay Languages as to be able to transact the business of the said Office with Indian or Malay Seamen resorting thither for information and employment.

Report of Arrivals and Departures. V. A Marine Report shall be duly and regularly kept by every Licensed Shipping Agent of all Arrivals and Departures of Vessels at and from this Port.

No shipment to be lawful unless effected by a Licensed Shipping Agent, or the Owner, &c. VI. All Shipments of Seamen for any Vessels in this Port through the Harbour Master's Office, are hereby forbidden, unless effected by the means or under the authority of a Licensed Shipping Agent, or of the Owner, Master, or Mate for the voyage of the said Vessel.

Shipping of Seamen and Fees payable therefor. VII. Any Licensed Shipping Agent, on receiving from a Seaman the legal Discharge of the said Seaman, (but not otherwise), is authorised to hire and engage him for whatever voyage the said Agent and he may think fit, and to ship him accordingly through the Harbour Master's Office, and to charge the Owner or Master for the voyage of the Vessel on board of which he shall have so shipped him a Fee not exceeding Two Dollars for every such Seaman; which Fee shall be exclusive of the Fee of One Dollar payable at the Harbour Master's Office for every such Seaman to the use of the Crown.

Mode of signing and entering into Articles. VIII. Every Seaman, hired or engaged under this Ordinance, shall, for the purpose of being shipped, be first taken by the Licensed Shipping Agent, Owner, Master, or Mate, so hiring or engaging him, or by some Person actually and *bona fide* being in the regular and ordinary employment of such Agent, Owner, Master, or Mate, to the Harbour Master's Office, and shall be then and there entered upon the Articles of the Vessel for which he is so hired or engaged as aforesaid. But in case the said Vessel shall be under the Flag, or be owned by the Subject of a Foreign State, represented at this Port by a Consular Officer, no such Entry on the Articles shall take place, unless the said Seaman shall have first produced a Certificate under the said Consular Officer's hand, and addressed to the Harbour Master, and stating, to the said Harbour Master's satisfaction, that the said Seaman is at liberty to sign the said Articles, and also for what Voyage, at what rate of Wages, and with what Advance thereof (if any) the said Seaman desires or intends to be so hired or engaged.

Abrogation of the Three Months Wages' Custom. IX. The Rule Custom or Usage of paying unto Seamen engaged in the China Seas an advance of Three Months' Wages, is hereby abrogated; and from henceforward one Month's Wages and no more shall be advanced to every Seaman so engaged at the commencement of his said engagement.

Shipping Agents to obey the orders of the Harbour Master. X. Every Licensed Shipping Agent shall be obedient to the Rules and Regulations of the Harbour Master's Office, and to the Orders of the Harbor Master in and about the carrying into effect the Provisions of this Ordinance.

Unlawful employment of Agents and receiving of Seamen. XI. It shall be unlawful for any Person to employ an unlicensed Person in or about the Procuring, Supplying, Hiring, Engaging, or Shipping, of Seamen for employment on board of any Vessel whatever, or knowingly to accept, receive, or harbour any Seaman procured, supplied, hired, engaged, or shipped, in order to such employment or for the purposes thereof contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Scale of Penalties. XII. Persons convicted before a stipendiary Magistrate, or any Two Justices, of offences against this Ordinance, shall forfeit to the Crown the Penalties following, (which shall be enforced and levied in the same way as Money Penalties imposed under Ordinance No. Ten of 1844 are now enforced and levied) that is to say:—For every offence against Section Six or Section Eleven of this Ordinance, a Sum not exceeding _____ Dollars, nor less than _____ Dollars; and for every offence against Section Ten of this Ordinance (being a First offence) a Sum not exceeding _____ Dollars nor less than _____ Dollars, or (being a Second offence) a Sum not exceeding _____ Dollars, nor less than _____ Dollars, or (being a Third offence) a Sum not exceeding _____ Dollars nor less than _____ Dollars.

Forfeiture of Licenses. XIII. In case of a Third offence against Section Ten of this Ordinance, the Offender shall also forfeit his License: And in such case, and also where, for any other cause, a License may have been forfeited, the party so forfeiting shall lose all right and title whatsoever to the Monies he shall have paid for the same.

Repeal of provisions in Ordinance No. 6 of 1852. XIV. So much of Ordinance No. Six of 1852, as is inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Extent of operation. XV. This Ordinance extends to all Vessels, British or Foreign, not being Vessels belonging to Her Majesty or any foreign Government.

No. 76.
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
 Tenders will be received at this Office for the conveyance of *Fifteen* Chinese Convicts to Singapore.
 By Order,
W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.
 Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
 Hongkong, 9th July, 1856.

No. 48.
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
 Tenders will be received at this office for the conveyance of *Two* Military convicts to England.
 By Order,
W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.
 Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
 Hongkong, 10th April, 1856.

No. 79.
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
 With reference to Notification No. 77, the following amended Description of Lots to be offered for Sale on

Monday, the 21st instant, is published for general information.
 By Order,
W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.
 Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria,
 Hongkong, 19th July, 1856.
 Amended Schedule of Lots of Land proposed to be sold, at West Point, &c.

ORDER OF SALE.	LOCALITY.	BOUNDARY MEASUREMENTS.				CONTENT IN SQUARE FEET.	FIXED ANNUAL RENT.
		N.	S.	E.	W.		
1	<i>Inland.</i> West Point	52½	52½	52½	52½	2,756	£ s. d. 8.15.0
2	"	52½	52½	52½	52½	2,756	8.15.0
3	"	52½	52½	52½	52½	2,756	8.15.0
4	<i>Marine.</i> West Point	105	105	300	300	28,361	52.10.0
5	"	105	105	300	300	29,310	52.10.0
6	<i>Inland.</i> Victoria Proper, site of Harbour-Master's Boat-house	NW	166	100	135	...	6,750 24.10.0

WILLIAM COWPER,
Acting Surveyor General.