

	\$ cts.
The Fee payable to the sole Counsel or leading Counsel at the Trial or Hearing of a Cause, or any other Proceeding either at Law or in Equity (except in the cases next specified) shall be at least,	25.00
The following Scale of Fees is not to be exceeded in any of the cases specified, viz:—	
Consultation or Conference,	25.00
Motion for leave to file a Claim in Equity, or to substitute Service of Process at Law, or in Equity, or to take a Document off the File of the Court at Law or in Equity, or for Contempt Process at Law or in Equity, or for time to plead or answer, or to discharge an order for time,	10.00
Motion of Course,	5.00
Every other Motion,	25.00
The Fee Payable to each Junior Counsel (where such is allowed) is not to exceed Two-thirds of the Fee allowed to his Senior Counsel, at any Consultation or Conference, or in any proceeding before the Court, and whether at Law or in Equity or elsewhere.	
No Fee to be allowed to a Junior Counsel in any case except upon good grounds shown to the satisfaction of the Taxing Master.	
Refreshers are not to exceed the rate of One-half the amount allowed for the Original Fees, yet so as that in no case the Fee payable as a Refresher shall be less than,	5.00
Counsel attending Arbitrations or Commissions shall receive the like Fees as at Trials at Law or Hearings in Equity, save that they shall be further entitled to their Expenses, and also to a remuneration for every day after the first day, of,	50.00

THE THIRD SCHEDULE TO WHICH THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE REFERS.

SOLICITORS' COSTS.

	\$ cts.
Instructions to Sue or Defend,	4.00
Instructions to prepare Bill, Claim, Original Petition, Special Case, or Original Summons or answer Plea or Demurrer or to advise thereon (including the perusal of papers),	6.00
For entering Appearance in the cases aforesaid (including Instructions to appear) if for less than Three Defendants,	3.00
The like for every Three Defendants over the First Three, a broken number of less than Three counting as Three,	1.50
For preparing and filing a Bill, Claim, Original Petition, Special Case, or Original Summons (including sealing and issuing) or Answer, Plea, or Demurrer, a Fee to be regulated by the volume of Instructions, the nature and difficulties of the Case, and the Work performed,	1.50
For preparing, filling up, sealing and leaving any other Summons,	1.50
For Instructions and Attendances not by this Schedule provided for (if the Taxing Master shall allow the same), such reasonable Fees as he shall determine. But no allowance shall be made in respect of Instructions for Documents (not herein specified) to be brought into Judge's Chambers or the Office of the Court, save for Interrogatories, Examinations, and Affidavits, not being Affidavits of course or of the Party's own Solicitor or a Clerk of such.	
For making Copies to serve, or for the opposite Party, or fair Copies, per folio,	0.15
For engrossing in all other Cases, per folio,	0.18
For every Attendance to Bespeak, Deliver, Receive or File Documents, to make Payments, or to obtain Appointments,	1.00
For every Attendance at Court, or in Chambers at the Hearing of any opposed Motion, Attendable Petition, or Original Summons, or Plea, or Demurrer, or before an Examiner or Commissioner, taking Evidence, per hour or broken hour,	2.00
For the like at the Hearing of the Cause, Claim, Original or Court Petition, or Special Case, or Plea, or Demurrer, or on further Directions, except in the Case next hereinafter specified,	6.00
For attending and conducting any matter, in Court whether at Law, in Equity, or elsewhere, under section Eight of this Ordinance a Fee, not exceeding,	25.00
For every Attendance to instruct Counsel, Consultation, Conference, Meeting, Search, Inspection, or Reading over of Documents, per hour or broken hour,	2.00
For every Attendance to marshal Evidence or take down the Statements of a proposed Witness, such Fee as the Taxing Master shall think fit to allow, not exceeding for every hour or broken hour,	3.00
For every Attendance at Judge's Chambers at any Government Office or at any Public Office not hereinbefore provided for, per hour or broken hour,	2.00
For every Attendance beyond Five Miles from Victoria, in lieu of the above rates of charge for attendances, but exclusive of reasonable Expenses, per day,	10.00
For every letter, if not charged per folio,	1.00
If so charged, for every folio,	0.25
For translating any Document, per folio of the Original,	0.25
For draughting in all Cases not herein specified, per folio,	0.35
For Messages and Expenses according to the circumstances of each Case.	

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The subjoined amended Draft of the Ordinance for Seamen, is hereby published for general information.

By order of His Excellency The Governor in the Legislative Council,

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

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st 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 many Persons, and Licensed Shipping Agents to be appointed for such respective Periods and under such Conditions and Regulations, (whether with regard to forfeiture by the Governor in or otherwise,) as to His said Excellency in Council shall from Time to Time seem meet, (but always subject by the Council 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 Two hundred 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 convenient 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 qualified 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.

Shipments to be effected by a Licensed Shipping Agent, or the Owner, &c.

VI. All Shipments of Seamen for any Vessels in this Port shall be 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, and passed through the Harbour Master's Office.

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 one Dollar 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 []

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, except in the case next hereinafter specified, 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, the said Harbour Master shall, instead of so entering the said Seaman, make out and deliver unto him a Certificate under the said Harbour Master's hand, addressed to the said Consular Officer, and stating 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. And, upon production of the said Certificate by the said Seaman unto the said Consular Officer, it shall be lawful for the said Consular Officer to enter him accordingly upon the Articles of the said Vessel.

Abrogation of the Three Months Wages' Custom.

IX. The Rule Custom or Usage of paying unto Seamen engaged to serve 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 aforesaid Conditions and Regulations, and also 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 one hundred Dollars, nor less than twenty Dollars; and for every offence against Section Ten of this Ordinance (being a First offence) a Sum not exceeding five Dollars, nor less than one Dollar, or (being a Second offence) a Sum not exceeding ten Dollars, nor less than two Dollars, or (being a Third offence) a Sum not exceeding twenty Dollars, nor less than five 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 breach of Condition to that effect, 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. 83.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return of Notes in Circulation and Specie in Reserve at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 30th July, 1856.

Account of the average Amount of Notes in Circulation at the Bank of the Oriental Bank Corporation in Hongkong, for the Month ending 30th June 1856, rendered in accordance with the Terms of Her Majesty's Royal Charter of Incorporation.

NOTES ISSUED,.....\$183,693,
exclusive of the Notes of the Oriental Bank still outstanding.

Wm. LAMOND,
Acting Sub-Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, 1st July, 1856.

I inspected this day the Books and Treasure of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and hereby certify that I found the necessary Amount of Specie as required by the Charter.

H. REINHARD,
A Member of the Colonial Treasury Commission.

Victoria, Hongkong, 30th July, 1856.