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PROCLAMATION.

of the Colony.

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.

A Free Pardon is hereby granted unto WONG-AHSHING, convicted of Piracy in October last, and now in

Gaol under Sentence of Transportation for Fifteen Years.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. T. MERCER, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 12th Day of December, 1856.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Diplomatic Department.

Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China, has received from Her Majesty's Consul in Shanghae, the following Notice to Mariners, which His Excellency has directed to be published for general information.

By Order,

W. WOODGATE.

Superintendency of Trade, Hongkong, 12th December, 1856.

OPPICE OF MARITIME CUSTOMS, SHANGHAE, 20th November, 1856. With reference to a Notification from this Office, dated 27th October, 1855: Notice is hereby given, that a Tower has been erected

on the South Shore of the Yangtsze Keang, at Kew Toan 九国. It is a plain structure of Brick, painted Red and White. Its heigh

is 70 feet.

It bears from the Light Vessel N. 63° West, distance 16 miles.

The Trees upon Block House Island has from it N. 15° West, distance 8 miles.

The Light Vessel is moored in 4½ fathoms at low water, and bears N. by W. ¾ W. from Gutzlaff Island, from which she is distant The Light Vessel is moored in 4½ fathoms at low water, and bears N. by W. ¾ W. from Gutzlaff Island, from which she is distant The Light Vessel is moored in 4½ fathoms at low water, and bears N. by W. ¾ W. from Gutzlaff Island, from which she is distant The Light Vessel is one to pass her on the Starboard hand, be North Westerly course. On making the Light Vessel, bearing N.W., they should steer so as to pass her on the Starboard hand, be bringing her to the Southward of West. After passing her, they should not bring her to the Southward of S.E. by E. ½ E., making distance for the setting of the Tides over the North Bank. When about sinking her Hull, the Tower will be seen, and the course allowance for the setting of the Tides over the North Bank. When about sinking her Hull, the Tower will be seen, and the course when a vessel is observed running into danger, a Gun is fired from the Light Vessel to attract attention, and the Signal of the Course that should be steered is then exhibited. A ship's Signal Lamp is shown on board from sunset to sunrise.

A Meteorological Register and Tide Table are kept by the Master of the Light Vessel, copies of which can be had gratis of application at this Office.

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True Copy,

W. WOODGATE.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The two following Ordinances, read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published for general information. By Order,

D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Clerk of Councils.

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 6th December, 1856.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VIGESIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ. of 1856. No.

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 Plenipotentiand Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative China, which is the China of the Superintendent of Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance for Intestates' Estates.

December, 1856.]

Be it enacted and ordained, by His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of Legislative Council thereof, as follows:-

I. Ordinance No. 5 of 1855 is hereby repealed, and Ordinance No. 6 of 1854 (with the exception Repeal of Ordinance I. Ordinance No. 5 of 1855 is hereby repealed, and Ordin No. 5 of 1855, and re-Section Five of the last-mentioned Ordinance) is hereby revived. rivor of Ordinance No. II. The Officer administering the Government of this Colony II. The Officer administering the Government of this Colony, shall from time to time, as occasion shall of 1854, (except Section 5.)

Subsequent claims to fiscation thereof for Colonial purposes under Section Three of Ordinance No. 6 of 1854, all Funds to made good out of confiscated; and all Monies in the Treasury forming part of, or arising from, the general Revenue of the Colony, shall be applicable in so repaying or making good the same.

III. It shall be lawful for any Claimant, under Section Two of this Ordinance, in case his Claim shall not Power to unsuccesshe allowed by the said Officer, to present his summary Petition in that behalf to the Supreme Court in ful Claimants to PetiEquity, against the Queen's Attorney General as Respondent thereto; and if he shall verify his said Claim in Equity.

by Evidence to the satisfaction of the said Supreme Court, it shall be the duty of the said Court to make
such Order in the premises as justice shall require; and upon the application of the same or any other
Claimant or Person, or of the said Attorney General, from time to time to vary the same and to enforce every
such Order according to the practice of the Supreme Court: subject nevertheless to such Appeal to His Appeal to the GoExcellency in Executive Council as the said Attorney General; or any of the said parties, may think fit to vernor in Council.

HONGKONG.

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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 the better Repression of Certain Diseases.

December, 1856.7

Whereas the alarming increase of the cases of Venereal Disease within this Colony hath been attended with most pernicious results, and it is desirable to confer upon the Executive some Authority for taking measures to arrest the further progress thereof: Be it enacted and ordained, by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, in manner following:—

shall be the with the execution of this Ordinance (except so far as relates to Patients belonging to Her this Ordinance.

Majesty's Sea or Land Forces); and the respective Surgeons of the Ships-of-War, Regiments, or Corps, to which such last-mentioned Patients belong, shall be the persons charged with the execution of the Ships-of-War. so far as relates to such last-mentioned Patients respectively.

II. Every person who, being ill of Syphilis or Gonorrhea, shall have Carnal Connection with any other sons having connection, shall, upon being thereof convicted in a summary way before any Justice of the Peace, for every such tion, &c., during ill-offence forfeit and pay unto the Crown a penalty not exceeding Four Hundred Dollars, nor less than Twoness. Hundred Dollars, to be levied of his or her Goods and Chattels by Warrant of Distress and Sale, under the hand of the same, or any other Justice of the Peace, in default of payment; and Payment thereof may be likewise enforced by his or her Imprisonment, if such Justice shall think fit.

III. Every person siding abetting or procuring any such Offence as in the less Section is used. The like penalty

III. Every person aiding, abetting, or procuring any such Offence, as in the last Section is specified, and upon Procurers and every person in whose house or dwelling, and to whose knowledge or information or belief, any such Offence as Owners of Houses, &c. aforesaid shall have been committed, and who shall not immediately give information thereof unto a Justice of the Peace, or unto the said or other proper Officer, shall, upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace in a summary way, for every such his or her offence, forfeit and pay the like enalty, and to be levied and enforced in like manner in default of payment, as in the said Section next immediately preceding is expressed.

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IV. Every person ill of either of the said Diseases, or in whose house or dwelling, and to whose knowto be given to the
ledge or information or belief there shall happen to be any person ill of either of the said Diseases, is hereby proper authority, and
required to make an immediate Report thereof to the person charged with the execution of this Ordinance, power to visit and
and to give to the person so charged free access at all times afterwards to the said house or dwelling, and inspect the persons ill
to every part thereof, and also to himself or herself or the person so ill as aforesaid; and every person so ill as thereof.

aforesaid, shall at all times thereafter, during his or her illness, attend, and also suffer himself or herself to be
attended by the person charged with the execution of this Ordinance and his proper officer, at such houses and
places to be appointed by the person so charged from time to time, and submit to such visitation and corporal places to be appointed by the person so charged from time to time, and submit to such visitation and corporal or other inspection according to Medical Usage or Practice, for the better ascertaining of his or her state of Health, as the person so charged shall from time to time appoint; and in case any person shall offend against any of the provisions in this Section contained, he or she shall for every such Offence, being thereof convicted before a Justice of the Peace in a summary way, forfeit and pay to the Crown a penalty not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars, nor less than One Hundred Dollars, to be levied and enforced in default of payment by Warrant of Distress and Sale, and if it be thought fit, by Imprisonment until payment in like manner and form as by Section Two is hereinbefore provided.

V. It is the duty of the person charged with the execution of this Ordinance diligently to afford to Duties of this person every person so ill and so reported as aforesaid, all such Medical Aid and Treatment as the nature of his or charged with the exercise may require, and to superintend and see to the due and regular provision and administration of auce. his or her Medicine and Diet, and of all other matters requisite in the premises, and to exercise and enforce all and singular the powers and authorities by this Ordinance vested in the person so charged with the execution thereof.

VI. After the Recovery or Cure of any such person who shall have been so reported, visited, and inspected as aforesaid for either of the said Diseases, he or she shall, upon demand, receive from the person very or cure. charged with the execution of this Ordinance, or proper officer in that behalf, a Certificate in Writing of such Recovery or Cure, which Certificate shall be received and taken in every Court and Place soever, as conclusive Proof of the matters therein appearing.

VII. In addition to any Penalty which, under Sections Two, Three, and Four of this Ordinance, a Imprisonment in Justice of the Peace hath power to inflict, the said Justice may also, for the same offence, sentence the nalties.

offender to Imprisonment with or without hard labour for the terms following: that is to say, (if the Offence be against Section Two or Section Three,) for a term not exceeding Two Months nor less than Two Weeks; and (if the offence be against Section Four,) for a term not exceeding One Month nor less

VIII. So long only as any person who may be or become liable to any Penalty at common law by Act Indemnity to per-of Parliament, or under Division Five of Section Three of Ordinance No. 14 of 1845, for Keeping a House or sons conforming them-Building for the occupation or resort of Public Prostitutes, except where the same shall be to the annoyance selves. of any person, shall conform and continue to conform himself or herself to all the enactments in this Ordinance contained, such person shall be indemnified against all such his or her Liability in the premises, and may, if such or prosecuted in respect thereof, allege or plead this Ordinance in har of such suit or prosecution.

IX. No offender against any of the enactments in this Ordinance contained, shall be entitled to any offenders against this Ordinance.

Section 'VIII not to be any indemnity to offenders against this Ordinance.

The like penalty on Procurers and

Duties of this person

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