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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,

W. T. MERCER, *Colonial Secretary.*

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

An Ordinance for Her Majesty's Subjects within the Dominions of the Emperor of China, or within any Ship or Vessel at a Distance of not more than One Hundred Miles from the Coast of China.

ANNO DECIMO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 1 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 to declare the Law respecting the Distribution of Estates of Insolvents at the Five Ports in China.*

Title.

[5th March, 1856.]

Whereas doubts have been entertained as to the authority of the Chief Superintendent of Trade and the Consuls at the Five Ports of China with respect to the Administration of Insolvents' Estates at the suit of Creditors: Be it therefore declared, enacted, and ordained, by His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, in manner following:

Preamble.

I. The expressions 'Suit of a Civil nature,' 'Civil Suit,' and 'Suit or Contention,' respectively contained in the Order of Her Majesty in Council of the 13th day of June 1853, for the government of Her Majesty's Subjects being with the Dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any Ship or Vessel at a distance of not more than One Hundred Miles from the Coast of China, shall be construed to extend to every Proceeding by or on the part of Creditors against an Insolvent Debtor resident or carrying on business within the Jurisdiction to which the said Order in Council relates, for the distribution of his Estate and Effects.

Interpretation of the words 'Suit of a Civil nature,' 'Suit or Contention,' &c., in Order in Council of the 13th June 1853.

II. Every such proceeding in a Consular Court shall be commenced and prosecuted in manner provided by the 'Rules of Practice' to be observed in Judicial Proceedings before Her Majesty's said Consuls, which have been or shall hereafter be made in conformity with the Provisions of Article XXXVII of the said Order in Council.

The 'Rules of Practice' to apply to Creditors' suits.

III. In administering the Assets of any such Insolvent Debtor, due regard shall be had to Equality of Distribution among all his or her Creditors.

Equality of Distribution.

IV. Nothing herein contained shall affect any Jurisdiction now vested in the Supreme Court of Hongkong.

Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court reserved.

JOHN BOWRING.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong,  
this 5th Day of March, 1856.

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