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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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor is pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the subjoined Draft Ordinance, which was this day laid before the Legislative Council.

By Order,

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

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 26th March, 1856.

*Draft Ordinance—Buildings.*

HONGKONG.

ANNO DECIMO NONO 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 Buildings and Nuisances.*

Whereas further Provision hath been found necessary to be made for the better Regulation of Buildings and prevention of Nuisances: Be it therefore 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. The following words and expressions in this Ordinance contained shall be construed in manner hereinafter appearing; that is to say:—

The word 'Wall' shall extend to and include every external Wall and party Wall.

The word 'Floor' shall extend to and include every Horizontal Platform forming the base of any Story, and every Joist, Board, Timber, Stone, and Brick, or other substance constituting the said Platform.

The word 'Story' shall extend to and include the full thickness of every Floor, and the space between the under surface thereof and the upper surface of the Floor or (if there be no such Floor) the Ground next below the said firstmentioned Floor.

The word 'Works' shall extend to and include the constructing, reconstructing, pulling down, opening, cutting into, adding to, and altering any Building, Wall, Chimney, Stack, or Flue, Drain, Sewer, Cesspool or any work whatsoever.

The word 'Building' shall extend to and include every House, Outhouse or Shed.

The word 'House' shall extend to and include every Dwelling House, Warehouse, Shop, Manufactory, Workroom, Distillery, and place of secure storage or custody.

The expression 'guilty of a Nuisance' shall apply to and denote any person guilty of committing or continuing any Nuisance whatsoever, and any person guilty of permitting or suffering any Nuisance whatsoever, and any person guilty of omitting to take all proper and reasonable means for procuring the abatement of a Nuisance committed and continuing within his tenement, or upon or over some way or public place in the immediate neighborhood of his tenement, within the space of twelve hours after the said Nuisance shall have been committed.

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