

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

ANNO DECIMO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 2 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 explain the Law as to Removals of Prisoners.

[29th May, 1856.]

Be it 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:

Escaped Offenders against Treaties may be removed to the District of their offence. I. The Chief Superintendent or Consul within whose jurisdiction any party charged with having committed an Offence in any Consular District in China against the Treaties, Rules, or Regulations to which the Order of Her Majesty in Council dated the 13th Day of June 1853 refers, and further charged with having escaped or departed out of the said last mentioned District, shall happen to be found, may lawfully, if the said Chief Superintendent or Consul shall think fit, cause the said party to be removed to the Consular District out of which he shall have so escaped or departed.

General provision with respect to all Removals. II. All Removals whatsoever of Prisoners or parties from or to any Port in China under any Act of Parliament or Order in Council, or under this or any other Ordinance, shall be effected, and the respective expenses thereof shall be defrayed in like manner as, by Articles Twenty, Twenty-one, Twenty-two, and Twenty-three, of the said Order in Council of the 13th day of June 1853, is provided with respect to the embarking, conveying, delivering, commitment, and expenses of persons deported under the authority of the said Articles respectively, so far as the provisions thereof respectively shall be found applicable to the circumstances of each particular case.

JOHN BOWRING.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 29th Day of May, 1856.

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

HONGKONG.

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No. 9 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 explain certain Enactments relating to Shipping.

[29th May, 1856.]

Preamble. Recites Whereas by "The Merchant Shipping Act 1854," and "The Chinese Passengers' Act 1855," the Power to amend the said Acts in their application to this Colony is, under certain Conditions, reserved to this Legislature, and it is desirable to exercise the aforesaid Power in manner hereinafter appearing: Be it enacted and ordained by His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Chinese Residents may use the British Flag in colonially registered vessels. I. The British Flag may be lawfully used by any Chinese Resident within the meaning of Ordinance No. 4 of 1855, on board of any Ship or Vessel registered in this Colony in the name of the said Resident under the Ordinance aforesaid.

Colonial Registers, &c., may be proved by production of Originals or Copies. II. Every Register, Certificate, Endorsement, Declaration, or Bond authorised or required by the said Ordinance, may be proved in any Court of Justice, or before any person having by law or by consent of parties authority to receive Evidence, either by the production of the Original, or by an examined Copy thereof, or by a Copy thereof purporting to be certified under the hand of the Colonial Secretary or other person who for the time being shall happen to have charge of the Original, which certified Copy he is hereby required to furnish to every person applying at a reasonable time for the same, and paying therefor the sum of One Dollar for every such certified Copy; and every Document, when so proved as aforesaid, shall be received as *prima facie* Evidence of all the matters therein recited, stated, or appearing.

Definition of a Voyage of more than Seven Days' duration. III. Any Chinese Passenger Ship clearing out or proceeding to sea from any Port in this Colony, or in Ports, for the purpose of commencing at or from any such Port or Ports as last aforesaid a Voyage of more than Seven Days' duration, shall be deemed to have cleared out or proceeded to sea upon the said last-mentioned Voyage from the said first-mentioned Port within the meaning of the "Chinese Passengers' Act 1855."

IV. This Ordinance shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's confirmation thereof shall have been proclaimed in this Colony by His Excellency the Governor.

JOHN BOWRING.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 29th Day of May, 1856.

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

HONGKONG.

ANNO DECIMO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 10 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 Lis Pendens and Purchasers.

[29th May, 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:—