

HONGKONG.

ANNO VIGESIMO SECUNDO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 13 of 1858.

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 continuance of the heretofore existing Regulations respecting Chinese Passenger Ships; and in the case of British Ships, respecting the Treatment of the Passengers therein while at Sea, and for making Regulations in addition thereto.

[21st October, 1858.]

Preamble.

Whereas it is desirable to make further Provision, in addition to that made by the *Chinese Passengers' Act*, 1855, for the Regulation of Chinese Passengers' Ships, and in the case of British Ships, for the Treatment of the Passengers therein while at Sea, with a view to the better securing the Health of Passengers in such Ships: Be it enacted and ordained, by His Excellency the Governor, of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Existing Regulations to continue in force.

I. No Chinese Passenger Ship shall clear out or proceed to Sea on any Voyage of more than Seven Days' duration, without strictly conforming in every respect with the Regulations contained in Schedule (A) annexed to the *Chinese Passengers' Act*, 1855, and heretofore in force under the Second Section of the said Act: Provided always, that for Voyages to Places Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope or on the West Coast of America, a Chinese Medical Practitioner, properly qualified to the satisfaction of the Emigration Officer, shall be considered a Surgeon in terms of the said Schedule in all cases where a properly qualified European or American Surgeon is not found ready to take Medical charge of the Ship on the payment of such remuneration as to the Emigration Officer shall appear reasonable.

Hospital accommodation to be provided.

II. In every Chinese Passenger Ship, there shall be a sufficient Space properly divided off to the satisfaction of the Emigration Officer at the Port of Clearance, to be used exclusively as a Hospital or Hospitals for the Passengers; this Space shall be under the Poop, or in the Round-house, or in any Deck-house which shall be properly built and secured to the satisfaction of such Emigration Officer, or on the upper Passenger Deck, and not elsewhere, and shall in no case be less than Eighteen clear superficial Feet for every Fifty Passengers which the Ship shall carry. Such Hospitals shall be fitted with Bed Places, and supplied with proper Beds, Bedding, and Utensils, to the satisfaction of the Emigration Officer at the Port of Clearance, and throughout the Voyage kept so fitted and supplied.

Space for Hospital to be included in Measurement of capacity for Passengers.

III. In the Measurement of the Passenger Decks, Poop, Round-house, or Deck-house, for the purpose of determining the Number of Passengers to be carried in any Chinese Passenger Ship, the Space for the Hospital shall be included.

Passengers and Crew to be examined before sailing by some Medical Practitioner.

IV. No Chinese Passenger Ship shall clear out or proceed to Sea on any Voyage as aforesaid, until some Medical Practitioner shall have certified to the Emigration Officer, and the said Emigration Officer shall be satisfied, that none of the Passengers or Crew appear, by reason of any bodily or mental Disease, unfit to proceed, or likely to endanger the Health or Safety of other Persons about to proceed, in such Vessel: and a Medical Inspection of the Passengers for the purposes of giving such Certificate, shall take place either on board the Vessel, or, at the discretion of the said Emigration Officer, at such convenient place on Shore, before embarkation, as he may appoint; and the Master, Owner, or Charterer of the Ship, shall pay to such Medical Practitioner a Sum at the rate of Twenty-five Mexican Dollars, for every Hundred Persons so examined: Provided, that in case the Emigration Officer on any particular occasion shall be unable to obtain such Certificate as aforesaid, or the attendance of a Medical Practitioner within a reasonable time, or without payment of an Inspection Fee at a higher rate than that hereby ordained, then it shall be lawful for the said Emigration Officer to dispense with such Medical Inspection as aforesaid, and to satisfy himself by his own personal examination, (for which he shall receive the Fee hereinbefore ordained to be paid,) of the fit sanitary state of the Crew and Passengers: Provided also, that all Fees received under this Section by the Emigration Officer or Colonial Surgeon of Hongkong, shall be within Three Days after the receipt thereof paid over by the Officer receiving them into the Treasury, to the use of the Crown.

Certificate not to be granted unless sanitary Regulations are complied with.

V. No Emigration Officer shall give the Certificate required by the *Chinese Passengers' Act*, 1855, in respect of any Chinese Passenger Ship, unless he be satisfied as aforesaid with the Hospital Accommodation therein provided, and with the sanitary state of the Crew and Passengers.

Suspending Clause.

VI. 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 21st Day of October, 1858.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Ordinance was read a first time in the Legislative Council on the 21st instant, and is now published for general information, with a request that Observations thereon may be sent in to the Clerk of Councils on or before the 27th instant.

By Order,

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

Council Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 23d October, 1858.

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An Ordinance to provide for the erection of a Public Way along the Water Frontage of the City of Victoria.

[October, 1858.]

Whereas it is desirable that a Public Way should be erected continuously along the Water Frontage of the City of Victoria: Be it enacted, and ordained by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. It shall be lawful for the Governor to give authority to the Surveyor General to construct, or cause to be constructed, one uniform and continuous Quay or Praya, and all Works connected therewith, along the Water Frontage of the City of Victoria, extending from Navy Bay at the extreme West thereof, to Wong-wei-choong at the extreme East thereof.

II. The said Quay or Praya shall be called the Bowring Praya.

III. The said Quay or Praya and Works connected therewith shall be erected from Designs and Plans prepared by the Surveyor General; and the Ground Plan thereof shall be exhibited for Public inspection in the Office of the Surveyor General during Office-hours for a period of Two Weeks, before any Works shall be commenced by him under the authority of this Ordinance.

IV. In the event of any difficulty occurring in the prolongation of the "Boundary Lines" of Marine Lots through Land reclaimed or to be reclaimed from the Sea, it shall be lawful for the Surveyor General to fix and determine the direction and extent of such prolonged Boundary Lines, provided that he do first set out the same on the Plans of the said Praya and Works so open to Public inspection as aforesaid.

V. It shall be lawful for the Governor, on the recommendation of the Surveyor General, to authorize and give effect to any Compromise to be come to, between the Governor on behalf of the Crown, and the Holder of the Crown Lease of any Marine Lot, by which the Claims of such Holder and the Claims of the Crown respectively, may be adjusted equitably and to the advantage of the Colony. And for this purpose it shall be lawful for the Governor to sanction the erection, by any such Marine Lot-holder, of the portion of the said Praya to be erected immediately in front of his own Lot: Provided only that the Erection of any portion of the said Praya shall be carried on and completed under the inspection and to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General, and in accordance with the Plan by him prepared or approved.

VI. The Surveyor General shall in every ensuing Year, at some time before the Month of June, submit to the Governor a Statement of the portion of the Works proposed by him to be carried out under this Ordinance within the Year next following, and Estimates of the Expenditure to be incurred on account thereof. And it shall be lawful for the Governor to propose such Estimates, or any of them, in any Ordinance, making Provision for the Contingent Expenditure of the Colony to be dealt with in like manner as any other Estimate to be so proposed.

VII. It shall be lawful for the Surveyor General, and all Officers, Servants, and Workmen employed under him, at all times, and with all necessary means and appliances, to enter upon all or any Lands adjacent or approaching to the site of the said Praya, in the course of its erection, and to do thereon all that shall be necessary for carrying out the Works provided for by this Ordinance.

VIII. If any Person shall wilfully obstruct any Person acting under the authority of this Ordinance, or destroy, remove, or injure any Timber, Stone, or other Materials to be employed in or about the erection of the said Praya, or shall deface any Marks which shall have been made for the purposes of this Ordinance, he shall forfeit for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars.

IX. Every Holder of the Crown Lease of a Marine Lot who shall sustain any Loss or Damage by reason of any Work, Matter or Thing done under the authority of this Ordinance, on the Area occupied by the Tenant and set forth in the Lease aforesaid, shall be entitled to Compensation; and the Amount to be paid for such Compensation shall be assessed by the Sheriff and a Common Jury, in the same manner as in cases where Judgment has been suffered to go by default by a Defendant in an Action-at-Law. And on return made by the Sheriff of the Amount assessed as such Compensation as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct such Amount to be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the Person entitled to receive the same.

X. Whenever it shall appear to the Governor on the report in writing of the Surveyor General, that it is necessary for the completion of the Works to be carried on under this Ordinance, that Her Majesty should take possession of any Lands or Tenements or Erections of any kind not belonging to the Crown, it shall be lawful for the Governor to purchase the same on behalf of the Crown on such Terms as shall be fixed by the Surveyor General; and if the Person entitled to the said Lands shall refuse to accept the said Terms, then it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct an Assessment of the Compensation or Consideration to be paid to the Person entitled thereto for the purchase of the same Lands, Tenements, or Erections, in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided for the assessment of Compensation to be allowed in respect of damage to Marine Lot-holders. And it shall be competent to the Sheriff and the Jury empanelled for the purpose of making such Assessment, to enter upon and view the said Lands, Tenements, or Erections. And after Return made by the Sheriff of the Amount found by the said Jury to be payable as Compensation in respect of the said Lands, Tenements, or Erections, it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct payment of the said Amount to be made out of the Colonial Treasury to the Person entitled thereto, and to direct the Surveyor General to take possession of the said Lands, Tenements, or Erections in the name of the Crown. And no assignment or conveyance of the said Lands or Tenements shall be deemed necessary to vest the same in the Crown thenceforth, but a Declaration shall be made by the Surveyor General of his having taken possession thereof as aforesaid, with a Statement of the Amount of Compensation as assessed, and a description of the Premises so taken by metes and bounds; and a Memorial of the said Declaration having been registered at the Land-office, it shall be considered thenceforth as Evidence of the vesting of the said Premises in Her Majesty and Her Successors to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and no claim shall thereafter lie against the Crown in respect of the said premises, except for the Consideration or Compensation assessed as aforesaid for the same, as is hereinbefore provided.

And whereas many unauthorized encroachments have been made by Holders of Marine Lots upon the Sea below High-water mark, and Land reclaimed at great expense,—and it is desirable that the said Holders should be permitted to retain possession of the Lands so reclaimed upon payment of an equitable Rent therefor: It is hereby further ordained as follows:—

XI. It shall be lawful for the Governor to permit any Piece or Parcel of Land so reclaimed from the Sea, and not grant or license from the Crown, to be rented with the Marine Lot in front of which the said Land has been so reclaimed by the Holders of the Crown Lease thereof, upon such Terms as shall be agreed between the said Holders and the Surveyor General; and if the said Holders and the Surveyor General do not agree, then it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct an Assessment of the Rent reasonably to be charged in respect of the Land so reclaimed, in the same manner as is hereinbefore provided for the assessment of Compensation to be allowed in respect of Damages to the Marine Lot-holders; and for the purpose of making such Assessment, it shall be competent to the Sheriff and the Jury thereto empanelled, to enter upon and view the Land so reclaimed as aforesaid. And after return made by the Sheriff of the Amount found by the said Jury to be reasonably chargeable as the rent of the said Land so reclaimed, then it shall be lawful for the Governor to offer the said Land to be held as aforesaid with the Marine Lot in front

of which it shall have been so reclaimed, at and for the Rent so assessed as aforesaid; And in the event the Holder of the said Marine Lot declining to accept a Lease of the Land so reclaimed at the Rent to assessed as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the Governor forthwith to order the sale of the said Piece or Parcel of Ground by Public Auction, either in Lots or undivided, and together with any Piece or Parcel of Ground adjoining in possession of the Crown, as to the Governor shall seem best: Provided always, that Compensation shall be made to the Holder of the original Marine Lot so sold, for the Expense incurred in and about the reclamation from the Sea of the Land in front thereof,—such Compensation to be assessed in manner hereinbefore provided for the Assessment of Damage to Marine Lot-holders under Section IX of this Ordinance.

XII. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall in any way affect or interfere with the carrying out of any Works now in the course of Erection or Construction under the direction or supervision of the Surveyor General; and that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to set aside or invalidate any Arrangements or Compromises heretofore entered into between the Crown and Marine Lot-holders, having committed purpresture.

No. 94.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that under the terms of Section 3, Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, and Section 1 of Ordinance 7 of 1858, Wednesday, the 10th Day of November next, is fixed for a Special Sessions of Justices of the Peace, to be held on that day, at the Office of the Chief Magistrate of Police, at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering Applications for Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors, during the Year commencing the 1st December next.

Applications for such Licenses must be lodged at the Chief Magistrate's Office, at least Ten Days before the Sessions, in the Form prescribed by the above quoted Section of the first mentioned Ordinance; and no application will, after that period, be received for submission to the Sessions.

Printed Forms of Applications may be obtained, by intending Applicants, at the Chief Magistrate's Office, on Week Days, between the Hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

By Order,

FRED. FORTH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 8th October, 1858.

NOTICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 23d October, 1858.

All Persons intending to apply for "Seamen's Boarding-house Licenses" for the Year 1858-9, under Ordinance No. 6 of 1852, whether for Houses already occupied, or for new Boarding Houses, will send in their Applications in writing to this Office before Monday the 15th November next, stating the Name of the Applicant, the District number of the House, and whether the latter is now Licensed or not.

It is further notified, that preference will be given to large airy Houses situated on the Queen's Road to the westward of Gough Street Stairs.

A. L. INGLIS,
Harbor Master.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Next GENERAL MAILS per Steamer "SINGAPORE," will close on THURSDAY, the 23th October, at 6 o'clock P.M.

The usual SUPPLEMENTARY MAILS will be made up on the following morning. LETTERS received from 9 to 11 o'clock A.M., for a late fee of 6d., and PAPERS 1d.; and from 11 A.M. to 12½ o'clock P.M., for a late fee of 1s. on each letter, and 2d. on each paper.

All Letters and Newspapers posted between the hours of 11 and Half-past 12 o'clock must be prepaid.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Acting Post-Master.Post Office, Hongkong,
16th October, 1858.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing in China under the Style of NOTT & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either Partner will sign the name in liquidation.

WILLIAM NOTT,
By his Attorney, WALTER L. PURDIE,
A. B. NEILSON, Jr.
WALTER L. PURDIE,
D. OLYPHANT VAIL,
RICHARD R. TYERS.

China, 22d July, 1858

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE undersigned have formed a Co-Partnership for the purpose of carrying on a GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS IN CHINA, under the name of OLYPHANT & Co.

R. M. OLYPHANT.
WM. W. PARKIN.
L. N. HITCHCOCK.

New York, May 8th, 1858.

Referring to the foregoing notice, Messrs A. B. NEILSON, JR., WALTER L. PURDIE, D. OLYPHANT VAIL, and RICHARD R. TYERS, are this day admitted Partners in our Firm.

OLYPHANT & Co.
China, 22d July, 1858.

Steam for
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES,
& SOUTHAMPTON;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "SINGAPORE," Captain GRAINGER, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above Places, on FRIDAY, the 29th October, at 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 27th; SPECIE until Noon on the 28th, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 28th.

For Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE
REQUIRED.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness on such declaration.

MAXN. FISCHER,
Superintendent.Peninsular & Oriental
Steam Navigation Company's Office,
Hongkong, 13th October, 1858.

NOTICE.

MR H. DUDELL will act for me, during my absence from this Colony.

G. DUDELL.

Victoria, Hongkong, 11th August, 1858.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr THOS. DUNN in our Firm, ceased on the 30th of June last.

Foochow, 14th July, 1858.

HEDGE & Co.

NOTICE.

MR CHARLES W. HUDSON is authorised to sign our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.,
of Canton.

Hongkong, 22d July, 1858.

NOTICE.

MR GEO. RICHARDS LAWRENCE is authorised to sign our Firm per procuracy from this date.

JAMES PURDON & Co.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1858.

NOTICE.

MR DOUGLAS LAPRAIK will act as my Attorney during my absence from this Colony.

H. F. EDWARDS.
Hongkong, 26th June, 1858.

NOTICE.

WE have established a Branch of our Firm at BANGKOK, SIAM, under the management of Mr C. H. H. WILSONE, who is authorized to sign for us by procuracy.

HAMILTON, GRAY & Co.
Singapore, 17th May, 1858.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned requests that any Claims against the late Firm of NEAVE, MURRAY & Co., may be rendered to him before the 31st current.

H. MURRAY.
Hollywood Road,
15th October, 1858.

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