

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following *Draft Ordinance*, which stands for second reading on Tuesday, the 19th instant, is published for general information.

By Order,

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

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 5th January, 1858.

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No. of 1857.

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.

Title. *An Ordinance for licensing and regulating the Sale of Opium in small Quantities.*

[December, 1857.]

Preamble. Be it enacted and ordained by His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Repeal of Ordinance No. 3 of 1845, and of parts of Ordinances Nos. 5 of 1845, and 4 of 1853. I. The whole of Ordinance No. 3 of 1845, and also so much of Ordinances No. 5 of 1845, and No. 4 of 1853, as relate to Smoking Divans, or to Opium, Bhaang, Ganja, Paun, Betel, or Betel Leaf, and all Regulations of the Governor in Council in anywise relating to the premises or any of them, are hereby repealed.

The Opium privilege to be sold to the highest Bidder. II. His Excellency the Governor in Council may grant unto any Persons, for such Considerations, and upon such Conditions, and for such Terms or Periods, and in such Form as from Time to Time shall be by His said Excellency in Council regulated and determined, and also notified to the Public in the *Hongkong Government Gazette*, the sole Privilege of Selling or Retailing within the said Colony, or the Waters thereof, Opium in any quantity being less than One Chest: And such Privilege shall from Time to Time be granted to the highest Bidder, to be ascertained either by Public Auction or by Tender, to be made in pursuance of Notice to be published in the said *Gazette* to that effect.

Who may grant Licenses. III. Any Person actually holding any such Privilege, is hereby empowered to grant Licenses to all proper Persons authorising them to retail Opium, in quantities of less than One Chest; but such Licenses shall be granted subject to such Conditions as shall from Time to Time be by His said Excellency in Council regulated and notified in manner aforesaid.

Penalties under this Ordinance. IV. From henceforward, no Person not holding any such Privilege or License, or save as he may be by such Privilege or License in that behalf authorised, shall, within this Colony or the Waters thereof, sell, retail, or offer or expose for sale or retail, any Opium in lesser quantities than One Chest.

Penalties may be awarded by His Excellency in Council for breach of Regulations, and all Proceedings under the same or this Ordinance to be Summary. V. For the breach of any of the Regulations in the preceding Sections mentioned, His said Excellency in Council is further empowered from Time to Time, to award and notify in the said *Gazette* all such Penalties as shall be deemed reasonable, which Penalties, when incurred, may be recovered and levied in Manner and Form provided by any Ordinance, for the time being in force, for regulating Summary Proceedings for Penalties before Justices of the Peace in the said Colony; and likewise all Violations or Disobediences of, or Defaults in compliance with, the Provisions of this Ordinance, or of any Regulations made under the Powers herein and hereby created or conferred, shall be heard and determined summarily in the like manner.

Penalties under this Ordinance. VI. For every Offence against the Provisions of this Ordinance not otherwise provided for by any Regulations made and notified in Manner aforesaid by His said Excellency in Council, and actually in force, there shall be recovered and levied in manner aforesaid from, or imposed on the Offender in that behalf, the Penalties following, that is to say:

No Certiorari. VII. No Certiorari shall be allowed in any Proceeding under this Ordinance.

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With reference to Government Notification No. 109, of 9th July 1857, it is hereby made known, that Her Majesty's Exequatur has been duly granted to A. W. P. KUP, Esquire, as Consul at Hongkong for His Majesty The King of the Netherlands.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 4th January, 1858.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Return from the Emigration Officer, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 6th January, 1858.

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