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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"

shall, 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.

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No. 1 of 1858.

By His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, L.L.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 Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance for Criminal Procedure.

[ 11th January, 1858.]

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

I. All Statements which need not be proved shall be omitted from Informations and Indictments, and Unnecessary Statements forbidden.

II. Every Information or Indictment shall continue to be signed as heretofore, but shall, with such Modifications as may be necessary to meet the Facts of each Case, be in the following Form as near as may be:—

• The Attorney General charges A.B., with the Murder of C.D., [or with having robbed, or stolen from the person of C.D., or with a Burglary in a Dwelling-house, or as the case may be] at E., on the Day of 18 :—

And if there be more than One Count, then the Second, and every subsequent Count, if any, shall, with and second Counts. And if there be more than One Count, then the Second, and every subsequent Count, if any, shall, with and second Counts.

• And also with Piracy in making a Revolt on board of the Vessel F, or as the case may be, [or setting Fire to a Dwelling-House, or as the case may be,] at E. aforesaid [or as the case may be], on the Day and Year last aforesaid [or as the case may be.]

III. It shall not be competent to any Prisoner or Defendant to object by Demurrer to any Information or Indictment, except upon the ground that the same doth not set forth a sufficient Charge in Law; and Demurrers or Objections for lack of Form shall not be allowed.

IV. Save as by this Ordinance is provided, the Rules of Pleading and Practice in Criminal Cases shall continue to be observed as the same existed at the Time of the passing hereof: And no Ordinance hereafter to be passed for extending to this Colony any Imperial Enactment relating to Crimes or Offences, shall be interpreted to repeal or vary any of the Provisions of this Ordinance, unless the intention to repeal or vary the same be expressed in such future Ordinance.

JOHN BOWRING.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 11th Day of January, 1858.

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