

No. 4.—ABSTRACT OF RETURNS furnished from each House occupied by CHINESE in the COLONY OF HONGKONG, stating Number of Persons Resident therein, Mortality, &c.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	CHILDREN.		TOTAL OF EACH PLACE.	MORTALITY.		GENERAL OCCUPATION OF THE INHABITANTS.
			BOYS.	GIRLS.		IN THE COLONY.	OUT OF THE COLONY.	
Sei-ing-poon Sub-district,	3,192	638	373	325	4,528	774	...	Trade.
Lower Bazaar, "	5,248	615	303	270	6,436			
Tai-ping-shan, "	7,728	3,298	1,040	1,556	13,622			
Choong-wan, "	6,877	1,672	843	911	10,303			
Há-wan, "	3,534	797	389	278	4,998			
Wong-nei-chong, "	94	87	53	42	276			
Soo-koan-poo, "	2,294	435	233	165	3,127			
TOTAL VICTORIA DISTRICT,	27,967	7,542	3,234	3,547	43,290			
Show-ke-wan, District,	444	138	74	49	705	114	...	{ Fishing, Quarrying, Agriculture, and a little Trade.
Sai-wan, "	43	42	20	24	129			
Sheak-ko, "	133	99	54	27	313			
Ty-tam-took, "	27	18	13	6	64			
Stanley, "	617	145	123	133	1,018			
Heong-kong, "	103	71	29	32	235			
Aberdeen, "	1,128	196	147	63	1,534			
Pok-foo-lum, "	23	19	4	7	53			
TOTAL VILLAGE DISTRICTS,	2,518	728	464	341	4,051			
GRAND TOTAL,	30,485	8,270	3,698	3,888	47,341	888	445	

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No. 5.—RETURN shewing the MORTALITY amongst the CHINESE during the Year 1857.

	POPULATION OF EACH PLACE.	DIED IN THE COLONY.	DIED OUT OF THE COLONY.	TOTAL.
Victoria and Sub-districts,	44,701	553		
Bodies found exposed in Victoria and Sub-districts, and buried by the Police,	...	87		
Number of Chinese died in Gaol and Government Civil Hospital,	...	134		
Total,	44,701	774	...	774
DISTRICTS.				
Show-ke-wan,	705	106		
Sai-wan,	129			
Sheak-ko,	313			
Ty-tam-took,	64			
Stanley,	1,018			
Heong-kong,	235			
Aberdeen,	1,534			
Pok-foo-lum,	53			
Bodies found in Villages, and buried by the Police,	...	8		
Estimated Mortality out of the Colony,	445	
Total,	4,051	114	445	114
Grand Total,	48,752	888	445	1,333

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No. 6.—RETURN of the POPULATION OF HONGKONG, 1857.

	WHITES		COLOURED POPULATION.		TOTAL.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.—Victoria District,	1,007	404	...	...	1,007	404
Sub-districts of Victoria,—						
No. 1.—Sei-ing-poon,	...	...	3,565	963		
" 2.—Lower Bazaar,	...	...	5,551	885		
" 3.—Tai-ping-shan,	...	...	8,768	4,854		
" 4.—Choong-wan,	...	...	7,720	2,583		
" 5.—Há-wan,	...	...	3,923	1,075		
" 6.—Wong-nei-chong,	...	...	147	129		
" 7.—Soo-koan-poo,	...	...	2,527	600		
DISTRICTS.					32,201	11,089
Show-ke-wan,	...	...	518	187		
Sai-wan,	...	...	63	66		
Sheak-ko,	...	...	187	126		
Ty-tam-took,	...	...	40	24		
Stanley,	...	...	740	278		
Heong-kong,	...	...	132	103		
Aberdeen,	...	...	1,275	259		
Pok-foo-lum,	...	...	27	26		
Total,			2,982	1,669		
Native Population,	...	...	...	...	16,897	8,120
Temporary Residents, Vagrants, and Persons living in Sheds,	3,000	...
Vagrants,	325	...
GRAND TOTAL,					56,412	20,362

GRAND TOTAL,.....77,094

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The three following Draft Ordinances, namely:—

"For Appeals to the Supreme Court;"

"For extending to this Colony certain Imperial Enactments, and certain Rules and Orders of Superior Courts;"

"For regulating Chinese Passenger Ships;"—

read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, and are published for general information.

By Order,

J. M. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
for the Clerk of Councils.

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 24th February, 1858.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VIGESIMO PRIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 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 Appeals to the Supreme Court.

[February, 1858.]

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

"Justice" to include "Court," and "Party" to include "Crown." Meaning of "Appellant" and "Respondent."

Application may be made within Three Days to state a Case;

and must be granted, except it be frivolous.

Recognisance of Appeal.

Fees payable.

Further condition in case Appellant is in Custody.

If the Justice refuses, the Supreme Court may Rule a Case to be stated so. Costs.

Cases to be transmitted, &c., within Three Days; and set down Four clear Days before argument.

Orders of the Court shall be paid.

Costs.

Determinations after Appeal may be enforced.

Certiorari not required. Forfeited Recognisance.

General Rules and Orders of the Supreme Court.

I. The word "Justice" in this Ordinance shall include every Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and whether of primary Jurisdiction or appellate, except the Supreme Court; and the word "Party," shall include the Crown; and the word "Appellant" shall mean the party applying under Section Two of this Ordinance; and the word "Respondent" shall mean the opposite party.

II. Within Three clear Days after the determination by a Justice of any Suit, Information, or Complaint, which he hath or shall have power to determine in a summary way, either party to the matter so determined may apply in writing to the said Justice, to state and sign a case setting forth the facts of the said matter, and the grounds of the said determination, for the opinion of the Supreme Court thereon; which application the said Justice is hereby required to grant, unless he have reason to believe that the same is merely frivolous, (in which case only he may refuse the same,) and shall thereupon, upon receiving from the said Appellant the Fee of One Dollar, sign and deliver unto him a Certificate of such refusal; yet so as that, if any such application be made by the Attorney General, or under his fiat, the Justice to whom the same is made shall be bound to grant the same, whatever may be his belief in that behalf.

III. On the said Application being granted, and before the said Case being stated and delivered by the said Justice, the Appellant shall enter into a Recognisance before him, or any other Justice exercising the same jurisdiction, with or without Sureties, and in what Sum to the said Justice shall seem meet, conditioned to prosecute his Appeal in that behalf, without delay and with effect, and to submit to the judgment of the said Supreme Court, and pay such Costs as may be awarded by the same; and the said Appellant shall likewise, before the delivering of the said Case, pay, in respect of the said Recognisance and Case respectively, to the Clerk taking the said Recognisance and delivering the said Case respectively, the Crown Fees according to the Scale following, that is to say:—

For the said Recognisance, \$2.

For drawing and copying the Case, if not exceeding Five Folios of Seventy-two Words each, \$3.

If the Case exceeds the said Five Folios, then for every additional Folio, \$0.30.

IV. If the Appellant be in Custody at the time of the taking of the said Recognisance, the same shall be further conditioned for his appearance before the said Justice, or (if that be unsuitable) before some other Justice, who shall be sitting and exercising the same Jurisdiction, within Ten Days after the judgment shall have been given by the Supreme Court on the said Appeal, to abide the said judgment, unless thereby the determination so appealed against shall happen to have been reversed: And every such Appellant, upon entering into a Recognisance so further conditioned as aforesaid, shall be immediately liberated from such Custody.

V. In case of the refusal of a Justice to state or deliver a Case under this Ordinance, the Appellant may, upon an Affidavit of the facts, apply to the Supreme Court for a Rule calling upon the said Justice, and also upon the Respondent, to show cause why the said Case should not be stated or delivered; which Rule (if granted) may afterwards be made absolute or discharged by the said Court, with or without payment of Costs by the said Justice or either Party, as the circumstances shall require; and if the same be made absolute, the said Justice shall, upon being served therewith, and upon the Conditions specified in Sections Three and Four respectively being complied with, state and deliver a Case accordingly.

VI. Within Three clear Days after a Case has been delivered to an Appellant under this Ordinance, he shall first transmit a Copy thereof with a Notice in Writing of his Appeal to the Respondent, and shall thereupon transmit the said Case to the Supreme Court, and the Case when so transmitted shall be set down for argument in Court or in Chambers, by the Registrar of the said Court, at the request of either party, Four clear Days before the day appointed for the said argument; yet so as that Notice in Writing of the same having been so set down be given by the party so requesting, to the opposite party, Four clear Days before the day so appointed.

VII. The Supreme Court shall hear and determine every question of Law or Fact, arising upon a Case so set down, and shall (according to the circumstances thereof) affirm, amend, or reverse, the determination in respect whereof the said Case shall have been stated, or remit the matter of such determination with the said Court's opinion thereon to the said Justice, or make such other order with respect to the said matter, as shall be requisite to the due adjudication thereof, or remit the said Case to him, with direction to make a new determination, or (as the case may be) to amend the same, and to return it to the said Court, and shall postpone judgment thereon, until after the same shall have been so returned, and then shall deliver judgment thereon accordingly, as to the said Court shall seem meet; and the said Court may likewise make all such Orders with respect to Costs, as shall be deemed meet; save that no Justice, who shall have stated and delivered a Case under this Ordinance, shall be liable to Costs for or by reason of the same, or of the determination in respect whereof the same shall have been stated.

VIII. The Laws relating to the enforcement by Justices or others, of determinations of Justices not appealed against under this Ordinance, shall extend to and be applied by Justices or others in the enforcement of determinations affirmed, or amended, or made, under this Ordinance, and also to the judgments of the said Supreme Court, upon any Appeals under the same; and all Justices shall be bound to conform themselves in the premises to the directions, opinions, and judgments of the said Court.

IX. No Certiorari, Mandamus, or other Writ, shall be requisite for carrying into effect this Ordinance.

X. The Laws for the time being in force, with respect to the proceeding upon Recognisances forfeited before Justices or at Sessions, shall extend to all Recognisances which shall be taken under this Ordinance, and any of the Conditions whereof shall not have been complied with; yet so as that, upon every such Recognisance there shall be endorsed the Certificate of a Justice, stating in what respect the said Conditions have not been complied with, which Certificate shall be deemed to be *prima facie* evidence of the forfeiture of the said Recognisance.

XI. The Supreme Court shall have power (with consent of the Legislative Council) to make and alter from time to time any General Rules and Orders of Court, for the better regulation of the practice and proceedings under this Ordinance, and subject thereto and to this Ordinance the said practice and proceedings shall be regulated, so far as practicable, by analogy to the practice and proceedings for the time being observed in the superior Courts of Law at Westminster, with respect to Appeals under the Act of Parliament of the Twenty-first Year of the Queen, Chapter Forty-three.

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An Ordinance for extending to this Colony certain Imperial Enactments, and certain Rules and Orders of the Superior Courts.

[February, 1858.]

It is ordained and enacted by The Governor of Hongkong, with the consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. The Acts and Parts of Acts of Parliament, and the Rules, Orders, and Regulations, of the Superior Courts of Westminster, respectively specified in the Schedules hereunto annexed, are hereby extended to this Colony, subject to the Provisions next hereinafter contained. Schedules of Acts, Rules, and Orders, extended.

II. The said extended Enactments shall be so construed, as to enable the Provisions thereof to be made and enforced by any Courts and Officers respectively (howsoever designated), having or exercising here or similar or analogous functions to those belonging to, or exerciseable by, the Courts and Officers (howsoever designated) to which the said Enactments relate. Courts and Officers extended Enactments.

III. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the Supreme Court shall be deemed to be the "Court of Probate" and "The Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes;" and also (in its Summary Jurisdiction) a Court of Divorce, &c. Courts of Probate and Divorce, &c.

IV. The Sections of the Act of the Twenty-first Year of the said Queen, Chapter Seventy-seven, from Fifty-four to Sixty both inclusive, shall be read and construed as though the Value of £200 and £300, therein substituted therein for the respective Values of £200 and £300, therein substituted. Construction of 21 Vict. c. 77.

V. Persons employed in the Police Force of this Colony, and dying here whilst so employed, shall be deemed to be within the meaning of the two last Sections; but the Superintendent of Police for the Colony is hereby constituted the Official Administrator of their Estates, and required to get in and administer the same with the sanction of the Colonial Treasurer, and within One Month after the decease of such Person to certify the same, and the amount in value of the Estate and Effects of such Persons, and to sign a Certificate under his hand to the Registrar of the Supreme Court, for registry in the said Court of Probate. Special provision for Policemen.

VI. All Rules of Court, Orders of Court, and Tables of Fees, made or published, or to be made or published by the proper Courts in England, and in force there under the Enactments hereby extended, or published by the English Courts, may be recognised and adopted as applicable to this Colony by the said Supreme Court. Rules and Orders, and Tables of Fees, published by the English Courts.

VII. If the said Court shall make or publish any Rules of Court, Orders of Court, or Tables of Fees, other than such as are mentioned in Section Six of this Ordinance, the same shall be laid before and approved by the Legislative Council in the usual manner, before being carried into effect. The like when published by the Supreme Court.

VIII. Sections Sixteen to Twenty, both inclusive, of the Ordinance No. 6 of 1845, are hereby repealed. Repeal of Ordinance No. 6 of 1845, §§ 16 to 20.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO WHICH THIS ORDINANCE REFERS.

IMPERIAL ENACTMENTS.

Date of the Act.	Title or Subject matter of the Act.	Extent of operation intended to be hereby given to the Act.
19 Vict. c. 117.	Principal Officers of the Ordnance.	The whole of the Act.
20 Vict. c. 47.	The Joint Companies' Act, 1856.	Sections Fourteen, Twenty-eight to Thirty-one, both inclusive; Forty-one to Forty-seven, both inclusive; Fifty-three to Fifty-seven, both inclusive; the whole of Part Three, and Section One Hundred and Fifteen.
21 Vict. c. 14.	The Joint Stock Companies' Act, 1857.	Sections One, Two, Three, Eleven to Twenty-one, both inclusive; Twenty-three, Twenty-four, and Twenty-eight.
21 Vict. c. 54.	Punishment of frauds committed by Persons intrusted with property.	The whole of the Act.
21 Vict. c. 57.	Reversionary interests of married Women in personal Estate.	The whole of the Act.
21 Vict. c. 77.	Probates and Letters of Administration.	Sections Two, Three, Four, Twenty-one to Thirty-eight, both inclusive; Forty, Forty-five, Fifty-four to Ninety-one, both inclusive; Ninety-four, Ninety-five, and Ninety-six.
21 Vict. c. 85.	Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.	Sections Two, Seven, Thirteen to Twenty-six, both inclusive; Thirty-three to Fifty-four, both inclusive; and Fifty-nine, (except so far as the said Sections, or any of them, relate to the dissolution of marriage.)

THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO WHICH THIS ORDINANCE REFERS.

RULES, ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS, OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF LAW AND EQUITY AT WESTMINSTER.

Date of the Rule or Order.	Subject matter of the Rule or Order.	Extent of operation intended to be hereby given to the Rule or Order.
1855.	Writs issued under the Bill of Exchange Procedure Act, 1855.	The whole of the Rule.
1855.	Decrees and Entries.	The whole of the Orders I., II., and III.
1855.	Service of Pleadings and Proceedings at Law.	The whole of the Rule.
1856.	Business to be disposed of at Chambers.	The whole of the Orders.
1856.	Leases and Sales of settled Estates.	The whole of the Orders.
1857.	Service of Writs and Proceedings in Equity.	The whole of the Order.
1857.	Notice as to Costs endorsed on Writs of Summons on Contracts under £20.	The whole of the Rule.
1857.	Attachment and Sequestration.	The whole of Order I.
1857.	Conduct of business at Chambers.	The whole of the Regulations, except so far as they require Proceedings to be printed.

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An Ordinance for regulating Chinese Passenger Ships.

[February, 1858.]

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

Any Ship carrying Passengers, &c., whose Owner, &c., for the Voyage is resident in Hongkong, to be deemed a Chinese Passenger Ship. suspending clause.

I. Any Ship carrying from any Port in China, or within a Hundred Miles thereof, more than Twenty Passengers being Natives of Asia, of which Ship the Owner, Charterer, Agent or Consignee for the Voyage is, at the time of the commencement thereof, or during the same, resident or carrying on business in Hongkong, shall be deemed to be a Chinese Passenger Ship within the meaning of the "Chinese Passengers' Act, 1855," and Section Three of Ordinance No. 9 of 1856.

II. This Ordinance shall not take effect within this Colony, until Her Majesty's pleasure in regard thereof shall have been made known.

No. 20.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that a Sale by Public Auction of Crown Lands on Leases, will be held on the Ground to be sold, on Monday, the 8th March, 1858, the Sale to commence at 1 P.M.

The following Descriptive Statement of the Lots to be offered at the Sale, is published for general information.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 20th February, 1858.

Schedule of Lots of Land, with the Houses thereon, proposed to be sold by Public Auction, on the 8th March, 1858, at One o'clock P.M., commencing with Lot No. 1.

ORDER OF SALE. Lot No.	LOCALITY.	BOUNDARY MEASUREMENTS—FEET.				CONTENT IN SQUARE FEET.	FIXED ANNUAL RENTAL.		
		N.	S.	E.	W.		£	s. d.	
1	Near West Point Police Station	62	62	300	300	18,600	31	0 0	
2		70	70	300	300	21,000	35	0 0	
3		52½	52½	105	105	5,512	15	3 8	
4	South of Queen's Road at West Point	52½	52½	105	105	5,512	15	3 8	
5		72½	72½	105	105	7,612	20	19 4	
6		50	50	74	74	3,700	10	3 10	
7	Taipingshan West	50	50	74	74	3,700	10	3 10	
8		50	50	81	81	4,050	7	8 9	
9		50	50	81	81	4,050	7	8 9	
10		55	55	50	50	2,750	3	15 9	
11		45	45	30	30	1,350	1	17 2½	
12	South of Taipingshan, adjoining Caine Road	85	90	48	72	5,100	2	6 3	
13		62	90	65	130	6,045	2	15 6	
14		80	100		65	2,600	1	3 10½	
15	East of Taipingshan, adjoining Caine Road	65	65	37	42	2,567	1	3 7	
16		148	235	117	140	25,320	17	8 9	
17		75	148	118	140	13,157	9	1 2½	
18		470	235		235	57,912	15	19 1	
19	South of Caine Road, and West of the Mosque	140	255	235	360	50,875	7	0 2	
20		250	280	310	180	44,637	6	2 11½	
21*	South of Caine Road, and West of the Mosque	230	200	365	310	72,444	9	19 6½	
22		270	200	185	360	58,500	10	14 10½	
23		240	290		185	30,450	4	3 10½	
24		280	359	260	250	78,750	7	4 7½	
25		240	240	250	250	60,000	5	10 2½	
26		240	240	250	250	60,000	5	10 2½	
27		255	255	250	265	68,250	6	5 4	
28		330	370	208	95	47,520	8	14 6½	
29		Do. East of the Mosque		85	250	135	8,237	3	15 7½
30			170	170½	287	262	46,665	8	11 5
31	Land and Albany Building thereon	170	170½	312	287	50,915	9	7 0	
32		180	180	290	290	52,200	9	11 8½	
33	South of Government Offices Near Causeway Bay	180	180	300	300	54,000	9	18 4	
34		300	300	80	240	44,550	20	9 1	
35		140	176	320	370	55,700	1	6 7½	

CHAS. ST GEO. CLEVERLY,
Surveyor General.

* With Police Station thereon.

No. 18.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Whereas it is under the contemplation of Government to alter the system of licensing the privilege of selling Opium in this Colony, by making the sale of crude Opium entirely free, and that of prepared Opium a strict monopoly: Notice is hereby given, that Tenders will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office up to and until the 15th day of March, 1858, for exercising the privilege throughout the Island of Hongkong and the Waters thereof, of preparing and selling Prepared Opium in every form and shape, and whether for exportation or consumption.