

No. 56.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency The Governor has been pleased to appoint Second-Class Staff-Surgeon EDWARD MENZIES, to be Surgeon of the Lock Hospital, under Ordinance No. 12 of 1857, from this date.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 14th June, 1858.

No. 57.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Notice is hereby given, that the Lots for Stalls and Lans in Government Markets, will be drawn on Friday, the 19th instant, by the Surveyor General.

At the Central Market,	at 10 A.M.
At the Western Market,	at 12 Noon.
At Tai-ping Shan Market,	at 1½ P.M.
At Eastern Market,	at 3 P.M.
At Wan-chi Market,	at 4 P.M., and
At Soo-kun Poo,	at 5 P.M.

By Order,

W. T. BRIDGES.
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 18th June, 1858.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Ordinance having been read a second time, and undergone revision in Committee, is published for general information.

By Order,

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

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 15th June, 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 the prevention of Offences touching Securities, Sales, and Deposits.

[June, 1858.]

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

I. All Additions to Drafts on Bankers within the meaning of Ordinance No. 3 of 1857, shall be deemed to be (by whomsoever and at whatsoever Time the said Additions may be made) part of the Drafts themselves, for the purpose of the payment thereof respectively, and any Cancellation or Erasure of such Additions, and likewise any Alteration thereof (except for the mere purpose of filling up any blank therein), shall be deemed a Forgery of the said Drafts respectively. Additions to Cheques on Bankers.

II. A Person obtaining by fraud or false pretence the acceptance of a Bill of Exchange (whether drawn by himself or any other Person) from a Third Party, shall (whether the said Bill so accepted remain in his hands or not) be deemed to have obtained a valuable Security by fraud, or (as the case may be) false pretence, within the meaning of the Laws in force for the repression of the said Offences. Acceptances obtained by fraud or false pretence.

III. No Person shall act as a Lender of Money to an amount being less than Five Hundred current Dollars in any one transaction upon deposit of Goods and Chattels, unless he be then the actual holder of a Pawnbroker's License, or as a Public Salesman, unless he be then the actual holder of an Auctioneer's License. Pawnbrokers' and Auctioneers' Licenses.

IV. Every such License shall be granted by and at the Discretion of His Excellency in Executive Council, on such Conditions, touching Fees or otherwise, as shall be deemed meet; and the same shall be for One Year only, but may be renewed at the like Discretion from Year to Year. To be granted by the Governor in Council.

V. No such Lender of Money as aforesaid shall, during the continuance of his said License, carry on any other Trade or Occupation in his place of business as such Lender. No Lender to carry on another trade.

VI. He shall cause to be painted and kept painted in large and legible English Letters and Chinese Characters, over the Door of his said place of business, his Name at length, and after his Name the words "Pawnbroker" (or "Pawnbrokers" if he be the Member of a Firm of such Lenders.) Names and business of Lenders to be painted.

VII. He shall, whensoever thereunto required by the Superintendent of Police, or any Inspector of Police, or by any other Member of the Police Force bearing a written Order in that behalf under the authority of the said Superintendent, produce for the inspection of the Party so requiring him all or any Goods or Chattels pledged or deposited with him on loan of Monies, and all Books and Papers relating to the same. Inspection of Books, &c., by Police.

VIII. Over and above the principal Monies lent upon any Goods or Chattels, pawned or pledged to the Lender, he may demand, receive, and take from the Person applying to redeem the said Goods or Chattels, before re-delivering the same to such Person, Interest upon the said principal Monies for the same. Interest on Loans.