

Ordered, that the said Ordinance be published in the next *Government Gazette*.
 The Acting Attorney General, by permission of His Excellency, presented a Petition from the Crown Solicitor, applying for increase of Salary; and the same having been read,—
 It was moved by the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, and carried unanimously: That the said Petition do lie on the Table.
 The following opinion was submitted by the Acting Attorney General, and adopted by the Members; it was then read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes:—

“We desire to enter on the Minutes an expression of opinion that the Salary of the Registrar of the Supreme Court is inadequate to secure permanently the Services of a competent man for the Office. Since the reduction of the Salary on the appointment of the present Registrar, the value of money has decreased exceedingly, and the duties of the Office have increased in an inverse proportion.”

(Signed) FREDERICK WILLIAM GREEN,
 ” W. T. MERCER,
 ” W. H. RENNIE,
 ” CHARLES ST GEORGE CLEVERLY,
 ” J. JARDINE,
 ” JOHN DENT,
 ” GEORGE LYALL,
 ” FREDERICK FORTH,
 ” W. H. ADAMS.

The Governor laid on the Table a Bill, entitled “*An Ordinance to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty for the Colony of Hongkong;*”
 And the same having been read a first time,—
 It was moved by the Acting Chief Justice, seconded by the Acting Attorney General, and carried unanimously,—
 “That a Committee consisting of Messrs Jardine, Dent, and Lyall, be appointed to consider the proposed Ordinance ‘to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty for the Colony of Hongkong,’ and to report thereon to the Council.”
 Read, and passed, Rules of Court, of 14th November 1859, submitted by the Acting Chief Justice.
 The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON,
Governor.

Read and approved, this 16th Day of December, 1859.
 L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The three following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published for general information; and it is hereby notified, that Noon of Monday, the 26th instant, has been fixed for the second reading of the said Bills.

By Order,

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

Council Room, Victoria, Hongkong, 16th December, 1859.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO TERTIO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. of 1859.

By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a Supplementary Sum not exceeding Four Thousand Pounds to defray the charges of the Year 1859.

[December, 1859.]

Preamble. Whereas it has become necessary to make further Provision for the Public Service of the Colony for the Year 1859, in addition to the charge upon the Revenue for the Service of the said Year already provided for in the Estimates submitted to the Legislative Council: Be it enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Supplementary Estimates. I. A Sum not exceeding Four Thousand Pounds shall be, and the same is hereby, charged upon the Revenue of this Colony for the Service of the Year 1859, and the said Sum so charged shall be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS:		£	s.	d.
The Governor, ... ..	...	792	6	10
Auditor General, ... ..	...	274	6	2
Registrar General, ... ..	...	12	6	9
MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENT, ... ..	...	404	12	3
POLICE, ... ..	...	1,568	4	4
PENSIONS, RETIRED ALLOWANCES, AND GRATUITIES,	262	3	10
TRANSPORT,	506	13	4
SPECIAL EXPENSES,	148	1	7
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An Ordinance for providing Hospital Accommodation on board Chinese Passenger Ships, and for the Medical Inspection of the Passengers about to proceed to Sea in such Ships.

[December, 1859.]

Whereas it is desirable to provide for the allocation of a Space on board Chinese Passenger Ships, for the purposes of a Hospital or Sick Bay, and also for the Medical Inspection of the Passengers on board such Ships, 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:—

Preamble.

I. 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 Sick Bay for the Passengers; this Space shall be either 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 of less dimensions 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 shall throughout the Voyage be kept so fitted and supplied.

Hospital accommodation to be provided

and properly fitted up.

II. 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.

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

III. No Chinese Passenger Ship shall clear out or proceed to Sea on any Voyage of more than Seven Days' duration, 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.

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

IV. 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 in such Ship provided, and with the sanitary state of the Crew and Passengers thereto belonging.

Certificate not to be granted unless the Provisions hereof shall have been complied with.

V. 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.

Suspended clause.

VI. In the Interpretation of this Ordinance the term "Chinese Passenger Ship" shall have the same meaning as is attached thereto under the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, known as the "*Chinese Passengers' Act, 1855*."

Interpretation clause.

VII. This Ordinance may be cited for any purpose whatever under the name of the "*Chinese Passengers' Health Ordinance*."

Short title of Ordinance.

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An Ordinance to amend the Provisions of Ordinance No. 8 of 1858, respecting the Deportation of Mendicants.

[December, 1859.]

Whereas it is desirable to amend the Provisions, in Ordinance No. 8 of 1858 contained, respecting the Deportation of Mendicants from this Colony, and to embody the Law respecting such Deportations in one Ordinance: Be it enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preamble.

I. That from and after the passing of this Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1 of 1859, and also so much of Ordinance No. 8 of 1858 as provides that Persons convicted of Mendicancy in the Public Streets shall, if His Excellency in Council shall so decide, be deported to any place in the Chinese Empire or elsewhere, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repeal of No. 1 of 1859, and of part of No. 8 of 1858.

II. That any Offender under Section Twenty-three of Ordinance No. 8 of 1858 shall, in addition to the punishment for such Offence provided by the said Ordinance, be deported to his Native Country if His Excellency the Governor shall so decide.

Offenders may be deported to their Native Country.