

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 1 of 1863.

By His Excellency WILLIAM THOMAS MERCER, Esquire, Acting 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.

W. T. MERCER.

Title. *An Ordinance to amend certain provisions in Ordinance No. 6 of 1862, intituled "An Ordinance to abolish the Office of Chief Magistrate, and to appoint and define the duties of two Police Magistrates."*

[6th February, 1863.]

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

§5 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1862 repealed.

I. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1862 is hereby repealed.

Punishment.

With or without Solitary Confinement.

Corporal punishment may be added.

This section to be construed as if it had been §5 of No. 6 of 1862.

Stealing from the Person without kicking or beating triable by Two Justices.

II. It shall be competent for a Police Magistrate to award as punishment for any Crime or Offence imprisonment in any Gaol of this Colony for any period not exceeding Six Calendar Months with or without Hard Labour or any Fine not exceeding Fifty Dollars or both Fine and Imprisonment not exceeding these limits, and it shall be lawful for the Magistrate to direct any portion of such imprisonment not exceeding One Month in the whole to be Solitary, but that such Solitary Imprisonment shall not exceed Fourteen consecutive Days, and further when any Male Offender shall be convicted under the said or this Ordinance of either of the Offences next hereinafter specified a second time or under aggravated circumstances, that is to say: indecent exposure of his Person, indecent Assault, Assault with intent to rob, Assault in a Brothel, Assault at or in connexion with any riotous Assemblage, or for malicious injury to Property, it shall be lawful for the Magistrate to order and direct that in addition to any other Punishment to which such Male Offender shall be sentenced that such Offender shall be Once or Twice publicly or privately whipped. This section shall be read and construed as if the same had originally been Section 5 of the said Ordinance.

III. Two Magistrates, sitting together, shall and they are hereby empowered to hear and determine cases of Stealing from the Person, whenever such Stealing is unaccompanied by personal violence by means of kicking or beating; and in every such case the said Justices may adjudge the Offender on conviction to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for any term not exceeding Two Years, or may commit the Offender for trial at the Supreme Court.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 6th Day of February, 1863.

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

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No. 2 of 1863.

By His Excellency WILLIAM THOMAS MERCER, Esquire, Acting 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.

W. T. MERCER.

Title. *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 8 of 1862, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the management and control of a Post Office for the Colony of Hongkong."*

[6th February, 1863.]

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

§18 of No. 8 of 1862 repealed.

I. Section 18 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1862, is hereby repealed.

Registration of Letters.

II. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster General to register in this Colony Correspondence posted for transmission to any place out of the limits of this Colony in like manner and form as the same were registered by the Postmaster before the Third day of May, 1862, and to demand and receive in respect of every Letter or Book Packet