

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No. 6 of 1862 repealed.

I. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1862 is hereby repealed.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 kick-
ing, 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.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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 Let-
ters.

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

registered in this Colony the Sum of Six Pence, one-half thereof to be by him retained and accounted for to and for the use of this Colony, and the other half thereof to be by him retained and accounted for and paid over to the Imperial Postmaster General and all registered Correspondence and the Registration thereof shall be subject to all such and the same Rules and Regulations as were in force respecting the same on the said Third day of May, 1862, or as shall from time to time be hereafter enacted or provided in respect thereof by any Statute of the Imperial Parliament or by Her Majesty's Postmaster General or by His Excellency the Governor. This Section shall be read and construed as if the same had originally been Section Eighteen of the said last mentioned Ordinance.

This Section to be construed as if it had been §18 of No. 8 of 1862.

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

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

No. 12.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Returns from the Registrar General, connected with the Population and Trade of the Colony, are published for general information.

By Order,

W. H. ALEXANDER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1863.

No. 1.—CENSUS OF HONGKONG, 31st December, 1862.

	No. of Houses.	No. of Boats.	POPULATION.				TOTAL.
			Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	
Europeans and Americans,	961	357	140	146	1,604
Goa, Manila, Indians and others of mixed blood,.....	1,014	139	52	63	1,268
Aliens, chiefly Seamen, and temporary residents,.....	100
Chinese in employ of Europeans,.....	4,277	317	93	210	4,897
Do. residing in Victoria,	43,063	11,448	4,891	3,978	63,380
Do. do. in Villages inclusive of Kowloon,	7,390	2,487	1,436	984	12,297
Boat population in Victoria,	11,951	3,776	3,294	2,315	21,336
Do. do. other than Victoria,	4,970	2,436	1,866	1,031	10,303
Emigrants,	200
Persons living in Mat sheds,	2,500
Street Coolies,	5,000
Prisoners,	626
	6,393	4,330	73,626	20,960	11,772	8,727	123,511

THOS. TURNER, Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st January, 1863.

No. 2.—RETURN OF POPULATION OF HONGKONG, 31st December, 1862.

	WHITE.		COLORED.		TOTAL.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
VICTORIA DISTRICT,	1,101	503	1,066	202	2,167	705
Chinese in employ of Europeans, .....	...	...	4,370	527	4,370	527
<i>Sub-Districts, —</i>						
Sheak-tong-tsul, and Sei-ying-poon, .....	...	...	8,360	2,290		
Sheong-wan, .....	...	...	12,416	3,471		
Tai-ping-shan, .....	...	...	7,326	3,396		
Choong-wan, .....	...	...	12,310	3,626		
Ha-wan, .....	...	...	4,242	1,633		
Wong-nei-choong, .....	...	...	246	244		
Spo-lun-poo, .....	...	...	3,054	766		
					47,954	15,426
<i>Districts, —</i>						
Show-ke-wan, .....	...	...	1,435	375		
Sai-wan, .....	...	...	90	72		
Sheak-ho, .....	...	...	209	124		
Ty-tam-took, .....	...	...	55	31		
Stanley, .....	...	...	969	448		
Aberdeen, .....	...	...	1,362	286		
Heong-kong, .....	...	...	187	131		
Pok-foo-lum, .....	...	...	55	34		
Kow-loon, .....	...	...	4,464	1,967		
					8,826	3,471
Boat Population of Hongkong, .....	...	...	22,081	9,558	22,081	9,558
Temporary residents, .....	...	...	...	...	100	
Persons living in Mat Sheds, .....	...	...	...	...	2,500	
Emigrants, .....	...	...	...	...	200	
Street Coolies, .....	...	...	...	...	5,000	
Prisoners, .....	...	...	...	...	626	
					93,824	29,687

THOS. TURNER, Registrar General.

Registrar General's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 31st January 1863.