

XXVI. The Expression "The Merchandise Marks Ordinance 1863," shall be a "Short Title. sufficient Description of this Ordinance.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 22nd Day of December, 1863.

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

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill, read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published for general information.

By Order,

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1863.

### HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 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.

Title.

*An Ordinance for establishing a Mint in the Colony of Hongkong.*

[ December, 1863. ]

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

Empowering the Governor to establish a Mint

To appoint a Master. Master to be empowered to coin Silver Coin.

Governor to frame Regulations for reception at Mint of Silver Bullion, &c.

Empowering Master to enter into contracts, subject to Governor's approval.

Appointing four other principal Officers.

Superintendent of Bullion Office.

Assayer.

I. That a Mint be established in Hongkong on such site as the Governor or Officer administering the Government of the Colony for the time being may approve; that a Chief Officer thereof shall be appointed under the title of Master, who shall be empowered to coin Silver Coin of such weight and fineness and of such designs as may from time to time be approved by Her Majesty, from Dies to be furnished by the Master of the Royal Mint under such Regulations as may be prescribed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

II. That it may be lawful for the Governor or Officer administering the Government of the Colony for the time being to frame Regulations under which the Mint shall receive Silver Bullion and coin the same; and to authorize the retention (without reference to any charge which may be imposed for the expense of refining such Bullion) of such proportion thereof, or of the Coin struck therefrom, by way of a Mint charge or seignorage, as shall be sufficient to defray the expenses attending the coinage; and to alter or amend such Regulations from time to time as may be found necessary.

III. That the Master be empowered subject to the approval of the Governor or Officer administering the Government of the Colony for the time being, to enter into such Contracts and to establish such Regulations for the orderly and convenient performance of the duties of the Mint as may be found necessary.

IV. That four other principal Officers of the Mint shall be appointed.

1st. The Superintendent of the Bullion Office, who shall be responsible to the Master for the receipt of Bullion and the delivery of coin by the Mint, the safe custody of the same while in charge of his department, the faithful conduct and accurate record of all transactions with the public, and with the assaying, melting and coining departments of the Mint, including the Store, Cash, Bullion, and other account, for the proper registering and safe custody of documents, and for the faithful and zealous discharge of any other duties which the Master may direct him to perform.

2nd. The Assayer who will be responsible to the Master for the correct assay of all Bullion brought to the Mint to be assayed or coined, for the correct assay of the bars cast for rolling and of the coin struck at the Mint, for the records