

## HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 1 of 1864.

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.

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Title. *An Ordinance to provide for conversion of British Currency in all payments by or to the Government.*

[16th January, 1864.]

Preamble.

Whereas Her Majesty has been pleased to issue a Proclamation dated the 9th day of January, 1863, and published in the *Hongkong Government Gazette* of the 2nd day of May, 1863, whereby it was declared that from and after a day to be fixed by the Governor or Officer administering the Government of Hongkong a certain Proclamation by Her Majesty published at Hongkong on the 1st day of May, 1845, and so much of certain other Proclamations published at Hongkong on the 27th day of April, 1853, and the 9th day of July, 1857, respectively as had effect and were in force in the said Island of Hongkong should be revoked and annulled and that from and after the same date the Dollar of Mexico or other Silver Dollar of equivalent value as might from time to time be authorized by the Governor or Officer administering the Government of Hongkong should be the only legal tender of payment (except as therein directed and hereinafter recited) within the said Island of Hongkong and its dependencies: And that such Silver Coins as might be issued from Her Majesty's Mint representing some multiple of the Cent or one hundredth part of the said Dollar should be legal tender of payment for any sum not exceeding Two Dollars and that such Copper or Bronze Coins as might be issued from Her Majesty's Mint representing the Cent or one hundredth part or the Mil or Cash representing one thousandth part of the said Dollar should be legal tender of payment for any sum not exceeding One Dollar: And that the Silver and Copper Coins to be issued from Her Majesty's Mint as aforesaid should be prepared as follows:

The Silver pieces of money should be prepared of Silver containing twenty per cent of alloy. Every such piece should have for the obverse impression Her Majesty's Effigy crowned with the Inscription "Victoria Queen" and for the reverse impression an inscription indicating the value of the piece in cents of a Dollar with the words "Hongkong" and the date of the year, and the same inscription repeated in Chinese Characters;

A Copper piece representing one hundredth part of a Dollar should have for the obverse impression Her Majesty's Effigy crowned with the Inscription "Victoria Queen," and for the reverse impression the Inscription "One Cent—Hongkong" with the date of the year, and the same inscription repeated in Chinese Characters;

Another Copper piece representing one thousandth part of a Dollar should be perforated in the centre and have for the obverse impression the Inscription "V.R." surmounted by a Crown with "Hongkong—One Mil" and the date of the year, and for the reverse impression the Inscription "Hongkong—One Cash or One Mil," represented in Chinese Characters:

And whereas no such day has been fixed by Proclamation as the day for the purposes in Her Majesty's said Proclamation named to take effect but such day will be named as soon as conveniently may be: Now be it enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Acting Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

After date to be notified by Proclamation where payments to or by Government are by Ordinance payable in British Sterling same to be in Dollars, &c., at 4s. 2d.

I. From and after the day to be fixed by His Excellency the Governor or Officer administering the Government under the power by Her said Majesty's Proclamation vested in him whenever British Sterling has been or shall have been or shall be specified in any Ordinance of this Colony whether as payments to be made to or by the Government of this Colony, such payments shall be made in Dollars and in such multiples of the Cent and Mil or Cash and in Cents and Mills or Cash as shall be so issued from Her Majesty's Mint as aforesaid only at the rate of Four Shillings and Two Pence to each Dollar.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 16th Day of January, 1864.

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