

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 7 of 1864.

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.

HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON.

Title. *An Ordinance for compiling a New Edition of the Ordinances of this Colony.*

[30th April, 1864.]

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient that measures should be adopted for preparing a New Edition of the Ordinances of this Colony wherefrom should be omitted all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances as have expired by effluxion of time, have had their effect, or have been expressly and specifically repealed or disallowed: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, by and with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

Authority to Governor to appoint Commissioners to compile and print the Laws of Hongkong.

I. It shall be lawful for the Governor to issue his Commission to two Persons constituting them Commissioners for preparing a New Edition of the Ordinances of Hongkong and, from time to time, in case of the Death, Refusal or Incapacity to act of either of the said Commissioners, to appoint some other Person to act in the stead of such Commissioner.

Commissioners to prepare and arrange Laws for publication and to omit all expired, repealed Ordinances, &c.

II. The Commissioners are hereby fully authorized and empowered to prepare and arrange for publication the said Edition, omitting all such Ordinances, Clauses and parts of Ordinances as have expired, been repealed, or had their effect; and, in the said Edition, the Commissioners are hereby authorized to omit all Clauses repealing Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, as well as the Ordinances and parts of Ordinances repealed, and the Schedule of all repealed Ordinances.

Commissioners to procure Estimates of expense of printing Copies and of correcting proof, &c.

III. The Commissioners shall procure from competent parties in England, or elsewhere, Estimates of the expense of printing and publishing Five hundred Copies of such Edition, and shall submit the same for the consideration and approval of the Governor, and such Edition, when arranged and prepared for publication, shall be transmitted by the said Commissioners to such parties as the Governor may appoint to print the same; and the said Commissioners shall make such arrangements for correcting the proof and otherwise insuring the correctness and accuracy of the publication as may to them appear desirable.

Every Copy to be stamped with the Seal of the Colony.

IV. Every Copy of the said Edition shall be stamped with the Seal of this Colony, and the Copies so stamped shall, in all Courts and upon all occasions whatsoever be taken, deemed and held to be the only lawful Ordinances of Hongkong, as they existed at the date of the passing of the last Ordinance inserted therein: Provided always that nothing in this Ordinance contained shall apply to any operation already effected by, or act done under any Ordinance omitted in the said Copies or to any right, title, obligation or liability acquired or accrued under any such Ordinance.

Proviso.

Copies to be delivered to Members of Council and other Public Functionaries.

V. The said Commissioners shall, after the printing of the Copies aforesaid, and as soon as the same shall have been duly stamped, cause Copies to be delivered to the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and to such other of the Public Functionaries as the Governor may direct, and the remaining Copies shall be placed in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer, to be disposed of at such price as shall be fixed by the Commissioners, and the proceeds thereof paid into the Public Treasury.

Remaining Copies lodged with the Treasurer for sale.

Provision for remuneration to Clerk and Expenses of carrying into effect this Ordinance.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Governor to issue his Warrant upon the Treasury for such Sum as he shall deem a reasonable remuneration for the Clerk to be employed by the said Commissioners, and also for such other Charges and Expenses as shall have been necessarily incurred, laid out and expended in and about the carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 30th Day of April, 1864.

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