

more of such Joint Debtors who shall not be absent from the Colony at the time such Cause of Action or Suit accrued, by reason only that some other One or more of such Joint Debtors was or were at the time such Cause of Action accrued so absent, and such Person or Persons so entitled as aforesaid shall not be barred from commencing and suing any Action or Suit against the Joint Debtor or Joint Debtors who was or were so absent at the time the Cause of Action or Suit accrued after his or their Return to this Colony, by reason only that Judgment was already recovered against any One or more of such Joint Debtors who was not or were not absent at the Time aforesaid.

Imperial Acts extended to acknowledgments by Agents.

XI. In reference to the Provisions of the Imperial Acts 9 Geo. 4. c. 14. ss. 1. and 8, and the 16 & 17 Vict. c. 113. s. 24, an Acknowledgment or Promise made or contained by or in a Writing signed by an Agent of the Party chargeable thereby, duly authorized to make such Acknowledgment or Promise, shall have the same Effect as if such Writing had been signed by such Party himself.

Part payment by one Contractor, &c., not to prevent Bar by certain Statutes of Limitations in favor of another Contractor.

XII. In reference to the Provisions of the Imperial Acts 21 Jac. 1. c. 16. s. 3, and of the Act 3 & 4 Will. 4. c. 42. s. 3, and of the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 113. s. 20, when there shall be Two or more Co-Contractors or Co-Debtors, whether bound or liable jointly only or jointly and severally, or Executors or Administrators of any Contractor, no such Co-Contractor or Co-Debtor, Executor, or Administrator, shall lose the Benefit of the said Enactments, or any of them; so as to be chargeable in respect or by reason only of Payment of any Principal, Interest, or other Money, by any other or others of such Co-Contractors or Co-Debtors, Executors, or Administrators.

Rules and Regulations may be made and Writs and Proceedings framed for the Purposes of this Ordinance.

XIII. It shall be lawful for the Chief Justice to make Rules and Regulations, and to frame Writs and Proceedings for the purpose of giving effect to this Ordinance, and from time to time to amend such Rules, Orders and Forms, and such Rules, Orders or Forms, or amended Rules, Orders and Forms shall be submitted to the Legislative Council, who may allow, disallow, or alter the same, and the Rules, Orders and Forms so allowed or altered, shall be of the same Force and Effect as if they had been specially inserted herein.

Short Title.

XIV. In citing this Ordinance it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Mercantile Law Amendment Ordinance 1864."

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 13th Day of September, 1864.

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

No. 145.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that the Honorable W. H. RENNIE, Esquire, has, with the sanction of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, undertaken to act for the Honorable the COLONIAL SECRETARY, during that Officer's temporary absence from the Colony on vacation leave.

By Order,

W. H. RENNIE,  
*for the Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th September, 1864.

No. 146.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders will be received at the Surveyor General's Office on or before Monday the 17th Proximo, for the erection of the Hongkong Mint. Plans and Specification may be seen on application between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M.

By Order,

W. H. RENNIE,  
*for the Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th September, 1864.