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PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL.

By His Excellency SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, Knight, and Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas the Commands of Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN, conveyed through His Grace The DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, have been received, approving of and confirming the following Ordinance, namely:—

No. 9 of 1866, entitled—“*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to make Provision for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy.*”

Now, therefore, it is hereby declared, that the said Ordinance has been so approved and confirmed, as aforesaid.

By His Excellency's Command,

HENRY JOHN BALL,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Victoria, Hongkong, this 22nd Day of May, 1867.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 2 of 1867.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH MAY, 1867.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.
The Honorable the Chief Justice (JOHN SMALE.)
The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary (HENRY JOHN BALL.)
The Honorable the Attorney General (JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.)
The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer (F. H. A. FORTH.)
The Honorable the Auditor General (W. H. RENNIE.)
The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.
The Honorable JOHN DENT.

ABSENT:

The Honorable H. B. GIBB, on leave to Shanghai.

The Council meets this day, by special Summons, at half-past 2 P.M.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 25th February last, are read and confirmed.

His Excellency then lays on the Table the following Bills, and the same are read a first time; namely:—
A Bill “*for embodying in One Ordinance the Definition of Words and Expressions ordinarily adopted in different Ordinances.*”

A Bill “*to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum not exceeding One hundred and Twenty-five thousand Dollars to defray the Charges of the Year 1866.*”

A Bill "to regulate the Importation and Storage of Gunpowder."

A Bill "for better securing the Health of Emigrants in Chinese Passenger Ships clearing from Hongkong."

A Bill "for the Establishment and Regulation of a Naval Yard Police Force."

A Bill "to amend Ordinance No. 9 of 1858."

A Bill "to amend the Law of Partnership."

A Bill "for enabling Her Majesty to resume Possession of the Mahomedan Cemetery."

A Bill "to amend the Police and Lighting Rate Ordinance, 1863."

A Bill "for checking the Spread of certain Contagious Diseases within the Colony."

In reply to questions put, with leave of His Excellency, by the Honorable JAMES WHITTALL, His Excellency states that there was no truth whatever in an assertion repeatedly made some time back by the daily Press, that Her Majesty's Government had remitted the Military Contribution of the Colony. That assertion had been contradicted "on authority," but the contradiction only led to a reiteration of the untruth with insinuations that he, the Governor, was denying what he knew to be the fact. Such conduct on the part of the Press was wholly indefensible, but, as it had taken place under different management and was extremely unlikely to be repeated—and moreover, had since been contradicted, he should say nothing more on the subject.

2ndly.—In reply to Mr. Whittall's 2nd question, His Excellency states that he had no intention, and had received no instructions to pass any Ordinance imposing fresh restrictions on Gambling.

His Excellency then adjourns the Council at half-past 4 o'clock, to Wednesday the 22nd Instant, at 2.30 P.M.

RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 22nd Day of May, 1867.

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

HONGKONG.

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, Knight, C.B.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

No. 1 OF 1867.

Title. *An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for embodying in One Ordinance, the Definition of Words and Expressions ordinarily adopted in different Ordinances, and Rules of Court.*

[22nd May, 1867.]

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

Short Title. I. This Ordinance shall be cited as "The Interpretation Ordinance 1867."

Interpretation of Terms. II. The Words and Expressions hereinafter enumerated shall, if inserted in any Ordinance or Rule of Court hereafter to be passed, be understood as hereinafter defined or explained, unless it be otherwise specially provided, or there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such Definition or Explanation, (that is to say):—

"Governor." The Word "Governor" shall include the Officer for the time being administering the Government of the Colony of Hongkong.

"Governor in Council." The Expression "Governor in Council" shall mean the Officer administering the Government with the Advice of the Executive Council of the Colony.

"Colony." The Word "Colony" shall mean the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies.

"Colonial Waters." The Expression "Colonial Waters" shall mean the Waters of the Colony of Hongkong.

"Harbor." The Word "Harbor" shall mean the Harbor of Victoria.