

- 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.
 ANNO TRICESIMO
 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.

The Expression "Chinese Authorities" shall mean any Officer of the Chinese Government acting on behalf of such Government and recognized as such Officer by the Government of Hongkong. "Chinese Authorities."

The Word "Gazette" shall mean the *Hongkong Government Gazette*. "Gazette."

The Expression "Public Office" or "Public Department" shall extend to and include every Officer or Department invested with or performing duties of a Public Nature whether under the immediate Control of the Governor or not. "Public Offices."
"Public Department."

The Word "Person" shall include Body Corporate. "Person."

The Expression "Emigration Officer" shall include every Person lawfully acting as Emigration Officer, Emigration Agent, or Protector of Emigrants in Hongkong. "Emigration Officer."

The Word "Master" shall include any Person having charge of a Ship or Vessel other than Her Majesty's Ships of War, the Ships of War of any Foreign Nation and the hired Armed Vessels or Transports in Her Majesty's Service or the Service of any Foreign Nation. "Master."

The Word "Magistrate" shall mean either of the Police Magistrates. "Magistrate."

The Expression "Goods and Chattels" shall include Money, Bills, Bonds, Notes, and Personal Property of any kind or description whatsoever, except Chattels Real. "Goods and Chattels."

The Word "Month" shall mean Calendar Month. "Month."

III. When reference is made in any Ordinance or Rule of Court to any Public Officer by the Term designating his Office such Term shall include the Officer for the time being executing the Duties of such Office and such other Officer as may from time to time be appointed to undertake any portion of such Duties. "Public Officer."

IV. In all Cases in which any particular number of Days shall be prescribed or mentioned in any Ordinance or Rule of Court for the doing of any Act or for any other purpose the same shall be reckoned exclusive of the first and inclusive of the last Day. "Computation of Time."

V. Unless the contrary shall be expressly provided or shall be implied from the context and general purview of the Ordinance or Rule of Court, Words importing the Singular Number or the Masculine Gender only, shall be understood to include several Matters as well as One Matter, and several Persons as well as One Person, and Bodies Corporate as well as Individuals, and Females as well as Males; and Words importing the Plural Number shall be understood to apply to One Matter as well as to more than One, and to One Person as well as to more than One; and the Words "Oath" "Swear" and "Affidavit" shall include and apply to the Affirmation or Declaration, of any Person by Law allowed to make an Affirmation or Declaration in lieu of an Oath. "Oath," "Swear,"
"Affidavit."

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 22nd Day of May, 1867.

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

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

No. 2 OF 1867.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for the Establishment and Regulation of a Naval Yard Police Force. Title.

[22nd May, 1867.]

Whereas it is expedient to make Provision for the Establishment and Regulation of a Police Force hereafter to be employed at the Naval Yard of Victoria in this Colony: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:— Preamble.