

HONGKONG.  
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SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.,  
*Governor and Commander-in-Chief.*

No. 7 OF 1874.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to control recruiting in the Colony of Hongkong, for the service of Foreign States. Title.

[16th November, 1874.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the Governor in Council should exercise full control over recruiting in this Colony for the service of Foreign States: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Foreign Recruiting Ordinance, 1874": and shall come into force on the passing thereof. Short Title.  
Commencement.

II. In this Ordinance,—

Interpretation clause.

"Foreign State" includes any person or persons exercising or assuming to exercise the powers of Government in or over any country, colony, province, or people beyond the limits of this Colony. "Foreign State."

III. If any person is, within the limits of this Colony, obtaining or attempting to obtain recruits for the service of any Foreign State in any capacity, the Governor in Council may, by order in writing signed by the Colonial Secretary, either prohibit such person from so doing, or permit him to do so subject to any conditions which the Governor in Council thinks fit to impose. Power to prohibit or permit recruiting.

IV. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, by general order notified in the *Government Gazette*, either prohibit recruiting for the service of any Foreign State, or impose upon such recruiting any conditions which he thinks fit. Power to impose conditions.

V. The Governor in Council may rescind or vary any order made under this Ordinance in such manner as he thinks fit. Power to rescind or vary orders.

VI. Whoever, in violation of the prohibition of the Governor in Council, or of any condition subject to which permission to recruit may have been accorded:—

(a.) Induces or attempts to induce any person to accept or agree to accept or to proceed to any place with a view to obtaining any commission or employment in the service of any Foreign State; or

(b.) Knowingly aids in the engagement of any person so induced, by forwarding or conveying him or by advancing money or in any other way whatever,—

shall be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding seven years, or to fine to such amount as the Court thinks fit, or to both.

VII. Any offender against this Ordinance shall be tried before the Supreme Court. Place of Trial.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 16th Day of November, 1874.

CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH,  
*for the Clerk of Councils.*