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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill to render personation with intent to deprive any person of any property felony, is published for general information.

By Command;

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th December, 1874.

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to render personation with intent to deprive any person of any property felony.

Title.

[, 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to personation: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. ~~If any person shall falsely and deceitfully personate any~~ Personation person, or the heir, executor, or administrator, wife, widow, in order to next of kin, or relation of any person, with intent fraudulently obtain property to obtain any land, estate, chattel, money, valuable security, or property, he shall be guilty of felony, and upon conviction shall be liable, at the discretion of the Court by which he is convicted, to be kept in penal servitude for life, or for any period not less than three years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labor, and with or without solitary confinement. [37 & 38 Vic., cap. 36, § 1.]

II. Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent any person from being proceeded against and punished under any other Ordinance, or at Common Law, in respect of an offence (if any) punishable as well under this Ordinance as under any other Ordinance, or at Common Law. [Ibid, § 2.]

III. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The False Personation Ordinance, 1874." [Ibid, § 4.]

Statement of Objects and Reasons.

This Ordinance is a transcript of a recent Act of the Imperial Parliament 37 and 38, Vic., cap. 36. It simplifies the mode of proceeding in cases of fraudulent personation, and increases the punishment on conviction.

The only difference between this Ordinance and the Imperial Act, is in the minimum of penal servitude—the Act fixes it at five years, and the maximum of imprisonment at two years with nothing between—the Ordinance proposes the same scale of punishment as for other felonies.

JOHN BRAMSTON,
Attorney General.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1874.

No. 202.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct that Thursday the 24th, Christmas Day, and Saturday the 26th, instant, as also New Year's Day, and Saturday the 2nd January, shall be kept as Holidays throughout the Government Departments.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th December, 1874.

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.