

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Bill as presented for Second Reading at the Legislative Council, on the 6th November, 1879, is published for general information.

By Command,

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Clerk of Councils.

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Title. An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate and amend the laws relating to merchant shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the Colony, and the regulation of vessels navigating the same.

[ , 1879.]

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the laws relating to merchant shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the Colony, and the regulation of all vessels navigating the same; and whereas doubts have arisen as to the applicability of certain sections of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and the Acts amending the same: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

## PRELIMINARY.

Short title. I. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1879."

Interpretation clause. II. In the construction and for the purposes of this Ordinance (if not inconsistent with the context or subject matter) the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Stipendiary Magistrate" shall mean and include the Police Magistrates of the Colony, and the Marine Magistrate;

"Master" shall include every person (except a pilot) having command or charge of any ship;

"Seaman" shall include any person (except masters, pilots and apprentices duly indentured and registered) employed or engaged in any capacity on board any ship;

"Ship" shall include any description of vessel used in navigation not propelled by oars, except Chinese junks or lorchas not propelled by steam.

"Colonial Ship" shall mean and include every ship registered under section 3, part 1 of this Ordinance.

"River Steamer" shall mean any steamship carrying more than 12 passengers and regularly plying between the waters of Hongkong and Canton or Macao.

"Tons," "Tonnage" shall mean tons and tonnage, as calculated according to British measurement of registered tonnage.

The term "Waters of the Colony" shall (except as hereinafter provided) be, for the purposes of this Ordinance, deemed to comprise the waters situate within a radius of one marine league from the shores of the Colony: Provided always that this interpretation shall not be construed to affect waters within such radius in any case where such waters are situate within the territorial limits or jurisdiction of the empire of China.

"Passenger" shall mean and include any person carried in any vessel other than the master, seamen and apprentices duly indentured and registered.

## PART I.

## MERCHANT SHIPPING AND SEAMEN.

## CHAPTER I.

## REGULATION OF BRITISH AND COLONIAL SHIPS.

No British vessel, without an Imperial register, to use the waters of the Colony. (See Ordinance No. 4 of 1855, sec. 1.)

III. No ship owned by a British subject shall be at liberty to trade in or from the waters of this Colony, unless she is provided with a certificate of registry in conformity with the Imperial Acts of Parliament in that behalf: Provided always that no prosecution shall be instituted under this section without the sanction in writing of the Attorney General.

2. No ship owned by a Chinese resident of this Colony, such Chinese resident not being a British subject, shall be at liberty to trade in or from the waters of the Colony, unless such ship has obtained a Colonial register as hereinafter provided, or possesses some other certificate of registry.

Chinese owned ships to obtain Colonial registers. (*Ibid*, sec. 1.)

3. The Governor may, at his discretion, grant a Colonial register to any Chinese person resident within the Colony applying for the same, provided such applicant be a registered lessee of Crown lands within this Colony, and that he tenders as securities for the due performance by him of all the requirements of this chapter two other Crown lessees, and that he and such lessees be severally reported by the Registrar General to be each worth two thousand dollars in this Colony, and should such applicant be a member of any shop or partnership, that the seal of such shop or partnership be also affixed to the security to be given by him.

Chinese Crown lessees entitled to hold Colonial register. (*Ibid*, sec. 6.)

4. When any person shall be desirous of obtaining a Colonial register, such person shall forward to the Colonial Secretary a declaration in writing stating whether the ship for which such register is sought is intended to be employed solely in trade with China, or on more distant voyages: Provided always, that should such declaration be false, or the ship to which it relates not be employed in conformity with it, the register thereby obtained shall *ipso facto* become null and void.

Declarations necessary for obtaining register. (*Ibid*, sec. 2.)

5. A Colonial register shall be given, under the hand of the Governor, on production of the following documents:—

Documents necessary previous to grant of Colonial register. (*Ibid*, sec. 3.)

(a.) The Surveyor's certificate as hereinafter provided by paragraph 6.

(b.) A declaration of ownership with proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Colonial Secretary.

(c.) A joint and several bond of the owner and two sureties binding each and every of the several obligees under a penal sum of five thousand dollars, to comply with all the provisions of this Ordinance and, with all the laws binding on British subjects with regard to trade with China.

6. The Surveyor's certificate, referred to in paragraph 5 of this section, shall, in case of a steam-ship, be a certificate granted under Section V. of this Ordinance, and in case of a sailing vessel shall be a certificate specifying the proper measurement of the ship requiring a Colonial register, and that such ship has proper anchors and chains, canvas sails, if any, her bottom sheathed with metal, and that such ship is in all respects strongly built and properly equipped for the trade for which she is intended.

Surveyor's certificate. (*Ibid*, sec. 7.)

7. It shall not be lawful for the owner of any Colonial registered ship to give her any name other than that of her registry, and such owner shall, after registry, cause to be painted in white or yellow letters not less than four inches long her name upon some conspicuous part of her stern and on each bow in a distinct and legible manner, both in Roman and Chinese characters, and shall so keep and preserve the same, upon pain, on breach of the provisions of this paragraph, of paying a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Name of Colonial registered ship. (*Ibid*, sec. 4.)

8. The register of every Colonial ship shall be produced once at least every six months to the Harbour Master, who shall endorse the date of such production on such register, upon pain, on failure of such production, of the forfeiture of such register, unless satisfactory cause for such non-production be shown to the Colonial Secretary.

Production of Colonial register to Harbour Master every six months. (*Ibid*, sec. 5.)

9. Every register, certificate, endorsement, declaration, or bond authorised or required by this section, may be proved in any court of justice, or before any person having by law or by consent of parties authority to receive evidence, either by the production of the original, or by an examined copy thereof, or by a copy thereof purporting to be certified under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, or other person who, for the time being, shall happen to have charge of the original, which certified copy he is hereby required to furnish to every person applying at a reasonable time for the same, and paying therefor the sum of one dollar; and every document, when so proved as aforesaid, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of all matters therein recited, stated, or appearing.

Colonial registers, &c. may be proved by production of originals or copies. (Ordinance No. 9 of 1856, sec. 2.)

10. The British flag may be used on board of any ship lawfully possessing a Colonial register.

Chinese residents may use the British flag in Colonial registered ships. [*Ibid*, sec. 1.] Change of owner or master. (Ordinance No. 4 of 1855, sec. 9.)

11. Upon any change of ownership in any Colonial ship registered under this section, such change as aforesaid shall

be endorsed upon her register under the hand of the Governor: and any change of master shall be endorsed upon the register by the Harbour Master.

Colonial registered ships to be subject to Merchant Shipping Acts, &c.

12. Every ship (except Chinese junks or lorchas) provided with a Colonial register under this section shall be, in every respect, subject to the provisions of part I of this Ordinance and (except where the same are inconsistent with the terms of this section) to the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and to the Acts amending the same, in the same manner and to the same extent as British ships registered under the said Acts are subject thereto, in the waters of this Colony, or in trading therein or therefrom.

Duration of Colonial register. (1862, sec. 10.)

13. Any Colonial register granted under this section shall be in force and effect for one year from the date of such register, and no longer, and such register shall be renewable by endorsement on the same, under the hand of the Governor, if he shall so think fit. Provided always that whether the register is intended to be renewed or not such register shall be delivered into the custody of the Colonial Secretary five days before the expiration of the year for which it has been granted or if the registered ship or vessel be at sea then on her return to the waters of the Colony under a penalty not exceeding \$500.

## CHAPTER II.

### REGULATIONS CONCERNING SAFETY.

#### *Boats for Sea-going Ships.*

Rules as to boats and life buoys. (M. S. A., 1854, sec. 227.)

IV. The following rules shall be observed with respect to boats, rafts and life buoys, that is to say:—

(a.) No decked British ship (except ships used solely as steam tugs) shall proceed to sea from this Colony unless she is provided, according to her tonnage, with boats duly supplied with all requisites for use, and not being fewer in number nor less in their cubic contents than the boats the number and cubic contents of which are specified in the table marked *A* in the schedule hereto for the class to which such ship belongs: Provided that the Governor may, at the request of the owner, or master, authorize the reduction of the number and the variation of the dimensions of such boats and also the substitution of rafts or other appliances for saving life for any such boats, so nevertheless that the boats so reduced or varied and the rafts or other appliances so substituted be sufficient for the persons carried on board the ship: Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, or at any time hereafter, to alter, amend, or repeal the said table marked *A*, or to make a new table in lieu thereof. Every such new table and every alteration, amendment, or repeal of the said table *A* shall be published in the *Gazette*, and after such publication, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if such new or amended table had been originally inserted, instead of table *A* in the schedule to this Ordinance.

(M. S. A., 1873 sec. 15.)

(b.) No such ship carrying more than twelve passengers shall proceed to sea from any place in the Colony, unless, in addition to the boats hereinbefore required, she is also provided with a life boat furnished with all requisites for use, or unless one of her boats hereinbefore required is rendered buoyant after the manner of a life boat.

(c.) No such ship as last aforesaid shall proceed to sea, unless she is also provided with not less than two approved life buoys;—

And such boats and life buoys shall be kept so as to be at all times fit and ready for use: Provided, that the enactments with respect to boats and life buoys herein contained shall not apply in any case in which a certificate has been duly obtained under the fourth section of "The Chinese Passengers Act, 1855."

Penalties on masters and owners, &c., neglecting to provide boats and life buoys. (M. S. A., 1854, sec. 223.)

2. In any of the following cases, that is to say:—

(a.) If any ship hereinbefore required to be provided with boats, rafts or life buoys proceeds to sea without being so provided therewith, or if any such boats, rafts, life buoys, or other appliances for saving life are lost or rendered unfit for service in the course of the voyage through the wilful fault or negligence of the owner or master; or,

- (b.) If in case of any of such boats, rafts, life buoys, or other appliances for saving life being accidentally lost or injured in the course of the voyage, the master wilfully neglects to replace or repair the same on the first opportunity; or,
- (c.) If such boats, rafts, life buoys, and other appliances for saving life are not kept so as to be at all times fit and ready for use;—

Then if the owner appears to be in fault he shall incur a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, and if the master appears to be in fault he shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

3. The Harbour Master shall not grant a clearance for any ship hereinbefore required to be provided with boats, rafts, life buoys, or other appliances for saving life unless the same is duly so provided; and if any such ship attempts to go to sea without such clearance, the Harbour Master may detain her until she is so provided.

Harbour Master not to clear ships not complying with the above provisions. [M. S. A., 1854, sec. 294.]

*Survey of Steam-Ships of 50 tons and upwards.*

V. This section shall *inter alia* apply:—

- (a.) To all British steam-ships carrying more than twelve passengers and being within the waters of the Colony which have not been surveyed in the United Kingdom or in any British possession within the preceding twelve months under the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1876," or any legislative enactment for the time being in force in Great Britain and Ireland or in any British possession.
- (b.) To all Foreign steam-ships being within the waters of the Colony and employed in carrying more than twelve passengers from the Colony and which have not, from their own country, survey and other certificates equivalent to those required in the case of British steam-ships.
- (c.) To all vessels of 50 tons and upwards propelled by steam plying within the waters of the Colony, and carrying more than twelve passengers.
- (d.) To all steam-ships registered in this Colony of 50 tons and upwards, and carrying more than twelve passengers.
- (e.) To river steamers.

2. Such steam-ships and vessels propelled by steam shall be provided as follows, that is to say:—

- (a.) Every steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, of which a survey is required by this section, shall be provided with a safety valve upon each boiler, so constructed as to be out of the control of the engineer when the steam is up, and, if such valve is in addition to the ordinary valve, it shall be so constructed as to have an area not less, and a pressure not greater than the area of and pressure on that valve.
- (b.) Every steam-ship carrying more than twelve passengers shall have her compasses properly adjusted from time to time; such adjustment, in the case of ships surveyed as hereinafter mentioned, to be made to the satisfaction of the Government surveyor or surveyors and according to such regulations as may be issued by the Governor.
- (c.) Every steam ship carrying more than twelve passengers and every British steam-ship (unless used solely as a steam tug) shall be provided with a hose adapted for the purpose of extinguishing fire in any part of the ship and capable of being connected with the engines of the ship.
- (d.) Every steam-ship carrying more than twelve passengers shall be provided, to the satisfaction of the Governor:—
- (1.) With means for making the signals of distress at night specified in the first schedule to "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1873," or in any rules substituted therefor, including means of making flames on the ship which are inextinguishable in water, or such other means of making signals of distress as the Governor may previously approve; and
  - (2.) With a proper supply of lights inextinguishable in water, and fitted for attachment to life buoys.
- (e.) Every steam-ship carrying more than twelve passengers by sea, not coming within the provisions

Equipment of steam ships. [Ibid., sec. 301.] Safety valve.

Compasses to be adjusted.

Fire hose.

Signals.

Shelter for deck passengers.

of the Chinese Passengers Act of 1855, or of any Ordinance made in pursuance thereof shall be provided with such shelter for the protection of deck passengers (if any) as the Governor, having regard to the nature of the passage, the number of deck passengers to be carried, the season of the year, the safety of the ship, and the circumstances of the case, may require :

And if any such steam-ship as aforesaid goes to sea from any port in the Colony without being so provided as hereinbefore required, then for each default in any of the above requisites, the owner shall (if he appears to be in fault) incur a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, and the master shall (if he appears to be in fault) incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Penalty for improper weight on safety valve. (*Ibid*, sec. 302.)

3. If any person places an undue weight on the safety valve of any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam coming within the meaning of paragraph 1 of this section, or, in the case of all British steam-ships surveyed as hereinafter mentioned, increases such weight beyond the limits fixed by the Government surveyor as hereinafter mentioned, he shall, in addition to any other liabilities, incur by so doing, a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Governor to appoint surveyors, and fix their remuneration. (*Ibid*, sec. 305.)

4. The Governor may, from time to time, appoint such number of fit and proper persons to be Government surveyors for the purposes of this Ordinance as he thinks proper, and appoint their duties, and may, from time to time, remove such surveyors, or any of them, and may, from time to time, fix and alter the remuneration to be received by such surveyors.

Surveyors to have power to inspect. (*Ibid*, sec. 306.)

5. It shall be lawful for the said surveyors in the execution of their duties to go on board any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam to which this section applies, at all reasonable times, and to inspect the same, or any part thereof, or any of the machinery, boats, equipments, or articles on board thereof, or any certificates of the master, mate, or engineer, to which the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1876," or any Ordinance, or any of the regulations made, or to be made under the said Merchant Shipping Acts, or such Ordinance for the time being in force in this Colony apply, not unnecessarily detaining or delaying the ship from proceeding on any voyage, and, if in consequence of any accident to any such ship or for any other reason they consider it necessary so to do, to require the ship to be taken into dock for the purpose of surveying the hull thereof; and any person who hinders any such surveyor from going on board any such steam-ship, or vessel propelled by steam, or otherwise impedes him in the execution of his duty under this Ordinance, shall incur a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Governor to regulate mode of survey. (*Ibid*, sec. 307.)

6. The said surveyors shall execute their duties under the direction of the Governor, and the Governor may make regulations as to the manner in which the surveys hereinafter mentioned shall be made, and as to the notice to be given to the surveyors when surveys are required, and as to the amount and payment of the fees due and of any expenses incurred by such surveyors in the execution of their duties, and may thereby determine the person by and to whom and the conditions under which such payment shall be made.

Penalty on surveyors receiving fees. (*Ibid*, sec. 308.)

7. Every surveyor who demands or receives directly or indirectly from the owner, agent, or master of any ship surveyed by him, under the provisions of this Ordinance, or from any other person any fee or remuneration whatsoever for or in respect of such survey, shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Owner to have survey made by surveyor, and surveyor to give declarations. (*Ibid*, sec. 309.)

8. The owner, agent, or master of every steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam being within the waters of the Colony shall, where such ship or vessel comes within the meaning of this section, cause the same to be surveyed by one or more of the Government surveyors; and such surveyor or surveyors shall thereupon, if satisfied that they can with propriety do so, give to such owner declarations as follows :—

(a.) A declaration of a Government surveyor shall contain statements of the following particulars that is to say :—

- (1.) That the hull of the ship is sufficient for the service intended and in good condition;
- (2.) That the boats, rafts, life buoys, or other appliances for saving life, lights, signals, compasses, and shelter for deck passengers, and the certificates of the master and mate or mates, are such, and in such condition as required by law.

- (3.) The time (if less than twelve months) for which the said hull and equipments will be sufficient ;
  - (4.) The limits (if any) beyond which, as regards the hull and equipments, the ship is, in the surveyor's judgment, not fit to ply ;
  - (5.) With reference to all steam-ships or vessels propelled by steam not coming within the provisions of the Chinese Passengers Act 1855, or of any Ordinance made in pursuance thereof, if plying or intended to ply for hire, the number of passengers which such ship or vessel is, in the judgment of the surveyor, fit to carry, distinguishing, if necessary, between the respective numbers to be carried on the deck and in the cabins, and in the different parts of the deck and cabins ; such numbers to be subject to such conditions and variations, according to the time of year, the nature of the voyage, the cargo carried, or other circumstances, as the Governor in Council may, from time to time, direct by any regulation to be made by him for this purpose, and until such regulations are made and so far as the same shall not extend, according to the regulations contained in table *E* in the schedule hereunto annexed.
- (b.) And also a declaration of a Government surveyor containing statements of the following particulars, that is to say :—
- (1.) That the boilers and machinery of the ship or vessel are sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition ;
  - (2.) The time (if less than twelve months) for which such boilers and machinery will be sufficient ;
  - (3.) That the safety valves and fire hose, when requisite, are such and in such condition as are required by this Ordinance ;
  - (4.) The limit of the weight to be placed on the safety valves ;
  - (5.) The limit (if any) beyond which, as regards the boilers and machinery, the ship or vessel is, in the surveyor's judgment, not fit to ply ;

And such declarations shall be in such form as the Governor directs.

9. The said owner, agent, or master shall transmit such declarations to the Governor within fourteen days after the dates of the receipt thereof respectively ; and in default, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding two dollars for every day that the sending of such declarations is delayed ; and such sum shall be paid upon the delivery of the certificate hereinbefore mentioned in addition to the fee payable for the same, and shall be applied in the same manner as such fees, and if the declarations are not transmitted to the Governor within twenty-five days the fees and forfeitures shall be recoverable as a debt due to the Crown.

Transmission of declarations to the Governor. Penalty for delay. [*Ibid.*, sec. 310.]

10. Upon the receipt of such declaration, the Governor shall, if satisfied that the provisions of this section have been complied with, cause a certificate in duplicate to be prepared and issued to the effect that the provisions of the law with respect to the survey of the ship and the transmission of declarations in respect thereof have been complied with, and such certificate shall state the limits (if any) beyond which, according to the declarations of the surveyor or surveyors, such ship is not fit to ply, and shall also contain a statement of the number of passengers which, according to the declaration of the surveyor or surveyors, such ship is fit to carry, distinguishing, if necessary, between the respective numbers to be carried on the deck and in the cabins, such number to be subject to such conditions and variations, according to the time of year, the nature of the voyage, the cargo carried and other circumstances, as the case requires.

Governor to issue certificate. [*Ibid.*, sec. 310.]

11. The Governor shall transmit such certificate in duplicate to the Harbour Master, who shall deliver the same to the owner, master, or agent on his applying and paying the balance of fee and other sums (if any) herein mentioned as payable in that behalf.

Issue and transmission of certificates. [*Ibid.*, sec. 313.]

12. The owner, agent, or master of every steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam requiring a certificate under this section, shall pay for every certificate granted by the Governor the fees mentioned in the table marked *C* in the schedule hereto.

Fees to be paid for certificates. [*Ibid.*, sec. 314.]

How long  
certificates to  
continue in  
force.  
(*Ibid.*, sec. 315.)

13. No certificate shall be held to be in force for the purposes of this section beyond a period of twelve months; and no certificate shall be in force after notice is given by the Governor to the owner, agent, or master, of the ship to which the same relates, that he has cancelled or revoked the same. Provided that if any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam is absent from the Colony at the time when her certificate expires no penalty shall be incurred until she commences a voyage after her next subsequent return to the Colony, and the Governor may require any certificate which has expired or has been revoked or cancelled to be delivered up as he directs, and any owner, agent or master, who without any reasonable cause neglects or refuses to comply with such requirement, shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

Governor  
may cancel  
certificates,  
and require  
fresh  
declarations.  
(*Ibid.*, sec. 316.)

14. The Governor may revoke and cancel such certificates in any case in which he has reason to believe:—

- (a.) That the declarations of the sufficiency and good condition of the hull, equipments, and machinery of any steamer or vessel, or either of them, have been fraudulently or erroneously made; or,
- (b.) That such certificate has otherwise been issued upon false or erroneous information; or,
- (c.) That since the making of such declarations, the hull, equipments, or machinery of such ship or vessel have sustained any injury, or are otherwise insufficient:

And in every such case the Governor may, if he thinks fit, require the owner to have the hull, equipments, or machinery of such ship or vessel again surveyed, and to transmit a further declaration or declarations of the sufficiency and good condition thereof, before re-issuing any certificate, or granting a fresh one in lieu thereof.

Copy of cer-  
tificate to be  
placed in  
conspicuous  
part of ship.  
(*Ibid.*, sec. 317.)

15. The owner, agent, or master of every such steam-ship, or vessel propelled by steam, shall forthwith, on the transmission of any such certificate as aforesaid to him or his agent, cause one of the duplicates thereof so transmitted to be put up in some conspicuous part of the ship, so as to be visible to all persons on board the same, and shall cause it to be continued so put up so long as such certificate remains in force and such ship is in use; and in default, such owner, agent, or master shall, for every offence, incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

Surveyors to  
make returns  
of the build  
and other  
particulars of  
steam ships,  
and owners  
and masters  
to give  
information  
for that  
purpose.  
(*Ibid.*, sec. 321.)

16. The said surveyor or surveyors shall, from time to time, make such returns to the Governor as he requires with respect to the build, dimensions, draught, burden, rate of sailing, room for fuel, and the nature and particulars of machinery and equipments of the ship surveyed by him or them; and every owner, master, and engineer of any such ship shall, on demand, give to such surveyor or surveyors all such information and assistance within his power as he or they require for the purpose of such returns; and every such owner, master, or engineer who, on being applied to for that purpose, wilfully refuses or neglects to give such information or assistance, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

*Penalties for carrying Passengers in excess of the  
Numbers allowed by Certificate, or in a certain  
proportion to tonnage.*

Harbour  
Master may  
refuse clear-  
ances to ship  
carrying more  
passengers  
than allowed  
by certificate.

VI. The master of any steam-ship carrying more than twelve passengers shall, upon application to the Harbour Master for a port clearance, state the number of passengers he purposes to carry in the then projected voyage; and if such number shall be in excess of the number mentioned in the certificate, the Harbour Master may refuse a port clearance to such ship. Any Master wilfully misrepresenting the number of passengers so about to be carried shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Penalty for  
taking more  
passengers  
than allowed  
by certificate,  
and also for  
leaving with-  
out a port  
clearance.

2. Any master of any such ship who shall, after having obtained such port clearance, wilfully take or receive on board such vessel any number of passengers greater than that allowed by the said port clearance, shall, on conviction, be subject to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars in addition to a penalty not exceeding five dollars for every such passenger in excess of the number permitted to be carried by the said port clearance; and the master of any such ship proceeding to sea without a port clearance shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to prohibit the conveyance of deck passengers by any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam.

Governor may prohibit conveyance of deck passengers.

4. This section shall not apply to ships or vessels which come within the operation of the Chinese Passengers' Act, 1855, or of any Ordinance made or hereafter to be made in pursuance of the provisions thereof.

This section not to apply to ships or vessels which come under the Chinese Passengers' Act, 1855, &c.

*Steam-vessels under 50 tons.*

VII. It shall not be lawful for any steam-vessel of less than fifty tons burden to carry passengers for hire within the waters of the Colony, or to any place outside the waters of the Colony, unless she has obtained a licence as hereinafter provided, and in case any such steam-vessel shall be so employed as aforesaid without a licence, the owner, master, or person in charge thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Steam vessels under 50 tons not to carry passengers for hire without licence.

2. The Harbour Master may issue to steam-vessels of less than fifty tons burden licences for carrying passengers upon the conditions prescribed by such regulations as are for the time being in force under this section.

The Harbour Master to issue licences.

3. The regulations contained in the table *F* of the schedule hereunto annexed shall continue in force until altered or repealed as hereinafter provided.

Regulations.

4. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, alter, amend, or repeal the said regulations or any of them, and may make other regulations as he deems requisite. Every new regulation and every alteration, amendment, or repeal of an existing regulation shall be published in the *Gazette*, and after such publication shall have the force of law.

Alteration or repeal of regulations.

5. If any steam-vessel licensed under this section carries within the waters of the Colony more passengers than her licence allows, the owner or master thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Penalty for carrying passengers in excess of the licence.

6. If any unlicensed steam-vessel of less than fifty tons burden arrives in the waters of the Colony carrying more passengers in proportion to her size than she would be licensed to carry under the regulations for the time being in force under this section, the master thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Penalty for unlicensed steamer arriving with excessive number of passengers.

7. If any steam-vessel licensed under this section plies in the waters of the Colony without a certificated master or engineer as provided by Schedule *F*, the owner thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding three months.

Penalty for plying without a certificated master or engineer.

8. If any person places an undue weight or pressure on safety valve of any vessel licensed under this section, he shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment not exceeding three months.

9. Every steam-vessel, whether licensed or not, of less than fifty tons burden shall, when under way between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a green light on the starboard bow and a red light on the port bow and a bright light at least ten feet above the coloured lights; and every such steam-vessel shall, when at anchor between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a bright light at least 10 feet above the gunwales.

Steamers to exhibit lights.

10. Any person offending against the provisions of this section, or against any of the regulations in force for the time being under this section, where no penalty is specified, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

Offences against regulations.

*River Steamers.*

VIII. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, grant special licences for steam-ships or vessels propelled by steam, leaving or entering the waters of the Colony for or from Canton, or for or from any place on the Canton river, or for or from Macao, in respect to the number of passengers to be carried on each such steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, and in case any such steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, shall leave or enter the waters of the Colony as aforesaid, having passengers on board in excess of the numbers authorised by such special licence as aforesaid, or in case any steam-ship not having such special licence shall leave or enter the waters of the Colony as aforesaid, having passengers on board in excess of the proportion of two passengers for every three tons of the registered net tonnage of such steam-ship, the owner or master thereof, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to a penalty not exceeding five dollars for every passenger on board, in excess of the number permitted

Steamers leaving Hong-kong, Macao, or Canton only allowed to carry a limited number of passengers. (No. 11 of 1876.)



by the licence, or when no special licence has been granted in excess of the proportion of two passengers for every registered three (net) tons of the said steam ship.

*Unseaworthy Ships.*

IX. Where a British ship being in any port of the Colony, is by reason of the defective condition of her hull, equipment, or machinery, or by reason of overloading or improper loading, unfit to proceed to sea without serious danger to human life, having regard to the nature of the service for which she is intended, any such ship (hereinafter referred to as "unsafe") may be provisionally detained for the purpose of being surveyed, and either finally detained or released, as follows:—

- (a.) The Governor, if he has reason to believe on complaint, or otherwise, that a British ship is unsafe, may provisionally order the detention of the ship for the purpose of being surveyed.
- (b.) When a ship has been provisionally detained, there shall be forthwith served on the master of the ship a written statement of the grounds of her detention, and the Governor may, if he thinks fit, appoint some competent person or persons to survey the ship and report to him.
- (c.) The Governor on receiving the report may either order the ship to be released, or, if in his opinion the ship is unsafe, may order her to be finally detained, either absolutely or until the performance of such conditions with respect to the execution of repairs or alterations, or the unloading or re-loading of cargo as the Governor thinks necessary for the protection of human life, and may, from time to time, vary or add to any such order.
- (d.) Before the order for final detention is made, a copy of the report shall be served upon the master of the ship, and within seven days after such service the owner, or agent, or master of the ship may appeal in the prescribed manner to the Court of Survey constituted under Chapter III section 13 sub-section 8 of this Ordinance.
- (e.) Where a ship has been provisionally detained, the owner, or agent, or master of the ship, at any time before the person appointed under this section to survey the ship makes such survey, may require that he shall be accompanied by such person of nautical, engineering, or other special skill and experience to be approved by the Governor as the owner or agent or master may select, and in such case, if the Surveyor or Assessor agree, the Governor shall cause the ship to be detained or released accordingly, but if they differ, the Governor may act as if the requisition had not been made, and the owner, or agent, and master shall have the like appeal touching the report of the surveyor as is before provided by this section.
- (f.) Where a ship is provisionally detained, the Governor may at any time, if he thinks it expedient, refer the matter to the Court of Survey.
- (g.) The Governor may, at any time, if satisfied that a ship detained under this Ordinance is not unsafe, order her to be released either upon or without any conditions.

2. If it appears that there was not reasonable and probable cause, by reason of the condition of the ship or the act or default of the owner or agent, for the provisional detention of the ship, the Governor shall be liable to pay to the owner of the ship his costs of and incidental to the detention and survey of the ship, and also compensation for any loss or damage sustained by him by reason of the detention or survey.

If a ship is finally detained under this Ordinance, or if it appears that a ship provisionally detained was, at the time of such detention, unsafe within the meaning of this Ordinance, the owner of the ship shall be liable to pay to the Governor his costs of and incidental to the detention and survey of the ship, and those costs shall, without prejudice to any other remedy, be recoverable in a summary way before any Stipendiary Magistrate for the purposes of this Ordinance the costs of and incidental to any proceeding before a Court of Survey and a reasonable amount in respect of the remuneration of the Surveyor of the Governor shall be deemed to be part of the costs of the detention and survey of the ship, and any dispute as to the amount of costs under this Ordinance may be referred to the Registrar of the Supreme

(M.S.A. 1876, sec. 6.)  
Power to detain unsafe ships, and procedure for such detention.

(M.S.A. 1876, sec. 10.)  
Liability of the Governor and ship-owner for costs and damages.

Court, who, on request made to him for that purpose by the Governor, shall ascertain and certify the proper amount of such costs.

An action for any costs or compensation payable by the Governor under this section shall be brought against the Attorney General in a suit instituted by the plaintiff as claimant against "The Attorney General" as defendant, and the provisions of subsections 2, 3, 4, & 5, of para. 83, chapter XIV., of the Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure shall apply to such suit.

3. Where a complaint is made to the Governor that a British ship is unsafe, he may, if he thinks fit, require the complainant to give security to his satisfaction for the costs and compensation which he may become liable to pay as hereinafter mentioned.

(M.S.A. 1876, sec. 11.)  
Power to require from complainant security for costs.

Provided that where the complaint is made by one-fourth, being not less than three, of the seamen belonging to the ship, and is not, in the opinion of the Governor, frivolous or vexatious, such security shall not be required, and the Governor shall, if the complaint is made in sufficient time before the sailing of the ship, take proper steps for ascertaining whether the ship ought to be detained under this Ordinance.

4. An order for the detention of a ship provisional or final and an order varying the same, shall be served as soon as may be on the master of the ship.

(M.S.A. 1876, sec. 12.)  
Supplementary provisions as to detention of ships.

(a.) When a ship has been detained under this Ordinance, she shall not be released by reason of her British register being subsequently closed.

(b.) For the purposes of a survey under this Ordinance, any person authorised to make the same may go on board the ship and inspect the same and every part thereof, and the machinery, equipments and cargo, and may require the unloading or removal of any cargo, ballast, or tackle.

(c.) The provisions of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," with respect to persons who wilfully impede an Inspector, shall apply as if those provisions were herein enacted, with the substitution for the Inspector of any member of the Court of Survey, Assessor, or Surveyor, who, under this Ordinance, has the same powers as an Inspector has authority to survey a ship.

#### *Foreign Ships, Overloading.*

X. Where a foreign ship has taken on board all or any part of her cargo at a port in the Colony, and is whilst at that port unsafe by reason of overloading or improper loading, the provisions of this Ordinance, with respect to the detention of ships shall apply to that foreign ship as if she were a British ship, with the following modifications:—

(M.S.A. 1876, sec. 13.)  
Application to foreign ships of provisions as to detention.

(a.) A copy of the order for the provisional detention of the ship shall be forthwith served on the Consular Officer for the State to which the ship belongs.

(b.) Where a ship has been provisionally detained, the Consular Officer, on the request of the owner or agent or master of the ship, may require that the person appointed by the Governor to survey the ship shall be accompanied by such person as the Consular Officer may select, and in such case, if the Surveyor and such person agree, the Governor shall cause the ship to be detained or released accordingly; but if they differ, the Governor may act as if the requisition had not been made, and the owner or agent and master shall have the appeal to the Court of Survey touching the report of the Surveyor which is before provided by this Ordinance; and

(c.) Where the owner, or agent, or master of the ship appeals to the Court of Survey, the Consular Officer, on the request of such owner or master, may nominate any competent person or persons to be a member or members of the Court of Survey, not exceeding two.

In this Section the expression "Consular Officer" means any Consul-General, Vice-Consul, Consular Agent, or other Officer recognised by the Governor as a Consular Officer of a foreign State.

#### *Sending Unseaworthy Ships to Sea.*

XI. Every person who sends or attempts to send, or is a party to sending or attempting to send a British ship to sea in such unseaworthy state that the life of any person is

Sending unseaworthy ship to sea a misdemeanor. (M.S.A. 1876, sec. 4.)

likely to be endangered, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor unless he proves that he used all reasonable means to ensure her being sent to sea in a seaworthy state, or that her going to sea in such unseaworthy state was, under the circumstances, reasonable and justifiable, and for the purpose of giving such proof, he may give evidence in the same manner as any other witness.

2. Every Master of a British ship who knowingly takes the same to sea in such unseaworthy state that the life of any person is likely to be thereby endangered, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, unless he proves that her going to sea in such unseaworthy state was, under the circumstances, reasonable and justifiable, and for the purpose of giving such proof, he may give evidence in the same manner as any other witness.

3. A prosecution under this section shall not be instituted except with the consent of the Governor.

4. A misdemeanor under this section shall not be punishable upon summary conviction.

*Dangerous Goods.*

XII. If any person sends or attempts to send by, or not being master or owner of the vessel, carries or attempts to carry in, any vessel, British or foreign, any dangerous goods, that is to say:—aquafortis, vitriol, naphtha, benzine, gunpowder, lucifer matches, nitro-glycerine, petroleum, or any other goods of a dangerous nature, without distinctly marking their nature on the outside of the package containing the same, and giving written notice of the nature of such goods and of the name and address of the sender or carrier thereof to the master or owner of the vessel at or before the time of sending the same to be shipped, or taking the same on board the vessel, he shall, for every such offence, incur a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars: Provided that if such person show that he was merely an agent in the shipment of any such goods as aforesaid, and was not aware and did not suspect and had no reason to suspect that the goods shipped by him were of a dangerous nature, the penalty which he incurs shall not exceed fifty dollars.

2. If any person knowingly sends, or attempts to send by, or carries, or attempts to carry in, any vessel, British or foreign, any dangerous goods, or goods of a dangerous nature, under a false description, or falsely describes the sender or carrier thereof, he shall incur a penalty not exceeding two thousand and five hundred dollars, to be recovered in a summary way before two Stipendiary Magistrates sitting together.

3. The master or owner of any vessel, British or foreign, may refuse to take on board any package or parcel which he suspects to contain goods of a dangerous nature, and may require it to be opened to ascertain the fact.

4. Where any dangerous goods as defined in paragraph 1 of this section, or any goods which, in the judgment of the master or owner of the vessel, are of a dangerous nature, have been sent or brought aboard any vessel, British or foreign, without being marked as aforesaid, or without such notice having been given as aforesaid, the master or owner of the vessel may cause such goods to be thrown overboard, together with any package or receptacle in which they are contained; and neither the master nor the owner of the vessel shall, in respect of such throwing overboard, be subject to any liability, civil or criminal, in any Court.

5. Where any dangerous goods have been sent or carried, or attempted to be sent or carried, on board any vessel, British or foreign, without being marked as aforesaid, or without such notice having been given as aforesaid, and where any such goods have been sent or carried, or attempted to be sent or carried, under a false description, or the sender or carrier thereof has been falsely described, it shall be lawful for two Stipendiary Magistrates sitting together to declare such goods, and any package or receptacle in which they are contained, to be, and they shall thereupon be, forfeited, and when forfeited shall be disposed of as the Court directs.

6. The Court shall have and may exercise the aforesaid powers of forfeiture and disposal, notwithstanding that the owner of the goods has not committed any offence under the provisions of this section relating to dangerous goods, and be not before the Court, and has not notice of the proceedings, and notwithstanding that there be no evidence to show to whom the goods belong; nevertheless the Court may, in its discretion, require such notice as it may direct to be given to the owner or shipper of the goods before the same are forfeited.

Restrictions on carriage of dangerous goods. [M. S. A. 1873, sec. 23.]

Penalty for misdescription of dangerous goods. [*Ibid.*, sec. 24.]

Power to refuse to carry goods suspected of being dangerous. [*Ibid.*, sec. 25.]

Power to throw overboard dangerous goods. [*Ibid.*, sec. 26.]

Forfeiture of dangerous goods improperly sent. [*Ibid.*, sec. 27.]

The Court may proceed in absence of the owners.

7. The provisions of this section relating to the carriage of dangerous goods shall be deemed to be in addition to, and not in substitution for, or in restraint of, any other enactment for the like object, so nevertheless that nothing in the said provisions shall be deemed to authorize that any person be sued or prosecuted twice in the same matter.

Saving as to dangerous goods Ordinance. [*Ibid*, sec. 28.]

### CHAPTER III.

#### MARINE COURTS AND COURTS OF SURVEY.

XIII. It shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time and whensoever occasion shall arise or require, by Warrant under his hand and seal of the Colony, to form a Court, which shall be called "The Marine Court;" and such Court shall consist of not more than five or less than three members, of whom one shall be a Stipendiary Magistrate, and one, if possible, a Commissioned Officer in the Royal Navy, and the remainder masters of the mercantile marine, or such persons of nautical, engineering or other special skill or knowledge as the Governor may think fit to appoint.

Constitution of Marine Court. [See Ordinance 11 of 1860, sec. 1.]

2. Each of the unofficial members of such Court shall be paid, out of the Colonial Treasury, the sum of \$5 a day, during each day that the Court shall hold its sitting.

Unofficial members of Court to be remunerated.

3. In any of the following cases, that is to say:—

Cases where inquiries are to be instituted.

- (a.) Whensoever any charge of incompetency or misconduct shall be brought by any person against any master, mate, or engineer of a British ship;
- (b.) Whenever any ship is lost, abandoned, stranded, or materially damaged on or near the coasts of the Colony;
- (c.) Whenever any ship causes loss or material damage to any other ship, on or near such coasts;
- (d.) Whenever by reason of any casualty happening to, or on board of any ship, on or near such coasts, loss of life ensues;
- (e.) Whenever any such loss, abandonment, stranding, damage, or casualty happens elsewhere, and any competent witness thereof, arrive at, or be found at, any place in the said Colony;
- (f.) Whenever a British ship has been lost, or is supposed to be lost, and any evidence can be obtained in the Colony as to the circumstances under which she proceeded to sea or was last heard of;

It shall be lawful for the Court to hear and inquire into any such charge of incompetency or misconduct, and to make inquiry respecting such loss, abandonment, stranding, damage, or casualty, and for such purposes, it shall have the powers given by the first part of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," to Inspectors appointed by the Board of Trade, and the powers given by section XXIII of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," and the Court shall, in all things, be governed by the rules of the said last mentioned section.

Powers of Court.

4. The Court may also exercise the following further powers:—

Further powers of Court. [See M. S. A., 1854, sec. 263.]

- (a.) It may, if unanimous that the safety of the ship or crew, or the interest of the owner, absolutely requires it, supersede the master of any British ship then being within the waters of the Colony, and may appoint another person to act in his stead; but no such appointment shall be made without the consent of the consignee of the ship if within the Colony;
- (b.) It may discharge any mate, engineer, or seaman from his ship;
- (c.) It may order the wages of any mate or engineer so discharged, or any part of such wages to be forfeited, and may direct the same to be retained by way of compensation to the owner.

5. Each member of the Court shall either sign the report made on any investigation under this section, or report to the Governor his reasons for dissent therefrom.

6. Every master or mate or engineer whose certificate is or is to be suspended or cancelled in pursuance of this Ordinance shall, upon demand of the Court, deliver his certificate to the Court, or if it is not demanded by the Court, deliver it to the Governor or as he directs, and in default shall, for each offence, incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars,—but no certificate shall be suspended or cancelled until such suspension or cancellation shall have been approved by the Governor.

[M. S. A. 1862, sec. 24.]

Rules as to  
procedure,  
fees, &c.  
[M. S. A. 1876,  
sec. 30.]

7. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make and when made revoke, alter and add to general rules for carrying into effect the enactments relating to formal investigation into shipping casualties and in particular with respect to the procedure, the parties, the persons allowed to appear, the notice to such parties and persons, or to persons affected, and the amount and application of fees.

8. All such rules while in force shall have effect as if enacted by this Ordinance.

9. Every formal investigation in a shipping casualty shall be conducted in such a manner that if a charge is made against any person that person shall have an opportunity of making a defence.

Constitution  
power and  
procedure of  
Court of  
Survey.  
[M. S. A. 1876,  
sec. 7 & 8.]

10. The Court shall also be a Court of Survey, and when sitting as a Court of Survey the following provisions shall have effect:—

- (a.) The case shall be heard in open Court.
- (b.) Each member of the Court may survey the ship and shall have for the purposes of this section all the powers of an Inspector appointed by the Board of Trade under the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."
- (c.) The Court may appoint any competent person or persons to survey the ship and report thereon to the Court, and such person or persons in case of disagreement to be appointed by a majority of the members.
- (d.) The Court shall have the same power as the Governor has to order the ship to be released or finally detained, but unless a majority of the members of the Court concur in an order for the detention of the ship, the ship shall be released.
- (e.) The owner or agent and master of the ship and any person appointed by the owner or agent or master, may attend at any inspection or survey made in pursuance of this section.

Rules for pro-  
cedure of Court  
of Survey, &c.  
[M. S. A. 1876,  
sec. 9.]

11. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make and when made revoke, alter and add to general rules to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance with respect to a Court of Survey, and in particular with respect to the summoning of and procedure before the Court, the requiring on an appeal under section 9 sub-section (d) security for costs and damages, the amount and application of fees and the publication of the rules.

12. All such rules, while in force, shall have effect as if enacted in this Ordinance, and the expression "prescribed" in the provisions of this Ordinance relating to the detention of ships or Court of Survey means prescribed by such rules.

Court may  
order payment  
of costs of any  
investigation.

13. The Court may make such order with respect to the costs of any such investigation as they think fit, and such costs shall be paid accordingly, and shall be recoverable in the same manner as costs in summary proceedings before any Police Magistrate.

Jurisdiction  
of the Vice-  
Admiralty  
Court not to  
be affected.

14. Nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to affect in any way the jurisdiction of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Hongkong.

#### *Appeal on refusal of certain Certificates to Ships.*

[M. S. A. 1876,  
sec. 14.]

XIV. If a ship-owner feels aggrieved:—

- (a.) By a declaration of a Government Surveyor or Surveyors under sub-section 8 of section V of this Ordinance, or by the refusal of a Surveyor to give the said declaration; or
- (b.) By the refusal of a certificate of clearance for an emigrant ship under the "Chinese Passengers' Act 1855, or the Ordinances relating thereto;" or
- (c.) By the refusal of a certificate of clearance under this Ordinance,—

the owner, charterer, master, or agent may appeal in the prescribed manner to the Court of Survey.

1. The Court may make such order with respect to the costs of any such investigation as they think fit, and such costs shall be paid accordingly, and shall be recoverable in the same manner as costs in summary proceedings before any Police Magistrate.

2. On such appeal, the Court of Survey shall report to the Governor on the question raised by the appeal, and the Governor, when satisfied that the requirements of the report and the provisions of the enactments have been complied with, may give the certificates required.

3. Subject to any order made by the Court, the costs of and incidental to an appeal under this section shall follow the event.

4. Subject as aforesaid, the provisions of this Ordinance with respect to the Court of Survey and appeals thereto, so far as consistent with the tenor thereof shall apply to the Court of Survey when sitting under this section, and to appeals under this section.

5. Where the survey of a ship is made for the purpose of a declaration or certificate under the said enactments, the person appointed to make the survey shall, if so required by the owner, charterer, or agent, be accompanied on the survey by some competent person appointed by the owner, charterer, or agent, to be approved by the Governor, and in such case, if the said two persons agree, there shall be no appeal to the Court of Survey in pursuance of this section.

CHAPTER IV.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

XV. Examinations shall be instituted for persons who intend to become masters, engineers, or mates of foreign going ships, or who wish to procure certificates of competency hereinafter mentioned.

[M. S. A. 1854, sec. 131.]

2. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, lay down rules as to the conduct of such examinations, and as to the qualifications of the applicants, and such rules shall be strictly adhered to by all examiners.

[M. S. A. 1854, sec. 132.]

3. Whenever any person shall be desirous to obtain a certificate of competency as master, first, second, or only mate, or engineer in the mercantile marine, he shall give notice in writing to that effect to the Harbour Master, who shall forward the same to the Governor.

Applicant to give notice to Harbour Master. [See Ordinance 17 of 1860.]

4. It shall thereupon be lawful for the Governor to constitute and appoint a board of examiners to inquire into the competency of such applicant, and such board shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be the Harbour Master, and the remaining two shall be either or both Commissioned Officers in the Royal Navy, or Masters, or duly qualified Engineers in the mercantile marine.

Board of Examiners to be appointed.

Constitution of Board.

5. Upon such appointment being notified to the Harbour Master, he shall summon the other members of the said board to attend at the Harbour Master's office for the purpose of examining the said applicant, at a day and at an hour to be named in such summons, (such day not to be more than seven days after the date of such summons); and shall also notify the applicant to attend accordingly.

Harbour Master to summon board and notify applicant.

6. Every applicant for a certificate of competency shall, upon lodging his application, pay to the Harbour Master a fee, if for a master's or first class engineer's certificate, of twenty dollars, and if for any other certificate, of ten dollars.

Fee to be paid by applicant.

7. Every member of the board, except the Harbour Master, shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Colony a fee of five dollars for the examination of each applicant.

Fees to members of board.

8. Any applicant who shall have passed a satisfactory examination, and shall have given satisfactory evidence of his sobriety, experience and general good conduct on board ship, shall be entitled to receive a certificate of competency signed by the members of the board to the effect that he is competent to act as master, as first, second or only mate, or as first or second engineer.

Certificate to be given to successful candidates.

9. The result of every such examination shall be reported to the Board of Trade by the Harbour Master.

Report of result of examination to be made to Board of Trade [Ordinance 17 of 1860, sec. 6.]

CHAPTER V.

SHIPPING AND DISCHARGE OF SEAMEN.

XVI. The name of a master, first, only or second mate, or first or second engineer shall not be attached to the register, or articles of agreement, of any British or Colonial ship, unless such master, mate, or engineer shall possess a certificate of service or competency issued by the Board of Trade or by the proper authority in any British Possession.

Masters, mates and engineers to possess certificates. [Ordinance 1 of 1862, sec. 5.]

2. No British or Colonial ship shall leave the waters of the Colony unless the master thereof, and the first and second or only mate have obtained and possess valid certificates of competency or service appropriate to their several stations in such ship, or of a higher grade, and no such ship if of one hundred tons burden or upwards, shall leave the waters as aforesaid, unless at least one officer, besides the master, has obtained, and possesses a valid certificate appropriate to the grade of only mate therein, or to a higher grade.

No British ship to proceed to sea without certificate of the master and mate. (See M. S. A. 1854, sec. 136.)

Steam-ships  
to carry  
certificated  
engineers.  
(See M. S. A.  
1862, sec. 5.)

3. Every British steam-ship, or steam-ship registered under section III of part I of this Ordinance of one hundred nominal horse power or upwards, leaving the waters of the Colony shall have as its first and second engineers, two certificated engineers, the first possessing a "first class engineer's certificate," and the second possessing a "second class engineer's certificate," or a certificate of the higher grade, and every British steam-ship, or steam-ship registered as aforesaid of less than one hundred nominal horse power shall have as its only or first engineer, an engineer possessing a "second class engineer's certificate" or a certificate of the higher grade.

(M. S. A. 1854,  
section 195.  
M. S. A. 1862,  
section 5.)

4. Every person who having been engaged in any of the capacities mentioned in sub-sections 2 and 3 in any such ship as aforesaid goes to sea in that capacity without being at the time entitled to, and possessed of such certificate as is required by this section, and every person who employs any person in any of the above capacities in such ship without ascertaining that he is at the time entitled to, or possessed of such certificate as is required by this section, shall, for each such offence incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Shipping of  
seamen.  
(Ord. 6 of 1852,  
sec. 5.)

5. No seaman shall, except with the Harbour Master's sanction, be shipped to do duty on board any merchant ship whatever elsewhere than at the office of the Harbour Master, who shall charge for every seaman shipped, a fee of one dollar, such fee to be paid, in the first instance, by the master of the ship shipping such seaman; and such master shall deduct the same from the wages of the seaman shipped; and the Harbour Master shall require such seaman to lodge with him his certificate of discharge from the last ship, and failing the production of such certificate, such seaman shall be bound to give satisfactory explanation to the Harbour Master of the cause of the non-production thereof. The above mentioned fee shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to the Treasury.

Master shall  
give to seaman  
discharged in  
Colony certifi-  
cate of dis-  
charge, and, if  
required, an  
account of  
wages.  
(Ordinance 6 of  
1852, sec. 2.)

6. Whenever any seaman shall be discharged from any ship within the Colony, the master of such ship shall give, at the time of such discharge, to such seaman a written certificate of discharge, specifying the time and nature of service, and the time of discharge of such seaman, signed by himself; and if such seaman require it, shall further give him, within twenty-four hours after demand, a true account in writing of the wages of such seaman, and of all deductions therefrom.

As to the dis-  
charge of  
seamen.  
(*Ibid.*, sec. 5.)

7. No seaman shall be discharged from an English ship, or any foreign ship whose flag is not represented by a Consular officer resident in the Colony, elsewhere than at the Harbour Master's office, and every seaman discharged from a foreign ship so represented, shall, within twenty-four hours of being discharged at the office of his Consul or Vice-Consul, produce to the Harbour Master, or some person deputed by him, a certificate of his discharge, signed by such Consul or Vice-Consul, under a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, in default imprisonment not exceeding twenty-one days.

Seamen to be  
discharged  
only by per-  
mission of  
Harbour Mas-  
ter, or Consul  
or Vice-Consul  
(Ordinance No.  
1 of 1862, sec. 9)

8. No master of any ship shall discharge or force therefrom, or wilfully or negligently leave behind him, in this Colony, under a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, any seaman shipped on board thereof, unless on a certificate from the Harbour Master, or his deputy or from the Consul or Vice-Consul, if any, representing the nation to which the ship belongs; and the Harbour Master or his deputy and the Consul or Vice-Consul are empowered to withhold or grant his certificate upon such conditions for the subsistence of the seaman as he shall think fit, and if any seaman shall wilfully or negligently remain in the Colony, after the departure of the vessel in which he shall have shipped, such seaman shall, on conviction, be subject to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one month, with or without hard labour.

## CHAPTER VI.

### BOARDING-HOUSES FOR SEAMEN.

As to the es-  
tablishment  
and regulation  
of boarding-  
houses.  
(Ordinance  
No. 6 of 1852,  
sec. 6.)

XVII. The Harbour Master shall, with the consent of any Police Magistrate, have power to license a sufficient number of fit and proper persons to keep boarding-houses for seamen, and every such licence shall be countersigned by the Colonial Secretary, and shall be granted for such period not exceeding one year, and upon such terms and security, and shall be renewable upon such conditions, as the Colonial Secretary may appoint; and it shall be lawful

for the Colonial Secretary to demand for every such licence an annual fee of twenty-five dollars, or at the rate thereof according to the term of such licence; and every such house shall be for the reception of such number of seamen only as shall be expressed in the licence, and shall not be granted until there have been constructed in the house to be licensed suitable rooms to be approved by the Harbour Master; and no such boarding-house shall be a house licensed for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors, nor shall any charge for spirituous or fermented liquor be allowed in any account for the amount of which any seaman may be indebted, or stated to be indebted, to any person, and such boarding-house shall not be a part of a house, and shall be separated by at least one intervening house on either side of it from any house licensed for such sale as aforesaid; and every such boarding-house shall be open at all times to the visit of any Justice of the Peace, or of the Harbour Master, or of any Inspector of Police. And the Harbour Master may refuse to grant any such licence, and may limit the number and description of seamen to be boarded in each house, and may make rules for the government of such houses, and regulate the charge to be made for board and lodging; and a copy of such rules shall be hung up in each house for the inspection of the inmates; and the infraction of any one of such rules shall subject the offender in every instance to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, and for a second offence may deprive the offender, if the keeper of such house, of his licence as an additional punishment.

2. If any person not having obtained a licence for keeping a boarding-house for seamen shall keep one, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars; and the fact of more than one seaman boarding or lodging in the house of any person, shall be *prima facie* proof of the keeping of a boarding-house for seamen by such person; but nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be construed to prevent any seaman from having the whole or any part of any unfurnished house for the residence of himself, or his family, and boarding himself therein.

Penalty for keeping an unlicensed boarding-house. (*Ibid*, sec. 7.)

3. Every keeper of a boarding-house for seamen shall cause daily to be entered in a book in English, the name and description of each additional seaman who has, on that day, come to board or lodge at his house, and the name of each seaman who has left his house on that day after being a lodger or boarder therein, and such other particulars as the Harbour Master may direct; and every keeper of a boarding-house shall, on the morning of Monday, in each week, send to the Harbour Master's office a list, copied from his book, of the seamen on that day boarding or lodging in his house, and of those seamen, boarders or lodgers, who left his house on any or either of the intermediate days, and shall also particularize in such list those seamen who wish for immediate employment, and place opposite to the names of those last named, the names of the ships from which they were last discharged; and the Harbour Master shall keep the lists as furnished to him constantly in view, and in a conspicuous part of his office, for the convenience of masters of ships requiring men, and shall also post in a similar manner, if required so to do, such notices for the supply of men by masters of ships as the said masters shall furnish, and any infraction of this paragraph shall render the Boarding House Keeper liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty five dollars.

Duties of boarding-house keepers with respect to lists, returns, &c., &c. of their inmates. (*Ibid*, sec. 8.)

4. Nothing in this section contained shall prevent masters, mates, or engineers of ships from boarding or lodging elsewhere than at a licensed boarding-house.

Masters mates and Engineers board and lodge elsewhere, than in such houses. (*Ibid*, sec. 9.)

5. No seaman, who shall have been actually shipped by the Harbour Master, or his deputy, on board any vessel in compliance with this Ordinance, shall, during the time for which he is then shipped, be liable to be arrested on civil process, unless the debt or demand shall exceed the sum of five hundred dollars: Provided always, that by the term seaman in this paragraph shall be meant only a person who has, within the space of six months previously, served on board a ship for wages as a seaman, and that the protection from arrest hereby granted shall not be held to extend to any person not coming within such definition, nor in any case to masters, mates, or engineers.

No seaman shipped under this Ordinance shall, during the term for which he is shipped, be liable to arrest on civil process, in certain cases. (*Ibid*, sec. 10.)

6. Licences issued under this section shall be terminable on the 30th November of each year.



## CHAPTER VII.

## HEALTH OF SEAMEN.

Keepers of licensed boarding-houses for seamen to furnish Harbour Master with weekly lists of the seamen resident in their houses, and report their state of health. Diseased seamen to be removed to a Hospital. (Ordinance 10 of 1867, sec. 63.)

XVIII. Every keeper of a licensed boarding-house for seamen, in the list of seamen resident in his house, which he is required to furnish to the Harbour Master, shall report as to the state of health of each seaman, so far as he may be able to ascertain the same; and every seaman who may be reported, or may be otherwise discovered, to be affected with a contagious disease, shall be removed by warrant under the hand of the Harbour Master to a hospital, where he shall be kept until he be, by the Visiting Surgeon thereof, discharged as cured, and shall have obtained from such Visiting Surgeon a certificate of his having been so discharged, which certificate he shall produce and show to the Harbour Master when required so to do; and the expenses which may be incurred in and about the maintenance and treatment of any such seaman in such hospital, shall be a debt due to the Crown, and shall be paid by such seaman; or, in case of the keeper of the boarding-house in which such seaman shall have resided before his removal to hospital not having reported, or having made a false report as to the state of health of such seaman, then such expenses shall be paid by such boarding-house keeper, in case it shall appear to, and be certified by, the Visiting Surgeon of the hospital to which such seaman may be removed, that the disease with which he may be affected is of such a nature as that the keeper of the boarding-house could, with ordinary and reasonable observation, have ascertained its existence; and in all cases, such expenses shall, in case of non-payment, be sued for and recovered by the Harbour Master on behalf of the hospital.

Penalty for offering any obstruction to removal to Hospital. (*Ibid.*, sec. 64.)

2. If any seaman affected with a contagious disease, and reported so to be by the keeper of the boarding-house in which such seaman may be residing, shall refuse or offer any hindrance or obstruction to his removal to a hospital; or having been removed to a hospital, shall attempt to leave the same before he shall be properly discharged cured; or having been discharged cured, shall refuse to produce his certificate of discharge when required by the Harbour Master; or being affected with a contagious disease, shall neglect or refuse to inform the keeper of the boarding-house in which he may be residing,—then, and in every such case, such seaman so offending shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding one month.

Masters of ships before shipping seamen may require them to undergo medical inspection. (*Ibid.*, sec. 65.)

3. The master of any merchant ship, before shipping any seaman, may require that such seaman shall be inspected by the Colonial Surgeon, by notice in writing to that effect, addressed to the Harbour Master or a Visiting Surgeon appointed in pursuance of this section, and the Colonial Surgeon or such Visiting Surgeon upon such inspection shall give a certificate under his hand as to the state of health of such seaman, which certificate such seaman shall produce and show to the master of the ship in which he may be about to serve; and for every certificate, there shall be paid the fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the master or agent of the ship in case such seaman should prove to be in sound health, and by the seaman himself, or the boarding-house keeper with whom he shall be residing, in case he shall prove to be affected with any contagious disease.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## MEDICINES AND MEDICAL STORES.

Application of section.

XIX. This chapter applies to all British or Colonial ships, other than those already provided with medicines and medical stores under the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1867," or of any legislative enactment or regulations in force in any British possession, or holding special exemption under the hand of the Governor.

Ships to carry medicines, medical stores, &c. in accordance with scale fixed by Board of Trade. (See M. S. A., 1867, sec. 4.)

2. The owners, agents, or master of every such ship navigating between this Colony and any place out of the same, shall cause to be kept on board such ship a supply of medicines and medical stores in accordance with the scale appropriate to such ship as laid down in the published scales of medicines and medical stores issued by the Board of Trade, and also a copy of the book or books issued by the said Board containing instructions for dispensing the same pursuant to paragraph 1 of section 4 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1867."

3. No lime or lemon juice shall be deemed fit and proper to be taken on board any such ship for the use of the crew or passengers thereof, unless the Health Officer has approved of the same; nor unless the same contains fifteen per centum of proper and palatable proof spirits to be approved by the Health Officer, or by some person appointed by him for that purpose, and to be added immediately before or immediately after the inspection thereof; nor unless the same is packed in such bottles, at such time and in such manner as the Health Officer may direct.

Health Officer to approve of lime or lemon juice.

4. The master, owner, or agent of any such ship who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to provide, pack, or keep on board such medicines, medical stores, books of instructions, lime or lemon juice, sugar or anti-scorbutics as are by this section required, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon summary conviction before any Stipendiary Magistrate, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Owners neglecting to provide medicines and medical stores to be guilty of misdemeanor.

5. The provisions of this section, so far as the same refer to lime, lemon juice and anti-scorbutics, shall have the same force and effect as the regulations provided for by "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1867," section 6.

This section to have the same force as rules made. (M. S. A. 1867. sec. 6.)

## CHAPTER IX.

### DESERTION AND OTHER OFFENCES OF SEAMEN.

XX. If any seaman belonging to the crew of any ship, British or foreign, shall desert therefrom, or otherwise abscond, or absent himself from his duty while such ship or vessel is within the waters of the Colony, it shall and may be lawful for any Police Officer, or for the master or person in charge of the ship, or for any one specially deputed by such master or person in charge, to arrest such seaman without warrant and convey him before a Stipendiary Magistrate; and in case such seaman shall refuse to return to his duty on board the said ship, or shall not give a sufficient reason for such refusal, the Stipendiary Magistrate may order such seaman to be put forcibly on board the ship to which he may belong, or to be confined in any gaol or other place of security within the Colony, for any period until he can be put on board his ship at her departure from the port, or until he shall be demanded by the master of the ship, or by the Consul of the country to which such ship may belong: Provided always, that the said period of confinement shall not, in the absence of such departure or demand, exceed three months.

Seamen deserting may be apprehended and put on board the vessels to which they belong. (Ordinance 4 of 1850, sec. 1.)

or may be confined in gaol.

2. It shall be lawful for any Stipendiary Magistrate, upon complaint of the master of such ship, to the effect that he has reasonable cause to believe that any runaway seaman belonging to the crew of any such ship is harboured, secreted, or concealed, or suspected to be harboured, secreted, or concealed on board any other ship, boat, or other vessel, or in any house or place whatsoever, to issue a warrant directing a constable to search such ship, boat, or other vessel, or such house or place, and such seaman to lodge in any or the nearest Police station; and every such seaman shall, with all convenient speed, be brought before a Stipendiary Magistrate, to be dealt with as is hereinbefore directed with respect to seamen apprehended for desertion, absconding, or absence from duty.

Ships or houses may be searched for deserters from ships. [*Ibid*, sec. 2.]

3. If any person whatsoever shall harbour, conceal, employ, or retain, or assist in harbouring, concealing, employing, or retaining any seaman belonging to the crew of any ship, who shall have deserted therefrom, or otherwise absconded, or absented himself from duty, while such ship or vessel is within the waters of the Colony, knowing such seaman to have deserted, absconded, or absented himself from duty, or shall cause, induce, or persuade or endeavour to cause, induce, or persuade any such seaman, in any manner whatsoever to violate, or to attempt or endeavour to violate, any agreement which he may have entered into to serve on board any such ship, or shall knowingly connive at the desertion, absconding, or absence from duty of any such seaman, such person so offending shall, for every such offence, upon conviction thereof before a stipendiary Magistrate, be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding six months.

Penalty on persons harbouring deserters from ship. [*Ibid*, sec. 3.]

Harbour Master or deputy may require, before granting a port clearance to a ship, the master thereof to search for suspected deserters, and to make declaration of such search. Penalty for not complying with such request. [Ordinance 6 of 1852, sec. 11.]

Offences of foreign seamen. [See M. S. A., 1854, sec. 243.]

Act of disobedience.

Continued disobedience.

Combining to disobey.

Expenses by whom payable. [Ordinance 4 of 1850, sec. 5.]

Deaths, desertions, or removals of seamen, &c. to be reported. [Ordinance 1 of 1852, sec. 7.]

Penalties for forging of documents, and for false descriptions and statements. (Ordinance No. 6 of 1852, sec. 12.)

Relief of seamen belonging to vessels registered in this Colony. [Ordinance 5 of 1869, sec. 1.]

4. The Harbour Master, or his deputy, before granting a port clearance to any ship, may, if he have reasonable grounds for belief that any deserter from a merchant vessel be concealed on board of such ship, proceed on board thereof and then and there require her master to institute due and diligent search for such deserter, and further, if he deem it necessary, require the master to make oath or solemn declaration that to the best of his knowledge and belief, after due and diligent search, no such deserter is concealed within or about his ship; and any master of a ship refusing or unnecessarily delaying to comply with such requisition, shall be liable, upon conviction, to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars, and to imprisonment until such fine be paid.

5. Whenever any seaman engaged in any foreign ship commits any of the following offences within the waters of the Colony, he shall be liable to be punished summarily by a Stipendiary Magistrate as follows, that is to say:—

(a.) For wilful disobedience to any lawful command, he shall be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding four weeks, with or without hard labour, and also, at the discretion of the Court, to forfeit, out of his wages, a sum not exceeding two days' pay;

(b.) For continued wilful disobedience to lawful commands, or continued wilful neglect of duty, he shall be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding twelve weeks, with or without hard labour, and also, at the discretion of the Court, to forfeit, for every twenty-four hours' continuance of such disobedience or neglect either a sum not exceeding six days' pay, or any expenses which have been incurred in hiring a substitute;

(c.) For combining with any other or others of the crew to disobey lawful commands, or to neglect duty, or to impede the navigation of the ship, or the progress of the voyage, he shall be liable to imprisonment for any period not exceeding twelve weeks, with or without hard labour:

Provided that when there is a Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent resident at Hongkong of the nation to which the ship belongs, the Court shall not deal with the case unless thereto requested by such officer in writing.

6. All expenses incidental to the apprehension, confinement, and removal of any seaman, under this section, shall be paid by the master of the ship to which such seaman may belong, and be recoverable from him at the suit of the Captain Superintendent of Police, as a debt due to the Government of this Colony; and the subsistence money for every such seaman confined in gaol shall be paid in advance to the keeper of the gaol, and in default of such payment, the gaoler may release such seaman: Provided that every seaman imprisoned under this chapter may be sent on board his ship prior to her departure from the waters of the Colony by direction of the Governor.

#### *Report of Death, Desertion, &c.*

XXI. In the event of the death of any of the passengers, or other persons, occurring on board of any merchant vessel in the waters of the Colony, or in case of the death, desertion or removal of any of the crew, the master of such vessel shall forthwith report the same to the Harbour Master, under a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars for every death, desertion, or removal which he shall neglect to report.

#### *Penalties for Forgery, &c.*

XXII. Any seaman, or other person, who shall give a false description of his services, or show, or make, or procure to be made, any false character, or shall make false statements as to the name of the last ship in which he served, or as to any other information which may be required of him by any person having lawful authority to demand such information, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

### CHAPTER X.

#### DISTRESSED SEAMEN.

XXIII. All expenses which shall be incurred under the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," in the relief of distressed British seamen who at the time of such relief being granted shall have last served in a British ship registered in this Colony, and all expenses incurred in the United Kingdom in the relief and returning to this Colony all distressed seamen who last served in such a ship, shall be borne by the revenue of this Colony.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, to order the payment, out of any monies forming part of, or arising from, the general revenue of the Colony, of all expenses which may be incurred in the Colony for the relief of such British seamen as aforesaid, under the provisions of of the said Act or of any regulations in that behalf which may be made, from time to time, by the Governor in Council.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, to order the re-payment out of any such monies as aforesaid, of all sums which shall have been expended under the provisions of the said Act by the Imperial Government, or by the "Shipwrecked Mariners' Society" or by the Government of any adjacent British Colony, or by any British Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent in any neighbouring foreign country, in and about the relief of such British seamen as aforesaid, and such sums shall be refunded in such manner as the Governor shall think fit, or as Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for the time being may direct.

## PART II.

### REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE WATERS OF THE COLONY AND OF VESSELS NAVIGATING THE SAME.

#### CHAPTER I.

##### REGULATIONS.

##### *Duties of Master.*

XXIV. Every master of a merchant ship shall hoist her national colours and number on entering the waters of the Colony; and shall keep such number flying until the ship shall have been reported at the Harbour Master's office.

2. Every such master shall, within twenty-four hours after arrival within the waters of this Colony, report the arrival of his ship at the Harbour Master's office, and in the case of a British ship, or of a ship which shall not be represented by a Consul, shall deposit there the ship's articles, list of passengers, ship's register, and true copy of manifest if required. In the case of a foreign ship represented by a Consul, the said papers shall be lodged by the master at the proper consulate. Any master offending against the provisions of this paragraph, shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars.

3. Every such master arriving in the waters of the Colony shall take up the berth pointed out by the Harbour Master, or by any person sent on board by him for that purpose, and shall moor his ship there properly, and shall not remove from it to take up any other berth, without his permission, except in case of necessity, to be decided by the Harbour Master, under a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars; and he shall remove his vessel to any new berth when required so to do by the Harbour Master, under a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for every hour that the vessel shall remain in her old berth, after notice to remove under the hand of the Harbour Master, or his deputy, shall have been given on board of her.

4. Every such master shall immediately strike spars, clear hawse, or shift berth, or obey any other order which the Harbour Master may think fit to give, and any master wilfully disobeying or neglecting this regulation, shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars.

5. Every such master about to proceed to sea shall hoist a blue peter twenty-four hours before time of intended departure, and shall give notice thereof to the Harbour Master who, if there is no reasonable objection, will furnish a port clearance, and attest the manifest, if necessary; and any master having obtained such clearance and not sailing within thirty-six hours thereafter shall report to the Harbour Master his reason for not sailing, and shall re-deposit the ship's papers if required. Any master wilfully neglecting or disobeying this regulation, shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

##### *Quarantine.*

XXV. Whenever the Governor in Council has reasonable cause for believing that any country or place is infected with any infectious or contagious disease, he may make such regulations concerning vessels arriving from such country or place as he thinks necessary for preserving the public health of the Colony.

2. Every commanding officer of any ship-of-war, or master of a merchant ship of whatsoever nation who may arrive in the waters of the Colony having small-pox or any other disease of a contagious or infectious nature on board,

Governor may order payment of expenses incurred in the Colony for relief of such seamen out of monies forming part of general revenue. [Ordinance 5 of 1869, sec. 2.]

Governor may order re-payment of expenses incurred elsewhere than in the Colony in respect of such relief out of such monies as aforesaid. [Ordinance 5 of 1869, sec. 3.]

Ships to hoist their numbers. [Ordinance 1 of 1862, sec. 3.]

Ships to be reported within 24 hours. [*Ibid.*, sec. 4.]

Ships to be moored where ordered by the Harbour Master, and not removed therefrom without permission. [*Ibid.*, sec. 9.]

All orders by the Harbour Master to be obeyed. [*Ibid.*, sec. 10.]

Blue peter to be hoisted and port clearance to be obtained before departure. [*Ibid.*, sec. 11.]

The Governor in Council may make regulations in respect of vessels arriving from infected places.

Ships arriving having contagious diseases on board to report the same. [*Ibid.*, sec. 16.]

shall hoist the proper quarantine flag, and shall hold no communication with any other vessel or boat, or with the shore, until permission be given by the Harbour Master; and the boarding officer on nearing such ship shall be informed of the nature of such disease. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this paragraph shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars for each offence.

Ships to remove when ordered.  
[*Ibid*, sec. 17.]

3. Every such commanding officer of a ship-of-war, or master of a merchant ship, having any such disease on board shall forthwith remove his ship to any berth which shall be pointed out by the Harbour Master, and there remain and keep the quarantine flag flying until a clean bill of health shall be granted by the Colonial Surgeon; and shall afford free access and render every assistance to the Colonial Surgeon or other officer of health who may be directed by the Governor to visit such ship. Any person offending against the provisions of this paragraph shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars for each offence.

Ships arriving from port where contagious disease is prevalent to report same.

4. Every such commanding officer of a ship-of-war, or master of a merchant ship, in all cases where such ship has last touched or stayed at any port or place immediately preceding such ship's arrival in the waters of the Colony, and any contagious or infectious disease has, to such commanding officer's or master's knowledge, been prevalent at such port or place at the time of his so touching or staying there, shall report the prevalence of such disease to any health officer of the port upon being boarded by such officer and in default of so reporting, the same shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars.

The Governor in Council may make regulations concerning vessels arriving with disease on board.

5. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make such regulations concerning vessels arriving in the waters of the Colony with any infectious or contagious disease on board as he thinks necessary for preserving the public health of the Colony.

Regulations to have the force of law when published in the Gazette.  
Penalties.

6. All regulations made under this section shall be published in the *Government Gazette*, and when so published shall have the force of law, and any person offending against any such regulation shall, on conviction by two Stipendiary Magistrates sitting together, be liable to a penalty not exceeding two thousand dollars, or to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding twelve months, or, at the discretion of the court, to both penalty and imprisonment as aforesaid.

#### *Steamers' Fairway.*

Steamers' fairway to be kept clear.  
[*Ibid*, sec. 18.]

XXVI. No vessel or boat of any description shall be allowed to anchor within any fairway, which shall be set apart by the Harbour Master for the passage of vessels, and the master, or other person in charge of any vessel or boat dropping anchor in, or otherwise obstructing such fairway shall be liable, for each offence, to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

#### *Regulations concerning the Safety of Ships and Prevention of Accidents.*

Vessels to exhibit light at night.  
[*Ibid*, sec. 20.]

XXVII. Every master of a ship, hulk, or other vessel, not being a boat propelled by oars, being at anchor in the waters of this Colony shall, from sunset to sunrise, cause to be exhibited a bright white light from the starboard fore-yard arm, or at the place where it can be best seen, and in default, shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Precaution to be taken in case of fire.  
[*Ibid*, sec. 21.]

2. In case of fire occurring on board any ship or vessel in the waters of the Colony, if *at night* three lights shall be hoisted in a vertical position at the highest *masthead*, and a single light at the *peak*, and guns shall be fired in quick succession until sufficient assistance shall be rendered; *if during the day* the ensign Union down with the signal NM "I am on fire" shall be hoisted at the highest *masthead* and guns fired as above provided for night time.

Precautions to be taken in case of mutiny.  
[*Ibid*, sec. 22.]

3. If on board any ship or vessel in the waters of the Colony a disturbance or riot shall occur which the master or his officers are unable to quell, *if by day* the ensign Union down shall be hoisted at the *peak* and the signal PC "*want assistance; mutiny*" shall be hoisted at the highest *masthead* or wherever practicable under the circumstances; guns may also be fired as in paragraph 2; *if by night* three lights shall be hoisted at the *peak* and a single light at the *masthead*, and guns may also be fired as before stated.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to make and publish rules, and from time to time to vary the same, concerning the lights or signals to be carried, and concerning the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by all ships, boats, or vessels, while navigating the waters of the Colony: Provided always that the same shall not be inconsistent with, or be deemed to affect the regulations for the time being in force issued by Her Majesty by Order in Council, under the provisions of section 25 of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862."

*Offences in the Waters of the Colony.*

[See also "The Dangerous Goods Ordinance 1873," and Regulations].

XXVIII. Every person who within the Colony or the waters thereof shall commit any of the following offences, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three months, with or without hard labour.

(a.) Every person who shall unlawfully cut, damage, or destroy any of the ropes, cables, cordage, tackle, headfasts, or other furniture of or belonging to any ship, boat, or vessel lying in the harbour or waters aforesaid, with intent to steal or otherwise unlawfully obtain the same or any part thereof.

(b.) Every person who for the purpose of preventing the seizure or discovery of any materials, furniture, stores, or merchandise belonging to or having been part of the cargo of any ship, boat, or vessel lying in the waters aforesaid, or of any other articles unlawfully obtained from any such ship or vessel, shall wilfully let fall or throw into the waters aforesaid, or in any other manner convey away from any ship, boat, or vessel, wharf, quay, or landing place, any such article, or who shall be accessory to any such offence; and it shall be lawful for any constable to take any such offender into custody and to seize and detain any boat in which such person shall be found, or out of which any article shall be so let fall, thrown, or conveyed away.

(c.) Every owner, or headman, or other person in charge of any boat which shall be found alongside of any public wharf or landing-place (unless while taking on board or landing passengers or cargo), or lying off the same so as to prevent the free access of other boats thereto, and the owner, headman, or other person in charge of any boat which shall be moored or at anchor at a distance of less than one hundred yards from low water mark of such part of the Colony as may be declared by regulation, between the hours of nine o'clock at night and gunfire in the morning, and no owner of any boat plying for hire shall be permitted to receive or land passengers after 8 P.M., except at such wharf or wharves as may be from time to time specified by the Governor in Council: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any boat moored or at anchor alongside of any private wharf with the consent of the owner thereof.

(d.) Every person who shall cast or throw any dead body, ballast, rubbish, or other substance, either from shore or from any vessel, into the waters of the Colony, or shall neglect within a reasonable time to remove any sunken vessel or other obstruction in the said harbour belonging to him or in his charge or keeping.

(e.) Every person who not being in Her Majesty's service and not being duly authorised by law for the purpose, goes on board any ship within the waters of the Colony, without the permission of the master or officer in charge; and the master or person in charge of such ship may take any such person so going on board as aforesaid into custody and deliver him up forthwith to any constable to be dealt with according to law.

(f.) Every person not being in Her Majesty's service who shall make fast to or cause to be made fast to a ship under way within the waters of this Colony, any boat, junk or other vessel, without the sanction of the master or officer in charge of such ship.

Governor in Council may make rules to prevent accidents in the harbour.

Prohibiting offences in the harbour of Hongkong. [Ordinance 14 of 1845, sec. 6.]

Damaging furniture of ship.

Throwing into water goods unlawfully obtained.

Mooring of boats. [*Ibid.* sec. 3, paras. 8 & 9.]

Obstruction of harbour by rubbish, &c.

Fire-arms not to be used except in certain cases. [Ordinance 1 of 1862, s. 14.]

2. Except as is hereinbefore directed by paragraphs 2 and 3 of section XXIV, or under the sanction of the Harbour Master, no cannon, gun, or fire-arm of any description shall be discharged within such portions of the waters of the Colony as the Governor may, from time to time, by regulations prescribe, from any merchant vessel or boat, under a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars.

*Removal of Obstructions.*

Harbour Master may remove obstructions, &c.

XXIX. The Harbour Master may, by written notice, require any person to remove within a reasonable time to be specified in such notice, any obstruction in the waters of the Colony, caused by such person or belonging to him or in his charge or keeping, and if such person fail to remove the obstruction within the specified time, the Harbour Master shall cause the obstruction to be removed, and may recover the expenses of removal from the person named in the notice.

[See Ordinance 14 of 1845, sec. 37.]

*Moorings.*

Harbour Master may permit moorings to be laid down.

XXX. No person shall place moorings in the waters of the Colony except with the sanction of the Harbour Master, and such moorings shall be of such nature as the Harbour Master shall approve; and the Harbour Master may, upon giving such sanction, attach such conditions to the use and employment of such moorings as he shall think fit.

*Powers of Police.*

Superintendents and Inspectors may board vessels. [Ordinance 14 of 1845, sec. 7.]

XXXI. The Captain Superintendent or other Superintendent, or any Inspector of the Police force shall have power, by virtue of his office, to enter at all times, with such constables as he shall think necessary, as well by night as by day, into and upon every ship, boat, or other vessel (not being a ship of war or vessel having the *status* of a ship of war) lying in the waters of the Colony, and into every part of such vessel, for the purpose of inspection and upon occasion directing the conduct of any constable who may be stationed on board of any such vessel, and of inspecting and observing the conduct of all other persons who shall be employed on board of any such vessel in or about the lading or unlading thereof, as the case may be, and for the purpose of taking all such measures as may be necessary for providing against fire or other accidents, and preserving peace and good order on board of any such vessel, and for the effectual prevention or detection of any felonies or misdemeanours.

Superintendent, &c. having just cause to suspect felony, may enter on board vessels and take up suspected persons. [*Ibid.*, sec. 8.]

2. It shall be lawful for the Captain Superintendent or other Superintendent, or any Inspector, or Sergeant belonging to the Police force, having just cause to suspect that any felony has been or is about to be committed in or on board of any ship, boat, or other vessel (except ships of war or vessels having the *status* of ships of war) lying in the waters of the Colony, to enter at all times, as well by night as by day, into and upon every such ship, boat, or other vessel, and therein to take all necessary measures for the effectual prevention or detection of all felonies which he has just cause to suspect to have been, or about to be committed in or upon the harbour or waters of the Colony, and to take into custody all persons suspected of being concerned in such felonies, and also to take charge of all property so suspected to be stolen.

*Powers of Magistrates.*

Any breach of this chapter punishable by fine, &c. [Ordinance 1 of 1862, sec. 29.]

XXXII. Where no penalty is specially attached by this chapter to the breach or infringement of any provision herein contained, the same shall be punishable by a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or imprisonment with or without hard labour not exceeding 1 month.

CHAPTER II.

LIGHTHOUSES, BUOYS, OR BEACONS.

Interpretation clause. [Ordinance 17 of 1873, sec. 2.]

XXXIII. In the construction of this chapter, the term "lighthouses" shall in addition to the ordinary meaning of the word, include lightships and all floating and other lights exhibited for the guidance of ships; and the terms "buoys and beacons" shall include all other marks and signs of the sea.

Power to erect lighthouses, &c. [*Ibid.*, sec. 3.]

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to erect and maintain within the Colony such lighthouses, buoys, or beacons as the Governor in Council shall think necessary to be exhibited for the guidance of ships.

Power to raise necessary funds by public loan. [*Ibid.*, sec. 4.]

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor, from time to time, with the assent of the Legislative Council, to raise by way of public loan, upon the security of the general revenues of the Colony, such sums of money as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and every loan so raised shall be a charge upon the said Colonial revenue.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor, in the meanwhile, with such assent as aforesaid, to order the payment, by way of temporary advance, out of any monies for the time being in the Colonial Treasury, of such sums of money arising from the general revenues of the Colony, as may be required for the purposes aforesaid: Provided always that all sums of money so advanced out of the the general revenue of the Colony, shall be repaid into the Treasury out of the sums which may be raised by way of loan under the provisions in that behalf hereinbefore contained.

Power to advance funds out of the Colonial Treasury. [*Ibid.*, sec. 5.]

*Light Dues.*

XXXIV. The owner or master of every ship which enters the waters of the Colony, shall pay such dues in respect of the said lighthouses, buoys, or beacons as may, from time to time, be fixed by order of the Governor in Council, to such officers as the Governor shall, from time to time, appoint to collect the same, and the same shall be paid by such officers into the Colonial Treasury.

Light dues. [*Ibid.*, sec. 6.]

2. All British and foreign ships of war shall be exempt from the payment of light dues.

Exemption of men of war. [*Ibid.*, sec. 7.]

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor, by Order in Council:—

Governor to allow certain exemptions. [*Ibid.*, sec. 8.]

(a.) To exempt any ships, or classes of ships, from such payment, and to annex any terms or conditions to such exemptions;

(b.) To substitute any other dues, or classes of dues, whether by way of annual payment or otherwise, in respect of any ships, or classes of ships.

4. Tables of all light dues, and a copy of regulations for the time being in force in respect thereof, shall be posted up at the office of the Harbour Master.

Tables of light dues to be exhibited at Harbour Master's office. [See M. S. A. 1854, sec. 399.]

5. A receipt for light dues shall be given by the person appointed to collect the same to every person paying in the same, and the Harbour Master shall not grant a clearance to any ship, unless the receipt for the same is produced to him.

Ship not to be cleared without production of receipt for light dues. [See M. S. A. 1854, Sec. 400.]

6. If the owner or master fails on demand of the authorised collector to pay the light dues in respect thereof, it shall be lawful for such collector, in addition to any other remedy which he is entitled to use, to enter upon such ship and distrain the goods, guns, tackle, or any other things of or belonging to, or on board such ship, and to detain such distress until the said light dues are paid; and if payment of the same is not made within the period of three days next ensuing such distress, he may, at any time during the continuance of such non-payment, cause the same to be appraised by two sufficient persons, and thereupon sell the same, and apply the proceeds in payment of the light dues due, together with reasonable expenses incurred by him under this section, paying the surplus (if any) on demand to the said owner or master.

Power of distress for light dues. [M. S. A., sec. 401.]

7. In order to ascertain the burden of any ship liable to pay light dues under this Chapter, the person authorised to collect such dues may require the owner, master, or other person in command of such ship, or any person having possession of the same, to produce the register of such ship for the inspection of such person; and, upon the refusal or neglect of such owner or master to produce such register; or to satisfy the person authorised to collect such dues as to what is the true burden of the ship, it shall be lawful for such person to cause such ship to be measured at the expense of the master thereof, and such expense shall be recoverable in the same manner as dues payable under this Chapter; and such measurement shall be deemed to be the real burden of the ship, and may be treated as such for all the purposes of this Chapter.

Ship's burden to be ascertained by measurement in certain cases.

8. The master of any ship who shall attempt to depart from the waters of this Colony without paying the light dues in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter; or, who shall refuse to have his ship measured to ascertain her burden in tons; or who shall obstruct any person in the duties of his office, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Penalties.

*Damage to Lights, Buoys and Beacons.*

XXXV. If any person wilfully or negligently commits any of the following offences, that is to say:—

Penalty for injuring lights, &c. [M. S. A. 1854, sec. 414.]

(a.) Injures any lighthouse, or the lights exhibited therein, or any buoy or beacon;

(b.) Removes, alters, or destroys any lightship, buoy, or beacon;

(c.) Rides by, makes fast to, runs foul of, any lightship, or buoy;



He shall, in addition to the expenses of making good any damage so occasioned, be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

*Prevention of False Lights.*

Harbour  
Master may  
prohibit false  
lights.  
(M. S. A.  
1854, sec. 415.)

XXXVI. Whenever any fire or light is burnt or exhibited at such place, or in such manner, as to be liable to be mistaken for a light proceeding from a lighthouse, it shall be lawful for the Harbour Master to serve a notice upon the owner of the place where the fire or light is burnt or exhibited, or on the person having charge of such fire or light, either personally, or by delivery at the place of abode of such owner or person, or by affixing the same in some conspicuous spot near to such fire or light, and by such notice to direct such owner or person, within a reasonable time to be therein specified, to take effectual means for the extinguishing or effectually screening such existing light; and for the preventing for the future any similar fire or light, and any owner or person disobeying such notice, shall be deemed guilty of a common nuisance, and in addition to any other penalties or liabilities of any kind thereby incurred, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars or 6 months' imprisonment with or without hard labour.

If not obeyed,  
he may abate  
such lights.  
(M. S. A. 1854,  
sec. 416.)

2. If any owner or person served with such notice, as aforesaid, neglects for a period of twenty-four hours to extinguish or effectually screen, the light or fire therein mentioned, it shall be lawful for the Harbour Master, by his servants or workmen, to enter into the place wherein the same may be, and forthwith to extinguish such fire or light doing no unnecessary damage; and all expenses incurred by the Harbour Master in such extinction, may be recovered from such person or owner as aforesaid in the same way as penalties are hereby declared to be recoverable.

CHAPTER III.

IMPORTATION AND STORAGE OF GUNPOWDER.

[See also "the Dangerous goods Ordinance 1873, and regulations.]

Vessels and  
buildings  
to be provided  
for storage of  
gunpowder.  
(Ordinance  
4 of 1867,  
sec. 4.)

XXXVII. The Governor is hereby empowered to provide, at the expense of the Colony, all necessary vessels and buildings for the storage of gunpowder, and no gunpowder arriving in this Colony shall be stored in any other building or vessel except as provided by paragraph 10 and subject to the observance of the rules and regulations to be made under paragraph 12 of this section.

To be termed  
Government  
depôt for the  
storage of  
gunpowder.  
(*Ibid*, sec. 5.)

2. Such vessels or buildings shall, for the purposes of this chapter, be termed a Government Depôt or Government Depôts for the storage of gunpowder, and shall be under the control and management of the Harbour Master, subject to such orders as may, from time to time, be received from the Governor; and such vessels or buildings shall be fitted and manned in such manner as the Harbour Master, with the approval of the Governor, shall deem expedient.

Master of ves-  
sel having up-  
wards of two  
hundred lbs.  
of powder on  
board to fur-  
nish Harbour  
Master with  
particulars  
immediately.  
(*Ibid*, sec. 6.)

3. The master of every vessel arriving in this Colony having on board thereof any quantity of gunpowder exceeding two hundred lbs. shall, immediately upon the arrival thereof, and before the discharge from the ship of any of such gunpowder, furnish the Harbour Master with a copy of the manifest of such gunpowder, the marks of all the packages wherein such gunpowder shall be contained, and the names of the consignees of such gunpowder, if he shall know the same.

Master of such  
vessel to take  
same to spec-  
ified place and  
there remain  
until he have  
permission to  
leave.  
(*Ibid*, sec. 7.)

4. The master of every such vessel as in the last preceding section mentioned shall as soon as possible take the same to the place which shall be pointed out to him by the Harbour Master, or his deputy, and the said vessel shall not be removed therefrom without the permission in writing of the Harbour Master.

Master of ves-  
sel to proceed  
when  
gunpowder is  
fully exported.  
(*Ibid*, sec. 8.)

5. When any quantity of gunpowder exceeding two hundred lbs. is about to be conveyed out of the Colony, the master of the vessel about to convey the same shall, on producing the written authority of the owners thereof, or their agents receive from the Harbour Master a permit to take on board the packages mentioned in such authority and the master of such vessel shall thereupon move the same into such anchorage as the Harbour Master may deem expedient, and from such anchorage the master of such vessel shall not remove the same except for the purpose of proceeding on his voyage or for some other sufficient cause to be approved by the Harbour Master.

6. The master of every vessel having on board more than two hundred lbs. of gunpowder, or whilst engaged in the transhipment of gunpowder, shall exhibit a red flag at the highest masthead.

Masters having more than two hundred lbs. of gunpowder on board to exhibit a flag, also when transhipping the same. (*Ibid.*, sec. 9.)

7. It shall not be lawful for the master of any vessel to tranship any gunpowder between the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M., from October to March inclusive nor between the hours of 7 P.M. and 5 A.M., from April to September inclusive, without the written permission of the Harbour Master.

No gunpowder to be transhipped at night. (*Ibid.*, sec. 10.)

8. It shall not be lawful for the master of any vessel, without the written permission of the Harbour Master, to anchor such vessel within five hundred yards of any Government Depôt for the storage of gunpowder.

No vessel to anchor within five hundred yards of a Government Depôt for storage of gunpowder. (*Ibid.*, sec. 11.)

9. It shall not be lawful for the master of any vessel having on board gunpowder exceeding in quantity two hundred lbs., to anchor nearer than five hundred yards of any other vessel.

No master of a vessel having more than two hundred lbs. of gunpowder on board to anchor within five hundred yards of any other vessel. (*Ibid.*, sec. 12.)

10. It shall not be lawful for any person, without the permission in writing of the Governor, to keep for any time however short within any house, store, godown, or other place on land, a larger quantity of gunpowder than fifteen lbs.

No person to keep in any house, store, &c. more than fifteen lbs. of gunpowder. (*Ibid.*, sec. 13.)

11. It shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace or Police Officer duly authorised by warrant to enter and if necessary to break into any house, store, godown, vessel, or place either on land or water within which such Justice of the Peace shall be credibly informed on oath, or shall have reasonable grounds of his own knowledge to suspect and believe that gunpowder is kept or carried or is on board of any vessel contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

Power to Justices to issue warrants to search. (*Ibid.*, sec. 14.)

12. The Governor in Council is hereby empowered to make rules and regulations for the proper carrying out the provisions of this chapter, including the storage of gunpowder on land, and to fix and vary, from time to time, the sums chargeable for the storage of gunpowder as hereinbefore prescribed, and every violation or neglect of any such rules or regulations shall render the party so offending liable to the penalties imposed by paragraph 14 of this section for offences against any provisions thereof.

Governor in Council empowered to frame rules for carrying out provisions of chapter and to fix charges. (*Ibid.*, sec. 15.)

13. The sums charged in respect of such storage shall be paid monthly by the party claiming to be entitled to such gunpowder, and in the event of the same not being paid within twenty-one days after the same shall have become due and payable, it shall be lawful for the Governor to direct the said gunpowder to be sold in order to defray the expense of storage, and the proceeds thereof after deducting all Government charges and the expenses of sale shall be paid to the party who shall prove himself entitled thereto to the satisfaction of the Governor.

Sums how to be paid and if not paid how to be recovered. (*Ibid.*, sec. 17.)

14. Every person who shall violate or refuse, or fail to comply with the provisions of this chapter, shall incur a penalty not exceeding three hundred dollars, or imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months.

Trial of offences under this chapter. (*Ibid.*, sec. 18.)

15. Nothing in this chapter contained shall apply to Her Majesty's ships of war or to the ships of war of any foreign nation, or to hired armed vessels in Her Majesty's service or in the service of any foreign nation, or to any Government stores.

Ships of war and Government stores excepted. (*Ibid.*, sec. 19.)

### PART III.

#### REGULATION OF JUNKS AND SMALL BOATS.

##### CHAPTER I.

###### LICENSING OF JUNKS.

XXXVIII. In the construction of this chapter the term "Junk" shall mean every sea-going Chinese or other vessel not coming within the provisions of section XXI of this Ordinance and not being a fishing boat or vessel licensed under paragraph 24 of this chapter.

Interpretation of terms:—"Junk." (Ordinance 6 of 1866, sec. 2.)

The term "Licensed Junk" shall mean a junk, boat, or vessel, licensed under paragraph 21 of this section to ply between the Colony and other ports.

"Licensed Junk."

The term "Master" of a junk shall include any person for the time being in command or charge of the same.

"Master."

2. Branch stations of the Harbour Master's office shall be maintained at such places in the Colony as the Governor may, from time to time, determine, which shall be under the superintendence and control of the Harbour Master, and shall be called "Harbour Master's Stations."

Branch stations of the Harbour Master's office. (*Ibid.*, sec. 4.)

Anchorage  
for Junks.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 5.]

No unlicensed  
junk to anchor  
within colo-  
nial waters  
except at one  
of the anchor-  
ages for junks.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 8.]

Unlicensed  
junks to  
anchor in  
specified place.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 9.]

Report of  
arrival and  
particulars to  
be furnished.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 11.]

Anchorage  
pass.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 12.]

Junks not to  
remove from  
anchorage  
without clear-  
ance or special  
permit.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 13.]

No junk to  
leave at night.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 14.]

Flag to be  
hoisted before  
departure.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 15.]

"Special  
permit."  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 16.]

Penalty for  
infraction of  
paragraphs  
4 and 5.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 17.]

Penalty for  
infraction of  
paragraph 6.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 18.]

3. The Harbour Master shall, with the approval of the Governor, appoint suitable anchorages for junks in the waters of the Colony to be called "Anchorage for Junks."

4. No junks other than a licensed junk shall (except from stress of weather) anchor at any place within the waters of the Colony other than at an "anchorage for junks."

5. Every junk other than a licensed junk entering the waters of the Colony shall immediately proceed to and take up its berth within the limits of one of the "anchorages for junks."

6. The master of every junk, whether licensed or not, shall, within eighteen hours after arrival within the waters of the Colony, report such arrival at the Harbour Master's office or at a "Harbour Master's station," and shall, if a licensed junk, deposit the licence thereof, and if not a licensed junk, furnish the particulars hereinafter mentioned, which shall be entered in a register kept for the purpose, that is to say:—

- (a.) Name and capacity of junk (in piculs.)
- (b.) The name, address and description of the owner or owners of such junk and of the master.
- (c.) The name, address and description of every consignee or agent, if any, of the junk and cargo in the Colony.
- (d.) The description of the cargo on board, and number of the crew.
- (e.) The place from which the junk sailed on her voyage to the Colony, and the date of her departure from such place, and of her arrival in the Colony.
- (f.) Whether carrying any and what guns, arms and ammunition.

7. Upon compliance with the provisions of the last paragraph, the master of every junk shall receive a permit to be called an "anchorage pass," and shall forthwith pay such fee for the same as is hereinafter mentioned, and in default thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars.

8. No licensed junk shall leave the waters of the Colony, and no other junk shall leave any anchorage for junks without a clearance or a special permit, unless the safety of the vessel (through stress of weather) shall render it necessary, and in such case, she shall return to her former anchorage when such necessity for leaving it shall have ceased.

9. No junk, whether licensed or not, shall leave her anchorage between the hours of 6 P.M. and 6 A.M. from October to March inclusive, nor between the hours of 7 P.M. and 5 A.M. from April to September inclusive, without a special permit or a special clearance to be called a "night clearance."

10. The master of every junk, whether licensed or not, about to leave her anchorage, shall, eighteen hours before the time of the intended departure of such junk, hoist at the highest mast-head such flag or signal as shall, from time to time, be specified by the Harbour Master, and also shall give notice of such intended departure and the nature of the proposed voyage, [together with description of cargo, arms, ammunition and other articles on board at the Harbour Master's office or station,] as the case may be, at which the anchorage pass of such junk shall have been granted, and he will thereupon be furnished with a clearance in exchange for the anchorage pass of such junk, and if a licensed junk, the licence thereof will be returned to him: Provided always that in case such junk shall not leave her anchorage within twenty-four hours thereafter, the master shall report the same at the Harbour Master's office or station, as the case may be, and the reason thereof, and shall, if so required to do, return the said clearance, and if a licensed junk, also re-deposit the licence thereof.

11. The Harbour Master or the officer for the time being in charge of any Harbour Master's station may, from time to time, grant to any master of a junk a permit to be called a "special permit," which shall be a sufficient warrant or authority for the doing of any act mentioned in such permit.

12. Every master of a junk who shall violate or refuse or fail to comply with the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5, shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding six calendar months.

13. Every master of a junk who shall refuse or fail to comply with the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 10, or shall knowingly give untrue particulars concerning the information which he is thereby required to furnish, shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars, or imprisonment with or

without hard labour for any period not exceeding six months, and it shall be lawful for the Governor, if he shall think fit, by warrant under his hand to order that any junk whereof the master has refused or failed to comply with the provisions of the said paragraph, and whether such master shall have been brought to trial and punished or not, shall quit the waters of the Colony within twelve hours from the service of such order on board of such junk, under penalty of forfeiture of such junk to the Crown.

14. Every master of a junk violating the provisions of paragraphs 8 and 9 shall incur a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding twelve calendar months, and such junk and her cargo shall be forfeited to the Crown.

15. No licence, anchorage pass, clearance or special permit shall be used in respect of any junk other than the junk therein specified, or for any purpose other than the one therein mentioned, and every master of a junk who shall knowingly use or attempt to use any licence, anchorage pass, clearance or special permit which shall not have been lawfully obtained, shall be imprisoned with hard labour for any term not exceeding twelve calendar months, and every junk in respect of which a licence, anchorage pass, clearance, or special permit shall have been used or attempted to be used in violation of this paragraph may, together with the cargo thereof, and whether the master shall have been brought to trial or not, at the discretion of the Court, be forfeited to the Crown.

16. Every master of a junk, vessel, or boat, bringing into the Colony, or from one part of the Colony to another, any person who shall, in the opinion of the Court before which the offence shall be tried, have come to the Colony for the purpose of mendicancy, or any person suffering from leprosy or any contagious disease, shall be liable to pay a penalty not exceeding ten dollars for every such person so brought by him as aforesaid.

17. It shall be lawful for any person deputed thereto by the Governor, or by the commander of any of Her Majesty's ships-of-war, or for any officer or Constable of the Police force, at any time to board any junk within the waters of the Colony and demand the production of either an anchorage pass, clearance, special permit, or licence, and in case by reason of the non-production of any one of such documents, or for any other reason, there shall be ground to believe or suspect that any provision of this chapter has been violated by the master of such junk, or in case the document produced shall appear from the date thereof, or from any other cause, to have been unlawfully obtained, or to be unlawfully used, to arrest such junk and her cargo and the master of such junk, and deliver them into the custody of the Police.

18. No junk or cargo liable to forfeiture, under the provisions of this chapter, shall be so forfeited, unless the offence in respect of which such junk or cargo is liable to forfeiture, shall be tried by two Stipendiary Magistrates sitting together, who shall have power, in their discretion, to extend the period limited by law for an appeal from their decision to the Supreme Court, either before or after the expiration thereof.

19. Every junk of which the master shall be charged with having violated the provisions of this chapter, shall be forthwith arrested and detained unless (bail to the satisfaction of a Magistrate is given), until the said master shall either have been acquitted of the offence charged, or if found guilty, shall have paid the penalty inflicted upon him, and in case he shall fail to pay, within ten days, any penalty which may be inflicted upon him, the same may be recovered by the sale of such junk, and the balance, if any, of the net proceeds thereof, after deducting therefrom the expenses of such sale and the amount of such penalty as aforesaid, shall be paid to the owner or owners of the junk, if claimed within twelve calendar months from the date of sale, and if not claimed within that period, shall be forfeited to the Crown: Provided that in case there shall be in the Colony any consignee or agent of such junk registered under paragraph 6, no sale thereof shall be made in pursuance of this paragraph until three days' previous notice thereof shall have been given in writing to such consignee or agent.

20. Every junk forfeited or sold under the provisions of this chapter shall be transferred to the purchaser thereof, at his expense, by a bill of sale from the Harbour Master, and such bill of sale shall confer upon such purchaser, his executors, administrators and assigns, an indefeasible title to such junk.

Penalty for infraction of provisions of paragraphs 8 and 9. (*Ibid.*, sec. 19.)

Penalty for unlawfully using a licence, pass, clearance, or special permit. (*Ibid.*, sec. 20.)

Penalty for bringing mendicants into the Colony. (*Ibid.*, sec. 21.)

Power to board any junk and demand inspection of documents. (*Ibid.*, sec. 22.)

Trial of offences under this chapter. (*Ibid.*, sec. 23.)

In case of non-payment of penalty by master, the same may be levied by sale of junk. (*Ibid.*, sec. 24.)

Transfer to purchaser upon sale of junk. (*Ibid.*, sec. 25.)

Junk licences.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 26.]

21. It shall be lawful for the Harbour Master, in such cases as he shall think fit to grant to any owner of any junk or lorcha a licence authorising such junk or lorcha to ply between this Colony and other ports, during such period and subject to such conditions as the Harbour Master, with the approval of the Governor, may determine, and which conditions shall be endorsed on or contained in such licence, and such junk or lorcha having obtained a licence, the master thereof shall cause the number of said licence to be painted in black figures twenty inches in length (to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master) on a white ground on each bow and on the stern: Provided that no such licence shall be granted unless the intended licensee shall enter into a bond together with one or more sureties resident in the Colony, and to be approved of by the Harbour Master, conditioned in any sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars for the observance of the conditions of such licence.

Penalty for disobeying Harbour Master's orders.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 27.]

22. Every master or other person in charge of any junk, vessel or boat, whether licensed or not, shall obey any lawful orders which the Harbour Master may see fit to give, under a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Governor in Council empowered to frame rules for carrying out provisions of this chapter  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 23.]

23. The Governor in Council is hereby empowered to make such rules and regulations as to him shall seem fit for the proper carrying out the provisions of this chapter, and also to vary, from time to time, the fees chargeable to each junk under this chapter, and to prescribe, from time to time, the forms of all licences, passes, permits, and clearances under this chapter, and to provide adequate means for preventing by force when necessary any junk from leaving the waters of the Colony, or any anchorage for junks, in violation of any provision of this chapter.

Fishing boat licences.  
[*Ibid.*, sec. 29.]

24. It shall be lawful for the Harbour Master, in such cases as he shall think fit, to grant to any person a licence for any boat or vessel to be used solely as a fishing boat or vessel for such period and subject to such conditions as the Harbour Master, with the approval of the Governor, may determine and which conditions shall be endorsed upon or contained in such licence. And such boat or vessel having obtained a licence, the master thereof shall cause the number of the said licence to be painted in white figures (to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master,) twenty inches in length on a black ground on each bow, and on the stern, and every person guilty of a breach of any such conditions or offending against the last clause of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 or in default 6 months' imprisonment with or without hard labour in addition to any forfeitures thereby imposed.

## CHAPTER II.

### LICENSING, &C., OF BOATS, CARGO BOATMEN, &C.

Governor in Council to make regulations for licensing, &c., boats, &c.

XXXIX. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to make and publish regulations and, from time to time, to vary the same:—

- (a.) For the licensing, due management control and regulation of all boats or vessels, plying for hire within the waters of the Colony, other than boats or vessels having British, Colonial, or foreign registers, not being Chinese registers; and also other than market boats or vessels or junks within the meaning of chapter I of part III of this Ordinance.
- (b.) For the licensing, registration and regulation of cargo boatmen;
- (c.) For fixing the scale of fees payable for such licences;
- (d.) For fixing the scale of fares to be charged by such boat or vessel;
- (e.) For the regulation and management of all boats, sampans, or other vessels, used as dwelling places within the waters of the Colony and not plying for hire;
- (f.) For the registration or licensing of such last mentioned vessels and of the people dwelling in the same.

Punishment for drowning passengers in overcrowded boats.  
[7 & 8 Geo. 4., sec. 23.]  
[Local and personal.]

2. In case any greater number of persons or passengers shall be taken or carried in any such licensed boat or vessel, within the waters of the Colony than are respectively allowed to be carried therein by any regulations made by the Governor in Council, and any one or more of such persons or passengers shall be drowned, in consequence thereof every person who shall be in charge of such boat, or vessel, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and may be punished therefor without prejudice to any civil remedy that any person may have against such misdemeanant.

*Deck and Load Lines.*

XL. All ships registered in the Colony shall be marked with deck and load lines as is provided in the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1876." When a ship registered in the Colony has been marked as by this section required, she shall be kept so marked until her next return to a port of discharge in the Colony.

2. The owner, or agent, or master of every British ship shall, before clearing his ship outwards from any port in the Colony, mark the load line required by section 26 of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1876."

3. The owner, agent or master shall also, upon so clearing her, deliver to the Harbour Master a statement in writing of the distance in feet and inches between the centre of the disc and the upper edge of each of the lines indicating the position of the ship's decks which is above that centre. If default is made in delivering this statement in the case of any such ship, the Harbour Master may refuse to clear the ship.

Ships to be marked with deck and load lines. (M.S.A. 1876, sections 25, 26.)

*Grain Cargoes.*

XLI. The penalty provided by section 22 of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1876," for knowingly allowing any grain cargo or part of a grain cargo to be shipped on any British ship contrary to the provisions of the said section may be recovered upon summary conviction before any Stipendiary Magistrate.

**PART IV.***General.*

XLII. So much of the various provisions of the third part of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and other Acts amending the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and now in force in England, as relates to rights to wages and remedies for the recovery thereof; to leaving seamen abroad; to the provisions, health and accommodation of seamen; to the power of seamen to make complaints; to the protection of seamen from imposition; to discipline; and to crimes committed abroad, shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, and so far as the same can be extended, to all ships registered in this Colony when such ships are within the jurisdiction of this Government, and to the owners, masters and crews of such ships.

2. Every offence declared by the "Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1876," to be a misdemeanor where jurisdiction is given to the Court in this Colony shall be tried by the Supreme Court in the same manner as other misdemeanors are tried, and every offence thereby made punishable by imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months with or without hard labour or by any penalty not exceeding £100, shall be prosecuted summarily before any Magistrate or any two Justices of the Peace in like manner as other offences of like character committed in the Colony may be punished summarily, and any person convicted summarily shall have the like right of appeal as if the offence with which he is charged had been tried under any local Ordinance.

(M. S. A. 1854, para. 518.)

3. Where any order, notice, statement, or document requires, for the purpose of any provision of this Ordinance, to be served on the master of a ship, the same shall be served where there is no master and the ship is in the Colony, on the owner or one of the owners of the ship, or if there is no owner, on the agent of the ship in the Colony, or where no such agent is known or can be found, by affixing a copy thereof to the mast of the ship.

Service of order on master, &c. (M. S. A. 1876, para. 35.)

4. Any such order, notice, statement, or document may be served by delivering a copy thereof personally to the person to be served or by leaving the same at his last place of abode, or in the case of a master by leaving it for him on board the ship with the person being or appearing to be in command of such ship.

5. Any person who obstructs the service of any order, notice, statement, or document on the master of a ship shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars and if the owner, agent, or master of the ship is a party or privy to such obstruction he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

6. Where under this Ordinance a ship is authorised or ordered to be detained, if the ship after such detention or after service on the master of any notice of or order for such detention proceeds to sea before it is released by competent authority, the master of the ship, and also the owner or agent, and any person who sends the ship to sea, if such

Enforcing detention of ship. (M. S. A. 1876, para. 34.)

owner or agent, or person be party or privy to the offence, shall forfeit and pay to Her Majesty a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

7. Where a ship so proceeding to sea takes to sea when on board thereof in the execution of his duty any officer authorised to detain the ship, or any Surveyor or officer appointed by the Governor, the owner and master of the ship shall each be liable to pay all expenses of and incidental to the officer or Surveyor being so taken to sea and also a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, or, if the offence is not prosecuted in a summary manner, not exceeding fifty dollars for every day until the officer or Surveyor returns, or until such time as would enable him after leaving the ship to return to the port from which he is taken, and such expenses may be recovered in like manner as the penalty.

General power to the Governor in Council to make regulations.

8. In addition to the powers hereinbefore given, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, to make, alter and repeal regulations for the better and more effectual carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

And to impose penalties.

9. In any regulations under this Ordinance, except with reference to quarantine, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to impose penalties for the breach thereof, but so nevertheless that the penalty for the breach of any such regulations do not exceed two hundred dollars or six months' imprisonment with or without hard labour.

Provisions as to rules, &c. made by Governor in Council. (M. S. A. 1876, para. 38.)

10. Where the Governor has power to make any orders, rules, or regulations in Council it shall be lawful for him, from time to time, to make such orders, rules and regulations in Council and to revoke, alter, or add to any orders, rules or regulations so made.

11. All such orders, rules and regulations shall be published in the *Gazette*.

12. Upon the publication of any such orders, rules or regulations in the *Gazette* they shall, after the date of such publication, or any later date mentioned in such orders, rules, or regulations, take effect as if they were enacted by the Legislature of this Colony.

13. There may be paid out of the Colonial Revenue to any officer or person appointed under this Ordinance or to any member of a Marine Board, Examination Board or Court of Survey or to any Assessor, such remuneration (if any) as this Ordinance directs, or, in so far as this Ordinance does not extend, as the Governor from time to time directs.

14. There may be paid out of Colonial Revenue all costs and compensation payable by the Governor in pursuance of this Ordinance.

Recovery of penalties and expenses.

15. All offences against this Ordinance, or any regulations made thereunder, except when otherwise provided, may be heard and determined by any Stipendiary Magistrate and all penalties imposed by and expenses recoverable under this Ordinance, or any regulation made thereunder, except when otherwise provided, may be recovered in a summary way before any Stipendiary Magistrate.

Forgery

16. Whosoever, with intent to defraud, shall forge, or alter, or shall offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any certificate, ticket, document, matter, or thing named in this Ordinance, or any regulation made thereunder, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof, shall be liable, at the discretion of the Supreme Court, to be kept in penal servitude for any term not exceeding seven years, and not less than three years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour.

#### Fees.

Fees payable under this Ordinance and under M. S. A. 1854.

XLIII. The fees specified in tables marked *B*, *C* and *D* of the schedule hereto are hereby declared to be payable to the collector appointed by the Governor as the lawful fees for the discharge of the respective duties therein specified, and the same and all other fees payable under this Ordinance, or any regulation made thereunder, may be recovered in a summary manner before any Stipendiary Magistrate.

Fees to be paid into the Colonial Treasury.

2. All such fees and all costs and expenses recovered under this Ordinance, after making necessary deductions, shall be paid into the Colonial Treasury to the use of Her Majesty.

*Abstract of Ordinance to be given to Masters.*

XLIV. An abstract of such portions of this Ordinance as the Governor in Council may direct, shall be delivered to the master of every vessel upon her entering the waters of the Colony; and if before obtaining clearance, the master do not return such abstract to the Harbour Master, he shall pay a fee of one dollar for the same.

Abstract of Ordinance to be given to master of every vessel

*Repealing Clause.*

XLV. On and from the coming into operation of this Ordinance the Ordinances hereunder specified shall be repealed to the extent herein mentioned: Provided that any officer appointed in pursuance of any such enactments shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Ordinance, and any rules or regulations made by the Governor or the Governor in Council in pursuance of any such enactment and not repealed by this Ordinance or by any rules or regulations hereafter made or to be made thereunder, shall be deemed to have been made under this Ordinance, and this Ordinance shall not affect:—

Repealing clause.

- (1.) Anything done or suffered under any enactment hereby repealed; nor
- (2.) Any right, power, duty, obligation, or liability acquired, imposed, accrued, or incurred under any enactment hereby repealed; nor
- (3.) Any penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect of any offence against any enactment hereby repealed; nor
- (4.) Any legal proceeding in respect of any such right, power, duty, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment, and any such legal proceeding may be carried on as if this Ordinance had not passed;

nor revive any enactment repealed by any of the said Ordinances or sections.

Ordinance 14 of 1845,.....	}	Sub-sections 8 and 9 of sec. iii; sub-sections 1, 2, and 3 of sec. vi; and secs. vii and viii.	
„ 4 of 1850,.....			
„ 6 of 1852,.....	}	The whole.	
„ 4 of 1855,.....			
„ 9 of 1856,.....	}	Sec. xvi.	
„ 8 of 1858,.....			
„ 10 of 1860,.....	}	The whole.	
„ 11 of 1860,.....			
„ 15 of 1860,.....			
„ 17 of 1860,.....	}	Secs. lxiii, lxiv, and lxv.	
„ 1 of 1862,.....			
„ 6 of 1866,.....	}	The whole.	
„ 4 of 1867,.....			
„ 10 of 1867,.....			
„ 5 of 1869,.....			
„ 9 of 1872,.....			
„ 17 of 1873,.....	}	The whole.	
„ 1 of 1874,.....			
„ 8 of 1875,.....			
„ 11 of 1876,.....			

*Suspending Clause.*

XLVI. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be hereafter proclaimed by the Governor.

Suspending clause.





	Amount of Fees.
For every sale of a ship, or shares in a ship, under a certificate of sale, .....	\$5
For every alteration in agreements with seamen, .....	1
For certifying a desertion, .....	1
For attesting a seaman's will, .....	Nil.
For examining provisions or water (to be paid by the party failing to support his case), .....	5
For renewing Colonial register under section III, para. 13, .....	5
For inspection of Registry, .....	1

TABLE (C.)

Scales of Fees under the provisions of this Ordinance.

(1.)—*Surveys of Steam-ship for Passenger's Certificate.*

Tons (Register.)	Fee.	Tons (Register.)	Fee.
	\$		\$
100 and under, .....	25	1,200 & under 1,500, ..	74
Over 100 & not exceeding 300, ..	35	1,500 " 1,800, ..	86
Over 300 and under 900, .....	50	1,800 " 2,100, ..	98
900 and under 1,200, .....	62	2,100 " 2,400, ..	110

\$12 for every additional 300 tons.

The above scale is for twelve months. For six months six-twelfths of the fee will be charged, for nine months nine-twelfths, and so on, at the rate of one-twelfth for each month; but no fee is to be less in amount than three-twelfths. In all cases of *new* steam ships, or of steam ships coming under survey for a passenger's Certificate for the first time a full twelvemonth's fee must be paid, notwithstanding that a certificate for twelve months may not be required, and in no case of an incomplete declaration will less than three-twelfths be charged.

The fee paid in accordance with the forgoing scale covers any number of visits that a Surveyor may require to make before he is able to grant his declaration, as well as the inspection of the lights and fog signals, and of the marking of the vessel, which inspection must be made by the Surveyor before he can grant his declaration. The fee does not, however, apply to, or include, any inspection of lights, fog signals, or marking made subsequently to the granting of the declaration.

The above fee does not cover any service under the Chinese Passengers' Acts, or measurement for tonnage.

(2.)—*Survey of Ship, under Chinese Passengers' Acts.*

Surveys made within Office hours.	Fee.
	\$
Ordinary survey of the ship and of her equipments, accommodation, distilling apparatus (if any) stores, light, ventilation, and sanitary arrangements, .....	20
Special survey, .....	25
Do. entailing unusual attention, .....	30

A special survey is to be deemed to be a survey requiring more than two visits by a Government Surveyor or Surveyors, or a survey in cases in which from age or any other circumstances there are reasonable grounds for doubting the seaworthiness of the vessel. Where the case requires unusual attention and occupies an unusual amount of the surveyor's time the higher fee of \$30, and upwards will be charged, according to the special circumstances of the case and the number of visits made.

Where a declaration has been granted for a steam-ship under this Ordinance, the survey under the Chinese Passengers' Acts will be made on payment of half the usual fee mentioned above. The fee paid in accordance with the above scale covers the inspection of the lights and fog signals, and the marking of the vessel, made at the time of survey under the Chinese Passengers' Acts. It does not, however, apply to, or include, any inspection of lights, fog signals, or marking, made subsequently to such survey.

The fee for survey under the Chinese Passengers' Acts does not cover any survey of a steam-ship for a passenger certificate under this Ordinance, or measurement for tonnage, or inspection of crew spaces.

Travelling expenses (if any) and subsistence expenses (if any) due according to the scale authorised by the Governor will be charged in addition to the fees.

(3.)—*Measurement of Tonnage.*

Tons (Gross Register).	Fee.	Tons (Gross Register).	Fee.
	\$		\$
Under 50, .....	7	1,200 to 2,000, .....	35
50 to 100, .....	10	2,000 to 3,000, .....	40
100 to 200, .....	15	3,000 to 4,000, .....	45
200 to 500, .....	20	4,000 to 5,000, .....	50
500 to 800, .....	25	5,000 and upwards, .....	55
800 to 1,200, .....	30		

(4.)—*Inspection of the berthing or sleeping accommodation of the Crew.*

The fee to be paid on application for inspection is \$3.

A further fee of \$3 will be charged if more than one visit by the Surveyor is necessary.

*The fees for inspection of crew spaces will not be charged if the inspection is made when the vessel is measured for tonnage, but if a second or third visit is necessary for crew spaces alone a fee of \$3 for each visit will be charged.*

(5.)—*Inspection of Lights and Fog Signals.*

The fee to be paid on application for inspection is \$3.

A further fee of \$3 will be charged if more than one visit by the Surveyor is necessary.

(6.)—*Inspection of the Marking of Vessels.*

The fee for a first visit is \$3, and is to cover all expenses except where application is made by owner, when expenses are also to be charged. For any subsequent visit, expenses are to be charged, but no further fee.

(7.)—*Inspection of Tracings or Drawings.*

The fee to be paid when tracing is submitted for inspection is \$15.

This fee will not be charged when the full fee for survey under the Merchant Shipping or Chinese Passengers' Act has been paid.

(8.)—*Survey for Change of Name.*

Fees will be charged in accordance with the scale for a twelve-month's passenger certificate. (See Scale No. 1, above).

(9.)—*Survey for re-registry under Section 6 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1873.*

Fee will be charged on the same scale as for change of name. This fee includes the inspection of crew spaces and lights, but does not include measurement for tonnage.

(10.)—*Survey of a Vessel before transfer to a Foreign Flag.*

The fee to be charged in cases of survey before transfer to the flag of any other country shall be \$25.

(11.)—*Minor Inspections, Alteration of Rig, Port of Registry, &c.*

A fee of \$5 is to be charged in all cases of *minor* inspections (e.g., alteration of rig, port of registry, description of engines, &c.), of a vessel on re-registry.

(12.)—*For re-measurement of passenger accommodation in any ship the passenger certificate of which is unexpired.*

A fee of \$10.

TABLE (D.)

Table of Fees payable under chapter I of part III of this Ordinance.		
	Sea-going Licence.	Fishing Licence.
For vessels under 500 piculs burden, a year, .....	\$10.00	\$1.00
For vessels under 500 piculs burden, a month or fraction of a month, .....	\$ 1.00	\$0.20
For vessels of 500 piculs and less than 1,000 piculs burden, a year, .....	\$15.00	\$3.00
For vessels of 500 piculs and less than 1,000 piculs burden, a month or fraction of a month, .....	\$ 1.50	\$0.40
For vessels of and above 1,000 piculs burden, a year, .....	\$20.00	\$5.00
For vessels of and above 1,000 piculs burden, a month or fraction of a month, .....	\$ 2.00	\$0.50
Fishing boats under 25 piculs, .....	Free.	
Anchorage pass, .....	\$0.25	
Special permit, .....	\$0.25	
Day clearance, .....	\$0.25	
Night clearance, .....	\$1.00	

TABLE (E.)

Spaces to be allotted to passengers in ships not within the "Chinese Passengers Act, 1855."

Between the 15th of October, and the 31st of May, inclusive:—

1. The space to be provided on the between decks shall be for the lower between decks 12 superficial and 84 cubic feet of space for each passenger; and in the upper between decks there shall be 9 superficial and 54 cubic feet for each passenger.
2. On the upper or weather deck there shall be provided 4 superficial feet of deck space for exercise for the crew and for every passenger accommodated in the between decks; and if it shall be intended to carry passengers on the remaining spaces of the said weather deck than 12 superficial feet of such remaining space shall be provided for each such upper deck passenger.

Between the 1st of June, and the 14th of October, inclusive:—

3. The space to be provided in the between decks shall be in accordance with the first paragraph of this table, but no ship shall carry upper deck passengers except as hereinafter provided, unless she is furnished with a deck house or other permanent protection against the weather for the number of passengers such structure will accommodate at 12 superficial feet and 72 cubic feet per adult passenger.

*Generally.*

Deck passengers may be carried between Hongkong and Swatow during both seasons.

Passengers are not to be carried on more than two decks on any one voyage.

The superficial area of a deck shall mean the area of the deck itself exclusive of skylights, hatchways and other encumbrances.

## TABLE (F.)

I. The owner of any steam vessel of less than fifty tons burden desirous of obtaining a licence to carry passengers for hire within the waters of the Colony, or to any place outside of the waters of the Colony, shall cause the said vessel to be surveyed by a Government Surveyor or Surveyors.

II. A certificate of the Government Surveyor or Surveyors, shall contain statements of the following particulars :—

- a. That the hull, length—breadth—depth—=—tons, is sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition.
- b. The number of passengers which the vessel is fit to carry, being, for vessels plying beyond the waters of the Colony, at the rate of ten superficial feet of the upper or weather *deck*, and at the rate of ten superficial feet of the *deck* immediately below the upper deck, for each passenger and member of the crew; and for vessels plying within the waters of the Colony, at the rate of seven superficial feet per passenger and member of the crew.
- c. That the master possesses a certificate of competency from the Harbour Master of Hongkong.
- d. That provision is on board for the shelter of deck passengers, and that there are not less than two approved life buoys on board.
- e. That the vessel carrying passengers outside the waters of the Colony has boats sufficient for the accommodation of half of the number of passengers and crew which the vessel is certified to carry.
- f. That the vessel is properly fitted with bow and masthead lights and also a riding light, in accordance with the international regulations.
- g. That the vessel is properly found with anchors and chains.
- h. That the crew is sufficient for the requirements of the vessel in the opinion of the Harbour Master.

III. A certificate of the Government Surveyor or Surveyors shall contain statements of the following particulars :—

- a. That the machinery and boiler of the vessel are sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition, and that the safety valve is so constructed as to be out of the control of the engineer when the steam is up and is not loaded beyond the pressure permitted by the Surveyor's certificate.
- b. The time for which such machinery will be sufficient.
- c. That the engineer of the vessel possesses a certificate of competency from the Harbour Master of Hongkong.

IV. Such certificates shall be in force for a period not exceeding twelve months.

V. On the receipt of the before-mentioned certificates, the Harbour Master will cause a licence to be issued to the owner or master empowering the therein described vessel to convey the number of passengers certified to on the Surveyor's declaration for a period not exceeding twelve months.

VI. Every vessel licensed under this Ordinance shall have her name in English and Chinese legibly painted on her stern and on each bow together with the number of passengers she is licensed to carry.

VII. A fee of five dollars for each certificate shall be payable to the Government.

VIII. Vessels plying for hire within the waters of the Colony shall pay a licence fee at the rate of \$5 per annum, and vessels plying for hire outside the waters of the Colony shall pay a licence fee at the rate of \$10 per annum. These fees shall be payable half-yearly.