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PROCLAMATION.

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By His Excellency WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer Administering the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas despatches have been received from The Right Honourable EARL GRANVILLE, K.G., HER MAJESTY'S Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying to me HER MAJESTY'S Gracious Confirmation and Allowance of the following Ordinances; namely:—

No. 2 of 1886, entitled—*The Apportionment Ordinance, 1886.*

No. 3 of 1886, entitled—*The Larceny and Embezzlement Amendment Ordinance, 1886.*

No. 4 of 1886, entitled—*The Infants Custody Ordinance, 1886.*

Now, therefore, it is hereby Proclaimed that the said Ordinances have been so confirmed and allowed as aforesaid.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 19th day of June, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 228.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 9 of 1886.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled The Religious Ceremonies and Festivals Ordinance, 1886.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th June, 1886.

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No. 9 OF 1886.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof entitled, *The Religious Ceremonies and Festivals Ordinance, 1886.*

[14th April, 1886.]

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

Music.

1. Except as by this Ordinance provided no person shall, in or upon any public street or road within the City of Victoria play any musical instrument, or beat any drum or gong in connection with any religious ceremony (except a funeral or marriage) or with any annual or other festival.

Drums and gongs.

2. No person shall, within the City of Victoria, beat any drum or gong within any dwelling house, or knowingly suffer or allow any drum or gong to be beaten upon his premises between the hours of 11 P.M. and 6 A.M.

Processions.

3. Except as by this Ordinance provided no person shall organise, equip, or take part in any procession in or upon any public street or road in the City of Victoria with or without music. Provided always that this section shall not apply to any funeral or marriage procession, whether with music or without, except in cases where the Governor may so direct.

Sheds, &amp;c.

4. Except as by this Ordinance provided no person shall, in the City of Victoria or in any village of the colony, or nearer to any building than 100 yards, erect any inflammable structure, awning, or decoration in connection with any religious or other festival or ceremony, or with any exhibition connected with any such ceremony or festival. Provided always that this section shall not apply to any scaffolding of wood or bamboo necessary for the removal of a dead body, if such scaffolding be removed within forty-eight hours from the time of its erection.

Fireworks.

5. Except as by this Ordinance provided no person shall discharge, kindle, or let off any firework in the City of Victoria or attempt to do so.

Theatricals.

6. No person shall advertise, notify, or carry on any Chinese theatrical performance of a public nature unless an abstract of the plot or nature of such performance shall first have been furnished to the Registrar General, who may in his discretion issue a permit for such performance, without which permit no such performance shall be notified or carried on.

Permits.

7. The Governor may from time to time authorise the issue of permits for

- (1.) Processions or music in the City of Victoria (other than funeral or marriage processions) at suitable hours and under suitable conditions.
- (2.) The erection in the City of Victoria or in villages of cloth covered sheds or decorations in suitable places, with proper precautions for safety and for the extinction of fire.
- (3.) The discharge of fireworks in suitable places in the City of Victoria or in villages.
- (4.) Chinese public theatrical performances.

All such permits shall be issued in such manner and on such conditions as the Governor may direct. The Governor may at any time cancel or withdraw any such permit.

One person to be named.

8. Permits for Processions, Theatricals, and other such acts as are to be joined in by a number of persons shall be issued to one person only by name, the words *and others* being added after such person's name. The person so named shall be responsible for the due observance of all the conditions of the permit, and shall, if so required, furnish such security for the observance of such conditions as the Governor may direct.

9. Every person who commits an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Fifty Dollars, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding three months. Penalties.

10. Section 22 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1858 is hereby repealed so far as it relates to religious ceremonies or religious or theatrical entertainments, but not farther. The following Ordinances or portions of Ordinances are also repealed:— Repeals.

No. 14 of 1845.....Sec. 2, Sub-sec. 12, from the words *Provided always* to the end of the Sub-section.

„ 10 of 1872.....Sec. 2, Sub-section 1.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 31st day of March, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

Assented to by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the 14th day of April, 1886.

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 229.

It is hereby notified that ALFRED BULWER JOHNSON, Esquire, Crown Solicitor, has returned to the Colony, and resumed the duties of his Office.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th June, 1886.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 230.

The following Lot of Crown Land at Deep Water Bay, will be sold by Public Auction, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of June, at 5 P.M.

Rural Building Lot No. 44.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 220 of the 12th instant.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th June, 1886.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 231.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Yaumáti, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 28th day of June, at 4 P.M.

Kaulung Inland Lots Nos. 215, 216, and 217.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 221 of the 12th instant.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th June, 1886.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 198.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Richmond Road, will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 21st day of June, at 4 P.M.

Inland Lots Nos. 946 and 947.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see Government Notification No. 187 of the 22nd instant.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th May, 1886.