

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 126.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th instant, are published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 9th April, 1887.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, authorising the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to continue incorporated for the further term of Twenty-one years.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by Section IV of *The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance*, it is provided that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation therein and hereinafter called the Company should be established for the purpose of carrying on under the management of a Court of Directors the business of Banking for the term of Twenty-one years commencing from the day of the date of that Ordinance in the Colony. And whereas by Section XXIX of the said Ordinance it was provided that on the determination of the said term of Twenty-one years the powers and privileges hereinbefore conferred on the Company should cease unless the Governor, with the advice of the Legislative Council, should declare to the contrary and by an Ordinance to that effect authorize the Company to continue incorporated under the provisions of the said Ordinance for a further term of Ten years, or for such period and under such provisions and conditions as might be contained in the said Ordinance. And whereas the said term of Twenty-one years expires on the 14th day of August, 1887. And whereas it is expedient to authorize the Company to continue incorporated under the provisions of the said Ordinance for a further term of Twenty-one years: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Continuance for a further term of 21 years.

1. The Company shall continue incorporated and shall carry on the business of Banking under the provisions and conditions contained in *The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance* as amended by Ordinance No. 21 of 1882 for the further term of Twenty-one years commencing from the 14th day of August, 1887.

Ordinances 5 of 1863, 21 of 1882, and this Ordinance to be read as one Ordinance.

2. This Ordinance and *The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance* as amended by Ordinance No. 21 of 1882; shall be read together and construed as one Ordinance.

Suspending clause.

3. This Ordinance shall not come into operation unless and until the Officer Administering the Government notifies by proclamation that it is Her Majesty's pleasure not to disallow the same, and thereafter it shall come into operation upon such day as the Officer Administering the Government shall notify by the same or any other proclamation.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to consolidate the law relating to various Licences.

Title.

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

Short Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as *The Licensing Consolidation Ordinance, 1887.*

Definition.

2. In the construction of this Ordinance the term *Public Vehicle* shall mean any chair, carriage, jinricksha, or other vehicle of any kind which plies for hire in the streets for the carriage of passengers, and the word *Licence* shall mean a licence required by this Ordinance.

3. The Governor in Council may from time to time make, and when made may alter, add to, or repeal Regulations under this Ordinance: Governor in Council may make Regulations.
- (1.) For the issue of licences, the forms thereof, the fees to be paid on such licences, their periods, conditions, and the officers who are to issue them.
- (2.) For the regulation of public vehicles and of traffic carried on by means of such vehicles.
4. All Regulations published under any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance are hereby continued in force until they shall be replaced by new Regulations made under this Ordinance. Existing Regulations continued.
5. All licences issued under any Ordinance repealed by this Ordinance shall continue in force till they shall expire, or be forfeited or revoked. Existing Licences continued.
6. A licence shall be required for every Licences.
- (1.) Auctioneer. (5 of 45. 7.)
- (2.) Billiard table, skittle-ground, nine-pin or bowling-alley open to the public. (5 of 45. 7.)
- (3.) Hawker. (8 of 53. 11.)
- (4.) Lodging house for Chinese. (8 of 53. 18.)
- (5.) Money changer. (9 of 67. 7.)
- (6.) Public vehicle, and also for every bearer, drawer or driver of a public vehicle. (5 of 83. 2.)
- (7.) Undertaker of Chinese funerals. (8 of 53. 13.)
7. Until further order shall be made by the Governor in Council under Section 3, all licences shall be issued by the officers named in the Schedule hereto, on payment of the fees, and for the periods set forth therein. The granting of all such licences shall be in the discretion of the Officers respectively named in the said Schedule or in any Order in Council by which such Schedule may hereafter be varied. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of a licence may appeal to the Governor who may direct the proper Officer to issue such licence. Issue of Licences.
8. Every person who shall act as an auctioneer or shall keep a public billiard table, skittle-ground, nine-pin or bowling alley without a licence shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars; and every person who shall neglect to take out any other licence shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars. Penalties. (5 of 45. 8.)
9. The following acts shall be deemed to be offences under this Ordinance. Offences.
- (1.) Any breach of the conditions of a licence.
- (2.) Furnishing untrue particulars for any licence.
- (3.) Using or attempting to use any licence or other document granted in pursuance of regulations made under section 4, which has not been duly issued to the person so using or attempting to use it.
- (4.) Refusal by any hirer of a public vehicle to pay the fare of the same. (5 of 83. 8.)
- (5.) Wilful injury to any public vehicle. Ibid.
- (6.) Ill-treatment of any driver, bearer, or drawer of any public vehicle. Ibid.
10. Any person convicted of an offence against subsections 4, 5 and 6 of section 10 may be required by the convicting Magistrate to pay such compensation to the person aggrieved as to such Magistrate shall seem reasonable. Such compensation shall be payable in addition to any penalty imposed under this Ordinance. Compensation. (5 of 83. 8.)
11. Every person convicted of an offence against this Ordinance for which no special penalty is provided shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars. Penalties. [See 14 of 45. 34.]
12. Any penalty imposed or compensation awarded under this Ordinance may be recovered in a summary way before a Magistrate. Recovery of penalties.
13. Any licence may be forfeited on the conviction of the holder thereof for any offence, if the officer who issued the licence shall think fit. Forfeiture of licences. [See 8 of 53. 12.]
14. The following Ordinances or portions thereof are repealed, but such repeal shall not affect anything lawfully done or commenced to be done under the said Ordinances, nor revive any Ordinance repealed by them:—
- Ordinance No. 11 of 1844, Sections 7, 8 and 10.
- " " 5 of 1845.
- " " 8 of 1858, Sections 18 and 19.
- " " 5 of 1883. Repeals.

SCHEDULE.

Description of Licence.	Term.	Fee.	Granted by
Auctioneer,	Annual	\$300	Colonial Secretary.
Public billiard table, skittle ground, ninepin or bowling alley,.....	Annual	\$50	Do.
Chinese lodging house, for every ten inmates,.....	Annual	\$5	Registrar General.
Do. do.,	Daily	10 cts.	Do.
Chinese Money Changer,.....	Annual	\$5	Do.
Chinese Undertaker,.....	Do.	\$10	Do.
Hawker,	Quarterly	50 cts.	Do.
<i>Vehicles.</i>			
Wheeled vehicle,	Half-yearly	\$6	Capt. Supt. of Police.
Sedan chair,	Do.	\$1	Do.
Driver, drawer, or bearer of any vehicle	Do.	30 cts.	Do.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 125.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to grant to His Honour Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Kt., Chief Justice, ten months' leave of absence on half salary, in addition to two months' vacation leave.

Consequent on His Honour's departure, His Excellency has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

His Honour Mr. Justice RUSSELL, Puisne Judge, to be Acting Chief Justice.

ANDREW JOHN LEACH, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be Acting Puisne Judge.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th April, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 127.

With reference to Government Notification No. 326 of the 12th August, 1882, it is hereby notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel, to be a Member of the Commission appointed to revise the Laws and Ordinances of Hongkong, during the absence on leave of the Honourable Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Kt., Chief Justice.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th April, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 128.

Notice is hereby given that THEODOR BOCK, Esquire, for and on behalf of himself and others his co-partners carrying on the business of Merchants at Hamburg in the Empire of Germany under the style or firm of H. C. BOCK, has complied with the requirements of Ordinances 16 of 1873, and 8 of 1886, for the registration in this Colony of the Marks of the said firm as applied to Woollen and Union Cloths; and that the same have been duly registered.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th April, 1887.