### Medical.

## SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

#### Miscellaneous Services.

2043 of 1887. Contribution towards the maintenance of the Royal Naval Seamen's Club, ..........\$ 300 00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

Papers relating to the Importation of Subsidiary Coins. (No.  $\frac{5}{88}$ ).

BILL ENTITLED THE STAMP DUTIES AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Treasurer moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with the addition of a clause.

BILL ENTITLED THE TREES PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

BILL ENTITLED THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Treasurer moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED THE REGULATION OF CHINESE ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 13 of 1888.

Adjournment.—The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of March, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH, Clerk of Councils.

# GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 131.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, is published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH, Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 28th March, 1888.

## ABILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the reservation of a European District in the City of Victoria.

WHEREAS the health and comfort of Europeans in a tropical climate demand conditions which are inconsistent with the neighbourhood of houses crowded with occupants and otherwise used after the manner customary with the Chinese inhabitants, and whereas the influx of Chinese into the Colony tends constantly to narrow the area of the City of Victoria where such conditions are attainable, and it is desirable to reserve by law a district wherein such conditions may be secured: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as The European District Reservation Ordinance.

- 2. In the construction of this Ordinance, the words City of Victoria shall mean the City of Victoria as defined by the Victoria Registration Ordinance, No. 7 of 1866. The words Chinese Tenement shall mean any tenement of the type usually designed for habitation by Chinese other than domestic servants. The words European District shall mean that portion of the City which is situated on the Southern or South Eastern side of a dividing line beginning from a point on the Pokfoolum Road at No. 1 Bridge and passing along the Pokfoolum Road, High Street, and Bonham Road, as far as Ladder Street, thence along the Northern boundaries of Inland Lots Nos. 573 and 574 and bisecting Inland Lots Nos. 523, 423, 157 and 94, thence along the Northern boundaries of Inland Lots Nos. 100, 1086, 122 and 123, thence along Shelley Street and along the Northern boundary of Inland Lot No. 125, thence along Chancery Lane, Arbuthnot steps, Wyndham Street, Ice House Lane, Battery Path, Beaconsfield steps and the North boundary of the Military Parade Ground, thence along Queen's Road East as far as the West boundary of Inland Lots Nos. 47A and 47, thence along a line parallel with and 200 feet to the North of Kennedy Road as far as the Wantsai Nullah and thence along Kennedy Road to its junction with Queen's Road East, and which dividing line is more specially set forth and denoted in the Official map of the City of Victoria to be signed by the Governor and to be registered in the Land Office of the Colony.
- 3. After the passing of this Ordinance it shall not be lawful to build any Chinese tenement within the European District, and no non-Chinese tenement whether now built or hereafter to be built within such European District shall be divided with the object of providing for its occupation by more than one person to every one thousand cubic feet of clear internal space, nor shall such non-Chinese tenement be at any time occupied by more than one person to every one thousand cubic feet of clear internal space.
- 4. Upon the complaint of any person—whether such person be aggrieved or not—that a Chinese Tenement has been built within the European District or that any Tenement in such District is subdivided, or is occupied by an undue number of persons in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Surveyor General or any Officer deputed by him for the purpose, to inspect such tenement, and any person in any way obstructing such inspection shall be deemed to be acting in contravention of this Ordinance.
- 5. Every person contravening any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction by a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding Dollars or in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding months and every tenement built sub-divided or occupied in contravention of this Ordinance shall be deemed a nuisance within the meaning of Ordinance No. 8 of 1856 which nuisance may be abated accordingly.
- 6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be held to prevent the owners of Chinese tenements now existing within the European District from repairing such tenements in accordance with their present structure nor shall anything in this Ordinance be held to preclude any Chinese person from owning or occupying or residing in, any lawful tenement in the European District.

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