

19. The following Ordinances or parts thereof are hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect any past operation of the said Ordinances, or anything done or suffered thereunder

Repeals.

No. 3 of 1856,...So much as relates to 6 and 7 Vict. c. 83

No. 11 of 1864,...Sections 27 and 28

No. 7 of 1868,...Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and the Schedule.

20. Section 11 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1872 and Schedule F to that Ordinance shall be read as if for the word *Coroner* there were substituted the word *Magistrate*.

Amendment of Ordinance 7 of 72.

21. This Ordinance shall come into force on a day to be proclaimed by the Governor.

Commencement of Ordinance.

SCHEDULE.

SUMMONS TO JUROR.

Mr. A. B.

You are hereby summoned to appear as a Juror at an inquiry to be held by a Magistrate concerning the death of one C. D. at _____ in this Colony on _____ 188 at _____ o'clock, and there to attend until you shall be discharged.

(Signed) E. F.

Magistrate's Clerk.

N.B.—The penalty for disobedience hereto is any sum not exceeding Twenty-five Dollars. Personal service of this Summons is not necessary to subject the Juror summoned to this penalty.

OATH FOR JURORS.

You shall diligently enquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be here given you in charge, on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, touching the death of _____ now lying dead [of whose body you shall have the view]. You shall present no man for hatred, malice, or ill-will; nor spare any through fear, favour or affection; but a true verdict give according to the evidence and the best of your skill and knowledge. So help you God.

DECLARATION.

I do solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare that I will diligently, enquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be here given me in charge, on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, touching the death of _____ now lying dead [of whose body I am to have the view] I will present no man for hatred, malice, or ill-will; nor spare any through fear, favour, or affection; but a true verdict give according to the evidence and the best of my skill and knowledge.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 165.

The following Bill, as amended in Committee, is published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 21st April, 1888.

(As amended in Committee on the 18th April, 1888.)

A BILL

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:—

Preamble.

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

Title.

2. In the construction of this Ordinance, the words *City of Victoria* shall mean the City of Victoria as defined by Sec. 6 of *The Regulation of Chinese Ordinance*, No. 13 of 1888. The words *Chinese Tenement* shall mean any tenement of the type usually designed for habitation by

Definitions.

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 Inland Lot No. 73, thence along the Western, Southern, and Eastern boundaries of the same, 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.

Building of Chinese tenements in European District prohibited.

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.

Surveyor General's inspection of tenement.

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.

Penalties.

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 one hundred Dollars or in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding three 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.

Existing tenements, repairs, and Chinese owners.

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 or other person from owning or occupying or residing in, any lawful tenement in the European District.

Land in occupation of War Department.

7. This Ordinance shall not apply to any land in the occupation of the War Department but shall apply to any land now in the occupation of the War Department whenever any such land ceases to be in such occupation.

As to existing practice of submitting plans to Surveyor General.

8. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be held to affect the right, which has hitherto been exercised by the Government, of forbidding the erection in any part of the Colony, (whether in the European district or elsewhere) of buildings of a different character from those previously existing on the same site, or the practice which has hitherto existed of submitting plans for the erection of new buildings or the alteration of the old ones for the approval of the Surveyor General, and such right is hereby expressly declared to exist, and such practice is declared to be obligatory.

Any person erecting any new buildings or making any substantial alteration in any buildings already existing without the approval of the Surveyor General in respect of the plan of such buildings or alterations having been first obtained, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Five hundred dollars, and to a further fine not exceeding One hundred dollars for each week subsequent to such conviction during which such buildings remain *in situ* without the authorization of the Surveyor General as aforesaid.