

Succession to
Government.

XVI. Whenever the Office of Governor is vacant, or if the Governor become incapable, or be absent from the Colony, Our Lieutenant Governor of the Colony, or if there shall be no such Officer therein, then such person or persons as We have appointed or may hereafter appoint under Our Sign Manual and Signet, and in default of any such appointment, the person lawfully discharging the functions of Colonial Secretary, shall, during Our pleasure, administer the government of the Colony, first taking the Oaths herein-before directed to be taken by the Governor and in the manner herein prescribed; which being done, We do hereby authorize, empower, and command Our Lieutenant Governor, or any other such Administrator as aforesaid, to do and execute, during Our pleasure, all things that belong to the office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief, according to the tenor of these Our Letters Patent, and according to Our Instructions as aforesaid, and the Laws of the Colony.

Proviso. Oaths of
Office.

Powers, &c., of
Administrator.

Officers and others to
obey and assist
Governor.

XVII. And We do hereby require and command all Our Officers and Ministers, Civil and Military, and all other the inhabitants of the Colony, to be obedient, aiding and assisting unto the Governor and to any person for the time being administering the government of the Colony.

Term "Governor"
explained.

XVIII. In these Our Letters Patent the term "the Governor" shall include every person for the time being administering the government of the Colony.

Power reserved to
Her Majesty to re-
voke, alter, or amend
present Letters
Patent.

XIX. And We do hereby reserve to Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, full power and authority, from time to time, to revoke, alter, or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or them shall seem meet.

Publication of
Letters Patent.

XX. And We do further direct and enjoin that these Our Letters Patent shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places within the Colony as the Governor shall think fit.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at Westminster, the nineteenth day of January, in the Fifty-first year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual,

MUIR MACKENZIE.

LETTERS PATENT constituting the Office of
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of
HONGKONG.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 181.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 15 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled The Rating Ordinance, 1888.*

Ordinance No. 16 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the reservation of a European District in the City of Victoria.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th May, 1888.

No. 15 of 1888.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled *The Rating Ordinance, 1888.*

LS G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

[5th May, 1888.]

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

Preamble.

1. In this Ordinance the following words and expressions shall have or shall include the meanings respectively set against them, unless such meanings be repugnant to or inconsistent with the context.

Definitions.

1. *Annual Valuation.*—A general valuation of the rateable tenements in the whole Colony, or any part thereof, to be made yearly under this Ordinance.
2. *Interim Valuation.*—A valuation, made at any time, of any tenement which may have been improved or increased in value or substantially altered since the last Annual Valuation, or which, being rateable, is not already rated.
3. *List.*—The Annual Valuation List provided for by this Ordinance.
4. *Owner.*—The holder of any tenement direct from the Crown, whether under lease, licence, or otherwise; or the immediate landlord of any tenement, or the agent of any such holder or landlord who is absent or under disability.
5. *Rateable Value.*—The rent at which any tenement might reasonably be expected to let, at the time of the valuation, from year to year, if the tenant undertook to pay all usual tenants' rates and taxes, and if the landlord undertook to pay the Crown Rent and the costs of repairs and insurance, with any other expenses necessary to maintain the tenement in a state to command that rent. Such rateable value shall not include the value of any machinery upon or in the tenement. In the case of buildings let to more than one occupier, there may be deducted from the total annual rent of the whole tenement, estimated as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding 20 per cent of the whole as an allowance for such portions of such buildings as may reasonably be expected to be unlet from time to time during the ensuing year, and the remainder shall be the Rateable Value.
6. *Tenement.*—Any land with or without buildings, which is held or occupied as a distinct or separate holding or tenancy, or any wharf or pier in the waters of the Colony.
7. *Unoccupied.*—A tenement shall be considered unoccupied when it is put to no beneficial use, and, in the case of a building, when it is neither used for storage of any goods or chattels nor for habitation, except by a caretaker.
8. *Victoria.*—The City of Victoria, of which the following shall be the boundaries:—

NORTH.—The Harbour.

SOUTH.—A contour of the hill-side six hundred feet above the level of the sea.

EAST.—A straight line from the skew bridge at the South West corner of Causeway Bay to the Wong-nai Chong public school-house, produced southward until it meets the southern boundary.

WEST.—Mount Davis.

9. *Hill District*.—Any part of the island of Hongkong above the 600 feet contour, except Chinese villages.

10. *Year*.—From July 1st in any year to June 30th next following, or any other period of twelve months fixed by the Governor in Council.

The Assessor.

Appointment of Assessor. [21 of 85. 2]

2. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, appoint an Assessor and such Assistant Assessors as he may deem necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance, and may allow them such remuneration as he thinks fit.

Powers of Assessor. [21 of 85. 2]

3. The Assessor may ;

1. Require the owner or occupier of any tenement to furnish him, within ten days, with the particulars specified in Schedule A hereto.
2. From time to time enter into and upon any tenement for the purpose of making a valuation thereof, and take such measurements and other particulars as he may deem necessary for the purposes of such valuation.
3. Call upon such owner or occupier to exhibit to him all receipts for rent, rent-books, accounts, or other documents whatever connected with the rent or value of such tenement.
4. Serve on such owner or occupier a written notice requiring permission to enter; and, after twenty-four hours from the delivery of such notice, may, at any time during the daytime, enter into and upon the said tenement, and take measurements and other particulars, as herein-before provided, and may use force to effect such entry if necessary, doing no more damage than is necessary for the purpose.

Mode of Valuation. [Sec 21 of 85. 6]

4. The Assessor shall separately estimate the Rateable Value of each tenement, except in the following cases:—

- (1.) Whenever the value of a tenement is affected by the value of another tenement, contiguous to it, or separated only by a road-way, and both tenements are owned by the same person, the two tenements may be valued together.
- (2.) When two or more tenements are so built that their floors overlap or are intermixed, they may be valued as one tenement, the rates being charged against any one of the owners, who may be required to adjust their respective shares of payment of such rates amongst themselves.

Return of Annual Value.

Return of Annual Value, Owner may ask for time.

5. Any owner of a tenement occupied by himself, for which no rent passes, or any owner of more than ten tenements may, within ten days from the service upon him of Form A as provided by Section 3, apply in writing to the Assessor for an extension of the time allowed for returning such Form, stating his reasons for the application, and the Assessor may grant such extension of time, not exceeding twenty-eight days additional, as to him may appear reasonable.

Annual Valuations.

General Annual Valuation. [21 of 85. 3]

6. The Assessor shall make in each year, before the 30th of April, or as soon thereafter as may be, a valuation of the tenements in the Colony, or of such part thereof as the Governor in Council may direct.

7. The Governor in Council may :—

Powers of Governor in Council.

[21 of 85. 12]

- (1.) Fix any other day as the day before which (or as soon thereafter as may be) the valuation shall be finished.
- (2.) Adopt any valuation at any time existing, either wholly or in part, as the valuation for the ensuing year or any part thereof; and shall cause notice of such adoption, and of the extent thereof, to be published in the *Gazette*. Any existing valuation so adopted shall, for the purposes of appeal, be considered a new valuation.

8. As soon as the said valuation is completed, the Assessor shall make out a List of the several tenements assessed, and of their respective valuations, and shall deliver the same to the Colonial Secretary.

List of
Valuations.
[21 of 85. 7]

9. The Assessor shall make and subscribe, in the presence of the Colonial Secretary, a declaration to the effect that the List contains a true account of all valuations made by him, and that the same is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, complete and correct in every respect. After which, the Colonial Secretary shall deliver the List to the Treasurer.

Verification
of List.
[21 of 85. 7]

10. After the List has been so declared and delivered, no alteration shall be made in it except as provided by sections 22 and 24, or to correct merely clerical errors. Such errors shall be declared by the Assessor before a Justice of the Peace in the form of the Schedule E, which shall be submitted to the Governor, who may, in his discretion, approve such corrections or any of them, and without whose written sanction no such correction shall be made.

Correction of
errors.
[See 21 of 85. 7]

11. When any tenement is valued for the first time, or when any existing valuation is altered, the Assessor shall, within fourteen days after the completion of the valuation, serve notice in writing upon the owner, or upon the occupier if the owner or his agent cannot be found, of such valuation having been made and of the amount thereof. Such notice may be given in the form of Schedule C. Provided that this section shall not apply to valuations of tenements in Chinese villages.

Notice of
Valuation.
[21 of 85. 9]

12. The omission to serve such notice shall not invalidate any valuation nor relieve any person from the payment of rates.

Omission to
serve notice.
[21 of 85. 9]

13. The List, or an examined copy thereof, shall be open to inspection at the Treasury during office hours for twenty-one days, of which notice shall be previously given in the *Gazette* and at least one English and one Chinese public newspaper, and any owner or occupier of any tenement included in such List may, during such twenty-one days, take any extract therefrom.

List to be
open for
inspection.
[21 of 85. 10]

14. The Colonial Secretary, on receipt of the list of Chinese tenements for each country district, shall cause a copy thereof to be made in Chinese (stating only the number of each house its valuation and the annual rates) and to be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the principal village of each district during the twenty-one days above mentioned.

Country
districts.
[21 of 85. 11]

Annual Valuations.—Appeal.

15. Any person aggrieved on any of the following grounds ;

Appeal.
[Sec 21 of 85.
13]

- (1.) That any tenement for which he is rateable is valued beyond its Rateable Value.
- (2.) That any tenement is assessed which is not rateable.
- (3.) That any person who or any tenement which ought to be inserted in the List is omitted therefrom.
- (4.) That any tenement is valued therein below its Rateable Value.

May, during the twenty-one days during which the List is open for inspection, lodge with the Registrar of the Supreme Court a notice of appeal to the Court in its Summary Jurisdiction. If an existing valuation has been adopted under sub-section 2 of section 7, such period of twenty-one days shall be reckoned from the date of the *Gazette* in which notice of such adoption shall be published. The Assessor shall be the Respondent in any appeal under this Section or Section 27.

16. Such notice of appeal shall state fully the grounds on which the appeal is made, and the appellant shall, also within the period of twenty-one days before mentioned, cause a copy thereof to be served on the Assessor.

Notice of
appeal.
[Sec 21 of 85.
11]

Appeal relative to the property of others. [Sec 21 of 85 14]

17. When the appeal is in relation to any tenement not the property or in the occupation of the appellant, the appellant shall, within the same limit of time, cause a copy of such notice of appeal to be served on the person interested in the result of the appeal, and such person may be heard upon the appeal.

Prosecution of appeal.

18. The appellant shall prosecute his appeal within one month from the expiry of the aforesaid period of twenty-one days, failing which, his right to appeal shall lapse.

Notice of hearing. [Sec 21 of 85. 14]

19. On the fixing by the Court of a day for hearing such appeal, the appellant shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Assessor.

Appeal to be disallowed in certain cases. [Sec 21 of 85. 15]

20. Such appeal shall not be entertained by the Court if it shall be shown, to the satisfaction of the Judge:—

- (1.) That any of the provisions of sections 15 to 19 inclusive have not been complied with by the appellant.
- (2.) That the appellant or his agent knowingly furnished false or incorrect particulars to the Assessor on Form A under section 3 for the purposes of the valuation against which the appeal is made.
- (3.) That the appellant neglected or refused to supply the information required by section 3 within ten days of demand.

But disallowance may, in certain cases, be avoided.

21. In any case in which an appeal might be disallowed under sub-section 3 of the last section, the Judge may, nevertheless, hear the appeal, if it shall appear:—

- (1.) That the omission to give the required information arose from the absence or disability of the appellant, or other unavoidable cause.
- (2.) That application was made to the Assessor under Section 5 for an extension of time, and was refused without good cause, or that the time allowed was not, in the opinion of the Court, of reasonable length.

Hearing appeal. [21 of 85. 15]

22. The Court, upon proof that the notices required by Sections 15 to 19 inclusive were given within the time fixed by those sections, shall hear and determine the matter of the appeal in a summary way, and may make such order therein as it thinks proper, with or without costs to any party; and may direct the Treasurer to amend the List in any manner. Such order of the Court shall be final and conclusive.

Interim Valuations.

Interim Valuations. [Sec 21 of 85. 16]

23. The Assessor may at any time make an interim valuation of any tenement.

Entry of Valuation. [Sec 21 of 85. 17]

24. The Assessor shall notify the Treasurer of the amount of such valuation, and the Treasurer shall cause the same to be inserted in the List.

Notice of Valuation. [21 of 85. 17]

25. The Assessor shall, without delay, serve upon the owner of such tenement, or upon the occupier if the owner cannot be found, notice in the form of Schedule C of such valuation having been made, and of the amount thereof. No rates shall be recoverable in respect of such tenement until such notice has been served.

Payment. [21 of 85. 18]

26. The rates assessed shall be payable from the first day of the month next following the assessment, and shall thereafter continue to be payable quarterly.

Interim Valuations.—Appeal.

Interim Valuation Appeal. [21 of 85. 18]

27. Any person aggrieved by any interim valuation, on the ground that the tenement assessed is not rateable under this Ordinance, or that it is valued beyond its Rateable Value, may appeal to the Supreme Court in its Summary Jurisdiction, whereupon Sections 15 to 22 inclusive shall apply in relation to such appeal. The period of twenty-one days mentioned in those sections shall be taken to be twenty-one days from the service on the owner or occupier of the tenement of Form C under this Ordinance, or in case such Form C was not received by such owner or occupier, twenty-one days from the first demand upon him to pay the rates to which the appeal refers.

Rating.

28. After the time for appealing has expired, the following percentages on the valuation of every tenement enumerated in the List shall be payable as rates from the first day of July in each year, or from such other day as may, from time to time, be fixed by the Governor in Council, viz., for any tenement,

Rates fixed.
[Sec 21 of 85.
21]

- In the City of Victoria,.....13 per cent.
- In the Hill District, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.
- In any other place, 7 per cent.

Two per cent of the Rates levied in the City of Victoria may, in the discretion of the Governor, be disposed of to defray the expenses of the water supply.

29. On the valuation of piers, wherever such piers may be situate, a total charge of 7 per cent. shall be payable. When such piers are within the City of Victoria, and are valued in conjunction with adjoining tenements under section 4, the Assessor shall make a suitable deduction, not exceeding 45 per cent., from the full rateable value of each pier, which may then be assessed as if it formed part of the adjoining tenement.

Rates on piers.

30. The Rates provided for in sections 28 and 29 and the districts to which they apply may, from time to time, be altered by resolution of the Legislative Council. If such resolution should be carried, the Governor shall fix a date for its coming into effect.

Lower rates
in certain
districts.

31. The above rates shall be paid quarterly in advance at the Treasury within the first month of each quarter, and the times appointed for such payment shall be notified quarterly by the Treasurer in the *Gazette*.

Rates to be
paid.
[S. of 85. 22]

Payment and Recovery of Rates.

32. The owners and occupiers of all tenements shall be liable to the Crown for payment of the rates assessed thereon, but the same shall be deemed an occupier's rate, and, as between the owner and occupier of any tenement, shall, in the absence of any agreement to the contrary, be borne by the occupier; and the amount thereof, if paid by the owner, may be recovered by him from the occupier in an action for money paid to his use, or, if he is still in occupation of the tenement, by distress in the same manner as for rent, and the provisions of this section shall equally apply to the recovery of rates paid by one owner on account of another under sub-section 2 of section 4.

Rates to be an
occupier's tax.
[21 of 85. 23].

33. If any person fail to pay any rates for which he is liable, within one month after the day notified in the *Gazette* as the day for payment, the Treasurer may recover the same by suit in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, together with interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum until the day of payment.

Recovery of
Rates.
[21 of 85. 24]

Refund of Rates.

34. Refunds of rates may be made subject to the following rules:—

Refund of
Rates.
[Sec 21 of 85.
25]

- (1.) Whenever any tenement, not being a tenement in the Hill District, is unoccupied during one or more entire months of any quarter in respect of which the rates upon such tenement were paid in advance, the Treasurer shall refund the rates for such months.
- (2.) When any tenement in the Hill District shall be continuously unoccupied during any six consecutive months from April to November inclusive, the owner shall be entitled to a refund of the rates paid during such period on account of such tenement, and for every succeeding month during which such tenement shall be continuously unoccupied he shall be entitled to a like refund.

Provided that no refund of rates shall be made in respect of the non-occupation of any portion less than the whole of any land or building which may have been assessed as a separate tenement.

Mode of
obtaining
refund.
[21 of 85, 26.]

35. Refunds may be obtained in the following manner:—

- (1.) The owner of any tenement may give notice to the Treasurer that such tenement is vacant not later than the fifteenth day of any month from the first day of which it is intended to claim such refund.
- (2.) So long as such tenement shall remain continuously unoccupied, no further notice shall be required, but after the re-occupation of such tenement, notice of any subsequent vacancy shall again be required, as provided in the preceding subsection.
- (3.) The person claiming the refund may, within fifteen days after the expiration of the quarter during which the tenement has been unoccupied, apply to the Treasurer in the form *D* in the Schedule for such refund.
- (4.) The Treasurer may refund the rates for one or more entire months during such quarter if due notice have been given, and if the Treasurer be satisfied that the tenement was unoccupied during such months, which he shall ascertain by causing it to be actually inspected from month to month.
- (5.) In the case of tenements in the Hill District, no refund shall be made until the tenement has been continuously unoccupied during six months as hereinbefore provided, after which the refund may be made quarterly till the tenement is occupied.

Court may
entertain
petition
exceeding
\$1,000.
[21 of 85, 27.]

36. Any person aggrieved by refusal on the part of the Treasurer to refund rates may apply to the Supreme Court in its Summary Jurisdiction, and the Court may adjudicate upon a petition for a refund of rates, although the claim exceeds one thousand dollars, and for the purpose of such adjudication may receive any evidence it thinks fit.

Want of
notice.
[21 of 85, 28.]

37. The petitioner shall not recover if the notice required by Section 35 has not been given, the burden of proof whereof shall rest upon him.

Exemptions.

Exemptions
[Sec 21 of 85, 1.]

38. The following tenements, so long as they are not occupied in any way for gain or pecuniary profit, shall not be rateable:—

- Almshouses.
- Art Schools or Art galleries.
- Cemeteries.
- Charitable dispensaries.
- Free Libraries.
- Government premises, whether Imperial or Colonial.
- Hospitals.
- Museums.
- Places of Worship.
- Rifle ranges.
- Schools.
- The City Hall.

No other
exemptions
allowed.

39. Except as provided by the last section, no exemption from or excusal of rates shall be allowed.

House Numbering.

House
numbers.
[Sec 8 of 85, 7.]

40. Every owner or occupier of any tenement shall allow such tenement to be numbered with such number and in such manner as the Assessor shall from time to time direct.

Maintenance
of numbers.

41. The owner or occupier of such tenement shall allow the maintenance or alteration of such number to the satisfaction of the Assessor, and shall not alter, conceal, remove, deface, or obliterate it.

Penalties.

Penalties.
[Sec 21 of 85, 5.]

42. The following penalties for offences against this Ordinance shall be recoverable in a summary way before a Magistrate at any time within two years from the commission of the offence,

- (1.) For knowingly furnishing any false or incorrect particulars required under Section 3, a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars for each tenement in relation to which such false or incorrect particulars are furnished.
- (2.) For refusing to exhibit to the Assessor any receipt for rent, or book or other document relevant to the valuation, a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

- (3.) For preventing, hindering, or obstructing the Assessor from entering, inspecting, and measuring any tenement, after delivery of due notice of his intention to do so, and after the lapse of twenty-four hours from such notice, a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.
- (4.) For preventing, hindering, or obstructing the numbering or the maintenance or alteration of the number of any tenement, a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.
- (5.) For concealing, removing, defacing, or obliterating the number of any tenement, a penalty not exceeding ten dollars; and also, in cases where such concealment or obliteration arises from the act of the owner or occupier of such tenement, a penalty of one dollar for each day during which it is continued.

Miscellaneous.

43. Any notice required by this Ordinance to be served upon the owner or occupier of any tenement shall be served on the owner of such tenement if he can be found, or if not, on the occupier. Service on the occupier may be effected by leaving such notice at the tenement, or by sending it to such tenement through the Post. Service on the owner may be effected by leaving such notice at his usual address, or by sending it to such address through the Post.

Service of notices.
[S. 21 of 85.
30]

44. A receipt for any notice signed or stamped by any officer of the Post Office shall be *prima facie* evidence of the service of such notice at its address, except for the purposes of Section 25.

Proof of service.

45. No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person, place, or tenement, in any document required for the purposes of this Ordinance, nor any mistake, informality, or omission committed in any proceeding had hereunder, shall invalidate or prejudice such document or proceeding, or in anywise affect the execution of this Ordinance, provided that such person, place, or tenement be designated in such document or proceeding to common intent and understanding, and that such mistake, informality, or omission be not of such a nature as to prevent the requirements of this Ordinance from being substantially complied with.

Misnomers, &c., not to affect the execution of this Ordinance.
[21 of 85. 31]

46. No Judge shall be incapable of acting in his judicial office in any proceeding, whether commenced before or after the passing of this Ordinance, by reason of his being, as one of several rate-payers, or as one of any other class of persons, liable in common with others to contribute to or to be benefitted by any rate which may be increased, diminished, or in any way affected by such proceeding.

Judges may act in certain cases relating to rates.
[21 of 85. 35]

47. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make, alter, and repeal regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance. All such regulations shall be published in the *Gazette*, and when so published shall have the force of law.

Regulations.
[21 of 85. 32]

48. Ordinance No. 21 of 1885 is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not revive any enactment repealed by the said Ordinance, and shall not affect the validity of any rate made before the commencement of this Ordinance, or the liability of any person to pay such rate, or the remedies for recovering such rate, and the said remedies may be enforced as if this Ordinance had not been passed. Section 7 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1858 is also repealed.

Repeal.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 27th day of April, 1888.

ARATHOON SETU,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 5th day of May, 1888.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Form A. (1)
FOR BUILDINGS, &c.
FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE YEAR IS . . .
July 1st to June 30th.

To _____
Assessor,
In pursuance of *The Rating Ordinance, 1888*, I require you to furnish me with the particulars relating to these Tenements in the manner specified below, and return the same to me at _____
Hongkong, 1888

RETURNS OF HOUSES, BUILDINGS, AND LANDS IN HONGKONG OF WHICH THE UNDERSIGNED IS OWNER OR OCCUPIER.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No. of Assessment	Street	Loc.	Owner's discharging No. or Name of Tenement	Description of Tenement. 1. Whether Dwelling House and (if so) how many Rooms and (if so) how many Apartments. 2. Warehouse or other Building, &c.	If Goods are stored in the Tenement, state No. of Storage Capacity.	Name and Capacity of Occupier, whether owner or Lessee.	If the Tenement is occupied, state No. of Sub-Tenants and Rent paid by each.	Total Rent for the current month for the Tenement. State if this includes Rates, and if any portion of the Tenement is unoccupied.	If the Tenement is subdivided, what percentage from the Total Annual Rent is derived from portions of the Tenement being at times void.	If the whole or part of the Period of Tenure, when entered upon, and whether the premises are kept in repair by the owner at his own cost.

Note—The owner or occupier of any Tenement who knowingly furnishes false or incorrect particulars is liable to a fine of \$100. If the above information is not furnished within ten days, no appeal from the Assessment will be allowed.

Signature of Owner or Occupier.

Form A. (2)

FOR PIERS IN THE HARBOUR.
PARTICULARS AS TO THE PRIVATE WHARF OPPOSITE
MARINE LOT No. _____, OWNED BY _____
(Reply here.)

1. State the length, breadth, and superficial area of the wharf.
2. How much of the length or breadth is available for the berthing of vessels?
3. How many steamers or other vessels made use of the wharf for the 12 months ending _____?
4. What was the average toll charged for each?
5. Is the wharf used for packing merchandise?
6. What is the Crown Rent?
7. What is the state of repair?
8. What do you consider a fair annual rental (gross)?
9. Have you allowed for the value of this pier in making a return of the value of any other tenement, if so, name such tenement and state to what extent such addition to its value was made.

Occupier.

Form B.

FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE YEAR IS . . .

To _____ occupier of _____
I hereby give you notice under the provisions of section 3 of the *Rating Ordinance, 1888*, that I require permission to enter upon the above tenement for the purpose of inspecting the same, so as to enable me to fix the valuation thereof for the year 1888 : and that I intend to enter upon the said tenement on _____ next between the hours of _____ and _____

Hongkong, the

1888

Assessor.

Form C.

VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1888
(July 1st to June 30th)
UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.

To
or occupier or holder of the Tenements enumerated below. You are
informed that the Tenements specified below have been assessed to
the rates for the above year at the Rateable Values separately entered
against them.

Date

Assessor.

No. of Asst.	Lot.		Street.		Description of Tenement.	Rate- able Value.	Remarks.
	Descrip- tion.	No.	Name.	No.			
						\$	

Form D.

THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.

Application for Refund of Rates.
Hongkong, 1888

Sir,

I request that you will refund the rates paid on the tenements and
for the periods named below. Notice has already been given you
that those tenements were vacant during the periods stated, which
do not include any broken month.

I am, &c.,

Owner or Agent.

To the Treasurer.

No.	Street.	Period for which refund is claimed.	\$	c.

* Received the above amount.

Owner or Agent.

NOTE.—If there are more houses than can be entered on the above
form write on the back of this. This application must be made
during the first fifteen days after the expiration of the quarter during
which the tenements were vacant.

* This receipt must not be signed till the claim has been allowed
by the Treasury.

Form E.

THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.

Permission is requested to make the following corrections in the
Valuation List for the year 1888. I declare that such corrections
are of clerical errors only, and that the values as so corrected are, to
the best of my knowledge and belief, full and fair valuations of the
tenements named below, and are correct in every particular.

Assessor.

Declared before me

Justice of the Peace.

Ass No.	Tenement.		Existing entry.	Corrected entry.	Reasons for the corrections.
	No.	Street.			

Approved

Governor.

No. 16 OF 1888.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the reservation of a European District in the City of Victoria.

LS G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

[5th May, 1888.]

Preamble.

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:—

Title.

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

Definitions.

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 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. 1086, 122 and 123, thence along Shelley Street and along the Northern boundary of Inland Lot No. 125, thence along Chancery Lane, Arbutnot 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.

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.

Penalties.

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.

Existing tenements, repairs, and Chinese owners.

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.

Land in occupation of War Department.

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 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.

As to existing practice of submitting plans to Surveyor General.

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.

9. Notwithstanding anything in this Ordinance contained, the Governor may, in his discretion, permit the erection within the European District of buildings of any type of architecture if he be satisfied that they are intended for a useful public purpose, other than habitation.

Buildings for useful public purpose other than habitation.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 27th day of April, 1888.

ARATHOON SEIU,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 5th day of May, 1888.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE.

The following copy of the Register of Medical and Surgical Practitioners qualified to practise medicine and surgery in this Colony is published by me in accordance with the Provisions of Section 4 of Ordinance 6 of 1884.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th May, 1888.

PERSONS QUALIFIED TO PRACTISE MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	NATURE OF QUALIFICATION.	DATE OF QUALIFICATION.
Adams, William Stanley,	Adams and Jordan, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong.	Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery; also a Member of the General Council of the University of Glasgow,	15th Apr., 1862.
Bell, John,	Pedder Street.	Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England,	25th Oct., 1883, and 21st Jan., 1884.
Cantlie, James,	Rocklands, Robinson Road.	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; Bachelor Medicine and Master in Surgery, University of Aberdeen, Certificate of Health, Royal College of Physicians, London,	25th Nov., 1875.
Carvalho, Alberto Pedro,	Craigengower, Caine Road.	Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries of London; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London,	23rd Dec., 1886, 26th Jan., 1887, and 28th Apr., 1887.
Gerlach, Johann Gerhard Heinrich Karl,	1, Alexandra Terrace, Victoria, Hongkong.	Passed the Prussian State Examination, entitling him to practise Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery throughout the German Empire,	1868.
Gomes, Antonio Simplicio,	Seymour Road, Victoria, Hongkong.	Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England; Licentiate in Midwifery of the same; Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh; Licentiate of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow,	1867.
Hartigan, William,	The Hermitage, Victoria, Hongkong.	Licentiate and Member of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland; Licentiate in Midwifery of the same; and Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland,	12th July, 1876.
Jordan, Gregory Paul,	36, Caine Road, Victoria, Hongkong.	Bachelor of Medicine and Master in Surgery of the University of Edinburgh, and Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England,	2nd Aug., 1880, and 21st Oct., 1884.
Lockhead, John H.,	15, Elgin Street, Victoria, Hongkong.	Doctor of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.,	1833.
Manson, Patrick,	Rocklands, Robinson, Road, Victoria, Hongkong,	Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery of the University of Aberdeen,	14th Oct., 1865, and 8th Aug., 1866.
Young, Richard,	Woodville, Victoria, Hongkong.	Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh,	16th Apr., 1866.
Young, William,	Woodville, Arbuthnot Road, Victoria, Hongkong.	Master in Surgery and Doctor of Medicine of the University of Bishop's College, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada,	11th Apr., 1878.

All Civil Medical Officers and all Medical Officers of Her Majesty's Army and Navy, respectively serving in Hongkong on full pay, shall be deemed to be registered under this Ordinance. (Ordinance 6 of 1884, Section 19.)

NOTICE.

The following List is published by me in accordance with the Provisions of Section 20 of Ordinance 6 of 1884.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th May, 1888.

List of Persons actually practising medicine or surgery in the Colony on the 5th day of April, 1884, who object to be registered under the Provisions of Ordinance 6 of 1884, and have satisfied the Colonial Secretary that they were so practising.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
1. DANENBERG, VICENTE,	126, Wongnaich'ung, Hongkong.
2. SOARES, FRANCISCO DE PAULA,	Oriental Dispensary, Victoria, Hongkong.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 182.

A Wardmaster is required at the Government Civil Hospital. Emoluments of the office \$50 per month, rising by annual increments of \$5 to \$60, with uniform, furnished quarters, fuel, and light.

Applications with testimonials to be forwarded to the Colonial Surgeon not later than the 21st instant, at the Government Civil Hospital.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 183.

Notice is hereby given that Messrs. FRITZ & Co., of No. 36, Fleet Street, Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, England, have complied with the requirements of Ordinances 16 of 1873 and 8 of 1886, for the registration in this Colony of their Mark as applied to a chemical or medicinal preparation for human use; and that the same has been duly registered.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 184.

Notice is hereby given that the Governor in Council, under and in pursuance of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862, entitled—*An Ordinance for granting Patents for Inventions within this Colony*, has granted Letters Patent bearing date the 30th day of April, 1888, to PERCIVAL EVERITT, of 47 Cannon Street, in the City of London, England, for securing to the said PERCIVAL EVERITT, the exclusive right of using within the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, an Invention for which Her Majesty's Letters Patent have been obtained in England by the said PERCIVAL EVERITT, dated respectively the 2nd day of September, 1885, and the 22nd day of July, 1886, for *Improvements in apparatus for receiving payment for and for delivering prepaid goods.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 5th May, 1888.