

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 469.

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. 20 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of JOHN WONG CHÜN otherwise WONG YIU SHANG (黃裔生).*

Ordinance No. 21 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of T'AM IU-TS'ÜN otherwise T'AM FUK-SIU (譚耀泉).*

Ordinance No. 22 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of LI O MI otherwise LI TAI FUNG (李阿味又名李太豐).*

Ordinance No. 23 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to authorise in certain cases judicial investigations into the causes of fire.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th October, 1888.

No. 20 OF 1888.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of JOHN WONG CHÜN otherwise WONG YIU SHANG (黃裔生).

(LS) G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

[25th October, 1888.]

WHEREAS JOHN WONG CHÜN otherwise WONG YIU SHANG has petitioned to be naturalized as a British subject within the limits of this Colony, and whereas it is expedient that he should be so naturalized: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

JOHN WONG CHÜN otherwise WONG YIU SHANG shall be, and he is hereby naturalized a British subject within this Colony, and shall enjoy within this Colony, but not elsewhere, all the rights, advantages, and privileges of a British subject, on his taking the oath of allegiance under the provisions of the *Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869*.

Naturalization
of John Wong
Chün otherwise
Wong Yiu
Shang.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 22nd day of October, 1888.

ARATHOON SETHI,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 25th day of October, 1888.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 21 OF 1888.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of T'AM IU-TS'ÜN *otherwise* T'AM FUK-SIU (譚耀泉).

LS G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

[25th October, 1888.]

WHEREAS T'AM IU-TS'ÜN *otherwise* T'AM FUK-SIU has petitioned to be naturalized as a British subject within the limits of this Colony, and whereas it is expedient that he should be so naturalized: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Naturalization
of T'AM IU-
ts'ün *otherwise*
T'AM FUK-SIU.

T'AM IU-TS'ÜN *otherwise* T'AM FUK-SIU shall be, and he is hereby naturalized a British subject within this Colony, and shall enjoy within this Colony, but not elsewhere, all the rights, advantages, and privileges of a British subject, on his taking the oath of allegiance under the provisions of the *Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869*.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 22nd day of October, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 25th day of October, 1888.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 22 OF 1888.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of LI Ó MI *otherwise* LI TÁI FUNG (李阿味又名李太豐).

LS G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

[25th October, 1888.]

WHEREAS LI Ó MI *otherwise* LI TÁI FUNG has petitioned to be naturalized as a British subject within the limits of this Colony, and whereas it is expedient that he should be so naturalized: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Naturalization
of LI Ó MI
otherwise
LI TÁI FUNG.

LI Ó MI *otherwise* LI TÁI FUNG shall be, and he is hereby naturalized a British subject within this Colony, and shall enjoy within this Colony, but not elsewhere, all the rights, advantages, and privileges of a British subject, on his taking the oath of allegiance under the provisions of the *Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869*.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 22nd day of October, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 25th day of October, 1888.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 23 OF 1888.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to authorize in certain cases judicial investigations into the causes of fire.

LS G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

[27th October, 1888.]

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

1. Whenever a fire shall have taken place, or shall have been attempted, the Captain Superintendent of Police shall as soon as possible take possession of the premises where the fire is supposed to have originated or have been attempted, to the exclusion, if he shall deem it necessary, of the owners and all others; and shall make or cause to be made, personally, or by some officer of not lower grade than an Inspector of Police, a full and minute inspection of the said premises, and shall forthwith make a written report in detail to a Magistrate of the state of the said premises and of the contents, if any, thereof, furnishing also all such information touching the origin and circumstances of the fire as he may be able to obtain.

In cases of Fire Captain Superintendent of Police to report to the Magistrate.

2. Upon the receipt of such Report the Magistrate, unless upon a consideration of the facts stated therein he is clearly of opinion that the fire was caused by accident, shall proceed to investigate the causes of the fire and shall, within the shortest possible delay, take the depositions upon oath of all persons likely to know the facts and circumstances, and of all other persons who in his opinion may furnish information in respect thereof.

Investigation to be made by the Magistrate.

3. It shall be lawful for any Inspector of Police, or for any interested person present at such investigation, with the leave of the Magistrate, to examine the witnesses, and to cause such persons to be examined as may give due and proper information touching such case of fire.

Examination of witnesses by interested parties.

4. If in the opinion of the Magistrate the investigation does not disclose any offence or, although it disclose an offence, does not show any reasonable cause for giving the order in the next Section mentioned, the Magistrate shall dismiss the information, and order the release of the premises.

Dismissal of the information.

Provided that such dismissal shall be no bar to a subsequent information of a like nature, or to an information against any person or persons for an offence against the law.

5. If in the opinion of the Magistrate the fire shall have been the result of a crime, and there is reasonable cause to suspect, and he shall suspect any person or persons of such crime, he shall order a prosecution to be instituted before another Magistrate against such person or persons for such crime.

Order of prosecution.

6. The evidence taken on an enquiry by the Magistrate under the provisions of Section 2 of this Ordinance shall not in any way be used against the person or persons against whom any subsequent criminal proceedings may be taken.

Previous enquiry not to be evidence.

7. No Magistrate who has made a judicial investigation and given an order in any matter under Section 5 of this Ordinance shall conduct the preliminary inquiry upon any such charge of crime, but the same shall be conducted by another Magistrate.

Judicial investigation and order of prosecution shall not be causes of challenge.

8. For the purposes of this Ordinance, and in relation to all investigations held thereunder, and for the summoning of witnesses and for all proceedings in connection with such investigations, the Magistrate shall have all the powers possessed by a Magistrate in relation to the holding of preliminary enquiries in cases of indictable offences, and the Captain Superintendent of Police shall render to him all proper and necessary assistance.

Power to summon witnesses, &c.

Removing
property.

9. Except upon an order from a Magistrate, who may in his discretion on good cause shewn give such order, any person removing, or attempting to remove, any property from premises in possession of the Police under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty of not exceeding \$100, or to imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding 6 months.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 22nd day of October, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 27th day of October, 1888.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 470.

His Excellency the Governor, under instructions from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased to appoint ALFRED JAMES MAY, Esquire, to be Second Master in the Government Central School, *vice* ALEXANDER FALCONER, Esquire, deceased.

This appointment will date from the 12th of June last.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th October, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 471.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint FRANCISCO DE PAULA SOARES, Esquire, to be a Public Vaccinator under *The Vaccination Ordinance, 1888.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th October, 1888.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 472.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th October, 1888.

NOTICE.

An Annual Sessions of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held in the Justices' Room at the Magistracy on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of November, A.D. 1888, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering the applications for Spirit Licences for the year 1888-1889.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate,
For the Police Magistrates.

Magistracy, Hongkong, 25th October, 1888.