

No. 397.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 8 of 1927.—An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of One million and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Dollars and forty-two Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1926.

Ordinance No. 9 of 1927.—An Ordinance to protect the revenue of the Colony.

HONG KONG.

No. 8 OF 1927.

I assent.

L.S.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

30th June, 1927.

An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of One million and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Dollars and forty-two Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1926.

[30th June, 1927.]

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make further provision for the public service of the Colony for the year 1926, in addition to the charge upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the said year already provided for:

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

A sum of one million and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Dollars and forty-two Cents is hereby charged upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the year 1926, the said sum so charged being expended as hereinafter specified; that is to say:—

His Excellency the Governor - - - \$	21,058.79
Audit Department - - - - -	2,079.05
Royal Observatory - - - - -	8,517.87
Fire Brigade - - - - -	25,745.50
Supreme Court - - - - -	6,467.40
Attorney General - - - - -	1,470.97
Office of Crown Solicitor and Land Registry - - - - -	8,441.52
Public Works Recurrent - - - -	623,116.80
Kowloon Canton Railway - - - -	135,509.88
Charitable Services - - - - -	21,355.01
Miscellaneous Services - - - - -	230,129.63
TOTAL - - -	<u><u>-\$1,083,892.42</u></u>

Passed the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, this 30th day of June, 1927.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

HONG KONG.

No. 9 OF 1927.

I assent.

L.S.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

30th June, 1927.

An Ordinance to protect the revenue of the
Colony.

[30th June, 1927.]

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927. Short title.

2. If the Governor approves of the introduction into the Legislative Council of a bill or resolution whereby any duty, tax, fee, rate, or other item of revenue would be imposed or altered if such bill or resolution were to become law, it shall be lawful for the Governor to make an order giving the full force and effect of law to all the provisions of such bill or resolution so long as such order remains in force. Power to impose or alter duties, etc., in the manner set forth in a bill or resolution approved for introduction into the Legislative Council.

3. If any such order is made, references in the bill or resolution in respect of which the order is made to the commencement or coming into operation of such bill or resolution shall, so long as such order remains in force, be construed as references to the time of coming into force of such order. Meaning of certain references.

4.—(1) Every order made under this Ordinance shall come into force immediately upon the signing thereof by the Governor, unless some other time be specified in the order for the coming into force thereof, in which case the order shall come into force at the time so specified. Coming into force and duration of order.

(2) Every such order shall expire and cease to be in force—

- (a) upon the notification in the Gazette of the rejection by the Legislative Council of the bill or resolution in respect of which the order was made, or
- (b) upon the notification in the Gazette of the withdrawal of the bill or resolution, or

(c) upon the bill or resolution, with or without modification, becoming law in the ordinary manner, or

(d) upon the expiration of four months from the day on which the order came into force,

whichever event shall first happen.

(3) Where it is provided in this section that an order made under this Ordinance shall expire and cease to be in force upon the notification in the Gazette of any act, such order shall expire and cease to be in force on the day which purports to be the date of the Gazette in which the notification appears, and immediately before midnight on that day.

(4) If in any proceedings any question arises as to the time when the Governor signed any particular order under this Ordinance, the production of a certificate purporting to be under the hand of the Colonial Secretary and stating the time of such signature shall be *prima facie* evidence that such order was signed at the time stated in such certificate.

Refund of
excess duty,
etc.

5. So much of any duty, tax, fee, rate, or other item of revenue, as shall have been paid under any order made under this Ordinance in excess of the respective duty, tax, fee, rate or other item of revenue payable immediately after the expiration of the order, shall be repaid to the person who paid the same.

Restoration
of former rate
of duty, etc.
in certain
cases.

6. Where an order under this Ordinance has the effect of lowering any duty, tax, fee, rate or other item of revenue, and where the order ceases to be in force and is not replaced, with or without modification, by the bill or resolution in respect of which it was made, the duty, tax, fee, rate or other item of revenue which was payable immediately before the coming into force of the order shall thereupon again become payable in full.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, this 30th day of June, 1927.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.