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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Contract for publishing this *Gazette*, entered into on the 24th September, 1853, was terminated on the 30th ultimo; and notice is hereby given, that a **NEW SERIES** of this *Gazette* will be published hereafter, to commence from the 7th instant, under a **New Contract**, and that

"THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE"

will, as before, be the only Official Organ for **PROCLAMATIONS, NOTIFICATIONS, and PUBLIC PAPERS**, of this Government.

By Order,
Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d July, 1855.

W. T. MERCER, *Colonial Secretary.*

HONGKONG.

ANNO DECIMO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 1 of 1856.

By His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Knight, LL.D., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of the Trade of British Subjects in China, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to continue in operation Ordinance No. 1 of 1855, "to enforce Neutrality during the Contest now existing in China."

Title.

[2d January, 1856.]

Whereas it is necessary for the Public Good that the Provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to enforce Neutrality during the Contest now existing in China," be renewed and kept in operation beyond the First Day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six:—

I. Be it therefore enacted and ordained by His Excellency The Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, That all Provisions contained in the said Ordinance No. 1 of 1855 shall, from and after the passing of this Ordinance, be, and are hereby re-enacted; and that the same shall be, and are hereby to continue in force until the First Day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

Provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1855 re-enacted, and to continue in force until the 1st January, 1857.

JOHN BOWRING.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong,
this 2d Day of January, 1856.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Diplomatic Department.

As it is important that all Merchants, Shipowners, and others likely to be engaged in the conveyance of Chinese migrants to the Colony of Victoria, (Australia,) should be informed as to the Legislation of that Colony in reference to such Emigrants: His Excellency SIR JOHN BOWRING, Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China, has received Instructions from The Right Honorable The Earl of Clarendon to make known an Act passed by His Excellency The Governor of Victoria in Legislative Council, on the 11th June last, to the following effect.

By Order,

W. WOODGATE.

Superintendency of Trade, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d January, 1856.

ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

By His Excellency SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

No. XXXIX.

An Act to make provision for certain Immigrants.

[Assented to 12th June, 1855.]

Enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows—

Preamble.

1. In the interpretation and for the purposes of the provisions of this Act the following words shall unless inconsistent with or repugnant to the context have the respective meanings hereby assigned them that is to say—

The word "Master" shall be held to apply to any person in command of any vessel.

The word "Ship" shall mean any sea going vessel of any kind or description.

The word "Tonnage" shall signify tonnage according to the registry of the ship if British or according to the measurement fixed by the Merchant Shipping Act 1854 if the ship be not British.

And the word "Immigrant" shall mean any male adult native of China or its dependencies or of any islands in the Chinese Seas or any person born of Chinese parents.

Interpretation Clause.