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## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH is expected to arrive in this Colony some time in the first two weeks of October, and as the Governor is well aware of the desire of this Community to testify their gratification at receiving a visit from a son of the QUEEN, it is His Excellency's intention to invite all Residents to illuminate their houses between 9 P.M. and midnight, on some day to be hereafter named by proclamation. In the meantime this notice is issued to enable the needful preparations to be made.

It is also the intention of His Excellency to permit on that occasion the erection of such scaffolding or other supports for Gas fixtures, Lanterns, or Lamps, as may be sanctioned by the Surveyor General.

The Police will also be directed not to require Night Passes from Chinese conducting themselves quietly, till 12.15.

Further particulars—as may be expedient—will be hereafter published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th September, 1869.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 1 of 1869.

FRIDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1869.

### PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.  
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, (JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN.)  
The Honorable the Attorney-General (JULIAN PAUNCFOTE.)  
The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer (FREDERICK H. A. FORTH.)  
The Honorable the Auditor General (W. H. RENNIE.)  
The Honorable HENRY JOHN BALL.  
The Honorable JAMES B. TAYLOR.

### ABSENT:

The Honorable the Chief Justice (JOHN SMALE.)  
The Honorable H. B. GIBB.  
The Honorable WILLIAM KESWICK.

The Council meets this day at 3 P.M., by Special Summons.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 21st November last, are read and confirmed.

The Jury List for the Year 1869, is revised and amended,—51 of the Names therein being designated as "Special Jurors."  
His Excellency then adjourns the Council at 25 minutes past 4 o'clock.

RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 17th Day of September, 1869.

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

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published for general information.

By Command,

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 17th September, 1869.

Title.	An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for regulating the Periods of Vacation of the Supreme Court and the Transaction of Business in certain Cases during the same.
Preamble.	<b>W</b> HEREAS it is expedient to make further Provision for regulating the Periods of Vacation of the Supreme Court and the Transaction of Business in certain Cases during the same; Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—
Short Title.	I. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Vacation Ordinance, 1869."
Repealing Clause.	II. Ordinance No. 11 of 1866, is hereby repealed.
Summer and Winter Vacations.	III. From and after the Passing of this Ordinance, there shall be Two Periods of Vacation for the Supreme Court in each Year, that is to say, a Summer Vacation of Two Months, and a Winter Vacation of One Month.
Periods of Vacations.	IV. The Months of August and September shall be the Summer Vacation Months, and the Month of February shall be the Winter Vacation Month.
Transaction of Business in Vacation.	V. Except as hereinafter mentioned, no Business shall be transacted by the Supreme Court or the Offices connected therewith, during the Months of February, August and September.
What Business may be transacted.	VI. The Supreme Court and the Offices connected therewith shall be Open during the said Vacation Months for the Business of the Ordinary Criminal Sessions or of any Special Session, and also for the Purpose of issuing Writs, receiving Petitions and of completing, by Leave of the Court, any Trial, Hearing, Inquiry, or other Matter actually commenced before the First Day of the Vacation.
Chief Justice may permit any Civil Business to be transacted in Vacation.	VII. It shall be lawful for the Chief Justice if he shall think fit, whenever it shall appear to him expedient that any Civil Business should be transacted during Vacation although not actually commenced before the First Day thereof, to make an Order permitting that the same may be so transacted and every Act or Thing done in Pursuance of such Order shall be as valid as if done out of Vacation. Provided that no such Order shall issue except with the Consent of all Parties who might in the Opinion of the Chief Justice be prejudiced thereby.
Proviso as to Consent of Parties.	VIII. Judgment may be signed during Vacation by Leave of the Chief Justice upon such Terms and Conditions as he may think fit.
Signing Judgment.	IX. It shall be lawful for the Judge of the Court of Summary Jurisdiction during Vacation in Case of the temporary Absence of the Chief Justice from the Colony, to exercise without any Direction from the Chief Justice in that Behalf all the Powers vested in him by Section 34 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1862 in respect of any Business originating in the Supreme Court; but subject always to the Provisos and Exceptions in the said Section contained and to Provisions of this Ordinance.
Power of Judge of Court of Summary Jurisdiction in Vacation.	X. This Ordinance shall come into Force and take Effect on such Day as shall hereafter be fixed by Proclamation under the Hand of the Governor.
Commencement of Ordinance.	