

criminal Charge; any public and indecent Exposure of the Person; any public Selling, or exposing for public Sale or to public View, of any obscene Book, Print, Picture, or other indecent Exhibition, it shall be lawful for the Court to sentence the Offender to be imprisoned for any Term now warranted by Law, and also, in its Discretion, to be kept to Hard Labor during the whole or any Part of such Term of Imprisonment.

VIII. The Chief Justice may in his Discretion reserve for further ^{Crown Cases} Consideration any Question of Law which may arise upon the Trial reserved. of any Information and in Case the Person tried shall be convicted, may postpone Judgment until such Question shall have been considered and decided, and in the meanwhile may commit the Person convicted to Prison or take a Recognizance of Bail with One or Two sufficient Sureties and in such Sum as he shall think fit conditioned to appear at such Time or Times as he shall direct and to receive Judgment; and upon such further Consideration of the Question so reserved as aforesaid it shall be lawful for the Chief Justice to affirm or quash the Conviction.

IX. Whenever any Person charged before a Magistrate with ^{Power to} any Crime or Offence shall be committed for Trial at the Supreme ^{Magistrate} Court and the Attorney General shall be of Opinion that further ^{to re-open a} Investigation is required before such Trial, or that the Case is ^{Case com-} One which should be determined in a summary Manner by ^{mitted for} a Magistrate or by Two Magistrates sitting together under the ^{Trial in} Provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1863, it shall be lawful for the Attorney General to direct that the original Depositions be returned to the committing Magistrate who may thereupon re-open the Case and deal with it in all Respects as if such Person had not been committed for Trial, and if the Case be One which may be tried in a summary Manner by the Magistrate or by Two Magistrates sitting together, it may, if thought expedient, be determined accordingly.

X. Whenever any Person who shall have been committed to ^{Bail on} Prison by the Coroner charged by the Verdict of the Coroner's ^{Committal by} Jury with the Crime of Murder or Manslaughter shall also be ^{Coroner in} charged before a Magistrate with the same Crime, it shall be law- ^{certain Cases.} ful for the Magistrate, in Case he shall admit such Person to Bail upon such Charge, to order the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol to discharge such Person from Custody under the Coroner's Com- mittal, and such Person shall be discharged accordingly.

XI. The Registrar of the Supreme Court for the Time being ^{Master of the} shall *ex officio* be "Master of the Crown Office" within this ^{Crown Office.} Colony.

XII. This Ordinance and Ordinance No. 3 of 1865 shall be ^{Ordinance to} construed together and for all requisite Purposes be deemed and ^{be construed} taken as One Ordinance, and nothing therein contained shall affect ^{with No. 3 of} any other Form of Criminal Procedure which may now by Law ^{1865.} exist in the Colony.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 24th Day of September, 1869.

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

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SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, Knight, C.B.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

No. 3 OF 1869.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to empower His Excellency the Governor in Council to grant Licenses for the Distillation of Spirits and the Rectifying and Compounding thereof within the Colony.

Title.

[24th September, 1869.]

WHEREAS by Ordinance No. 8 of 1844 the Distillation of Spirits and the Rectifying and Compounding thereof within the Colony are absolutely prohibited, and it is expedient that the same should be permitted subject to certain Conditions and Restrictions: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preamble.

Governor in Council may grant Licenses for the Distillation, &c., of Spirits. I. From and after the Passing of this Ordinance it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from Time to Time to grant Licenses for the Distillation, Rectifying and Compounding of Spirits within the Colony, to such Persons, for such Considerations and upon such Conditions and for such Periods as he shall think fit.

Governor in Council may frame Regulations and enforce the same by Penalties. II. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from Time to Time to frame Regulations to be published in the Gazette respecting the Distillation, Rectifying and Compounding of Spirits under such Licenses as aforesaid, and from Time to Time to repeal or vary the same; and the said Regulations may be enforced by such Penalties as shall be specified therein; Provided that no such Penalty shall exceed the Sum of Five hundred Dollars.

Recovery of Penalties. III. All Penalties under this Ordinance may be recovered in a Summary Manner before a Magistrate of Police and shall not affect any Condition for the Forfeiture or Cancellation of the License subject to which the same may have been granted.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 24th Day of September, 1869.

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No. 4 OF 1869.

Title. An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend the Law relating to "Promissory Oaths."
[24th September, 1869.]

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law relating to Promissory Oaths: 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 for all Purposes as the "Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869."

Form of Oath of Allegiance. II. The Oath in this Ordinance referred to as the Oath of Allegiance shall be in the Form following; that is to say:

"I do swear that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her Heirs and Successors, according to Law. So help me God."

Form of Official Oath. III. The Oath in this Ordinance referred to as the Official Oath shall be in the Form following; that is to say:

"I do swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Victoria in the Office of So help me God."

Form of Judicial Oath. IV. The Oath in this Ordinance referred to as the Judicial Oath shall be in the Form following; that is to say:

"I do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria in the Office of and I will do right to all Manner of People after the Laws and Usages of this Colony, without Fear or Favor, Affection or Ill Will. So help me God."

Persons to take the Official Oath and the Oath of Allegiance. V. The Oath of Allegiance and Official Oath shall be taken by each of the Officers named in the First Part of the Schedule annexed hereto as soon as may be after his Acceptance of Office, and such Oaths shall be tendered by the Officer, and in the Manner on that Behalf mentioned in the said First Part of the said Schedule.

Persons to take the Oath of Allegiance and the Judicial Oath. VI. The Oath of Allegiance and the Judicial Oath shall be taken by each of the Officers named in the Second Part of the Schedule hereto as soon as may be after his Acceptance of Office, and such Oaths shall be tendered by the Officer, and in the Manner in that Behalf mentioned in the said Second Part of the said Schedule.

Oaths of Executive Councillors. VII. Members of the Executive Council shall take the Oath of Allegiance and an Oath of Fidelity in the Discharge of their Duties in the Form following; that is to say:

"I, being chosen and admitted of Her Majesty's Executive Council in this Colony, do swear that I will, to the best of my Judgment at all Times when thereto required, freely give my Counsel and Advice to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Officer Administering the Government of this Colony for the Time being, for the Good Management of the Public Affairs of this Colony: that I will not directly or indirectly reveal such Matters as shall be