

HONGKONG
ANNO TRICESIMO TERTIO
VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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

No. 5 OF 1869.

Title. An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to provide for the Payment out of the Revenue of the Colony of Expenses incurred in the Relief of Distressed British Seamen belonging to Ships registered in this Colony.

[24th September, 1869.]

Preamble. WHEREAS the Expenses incurred in the Relief of Distressed British Seamen belonging to Ships registered in this Colony are now borne by the Imperial Revenue under the Provisions of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," and it is expedient to provide that the same should be borne in future by the Revenue of this Colony: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Relief of Seamen belonging to Vessels registered in this Colony. I. From and after the Passing of this Ordinance all Expenses which shall be incurred under the Provisions of the "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," in the Relief of Distressed British Seamen who at the Time of such Relief being granted shall have last served in a British Ship registered in this Colony, shall be borne by the Revenue of this Colony.

Governor may order Payment of Expenses incurred in the Colony for Relief of such Seamen out of Monies forming Part of General Revenue. II. It shall be lawful for the Governor from Time to Time to order the Payment, out of any Monies forming Part of or arising from the General Revenue of the Colony, of all Expenses which may be incurred in the Colony after the Date of the Passing of this Ordinance for the Relief of such British Seamen as aforesaid under the Provisions of the said Act or of any Regulations in that Behalf which may be made from Time to Time by the Governor in Council.

Governor may order Re-payment of Expenses incurred elsewhere than in the Colony in respect of such Relief, out of such Monies as aforesaid. III. It shall be lawful for the Governor from Time to Time to order the Re-payment out of any such Monies as aforesaid, of all Sums which shall have been expended under the Provisions of the said Act by the Imperial Government or by the Government of any adjacent British Colony or by any British Consul, Vice-Consul or Consular Agent in any neighboring foreign Country, in and about the Relief (after the Date of the Passing of this Ordinance) of such British Seamen as aforesaid, and such Sums shall be refunded in such Manner as the Governor shall think fit or as Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies for the Time being may direct.

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

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

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No. 6 OF 1869.

Title. An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend "The Ordinance for the Suppression of Piracy (Hongkong), 1868."

[24th September, 1869.]

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Ordinance for the Suppression of Piracy (Hongkong), 1868:" Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the

I. Sections VII and VIII of the said Ordinance are hereby repealed. Repealing Clause.

II. Section VI of the said Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting therein after the Word "Custody" in the Third Line thereof, the Words following, that is to say, "without lawful Authority or Excuse (the Proof whereof shall lie on the Party accused.)" Amendment of Section 6.

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

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
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No. 7 OF 1869.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to empower the Governor in Council to deal with Moral Claims to Funds confiscated for Colonial Purposes.

Title.

[24th September, 1869.]

WHEREAS Provision is made by Ordinance No. 1 of 1857, for the Recovery of Funds confiscated for Colonial Purposes under Ordinance No. 6 of 1854, by Persons duly proving their Legal or Equitable Claims thereto, upon Summary Petition to the Supreme Court; And whereas it is expedient that the Governor in Council should be empowered to deal with Moral Claims upon such Funds as distinguished from Legal or Equitable Claims: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preamble.

I. The Governor in Council may entertain any Moral Claim as distinguished from any Legal or Equitable Claim which may be submitted to him by Petition in Writing by any Person praying for Payment of any Sum of Money which may have been confiscated for Colonial Purposes under Ordinance No. 6 of 1854, and upon such Petition, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, if he shall think fit, to order that such Sum or any Portion thereof, be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to such Petitioner; and all Monies in the Treasury forming Part of or arising from the General Revenue of the Colony, shall be applicable to any Payment ordered to be made in manner aforesaid.

The Governor in Council may deal with Moral Claims to confiscated Funds.

II. Any Order made by the Governor in Council under this Ordinance for the Payment of the Whole or of a Portion of any Sum of Money which may have been confiscated in Manner aforesaid, shall be a Bar to the Extent of any Payment made under such Order, to any Claim subsequently preferred to the same Sum under Ordinance No. 1 of 1857.

Payment under this Ordinance to be a Bar *pro tanto* to subsequent Claims under No. 1 of 1857.

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

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