

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

No. 9 OF 1869.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to empower the Colonial Treasurer to recover in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction Crown Debts under Five hundred Dollars for Rent and for certain Assessments and Fees.

[24th September, 1869.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to make Provision for the more speedy Recovery of Crown Debts under Five hundred Dollars for Rent and for Assessments and Fees payable under the Ordinances hereinafter mentioned: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

- I. Sections IV and IX of "The Police and Lighting Rate Amendment Ordinance, 1867" are hereby repealed. Repealing Clause.
- II. Whenever any Person shall have made Default in the Payment of any Sum of Money not exceeding Five hundred Dollars due or payable by him to the Crown in Respect of Rent or of any Assessment for Police, Lighting, Water or Fire Brigade Rates, under Ordinances No. 12 of 1860, No. 9 of 1862, No. 5 of 1863, No. 11 of 1867 and No. 4 of 1868, or in respect of Spirit License Fees or any Instalment thereof under Ordinances No. 11 of 1844 and No. 10 of 1868, such Sum may be sued for and recovered by the Colonial Treasurer in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, and a Certificate purporting to be under the Hand of the Colonial Treasurer and setting forth that such Sum is due or payable to the Crown, and that the Person so sued is liable to the Payment thereof, and specifying the Nature and Particulars of the Claim, shall be *prima facie* Evidence of the Facts certified therein and of the Signature of the Colonial Treasurer thereto. Recovery of Crown Rent, Police, Lighting, Water and Fire Brigade Rates and Spirit License Fees by the Colonial Treasurer.
- III. In all Cases under this Ordinance the Court may award Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per Annum upon the Sum recovered from the Day when the same became due or payable. Court may award Interest.
- IV. In all Cases under this Ordinance Service of the Summons to appear to a Plaintiff shall be deemed to have been duly made if it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the Court that the same was left at the Defendant's Place of Residence or Business, or in Case the same should not be known then on the Tenement or Premises in respect of which the Claim is made. Service of Summons to Plaintiff.
- V. In all Matters under this Ordinance the Colonial Treasurer shall sue as Colonial Treasurer, but may be represented in the Court by any Person whom he shall appoint in that Behalf. By whom Colonial Treasurer may appear.
- VI. Nothing herein contained shall affect any other Remedy of the Crown for the Recovery of such Sums as aforesaid. Saving of other Remedies of the Crown.

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

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published for general information.

By Command,

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 24th September, 1869.