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G. S. NORTHCOTE,
Deputy Sheriff.

Revised, corrected, and the Special Jurors designated by the Legislative Council, this 19th day of February, 1878.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on Tuesday, the 19th February, is published for general information.

By Command,

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 20th February, 1878.

Title. An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to provide for the Survey and Regulation of Steamships and Vessels propelled by Steam.

[1878.]

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient for the prevention of accidents that provisions should be made for the survey and regulation of steam-ships and vessels propelled by steam: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preliminary.

Short title. I. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Steamship Survey and Regulation Ordinance, 1878."

Interpretation clause. II. In the construction and for the purposes of this Ordinance (if not inconsistent with the context or subject matter) the following terms shall have the respective meanings hereinafter assigned to them, that is to say:—

"Stipendiary Magistrate" shall mean and include the Police Magistrates of the Colony, and the Marine Magistrate.

"Master" shall include every person (except a pilot) having command or charge of any ship.

"Seaman" shall include any person (except masters, pilots and apprentices duly indentured and registered) employed or engaged in any capacity on board any ship.

"Ship" shall include any description of vessel used in navigation not propelled by oars, whose real substantial business is to go to sea, except Chinese junks or lorchas not propelled by steam.

"Steam-ship" shall include every ship propelled or partially propelled by steam.

"Tons" "Tonnage" shall mean tons and tonnage, as calculated according to British measurement of registered tonnage.

The term "Waters of the Colony" shall (except as hereinafter provided) be, for the purposes of this Ordinance, deemed to comprise the waters situate within a radius of one marine league from the shores of the Colony: Provided always that this interpretation shall not be construed to affect waters within such radius in any case where such waters are situate within the territorial limits or jurisdiction of the empire of China.

"Passenger" shall mean and include any person carried in any vessel other than the master, seamen and apprentices duly indentured and registered.

Survey of Steam-ships of 50 tons and upwards.

III. This section shall apply:—

- (a.) To all British steam-ships being within the waters of the Colony which have not been surveyed in the United Kingdom or in any British possession within the preceding twelve months under the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1876," or any legislative enactment for the time being in force in Great Britain or Ireland or in any British possession. [See M. S. A. 1854.]
- (b.) To all vessels of fifty tons and upwards propelled by steam plying within the waters of the Colony, whether for hire or not.
- (c.) To all steam-ships registered in this Colony of fifty tons and upwards.
2. Such steam-ships and vessels propelled by steam shall be provided as follows, that is to say:—
- (a.) Every steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam of which a survey is required by this section shall be provided with a safety valve upon each boiler, so constructed to be out of the control of the engineer when the steam is up, and, if such valve is in addition to the ordinary valve, it shall be so constructed as to have an area not less, and a pressure not greater than the area of and pressure on that valve. Equipment of steam-ships. [Ibid s. 301.] Safety valve.
- (b.) Every steam-ship shall have her compasses properly adjusted from time to time; such adjustment, in the case of ships surveyed as hereinafter mentioned, to be made to the satisfaction of a Government Surveyor appointed for the purpose, and according to such regulations as may be issued by the Governor. Compasses to be adjusted.
- (c.) Every steam-ship (unless used solely as a steam-tug) shall be provided with a hose adapted for the purpose of extinguishing fire in any part of the ship and capable of being connected with the engines of the ship. Fire hose.
- (d.) Every steam-ship employed to carry passengers shall be provided, to the satisfaction of the Governor:—
- (1.) With means for making the signals of distress at night specified in the first schedule to "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1873," or in any rules substituted therefor, including means of making flames on the ship which are inextinguishable in water, or such other means of making signals of distress as the Governor may previously approve; and [39 & 40 Vict. c. 80, par. 21.]
- (2.) With a proper supply of lights inextinguishable in water, and fitted for attachment to life buoys.
- (e.) Every steam-ship employed to carry passengers by sea, not coming within the provisions of "The Chinese Passengers Act, 1855," or of any Ordinance made in pursuance thereof, shall be provided with such shelter for the protection of deck passengers (if any) as the Governor, having regard to the nature of the passage, the number of deck passengers to be carried, the season of the year, the safety of the ship, and the circumstances of the case may require. Shelter for deck passengers. [M. S. A. s. 301.]

And if any such steam-ship as aforesaid goes to sea from any port in the Colony without being so provided as hereinbefore required, then for each default in any of the above requisites, the owner or agent shall (if he appears to be in fault) incur a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, and the master shall (if he appears to be in fault) incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

3. If any person places an undue weight on the safety valve of any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, or, in the case of steam-ships or vessels propelled by steam surveyed as hereinafter mentioned, increases such weight beyond the limits fixed by such Government Surveyor as hereinafter mentioned, he shall, in addition to any other liabilities he may incur by so doing, incur a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars. Penalty for improper weight on safety valve. [Ibid s. 302.]

4. The Governor may, from time to time, appoint such number of fit and proper persons to be Government Surveyors for the purposes of this Ordinance as he thinks proper, and appoint their duties, and may, from time to time, remove such surveyors, or any of them, and may, from time to time, fix and alter the remuneration to be received by such surveyors. Governor to appoint surveyors, and fix their remuneration. [Ibid s. 305.]

5. The said surveyors shall execute their duties under the direction of the Governor, and the Governor may make regulations as to the manner in which the surveys hereinafter mentioned shall be made, and as to the notice to be given to the surveyors when surveys are required, and as to the amount and payment of any other expenses incurred by such surveyors in the execution of their duties, and may thereby determine the person by whom and the conditions under which such payment shall be made. Governor to regulate mode of survey. [Ibid s. 307.]

Surveyors to have power to inspect.
[*Ibid* s. 308.]

6. It shall be lawful for the said surveyors in the execution of their duties to go on board any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam to which this section applies, at all reasonable times, and to inspect the same, or any part thereof, or any of the boilers, machinery, boats, equipments, or articles on board thereof, or any certificates of the master, mate, or engineer, to which the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1876," or any Ordinance, or any of the regulations made, or to be made under the said "Merchant Shipping Acts," or such Ordinance, for the time being in force in this Colony apply, not unnecessarily detaining or delaying the ship from proceeding on any voyage, and, if in consequence of any accident to any such ship, or for any other reason they consider it necessary so to do, to require the ship to be taken into dock for the purpose of surveying the hull thereof; and any person who hinders any such surveyor from going on board any such steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, or otherwise impedes him in the execution of his duty under this Ordinance, shall incur a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Penalty on surveyors receiving fees unlawfully.
[*Ibid* s. 308.]

7. Every surveyor who demands or receives directly or indirectly from the owner, agent, or master of any ship surveyed by him under the provisions of this Ordinance, or from any other person, any fee or remuneration whatsoever for or in respect of such survey, otherwise than as the officer and by the direction of the Governor, shall incur a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Owners to have surveys made by Government Surveyors, and surveyors to give declarations.
[*Ibid* s. 309.]

8. The owner, agent, or master of every steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam being within the waters of the Colony shall, where such ship or vessel comes within the meaning of this section, cause the same to be surveyed by one or more of the Government Surveyors so appointed as aforesaid; who shall be appointed for the special purpose by the Governor, and such surveyor or surveyors shall thereupon, if satisfied that they can with propriety do so, give to such owner declarations as follows:—

(a.) The declaration of the surveyor appointed for that purpose shall contain statements of the following particulars, that is to say:—

- (1.) That the hull of the ship is sufficient for the service intended and in good condition.
- (2.) That the partitions, boats, rafts, life buoys, or other appliances for saving life, lights, signals, compasses, and shelter for deck passengers, and the certificates of the master and mate, or mates, are such, and in such condition as required by law.
- (3.) The time (if less than six months) for which the said hull and equipments will be sufficient.
- (4.) The limits (if any) beyond which, as regards the hull and equipments, the ship is, in the surveyor's judgment, not fit to ply.
- (5.) With reference to all steam-ships or vessels propelled by steam not coming within the provisions of "The Chinese Passengers' Act, 1855," or any Ordinance made in pursuance thereof, if plying or intended to ply for hire, the number of passengers which such ship or vessel is, in the judgment of the surveyor, fit to carry, distinguishing, if necessary, between the respective numbers to be carried on the deck and in the cabins, and in the different parts of the deck and cabins; such numbers to be subject to such conditions and variations, according to the time of year, the nature of the voyage, the cargo carried, or other circumstances, as the Governor in Council may, from time to time, direct by any Regulation to be made by him for this purpose, and until such Regulations are made and so far as the same shall not extend, according to the Regulations contained in table A in the schedule hereunto annexed.

(b.) And the declaration of the surveyor appointed for that purpose shall contain statements of the following particulars, that is to say:—

- (1.) That the boilers and machinery of the ship or vessel is sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition.
- (2.) The time (if less than six months) for which such boilers and machinery will be sufficient.
- (3.) That the safety valves and fire hose, when requisite, are such and in such condition as are required by this Ordinance.
- (4.) The limit of the weight to be placed on the safety valves.

- (5.) The limit (if any) beyond which, as regards the machinery, the ship or vessel is, in the surveyor's judgment, not fit to ply.

And such declarations shall be in such form as the Governor directs.

9. The said owner, agent, or master shall transmit such declarations to the Governor within fourteen days after the dates of the receipt thereof respectively; and in default shall forfeit a sum not exceeding two dollars for every day that the sending of such declarations is delayed; and such sum shall be paid upon the delivery of the certificate hereinbefore mentioned in addition to the fee payable for the same, and shall be applied in the same manner as such fees.

10. Upon the receipt of such declarations, the Governor shall, if satisfied that the provisions of this section have been complied with, cause a certificate in duplicate to be prepared and issued, to the effect that the provisions of the law with respect to the survey of the ship and the transmission of declarations in respect thereof have been complied with, and such certificate shall state the limits (if any) beyond which, according to the declarations of the surveyors, such ship is not fit to ply, and shall also contain a statement of the number of passengers which, according to the declaration of the surveyor appointed for the purpose, such ship is fit to carry, distinguishing, if necessary, between the respective numbers to be carried on the deck and in the cabins, such number to be subject to such conditions and variations, according to the time of year, the nature of the voyage, the cargo carried, and other circumstances, as the case requires.

11. The Governor shall transmit such certificate in duplicate to the Harbour Master, who shall deliver the same to the owner, master, or agent on his applying and paying the fee and other sums (if any) hereinafter mentioned as payable in that behalf.

12. The owner, agent, or master of every steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, requiring a certificate under this section, shall pay for every certificate granted by the Governor the fees mentioned in the table marked *B* in the schedule hereto.

13. No certificate shall be in force for the purposes of this section beyond a period of six months; and no certificate shall be in force after notice is given by the Governor to the owner, agent, or master of the ship or vessel to which the same relates, that he has cancelled or revoked the same: Provided that, if any steam-ship is absent from the Colony at the time when her certificate expires, no penalty shall be incurred, until she commences a voyage after her next subsequent return to the Colony; and the Governor may require any certificate which has expired, or has been revoked or cancelled, to be delivered up as he directs, and any owner, or agent, or master who, without any reasonable cause, neglects or refuses to comply with such requirement shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

14. The Governor may revoke and cancel such certificates in any case in which he has reason to believe:—

- (a.) That the declarations of the sufficiency and good condition of the hull, equipments, and machinery of any steamer or vessel, or either of them, have been fraudulently or erroneously made; or
- (b.) That such certificate has otherwise been issued upon false or erroneous information; or
- (c.) That since the making of such declarations, the hull, equipments, or machinery of such ship or vessel have sustained any injury, or are otherwise insufficient:

And in every such case the Governor may, if he thinks fit, require the owner to have the hull, equipments, or machinery of such ship or vessel again surveyed, and to transmit a further declaration or declarations of the sufficiency and good condition thereof, before re-issuing any certificate, or granting a fresh one in lieu thereof.

15. The owner, agent, or master of every such steam-ship, or vessel propelled by steam, shall forthwith, on the transmission of any such certificate as aforesaid to him or his agent, cause one of the duplicates thereof so transmitted to be put up in some conspicuous part of the ship, so as to be visible to all persons on board the same, and shall cause it to be continued so put up so long as such certificate remains in force and such ship is in use; and in default, such owner, agent, or master shall, for every offence, incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

16. The said surveyors shall, from time to time, make such returns to the Governor as he requires with respect to the build, dimensions, draught, burden, rate of sailing, room for fuel, and the nature and particulars of machinery and equipments of the ship or vessel surveyed by them; and every owner, master and engineer of any such ship or vessel shall, on demand, give to such surveyors all such information and assistance within his power as they require for the purpose of such returns; and every such

formation for owner, master, or engineer who, on being applied to for that purpose, wilfully refuses or neglects to give such information or assistance, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Penalties for carrying Passengers in excess of the Numbers allowed by Certificate, or in a certain proportion to tonnage.

Harbour Master may refuse clearances to ship carrying more passengers than allowed by certificate. [*Ibid* s. 318.]

IV. The master of any steam-ship carrying more than ten passengers shall, upon application to the Harbour Master for a port clearance, state the number of passengers he purposes to carry in the then projected voyage; and if such number shall be in excess of the number mentioned in the certificate or where no certificate is required in excess of the proportion to tonnage contained in table A of the schedule hereunto annexed, the Harbour Master may refuse a port clearance to such ship. Any master wilfully misrepresenting the number of passengers so about to be carried shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Penalty for taking more passengers than allowed by certificate. [*Ibid* s. 319.]

2. Any master of any such ship who shall, after having obtained such port clearance, wilfully take or receive on board such vessel any number of passengers greater than that allowed by the said port clearance, shall, on conviction, be subject to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars in addition to a penalty of five dollars for every such passenger in excess of the number permitted to be carried by the said port clearance; and the master of any ship proceeding to sea without a port clearance shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Governor may prohibit conveyance of deck passengers.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to prohibit the conveyance of deck passengers by any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam.

4. This section shall not apply to ships or vessels which come within the operation of "The Chinese Passengers' Act, 1855," or of any Ordinance made or hereafter to be made in pursuance of the provisions thereof.

Steam-vessels under 50 tons.

Steam vessels under 50 tons not to carry passengers for hire without licence. [No. 8 of 1875.]

V. It shall not be lawful for any steam-vessel of less than fifty tons burden to carry passengers for hire within the waters of the Colony, or to any place outside the waters of the Colony, unless she has obtained a licence as hereinafter provided; and in case any such steam-vessel shall be so employed as aforesaid without a licence, the owner, master, or person in charge thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars.

The Harbour Master to issue licences.

2. The Harbour Master may issue to steam-vessels of less than fifty tons burden licences for carrying passengers upon the conditions prescribed by such regulations as are for the time being in force under this section.

Regulations.

3. The regulations contained in table B of the schedule hereunto annexed shall continue in force until altered or repealed as hereinafter provided.

Alteration or repeal of regulations.

4. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, alter, amend, or repeal the said regulations or any of them, and may make other regulations as he deems requisite. Every new regulation and every alteration, amendment, or repeal of an existing regulation shall be published in the *Gazette*, and after such publication shall have the force of law.

Penalty for carrying passengers in excess of the licence.

5. If any steam-vessel licensed under this section carries within the waters of the Colony more passengers than her licence allows, the owner or master thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.

Penalty for unlicensed steamer arriving with excessive number of passengers.

6. If any unlicensed steam-vessel of less than fifty tons burden arrives in the waters of the Colony carrying more passengers in proportion to her size than she would be licensed to carry under the regulations for the time being in force under this section, the master thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Steamers to exhibit lights.

7. Every steam-vessel, whether licensed or not, of less than fifty tons burden shall, when under way between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a green light on the starboard bow and a red light on the port bow and a bright light at least ten feet above the coloured lights; and every such steam-vessel shall, when at anchor between sunset and sunrise, exhibit a bright light at least 10 feet above the gunwales.

Offences against regulations.

8. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this section, or against any of the regulations in force for the time being under this section, where no penalty is specified, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

River Steamers.

Steamers leaving Hongkong, Macao, or Canton only allowed to carry a limited number

VI. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, grant special licences for steam-ships or vessels propelled by steam, leaving or entering the waters of the Colony for or from Canton, or for or from any place on the Canton river, or for or from Macao, in respect to the number of passengers to be carried on

each such steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, and in case of passengers, any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, shall leave or enter [No. 11 of 1876.] the waters of the Colony as aforesaid, having passengers on board in excess of the numbers authorised by such special licence as aforesaid, or in case any steam-ship not having such special licence shall leave or enter the waters of the Colony as aforesaid, having passengers on board in excess of the proportion of two passengers for every three tons of the registered net tonnage of such steam-ship, the owner or master thereof, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to a penalty of five dollars for every passenger on board, in excess of the number permitted by the licence, or when no special licence has been granted in excess of the proportion of two passengers for every registered three (net) tons of the said steam-ship.

General.

VII. All offences against this Ordinance, or any regulations made thereunder, except when otherwise provided, may be heard and determined by any Stipendiary Magistrate, and all penalties imposed by and expenses recoverable under this Ordinance, or any regulation made thereunder, except when otherwise provided, may be recovered in a summary way before any Stipendiary Magistrate. Recovery of penalties and expenses.

2. Every person who knowingly and wilfully makes, or assists in making, or procures to be made a false or fraudulent declaration or certificate with respect to any steam-ship or vessel propelled by steam, or any steam-vessel of less than fifty tons burden requiring a certificate under this Ordinance, or a licence under table B, or any regulation made in lieu thereof, or who forges, assists in forging, or procures to be forged, fraudulently altered, assists in fraudulently altering, or procures to be fraudulently altered any such declaration or certificate, or any such certificate or licence, or any words or figures therein respectively, or any signature thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be liable, at the discretion of the Court, to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour. Forgery.

Repealing Clause.

VIII. On and from the coming into operation of this Ordinance the Ordinances hereunder specified shall be repealed to the extent herein mentioned: Provided that any officer appointed in pursuance of any such enactments shall be deemed to have been appointed under this Ordinance, and any rules or regulations made by the Governor or the Governor in Council in pursuance of any such enactment and not repealed by this Ordinance or by any rules or regulations hereafter made or to be made thereunder, shall be deemed to have been made under this Ordinance, and this Ordinance shall not affect:— Repealing clause.

- (1.) Anything done or suffered under any enactment hereby repealed; nor
 - (2.) Any right, power, duty, obligation, or liability acquired, imposed, accrued, or incurred under any enactment hereby repealed; nor
 - (3.) Any penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect of any offence against any enactment hereby repealed; nor
 - (4.) Any legal proceeding in respect of any such right, power, duty, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment, and any such legal proceeding may be carried on as if this Ordinance had not passed;
- nor revive any enactment repealed by any of the said Ordinances or sections.

Ordinance 8 of 1875,..... } The whole.
 „ 11 of 1876,..... }

Suspending Clause.

IX. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be hereafter proclaimed by the Governor. Suspending clause.

SCHEDULE TO THIS ORDINANCE.

TABLE (A.)

Spaces to be allotted to passengers in ships not within the "Chinese Passengers Act, 1855."

Between the 15th of October, and the 31st of May, inclusive:—

1. The space to be provided on the between decks shall be for the lower between decks 12 superficial and 84 cubic feet of space for each passenger; and in the upper between decks there shall be 9 superficial and 54 cubic feet for each passenger.
2. On the upper or weather deck there shall be provided 4 superficial feet of deck space for exercise for the crew and for every passenger accommodated in the between decks; and if it shall be intended to carry passengers on the of the said weather deck then 12 superficial feet of such remaining shall be provided for each such upper deck passenger.

Between the 1st of June, and the 14th of October, inclusive:—

J. The space to be provided in the between decks shall be in accordance with the first paragraph of this table, but no ship shall carry upper deck passengers unless she is furnished with a deck house or other permanent protection against the weather for the number of passengers such structure will accommodate at 12 superficial feet and 72 cubic feet per adult passenger.

Generally.

Passengers are not to be carried on more than two decks on any one voyage. The superficial area of a deck shall mean the area of the deck itself exclusive of skylights, hatchways and other encumbrances.

TABLE (B.)

I. The owner of any steam-vessel of less than fifty tons burden desirous of obtaining a licence to carry passengers for hire within the waters of the Colony, or to any place outside of the waters of the Colony, shall cause the said vessel to be surveyed by a Surveyor or Surveyors appointed by the Governor.

II. The certificate of the Surveyor, appointed for this purpose, shall contain statements of the following particulars:—

- a. That the hull, length—breadth—depth—tons, is sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition.
- b. The number of passengers which the vessel is fit to carry, being, for vessels plying beyond the waters of the Colony, at the rate of ten superficial feet of the upper or weather deck, and at the rate of ten superficial feet of the deck immediately below the upper deck, for each passenger and member of the crew; and for vessels plying within the waters of the Colony, at the rate of seven superficial feet per passenger and member of the crew.
- c. That the master possesses a certificate of competency from the Harbour Master of Hongkong.
- d. That provision is on board for the shelter of deck passengers, and that there are two approved life buoys on board.
- e. That the vessel carrying passengers outside the waters of the Colony has boats sufficient for the accommodation of half of the number of passengers and crew which the vessel is certified to carry.
- f. That the vessel is properly fitted with bow and masthead lights and also a riding light.
- g. That the vessel is properly found with anchors and chains.
- h. That the crew is sufficient for the requirements of the vessel in the opinion of the Harbour Master.

III. The certificate of the Surveyor, appointed for this purpose, shall contain statements of the following particulars:—

- a. That the machinery and boiler of the vessel are sufficient for the service intended, and in good condition, and that the safety valve is so constructed as to be out of the control of the engineer when the steam is up and is not loaded beyond the pressure permitted by the Engineer Surveyor's certificate.
- b. The time for which such machinery will be sufficient.
- c. That the engineer of the vessel possesses a certificate of competency from the Harbour Master of Hongkong.

IV. Such certificates shall be in force for the period of six months.

V. On the receipt of the before-mentioned certificates, the Harbour Master will cause a licence to be issued to the owner or master empowering the therein described vessel to convey the number of passengers certified to on the Surveyor's declaration for a period not exceeding six months.

VI. Every vessel licensed under this Ordinance shall have her name in English and Chinese legibly painted on her stern and on each bow, together with the number of passengers she is licensed to carry.

VII. The Surveyor or Surveyors shall be entitled to a fee of ten dollars for the certificates of survey, recoverable from the owner of the vessel, to be divided equally between them if more than one.

VIII. Vessels plying for hire within the waters of the Colony shall pay a licence fee at the rate of \$5 per annum, and vessels plying for hire outside the waters of the Colony shall pay a licence fee at the rate of \$10 per annum. These fees shall be payable for half-yearly.

Objects and Reasons.

The objects of this Ordinance sufficiently appear from its Title and Preamble.

The bulk of it is adapted from "The Merchant Shipping Acts," and a reference is given to the various sections of "The Merchant Shipping Act," in the marginal notes.

Ordinances 8 of 1875 and 11 of 1876 are also incorporated, with some alterations. The most important alteration is contained in section VI, by which power is given to The Governor in Council to grant special licences for River Steamers.

I do not think that the other alterations proposed call for any special remarks.

G. PHILLIPPO,
Attorney General.

8th February, 1878.

No. 37.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Calendar of Grants of Probates during 1877, made under Ordinance No. 8 of 1860, is published for general information.

By Command,

J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th February, 1878.