

XIII. All penalties under the said recited Ordinance or under this Ordinance may be recovered in a summary way before any Magistrate.

XIV. For the purposes of this Ordinance, any boiled or prepared opium or utensils or vessels used for preparing the same shall be deemed to be in possession of any person if he knowingly have them in actual possession, custody, or control by himself or by any other person.

XV. In case any boiled or prepared opium or utensils or vessels used for preparing the same are found without being apparently in the possession of any one, it shall be lawful for the Magistrate to cause a notice to be affixed at the place where any such article may be found calling upon the owner thereof to claim the same, and in case no person shall come forward to make a claim within one week from the date of such notice, the same together with any raw opium that may be found in the same place shall be forfeited and may be handed over by the Magistrate to the holder of the exclusive privilege for the time being.

XVI. Where any boiled or prepared opium or utensils or vessels used for preparing the same are found in the possession of any unauthorised person or in any unauthorised place, and it appears to a Magistrate that such boiled or prepared opium was boiled or prepared by such person or in such place or if any utensil or vessel used for boiling or preparing opium be found in the possession of such person or in such place, it shall be lawful for such Magistrate to declare any raw opium found in the possession of such person or in such place to be forfeited and to direct that the same shall be delivered to the person holding the exclusive privilege at the time when the same was so found as aforesaid.

XVII. It shall be in the power of the person holding the exclusive privilege as aforesaid at the time when this Ordinance comes into operation to terminate the term granted to him by giving one month's notice to that effect to the Colonial Secretary of this Colony, provided that such notice be given and received within one month from the date when this Ordinance so comes into operation, and if such notice be not given as aforesaid, then the present arrangements shall continue in full force and effect during the term still unexpired.

XVIII. This Ordinance shall be construed with the said recited Ordinance as one Ordinance, and shall come into operation at such time as the Governor in Council may direct, and this and the said recited Ordinance may be cited as "The Excise Ordinance (Opium), 1858-1878."

No. 247.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Tenders for contracts for the supply of provisions for the European and Chinese Constables of the Police Force, for the space of Six of Months, commencing on the 1st January, 1879, will be received at this Office, until Noon of Saturday, the 28th December, 1878.

The Tenders must be in duplicate and in sealed envelopes endorsed "Tender for Police Mess Provisions."

Forms of Tender and all other information may be obtained at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th December, 1878.

C. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

No. 248.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified, that the undermentioned gentlemen have reported their return to the Colony and have resumed their official duties:—

C. J. WHARRY, Esq., M.D., Superintendent Government Civil Hospital.

G. S. NORTHCOTE, Esq., Clerk in the Registrar General's Department.

R. H. CAIRNS, Esq., Government Marine Surveyor.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1878.

C. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.