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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. Translations into Chinese, for the information of the Chinese portion of the Community, of some of the Government Notifications are inserted herein, but it is to be understood that in case of variance in the sense of the English and Chinese versions, the sense of the English text must be considered as correct.

By Command,

C. MAY, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1879.

# GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on Saturday, the 21st December, 1878, is published for general information.

By Command,

H. E. Wodehouse, Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 8th January, 1879.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 entitled "An Ordinance for Licensing and Regulating the Sale of Prepared Opium.

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HEREAS by Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 it is enacted HEREAS by Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 it is enacted (amongst other things) that the Governor in Council may grant unto any persons for such considerations and upon such conditions and for such terms and periods and in such form as from time to time shall be by the Governor in Council regulated and determined and also previously notified to the public in the Hongkong Government Gazette the sole privilege of boiling and preparing opium and of selling and retailing within this Colony or the waters thereof opium so boiled or prepared:

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And Whereas it is by the said Ordinance also enacted that the person, if any, actually holding any such privilege is thereby empowered to grant licences to all proper persons authorising them to boil and prepare opium and to sell and retail opium so boiled and prepared:

And Whereas it is desirable to make some provisions with respect to the regulating the quantity of opium manufactured and the transfer of the stocks of raw and prepared opium in the possession of the person holding such exclusive privilege and his licensees at or near the end of his term of exclusive privilege to the next holder of the same, and to make other amendments in the said recited Ordinance:

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. No person holding such exclusive privilege as aforesaid, nor any licensee under such person as aforesaid, shall sell or dispose of any boiled or prepared opium at or near the end of the term for which such person holds such exclusive privilege or at any time during the term for which such person holds such exclusive privilege so as in either case to authorize the use of such boiled or prepared opium at any time after 12 o'clock at noon of the third day after the commencement of the term of the new holder of the exclusive privilege, under a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars.

II. Every holder of such exclusive privilege shall, one month before the end of his term of exclusive privilege expires, give public notice in the form provided by the schedule A hereto that the said privilege is to expire on the day to be named and that no boiled or prepared opium purchased from such holder of such exclusive privilege or from any licensee of such holder can be used after such time without the consent of the new holder. Such notice shall be printed in English and Chinese and the holder of the exclusive privilege shall supply copies thereof to all persons licensed by him under the said recited Ordinance: and every person so licensed shall exhibit the notice in his place of sale in a conspicuous position so as to be plainly visible to every person entering such place of sale. Any person offending against any of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

III. The holder of the exclusive privilege and his licensees shall, on the expiration of his term, hand over to the incoming holder, and the incoming holder shall take over from the outgoing holder all his stock of raw, boiled and prepared opium at such prices as may be settled subject to the proviso hereinafter contained for arbitration in case of difference.

IV. Neither the holder of the exclusive privilege nor his licensees shall, at or near the end of his term, manufacture more than the usual quantity of boiled or prepared opium, or sell any boiled or prepared opium at less than the average current prices of the day, or in greater quantities than usual at the time of the year, and shall not sell, export, or otherwise make away with or dispose of any of his stock of boiled or prepared opium, but shall make over to the new holder of the said exclusive privilege the full and complete stock of raw or boiled and prepared opium at the marketable value thereof and in the event of any difference arising as to quantities of boiled and prepared opium manufactured or sold during the last three months of the term and the price of the same and of the nature and quantity of the raw or boiled or prepared opium so to be purchased or made over and the prices thereof, such difference shall be determined by three arbitrators, one to be appointed by the new holder of the exclusive privilege, one by the person whose exclusive privilege has expired or is

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about to expire, and one by the Governor, and the award of such arbitrators or a majority of them shall be final, and the arbitration or such other settlement shall be held at such time at or before or after the end of the term of the outgoing holder of the exclusive privilege as to the Governor may seem reasonable, and any award made may be filed in Court pursuant to the provisions of "The Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure."

V. Section VIII of the said recited Ordinance shall be amended by the insertion "opium" and the addition thereto of the following words:—After the word "any" in the third line of the said section the words "boiled or" and after the word "opium" in the fourth line thereof the words "not "purchased from the holder of the existing privilege for "the time being or his licensee the burthen of proof of "which purchase shall lie upon any person alleging that "he'so purchased the same. Provided always that no "person who may have purchased any boiled or prepared "opium from the outgoing holder of the exclusive privilege "or from any licensee of such outgoing holder shall be "liable to be convicted for having in his possession such "boiled or prepared opium not exceeding three taels weight at any time before noon on the third day after the commencement of the new holder's privilege.

VI. All boiled or prepared opium offered or exposed for sale or retail by any unauthorised person and all boiled or prepared opium found in the possession or custody or control of any unauthorised person or in any unauthorised place, except as in the last section mentioned, and any utensils or vessels which have been used or which are manifestly intended to be used in boiling or preparing opium by any unauthorised person or in any unauthorised place, may be seized by a Police or Revenue Officer, and shall be forfeited and may be by a Magistrate delivered and adjudged to the holder of the exclusive privilege for the time being, and any unauthorised person in whose possession any such boiled or prepared opium or utensils or vessels are found may be apprehended and taken before a Magistrate by any Police or Revenue Officer.

VII. Whenever boiled or prepared opium is so seized as last aforesaid and any such utensils or vessels are also seized as aforesaid, the Police or Revenue Officer seizing the same may also seize any raw opium that may be found in the custody or control of such unauthorised person or in such unauthorised place and such raw opium shall be subject to the order of the Magistrate before whom the case is brought.

VIII. Whenever from any other cause there is reasonable ground to believe that boiled or prepared opium is manufactured by any unauthorised person or in any unauthorised place within this Colony it shall be lawful for a Police or Revenue Officer to seize any raw opium found in the possession of such unauthorised person or in such unauthorised place.

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IX. Any Justice of the Peace may issue a Search Warrant under section IX of the said recited Ordinance, and such Search Warrant may be executed by any Police or Revenue Officer and the person executing any such Search Warrant may seize and hold any utensils or vessels which have been used or which are manifestly intended to be used in beiling or preparing opium and in any case where boiled or prepared opium is found under the circumstances mentioned in the said section of the said recited Ordinance or any such utensils or vessels as last afgresaid are found, may also seize any raw opium found in the possession of any person having such boiled or prepared opium, utensils, or vessels, or in any such tenement, place, or vessel as is mentioned in the said section.

X. All Police Officers shall have the powers and authority of a Revenue Officer under this Ordinance, and the Governor may grant his Warrant in form of schedule (B) to such agents or servants of the holder of the exclusive privilege for the time being as may be approved of by him to act as Revenue Officers: and no person except those so appointed and except Police Officers shall be competent to act as Revenue Officer under this and the said recited Ordinance. Such Warrants may at any time be withdrawn by the Governor and any person other than a Police Officer assuming to act as a Revenue Officer under this Ordinance shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.

XI. The names and places of residence of every Revenue Officer so appointed as aforesaid shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the Police Court.

XII. Every Revenue Officer appointed under this Ordinance shall be supplied at the expense of the holder of the exclusive privilege for the time being with a badge bearing such sign or mark of office as may be directed by the Governor and before acting against any person under the provisions of this Ordinance every such Revenue Officer shall declare his office and produce to the person against whom he is about to act his said badge. Every Police Officer acting under the provision of this or the said recited Ordinance, if not in the uniform proper to his service shall in like manner declare his office and produce to the person against whom he is about to act such part of his public equipment as the Captain Superintendent of Police shall have directed or may direct to be carried by Police Officers when employed on secret or special service.

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.

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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, subject however to the provisions herein contained, 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, except in so far as the said recited Ordinance may be repeated or amended by this 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."

#### SCHEDULE A.

Bxcise Ordinance (Opium) 1858-1878.

Notice of Cessation of Exclusive Privilege under

Ordinance of 187, section II.

Notice is hereby given that the exclusive privileges for boiling and preparing Opium and selling and retailing Opium so boiled or prepared will cease on the day of 18, and that no boiled or prepared Opium purchased from (us) or (our) licensees can be used after the day of 18, and the consent of the new holder of such exclusive privileges as aforesaid.

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#### SCHEDULE B.

Excise Ordinance (Opium) 1858-1878.

of in is hereby appointed to be a Revenue Officer under the "Excise Ordinance (Opinu) 1858-1878," and is duly vested with all the rights, powers, and immunities of such Officer under the provisions of the said Ordinance, until the day of 18 , or until this Licence is revoked by the Governor of this Colony for the time being.

By His Excellency's Command,

Colonial Secretary.

Date

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#### Objects and Reasons.

The principal objects of this Ordinance are to impose some check on the outgoing opium farmer to prevent him from manufacturing or disposing at or near the end of his term excessive quantities of boiled or prepared opium to the detriment of the new opium farmer and of the revenue, and to give to the opium farmer increased facilities for his protection from competition by unauthorised persons.

Section 1 provides that no opium farmer or his licensee shall dispose of prepared opium at or near the end of his term or at any other time authorising the use of such prepared opium after 12 o'clock of the 3rd day after the commencement of the term of the succeeding farmer.

Section 2 provides that public notice shall be given by the outgoing farmer previous to the cessation of the term for which he holds the exclusive privilege of boiling and preparing opium and selling and retailing the same and that no boiled or prepared opium may be lawfully used after the date mentioned in such notice without the consent of the incoming farmer.

Section 3 provides that the outgoing farmer shall hand ever his stocks of opium to the incoming farmer at current prices.

Section 4 provides that the opium farmer shall not at or near the end of his term manufacture more than the usual quantity of opium nor sell prepared opium at less than current price or in larger quantities than usual at the time of year, nor sell, export, &c., any of his stock of prepared opium, but make over to the new farmer all his stock at marketable value and in the event of differences arising between the outgoing and incoming farmer in respect of this or the 3rd section provides for a reference to arbitration.

Section 5 amends section 8 of Ordinance 2 of 1858, and is intended to make it clear that no person is permitted to use prepared opium purchased from a farmer whose privilege has expired. A provise is introduced for the permitting small quantities to be used purchased from the old farmer or his licensees for a limited period after the commencement of the new farmer's term.

Section 6 permits the seizure by a Revenue or Police Officer of prepared opium found in the possession of unauthorised persons or in unauthorised places and also of utensils and vessels used or manifestly intended to be used for boiling or preparing opium.

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Section 7 provides that where prepared opium is found in the possession of any unauthorised person or in any unauthorised place and utensils or vessels for boiling or preparing opium are also found in the possession of such person or in such place any raw opium found in the possession of such person or in such place may be also seized by a Revenue or Police Officer.

Section 8 provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that where there is reasonable and the provides generally that the provides

Section 8 provides generally that where there is reasonable ground to believe that opium is boiled or prepared by any unauthorised person or in any unauthorised place any raw opium found in the possession of such person or in such place may be seized by a Revenue or Police Officer.

Section 9 enables a Justice of the Peace to issue a Search Wurrant as well as a Magistrate to any Police or Revenue Officer and authorises the person executing the warrant in addition to seizing boiled or prepared opium as provided by Ordinance 2 of 1858 section 9 to seize utensils or vessels for boiling or preparing opium and also where such utensils or vessels are found to seize any raw opium that may be found in the possession of any person having such prepared opium or utensils, &c., or as may be found in any such place.

Section 10 authorises the Governor to appoint Revenue Officers on the nomination of the opium farmer.

Section 11 provides that the names and places of residence of Revenue Officers shall be posted conspicuously at the Police Court.

Section 12 enacts that Revenue Officers shall be provided with badges which are to be produced when they are about to act as such Revenue Officers. Police Officers when acting as Revenue Officers are also to produce some part of their public equipment.

Section 13 removes any doubt existing at present by providing that penalties may be renewed summarily before a Magistrate.

Section 14 explains what the word "possession" is in-

Section 15 applies to and authorises proceedings to be taken when prepared opium or utensils or vessels for preparing the same are found apparently in the possession of no one, and provides for the forfeiture of raw opium found at the same time and place.

Section 16 provides for the forfeiture by a Magistrate of raw opium found in the possession of unauthorised persons or in unauthorised places where it appears to such Magistrate that raw opium has been boiled or prepared by such unauthorised person or in such unauthorised place and enables him to deliver such raw opium to the opium farmer.

Section 17 enables the present farmers to terminate their term by giving a month's notice to the Colonial Secretary within one month from the time this Ordinance comes into operation otherwise present arrangements to continue subject to the provisions of the Ordinance.

Section 18 provides that this Ordinance shall be construed with 2 of 1858, and may be cited as "The Excise Ordinance, (Opium) 1858-1878."

G. PHILLIPPO, Attorney General.

21st December, 1878.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY. Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 4th January, 1879.

Government of China.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. [No. 97.]

# CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

I.—Actæon Buoy.

This Buoy has been shifted about 900 feet E. by S. of its former position. It is moored in 5 fathoms at low water, and marks the S.W. edge of the Actæon Shoal.

Fork Tree.......bears S. 9° W.

Centaur Buoy......., N. 24° W.

Langshan Pagoda....., N. 37° W.

2.—Vine Point Buoy.

This Buoy has been shifted about half a mile W.N.W. of its former position. It is moored in 4½ fathoms at low water, and marks the western edge of the Vine Point Shoal.

North Tree Light......, N. 2° W. By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,
Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS, ENGINEERS' OFFICE SHANGHAI, 17th December, 1878. **磷料**視西度南七長塘行宜司 **煤為**源移西九十江港江改前 度五太口海移奉 示勿北山泊

MAGISTRACY, HONGKONG, 3rd January, 1879.

Summary of Cases deserving notice decided at the Magistracy, during the week ending 2nd January, 1879:-

Larceny in a dwelling house of a box of clothing value \$100.—Sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Larceny of two baskets of soap.—Two defendants; one sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, and the other ordered to find security in ten dollars to be of good behaviour for three months.

Unlawful possession of 1,000 cash.—Fined \$10, or eight weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

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Unlawful possession of five pieces of iron.— Sentenced to three hours' exposure in the stocks in Graham Street, and fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Larceny of a quantity of salt fish.—Sentenced to three hours' exposure in the stocks in High Street, and two months' imprisonment, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement.

Larceny of two jackets.—Sentenced to six hours' exposure in the stocks in Second Street, and six months' imprisonment, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement, the rest with hard labour.

Breach of the Stamp Ordinance in giving a receipt for a sum over \$10 without affixing a stamp.—Fined \$25, or one month's imprisonment.

Note.—A number of persons were convicted of having unlawful possession of property during the late fire, and were invariably sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour each.

C. V. CREAGH, Acting Police Magistrate.

No. 253.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, in accordance with "The Rating Ordinance, 1875," His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, has fixed the Police. Rate for the Year 1879, at Six-and-three-quarters per cent for Houses in the City of Victoria, and at Five per cent for Houses in British Kowloon and the outlying Villages of the Colony; and the Lighting Rate at One-and-a-quarter per cent, the Fire Brigade Rate at One-half per cent, and the Water Rate at One-and-a-half per cent per annum, for Houses in the City of Victoria.

The Police, Lighting, Fire Brigade, and Water Rates will be payable Quarterly in advance at the Colonial Treasury, between the first and last Days of the first Month in each Quarter.

These several Rates shall be charged and chargeable on, and recoverable from, the Owners of the Tenements in respect of which the above Assessments have been made.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th December, 1878.

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千完須抽鼻週頁七舖會腦型 納姆捐的年園臺戶同日香 寅八凡季銀母計抽五緝議抽港百各首一租每捐仙抽政捐輔 火侧二港村百年十 L 规址每毫否落圆份五 初二 携 身 孤 五 民 則 抽 本 年 五八 銀水銀仙房每捐港抽 赴價一牧舖租銀各捐 公等 百火戶銀六民則 Ħ 署 的 圆 址 按 一 亦 圆册例

#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that the Crown Rents for the half-year ending 25th December, 1878, should be paid into the Treasury on or before the 15th January, 1879.

J. M. PRICE,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 30th December, 1878. 程理庫務可布 其二十五日之前下 其二十五日之前下 其二十五日之前下 中正月十五日之前下 中正月十五日即華 十三日之先携銀赴 十八年十二月二十 十八年十二月二十 十八年十二月二十 十八年十二月二十

No. 2.

# GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Gordon Stafford Northcote, Esquire, to be Acting Registrar of Companies, from the 1st instant.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1879.

No. 3

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, His Honour Mr. Justice Russell having reported his return to the Colony, has resumed his duties as Acting Puisne Judge.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1879.

No. 4.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize provisionally and until further notice, H. Seldon Loring, Esquire, as in charge of the Peruvian Consulate at this port.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1879.

No. 5.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

It is hereby notified that, Her Majesty's Exequatur empowering Señor Albino Mencarini to act as Consul for Spain at this port, dated the Sixth day of November, 1878, has been duly laid before His Excellency the Governor.

By Command,

C. MAY, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th January, 1879.



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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Translations into Chinese, for the information of the Chinese portion of the Community, of some of the Government Notifications are inserted herein, but it is to be understood that in case of variance in the sense of the English and Chinese versions, the sense of the English text must be considered as correct.

By Command.

C. MAY. Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1879.

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No. 47.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
It is hereby notified that, in accordance with a Warrant from Her Majesty The Queen, dated Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 3rd of January, 1879, His Excellency John Pope Hennessy, c.m.g., has issued a Commission under the Public Seal of the Colony, constituting and appointing WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, Esquire, to be Colonial Secretary and Auditor General of the Colony of Hongkong; and the said WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, Esquire, has been duly sworn into Office accordingly.

By Command,

W. H. MARSH, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th February, 1879.

己卯年 、馬威林業輕循例發誓蒞 海輔政使司缺特授 香香港等處地方佩 二月 初四日年 一燕用厥幽防頌 理考數司事 欽 打 B 威 在

No. 42.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. The following is gazetted for general informa-

By Command.

C. MAY. Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th February, 1879.