

Public Holidays.

No. 6 of 1875.

Title.

An Ordinance to provide for Public and Bank Holidays.

[7th July, 1875.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient that certain days in the year should be declared public holidays and bank holidays respectively: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Certain days to be public holidays.

1. The several days mentioned in schedule A to this Ordinance annexed (hereinafter referred to as public holidays) shall, in addition to Sundays, be *dies non*, and shall be kept (except as hereinafter provided) as holidays in this Colony.

Regulations.

2. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make regulations excluding in whole or in part from the operation of this Ordinance any public office or any department thereof, and thereupon all acts and things relating to such public office or department thereof may be done and performed on any public holiday notwithstanding the provisions of this Ordinance.

Certain days to be bank holidays. Bills of exchange falling due on bank holidays to be payable next day.

3. The several days mentioned in the schedule B to this Ordinance annexed, shall be bank holidays, and shall be kept as holiday in all banks in the Colony, and all bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable instruments due and payable on any such bank holiday, shall be payable on the next following day and not on such bank holiday.

Protest falling to be made on bank holidays may be made on next day.

4. In case of non-acceptance or non-payment of any negotiable instrument, the same may be noted or protested on the next following day after a bank holiday, and any such noting or protest shall be as valid as if made on the previous day.

Acts relating to bills of exchange not to be compellable to be done on bank holidays.

5. No person shall be compellable to make any payment, or to do any other act relating to a bill of exchange or other negotiable instrument on a public holiday, or on a bank holiday, and the obligation to make such payment, or to do such other act, shall apply to the day next following such public holiday, or bank holiday, and the making of such payments, or doing such acts on such following day shall be equivalent to payment of the money, or performance of the act on the public holiday, or bank holiday.

Governor may appoint special days

6. It shall be lawful for the Governor, by notification in the Government Gazette, at any time to appoint a special day to be observed as a

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public holiday, or as a bank holiday, in addition to or in substitution for any of the days mentioned in the schedules to this Ordinance annexed, and thereupon the provisions of this Ordinance shall be applicable to such day in the same manner as if the said day had been mentioned in schedule A or schedule B to this Ordinance annexed.

to be observed as public holidays.

7. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the day next following a public holiday shall mean the next following day not being itself a public holiday and the day next following a bank holiday shall be construed to mean the next following day not being itself a public or a bank holiday.

Interpretation clause.

8. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Holidays Ordinance, 1875."

Short title.

SCHEDULE A.

The first day of January.

Good Friday.

The Birthday of Her Majesty, or the day on which Her Majesty's Birthday is ordered to be kept.

Christmas day.

The 26th day of December.

If any of these days fall on a Sunday, the next following Monday shall be a public holiday.

SCHEDULE B.

Chinese New Year's Day.

The first Monday in August.

Easter Monday.

Whit-Monday.

No. 7 of 1875.

An Ordinance to provide for the Devolution of the Site of St. Paul's College, and to provide means for altering the Statutes of the said College.

Title.

[7th July, 1875.]

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent dated the 11th day of May, 1849, Her Majesty did declare the city of Victoria, and all the territory comprised within the island of Hongkong and its dependencies, to be the Diocese of the Bishop named in the said Letters Patent, and of his succes-

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