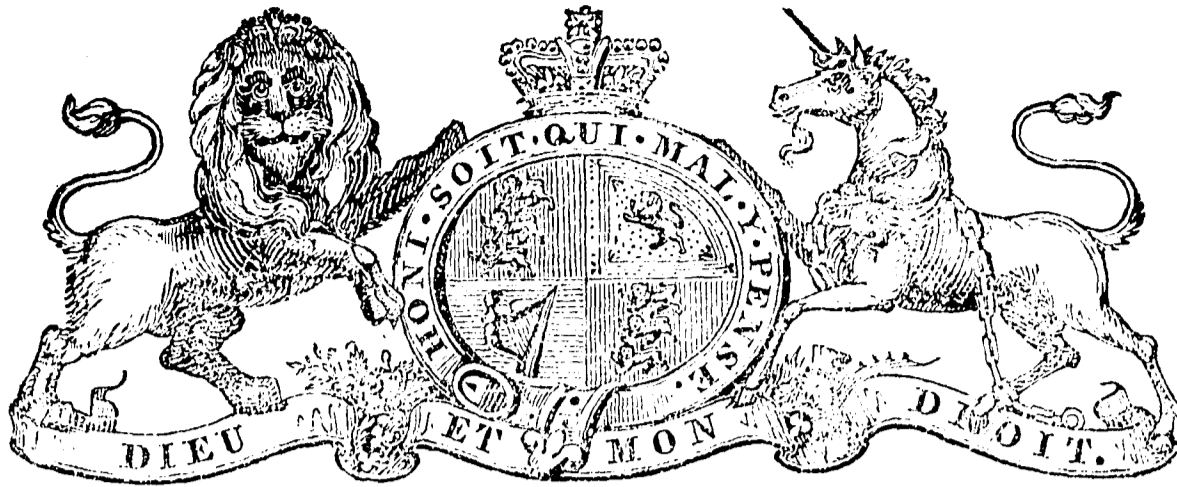


VICTORIA.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. XLI.

An Act to regulate the residence of the Chinese Population in Victoria.

[24th November, 1857.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate and control the residence of the Chinese Population in this country Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say)—

I. Within fourteen days after the passing of this Act the officers nominated and appointed to carry out the provisions of an Act of the Governor and Legislative Council of this Colony passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty intituled "*An Act to make provision for certain Immigrants*" shall publish a notice in the Chinese language requiring every male native of China or its dependencies or of any islands in the Chinese seas not being a natural born or naturalized subject of the Queen and every male person above the age of twelve years born of Chinese parents who respectively may reside in this Colony to obtain from such officer a license under this Act.

Notice to Chinese to obtain licenses or leave the country.

II. On the arrival in any port of Victoria of any ship having any immigrants within the meaning of the said Act on board thereof the collector or other proper officer of customs shall deliver to every such immigrant for or on account of whom the rate of ten pounds imposed by the said Act shall be paid a receipt in writing under his hand for the said rate in such form as the Governor in Council shall approve.

Chinese on landing to obtain receipt for head money.

III. On or before the first day of the second month next after the passing of this Act every such male as aforesaid shall obtain from one of the officers nominated and appointed as aforesaid who are hereby required to grant to every such male applying for the same upon payment of the sum of one pound a license under his hand in the form contained in the schedule to this Act and every such license shall be dated on the first day of the month and at the place of the issuing thereof and shall continue in force for two months from such date.

Chinese to obtain licenses to reside,

IV. After

Chinese Regulation Act.

And to renew them
bi-monthly.

IV. After the expiration of the second month next after the passing of this Act every such male as aforesaid shall on or before the first day of the third and every alternate month afterwards obtain from one of the officers nominated and appointed as aforesaid who is hereby required to grant to every such male applying for the same upon payment of the sum of one pound a license in the form aforesaid.

Mode of renewing
licenses.

V. After the expiration of the second month next after the passing of this Act no such license as aforesaid shall be granted to any such male as aforesaid except in exchange either for the receipt hereinbefore directed to be delivered or for the license issued under this Act to such male as aforesaid for the preceding two months unless such male at the time of applying for the same shall pay to one of the officers nominated and appointed as aforesaid a fee of ten pounds in addition to the said sum of one pound and a receipt for such sum signed by the officer receiving the same shall be endorsed upon the said license.

Chinese residing with-
out a license unable
to sue.

VI. No such male person as aforesaid shall be entitled to institute proceedings in any court of mines or in any other court or before any of Her Majesty's wardens of the gold fields to recover possession of any land occupied by virtue of any miner's right or business license or of any share in such land or to recover any damages for the occupation of or encroachment upon such land or any part thereof or to obtain any relief as tenant in common joint tenant co-partner or co-adventurer in any such land against his tenant in common joint tenant co-partner or co-adventurer unless such person shall have been licensed according to this Act at the time when his alleged title to recover such possession or damages or to obtain such relief first arose or accrued.

THE SCHEDULE.

This is to certify that _____ has paid to me for the use of Her Majesty the sum of one pound and that by virtue of such payment he is authorized to reside in Victoria during this present and the next following month.

Given under my hand at _____ the first day of _____ One thousand eight hundred and _____

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