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

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Chinese Wills Validation Ordinance, 1856.

Validation of Chinese wills and testamentary writings made according to Chinese law. 2. Any written will or testamentary writing heretofore or to be hereafter made or acknowledged by a Chinese testator or testatrix (whether a native of or domiciled in this Colony or the Empire of China) shall, if the same is proved to have been made or acknowledged and authenticated according to the Chinese laws or usages, so as to be effectual for the transmission of property according to such laws or usages, be deemed and taken to be lawfully made and acknowledged, and to have the same virtue and effect as if the same had been made and acknowledged according to Act of Parliament.

Saving as to past decisions and pending proceedings. 3. This Ordinance shall not affect or apply to any judgment or decree heretofore made by any Court, or any action or suit now pending therein, in which action or suit the validity of any will or testamentary writing has or shall come in question, or any rights heretofore acquired under and by reason of the laws in force relating to wills or testamentary writings at the commencement of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1856.

A.D. 1856.

Ordinance No. 7 of 1856.

AN ORDINANCE for extending to this Colony certain Enactments of the Imperial Parliament.

[17th March, 1856.]

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

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Imperial Enactments Extension Ordinance, 1856.

Extension of certain enactments to the Colony. Schedule. 2. The enactments of the Imperial Parliament specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance shall (to the extent in the said Schedule defined, but not otherwise) extend to and come into force and effect within this Colony from the commencement of this Ordinance.

Construction of extended enactments. 3. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the words "Great Seal" in the said enactments shall be interpreted to include the Seal of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and all the provisions thereof which respect the Lord Chancellor, or the Court of Chancery, or any Superior Court of Equity, or any Judge in England shall be interpreted to include the said Supreme Court in Equity and the Judges thereof, and every officer (howsoever designated) of the said Supreme Court or Judge thereof having or exercising functions of the like kind or analogous to the func-

tions of any officers (howsoever designated) of the said Lord Chancellor, Court of Chancery, Superior Courts of Equity, or Judges in England shall be deemed to be within the meaning of any of the provisions of the said enactments respecting such last-mentioned officers.

Rules for interpretation of extended enactments.

4. In the interpretation of the said enactments the following rules shall be observed, that is to say,

(1.) except in the cases hereinafter specified, every enactment which appears to be wholly or partially repugnant to or inconsistent with some previous enactment shall be deemed to have abrogated the same *pro tanto*; and

(2.) every enactment for regulating the performance of the powers or duties of a master in ordinary or of a master in lunacy passed subsequently to the passing of the Act of Parliament 15 & 16 Victoria Chapter 80, entitled "An Act to abolish the Office of Master in Ordinary of the High Court of Chancery, and to make Provisions for the more speedy and efficient Despatch of Business in the said Court," shall be so construed as to enable a Judge in Court or in Chambers to exercise and perform the said powers and duties within this Colony as nearly as circumstances will permit in the stead of any such masters respectively.

Making of rules and orders.

5. The Supreme Court is hereby authorized to make and issue such rules or orders for giving effect to this Ordinance as may be found meet.

Section 2.

SCHEDULE.

TABLE OF ENACTMENTS EXTENDED.

Statute and Chapter of Act.	Short title of Act.	How much of the Act is extended.
16 & 17 Vict. c. 70.	The Lunacy Regulation Act, 1853.	Sections 1, 2, and 38 (except the words in section 38 "shall, subject to the provision hereinafter contained, be directed to the Masters or one of them"): sections 40 to 51, both inclusive, (except the words in section 50 "in addition to the Masters or one of them"): sections 54 to 63, both inclusive: sections 66 to 70, both inclusive; sections 75 to 89, both inclusive; sections 98 to 100, both inclusive; sections 113 to 139, both inclusive; sections 145 and 146; sections 148 to 151, both inclusive; and Schedules 1 and 3 to the Act.