ORDINANCE No. 1 OF 1851.

A.D. 1851.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1851, with Ordinance No. 10 of 1871 incorporated.

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Civil Courts of the Colony in certain cases.

[5th April, 1851.]

WHEREAS, from the vicinity of this Colony to the dominions of the Emperor of China, it is of frequent occurrence that Chinese subjects visiting the Colony for a limited time and for the purposes of trade implead and cause each other to be arrested for causes of action arising within the said dominions; and whereas such proceedings are not only inconvenient from the difficulty of procuring proper evidence and for other reasons, but are frequently resorted to for the purpose of extortion, and likewise tend to the injury of traffic within the Colony:

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 Subjects (Civil Proceedings) Ordinance, 1851.

Prohibition of civil proceedings in Courts between Chinese subjects, except in certain cases.

2. Neither the Supreme nor any other Court within the Colony shall have or exercise jurisdiction in any civil proceeding as between persons born within the dominions of the Emperor of China where the cause of action has originated out of the Colony, unless the defendant has been a resident therein for six consecutive months prior to the time of commencing any action, suit, or proceeding grounded on such cause of action: Provided always that, notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for any such Court to have and exercise jurisdiction in any such civil proceeding if only it is made to appear, to the satisfaction of the presiding Judge of such Court, that such jurisdiction may be had and exercised without the mischief contemplated by this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 1 OF 1852.

A.D. 1852.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1852.

AN ORDINANCE to increase in certain cases the Powers of Magistrates as regards Publicans, Boarding-house Keepers, and others, with the view of suppressing Desertion in Her Majesty's Forces, Naval and Military, within the Colony.

[18th May, 1852.]