BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof in pursuance of the Act of Parliament 10 and 11 Victoria, chapter 83, intituled "An Act for the Naturalization of Aliens", and the power inherent in the said Governor and Council, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Aliens (Rights of Property) Ordinance, 1853.

Right of alien to acquire immovable property like natural-born subject.

2. It shall be lawful for any alien, and he is hereby declared entitled, by grant, conveyance, lease, assignment, or bequest or otherwise, to take, acquire, hold, and possess any lands or other immovable property situated in this Colony and the said lands or other property as aforesaid to sell, transfer, assign, or bequeath to any other person as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, and with the same rights, remedies, exemptions, and privileges, as if he were a natural-born subject of His Majesty residing in this Colony.

Validation of acts done by aliens.

3. Every such grant, conveyance, lease, assignment, bequest, sale, transfer, or other act heretofore made or done by or with any such alien shall be deemed in law as valid and effectual as if it had been made or done by or with any natural-born British subject.

— 1856. —

No. 1 of 1856.

[*Originally* No. 4 of 1856.

An Ordinance relating to wills made by Chinese people.

[5th March, 1856].

Law Rev. Ord., 1937.]

WHEREAS the laws relating to wills and testamentary writings prescribe certain formalities touching the signing, acknowledging, and attesting thereof, and for avoiding all wills and testamentary writings signed, acknowledged, or attested in any other manner; AND WHEREAS the provisions of the said laws in that behalf, if enforced, will tend to the avoidance of all wills and testamentary writings made in the Chinese manner:—

10 and 11 Vict. c. 83 *rep.* 33 and 34 Vict. c. 14, s. 18 : *see* No. 31 of 1911, s. 15.

Short title.

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

Validation of Chinese wills made according to Chinese law.

2. Any written will or testamentary writing made or acknowledged by a Chinese testator (whether a native of or domiciled in this Colony or 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 the laws in force in this Colony.

[s. 3, *rep.* Law Revision Ordinance, 1937.]

No. 2 of 1856, *repealed* by No. 3 of 1906.

No. 3 of 1856, *repealed* by No. 13 of 1914.

— 1857. —

No. 1 of 1857.

An Ordinance for extending to this Colony certain enactments of the Imperial Parliament.

[14th February, 1857.]

[*Originally* No. 3 of 1857.

Law Rev. Ord., 1937.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Imperial Enactments Extension Ordinance, 1857.

Extension of certain Acts to the Colony.

Schedule.

2. The enactments of the Imperial Parliament specified in the Schedule are hereby extended to this Colony, with such exceptions as are specified in the said Schedule.

Saving as to rights, etc., acquired.

3. Rights acquired, liabilities incurred, and acts done at or before the commencement of this Ordinance shall not be affected by the said enactments or any of them.

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* As amended by Law Rev. Ord., 1937.