

award any amount of punishment not exceeding imprisonment for twelve months, or a fine of one thousand dollars; and the assessors aforesaid shall have no authority to decide on the innocence or guilt of the party accused, or on the amount of punishment to be awarded to him on conviction; but in the event of the said assessors, or any or either of them, dissenting from the conviction of, or from the amount of punishment awarded to the accused party, the said assessors, or any or either of them, shall be authorized to record in the minutes of the proceedings the grounds on which the said assessors, or any or either of them, may so dissent; and the Consul shall forthwith report to Her Majesty's Chief Superintendent the fact that such dissent has been so recorded in the minutes of the proceedings, and shall as soon as possible lay before him copies of the whole of the depositions and proceedings, with the dissent of the assessor or assessors recorded therein; and it shall be lawful thereupon for Her Majesty's Chief Superintendent, by warrant under his hand and seal, addressed to the Consul by whom the case was determined, to confirm, or vary, or remit altogether, as to him may seem fit, the punishment awarded to the party accused; and such Consul shall give immediate effect to the injunction of any such warrant.

XX. And in order more effectually to repress crimes and offences on the part of British subjects within the dominions of the Emperor of China, it is further ordered, That it shall and may be lawful for any of Her Majesty's Consuls to cause any British subject who shall have been twice convicted before him of any crime or offence and punished for the same, and who, after execution of the sentence of the Consul, on any second conviction, shall not be able to find good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Consul for his future good behaviour, to be sent out of the dominions of the Emperor of China; and to this end any such Consul as aforesaid shall have power and authority, as soon as may be practicable after execution of the sentence on such second conviction, to send any such twice convicted party to the Colony of Hong-Kong, and meanwhile to detain him in custody, until a suitable opportunity for sending him out of the said dominions shall present itself; and any person so to be sent out of the said dominions as aforesaid shall be embarked in custody on board one of Her Majesty's vessels of war, or if there should be no such vessel of war available for such purpose, then on board any British vessel, bound to Hong-Kong; and it shall be lawful for the commander of any of Her Majesty's ships of war, or of any British vessel bound to Hong-Kong, to receive any such person as aforesaid under a warrant from the Consul addressed to the Chief Magistrate of Police of the Colony of Hong Kong, and thereupon to convey him in custody to Hong-Kong, and on his arrival there to deliver him with the said warrant into the custody of the said Chief Magistrate of Police, or other officer of Her Majesty within the said Colony lawfully acting as such, who on the receipt of the said warrant and of the party therein named, shall be authorized to commit and shall commit such party to the common gaol of the said Colony, to be there detained in custody subject to the directions of the Chief Superintendent for any period not exceeding three months; and any such party so embarked on board any of Her Majesty's ships of war or any British vessel bound to Hong-Kong, for conveyance in custody to Hong-Kong, shall be conveyed to Hong-Kong in the same manner as if he were a distressed British subject, unless he shall be

willing and able himself to defray the expenses of his passage to Hong-Kong.

XXI. And it is further ordered, That in any case in which any British subject shall be accused before any of Her Majesty's Consuls of the crime of arson, or housebreaking, or cutting and maiming, or stabbing, or wounding, or assault endangering life, or of causing any bodily injury dangerous to life, the proceedings before the Consul shall be carried on with the aid of assessors convened in the manner aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for the Consul, if to him it shall seem fit, to cause any person convicted before him of any of the crimes aforesaid, over and above any fine or imprisonment which may be awarded to such person, to be sent out of the dominions of the Emperor of China and to the Colony of Hong-Kong in the manner pointed out in the next preceding Article of this Order, notwithstanding the crime laid to the charge of such person may be the first of which he has been convicted before the Consul.

XXII. And it is further ordered, That it shall be lawful for any of Her Majesty's Consuls within the dominions of the Emperor of China, upon information laid before him by one or more credible witnesses that there is reasonable ground to apprehend that any British subject is about to commit a breach of the public peace, to cause such British subject to be brought before him, and to require such British subject to give sufficient security to keep the peace; and in the event of any British subject being convicted of and punished for a breach of the peace to cause such British subject after he shall have undergone the punishment which may have been awarded to him by the Consul, to find security for his good behaviour; and in the event of any British subject, who may be required as aforesaid to give sufficient security to keep the peace, or to find security for his good behaviour, being unable or wilfully omitting to do so, then and in that case it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to send such British subject out of the dominions of the Emperor of China and to the Colony of Hong-Kong, in the manner pointed out in Article XX of this Order.

XXIII. And it is further ordered, That in all cases in which a British subject shall have been sent out of the dominions of the Emperor of China to the Colony of Hong-Kong, as provided in Articles XX, XXI, and XXII of this Order, the Consul sending him out shall forthwith report such Act of deportation, with the grounds of his decision, to Her Majesty's Chief Superintendent; and on the arrival of such person at Hong-Kong, after the sentence of the Consul shall have been duly executed, it shall be lawful for the Chief Superintendent to send him to England; and a party so to be sent to England by the Chief Superintendent may be embarked and conveyed to England in the manner provided in Article XX of this Order with regard to the embarkation and conveyance of such party to the Colony of Hong-Kong: Provided always, that if the Chief Superintendent shall consider that any such act of deportation inflicts upon the party a severer punishment than his offence has deserved, it shall be lawful for the Chief Superintendent to vary or remit such punishment, as to him shall seem fit.

XXIV. And it is further ordered, That a report of every sentence passed by a subordinate Consular officer in the matters referred to in Articles XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, and XXII, of this Order, and awarding a fine exceeding twenty dollars, or imprisonment for more than ten days,