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An Ordinance to regulate the Fees of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

[26*th April*, 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare and regulate the Fees to be paid by Suitors in the Supreme Court of British Columbia;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Chief Justice may alter or vary Supreme Court Fees.

I. Notwithstanding anything in the "Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1865," or in "The Supreme Courts Ordinance, 1869," contained, it shall be lawful for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, from time to time and at any time hereafter, to make all such general Rules and Orders as to him may appear necessary or advisable for altering or varying the Schedule of Fees attached to the said "Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1865," and for fixing the Costs to be allowed for and in respect of any Action, Suit, or other proceeding, matter, or thing, either at Law or in Equity, or otherwise howsoever, in the said Supreme Court, and either as to the items for which Fees may be taken or the amount to be taken in respect of any item, and also, if deemed proper, to fix additional items for which Fees may be taken, as between Solicitor and Client or as between party and party, and also the Fees to be taken by the High Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs and the Officers of the said Supreme Court of British Columbia, and the Allowances to Witnesses, in all such proceedings, matters, and things; and also, from time to time, to make such different Scale or Scales of such Costs, Fees, and Allowances, or any of them, for different portions of the Colony of British Columbia, as to him may appear necessary or advisable, specifying at the head of each such Scale, if there shall be more than one, the portion or portions of the Colony to which the same shall be applicable, and to make all such Rules and Orders, and Scales as to Fees of Court, and Costs between Solicitor or Attorney and Client, or otherwise generally, and whether by payment of costs and charges in detail or by a lump sum in full of ordinary costs, or partly by the one mode of payment and partly by the other, or in any other way, as shall seem in the discretion of such Chief Justice most expedient for the due administration of Justice in the said Supreme Court of British Columbia.

II. No

Alteration of Fees to be approved by the Governor.

II. No alteration or addition, under the previous Section, shall be of any force or validity until it shall have been approved by the Governor, and published in the *Government Gazette* for one calendar month.

Fees to be accounted for as part of the General Revenue.

III. All Fees of Court whatsoever received by the Supreme Court or any other Court in the Colony (except Fees for Office Copies, which shall be taken by the Officer by whom or under whose authority the same shall be made for his own proper use) shall be paid over and accounted for as part of the General Revenue.

Short Title.

IV. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Supreme Court Fees Ordinance, 1870."

Passed the Legislative Council the 20th day of April, A. D. 1870.

CHARLES GOOD,
Clerk of the Council.

PHILIP J. HANKIN,
Presiding Member.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this 26th day of April, 1870.

A. MUSGRAVE,
Governor.

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