



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ANNO TRICESIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

NO. 2.

An Ordinance in aid of the Municipal Taxation in Victoria.

[12th February, 1867.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to raise certain Municipal Taxes for Preamble.
the City of Victoria, and for that purpose to empower the Corporation of that City to levy the same, in aid of the powers of Taxation conferred under the "Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862."

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

I. The By-Law passed on the 21st of January, 1867, by the Mayor and Councillors of Victoria, under the provisions of the "Victoria Incorporation Act, 1862," and herewith annexed, shall be deemed to have been rightly made, and is hereby declared to be Law, and shall be enforced and enforceable accordingly, against all persons whomsoever liable thereunder. Confirms By-Law of 21st January, 1867.

II. For the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of any of the Returns required by the said By-Law to be made, or in case of default in making any such Returns, or in case of any dispute or question respecting the same, the said Municipal Council shall have authority to correct all such Returns, and to decide upon all questions thereon arising, the Assessment to be made in respect thereof, and the persons chargeable therewith, which decision shall be final; provided that three days previous notice of the hearing of the matter therein brought in question shall have been given to the person chargeable therewith, or left at his last known place of business or abode, or with his agent, by him authorised to act in his behalf. Municipal Council may correct Returns &c., on due notice being given.

III. For the purpose of determining any question hereby referred to the decision of the said Council, such Council shall have authority to decide the same by lawful evidence in that behalf, and for this purpose to tender an Oath to any Witness to speak the truth in any question before them. Council may hear evidence and administer Oaths to Witnesses.

IV. The By-Law herein referred to and the powers hereby conferred, may be immediately acted upon and put in force until and including the 31st day of March, 1868. Provided that all Rates and Assessments leviable under this Ordinance and By-Law respectively, and in arrear, shall be recovered and recoverable hereunder on and after the said 31st March, 1868; and for the purposes of this Ordinance, Assessments not paid Quarterly in advance shall be deemed to be in arrear. By-Law in force to 31st March, 1868, and subsequently as regards arrears.

V. In the construction of this Ordinance whenever in describing or referring to any person or party, matter or thing, any word importing Interpretation Clause.