BRITISH COLUMBIA.

V. R.

No. 10. An Ordinance to facilitate the formation of Mining Joint Stock Companies.

[4th May, 1864.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate the formation of Mining Joint Stock Companies in the Colony of British Columbia;

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

Gold Commissioner may register Joint Stock Mining Companies.

1. The Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of any Company formed for Mining purposes, under the provisions of the "Joint Stock Companies Acts, 1856, 1857, 1858," and the "British Columbia Joint Stock Companies Act, 1859," and thereby required to be registered with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, may be instead thereof delivered to any Gold Commissioner in the said Colony, who shall retain and register the same upon payment of the fees due upon registration.

Duplicate Memorandum and Articles with Certificate to be sent to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

2. Provided that every such Memorandum and Articles shall be first delivered in duplicate to such Gold Commissioner, and one of such duplicates shall be by him at once transmitted with a copy of the Certificate of registration, and certified by such Gold Commissioner, to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, at New Westminster.

All other documents to be registered as usual.

3. All other documents, matters, and things relating to any such Companies, and requiring registration, shall be registered with the Gold Commissioner of the district, and duplicates thereof shall be forthwith transmitted to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, at New Westminster.

Gold Commissioner may issue Certificate of Incorporation.

4. Upon any such Memorandum of Association being registered, and the proper fees paid, the Gold Commissioner registering the same, shall certify under his hand that the company is incorporated; and in case of a limited company, that the company is limited.

Incorporation.

5. The Subscribers of the Memorandum of Association, together with such other persons as shall from time to time become shareholders of the company, shall thereupon become a body corporate under the provisions of the said Acts, and the Certificates of Incorporation shall have the same force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as if it had been granted by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies direct.

Copies certified by Gold Commissioner or Registrar to be evidence.

6. A copy of any Memorandum of Association, and Articles of Association, or Certificate of Incorporation, purporting to be certified by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, or any Gold Commissioner, shall be received as evidence in any Court.

Interpretation.

7. The expression "Gold Commissioner" shall include Assistant and Acting Gold Commissioners.

Short Title.

8. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Mining Joint Stock Companies Ordinance, 1864."

Passed the Legislative Council the 27th day of April, A. D. 1864.

CHARLES GOOD, Clerk.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this fourth day of May, 1864.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,

Governor.