

Doc id.	transcription_20250905_002539
Location	Portugal. Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino (Macau, cx. 1, doc. 1)
Revised by	Francisco Peixoto
Note	Artificial intelligence has been used to generate this transcription and summary. It was briefly reviewed by a human professional historian. The goal is to provide extended search capabilities to the BDM database; it is not intended for academic publishing.
Contact	For additional information, please contact us by email to bdm@usj.edu.mo. Don't forget to include the above document ID for easier tracking.

## Summary

This document, "Titulo do Regimento do Ouvidor de Macáo nas partes da China," dated February 16, 1587, outlines the regulations for the Ouvidor (magistrate) of Macau, China. The Ouvidor will preside over civil and criminal cases, with appeals going to the Relação (high court) in Goa. Specific instructions are given for handling cases involving monetary or movable goods, real estate, and written contracts. Criminal cases will be heard jointly with the Capitão (Captain) of Macau, with a Vereador (councilor) acting as tiebreaker if needed. The Ouvidor also has jurisdiction over orphan's affairs, following established regulations. Two Escrivães (clerks) and a Meirinho (bailiff), who also serves as jailer, will assist the Ouvidor. Procedures are outlined for issuing legal writs (Cartas de Regimento), considering the distance to Goa. The Ouvidor's jurisdiction extends to cases involving up to 20,000 in movable goods and 20,000 in real estate, with appeals to the Relação for larger sums. Sentences involving capital punishment for individuals of noble rank require the Viceroy's approval. The Ouvidor can impose fines of up to 2,000 lees, and cannot imprison individuals without due process. The document also details administrative duties, salary (30,000 reis annually), staffing, record-keeping requirements, and interactions with Captains and the Viceroy. Jurisdiction over Chinese individuals within Macau is excluded. Finally, the document emphasizes the Ouvidor's authority, superseding any conflicting regulations, and mandates its registration in various official locations, including Goa.

## Transcription

### 0001\_p001

Titulo do Regimento do Ouvidor de  
Macáo nas partes da China

1 O Ouvidor de Macáo conhecerá por acções  
nova derodas as causas Civeis, e Crimes; em Sei-  
tos Civeis que em seu Juizo vejporcessarem Sen-  
tenciará finalmente por si si, dando Appella-  
ção nos Casos que não couberem em sua al-  
çada para a Relação, com Instrumentos de Ter-  
mo, ou Cartas testemunhaveis, que d'ante  
Me retirarein das Sentenças interlocutorias,  
De que por bem de Minhas Ordens se po-  
dem agravar, verão para a Relação, e não  
para o Ouvidor Geral, como athé aqui se fa-  
zia.

2 Os Causas Civeis que não couberem na  
alçada do dito Ouvidor sendo a Condemnação  
de dinheiro, ou de quaequer Bens moveis De que  
se apellar, como dino he, não prechindo os Con-  
demnados Bens de raiz, ou não dando fiança  
bastante á Condemnação, se fará execu-  
pelas ditas Sentença, porro que dellas está  
appellado na forma da Ordenação do L. 3.  
tt.o 17. §. final, o qual se guardará na dita  
appellacoens, porroque fale de agravo.

3 Sendo as ditas Sentenças dadas por  
virtude de alguma Escriptura publica, ou  
Contractos que tenha entre si, ou por Conhecimento

execução na forma da Ordenação do L. 3.  
t.o 16 no principio, conforme as Leis da  
reformação da Justiça, q. falão nesta Ordenação.

**0002\_p002**

11.2

Nº Que dito Ouvidor porcepara provisão  
aº Feitor Crimes athe final, as quaes ramsoque  
estiverem concluhidos, os fara asaber ao Ca-  
pitão para aspencarem dia Certo, e a hora  
em que sehão de ajuntar em alguma Caza  
publica se a houver na ditta Povoação de  
Maias, e para se lhe dar despacho, e não haven-  
do adita Caza publica, se ajuntarão o Ouvi-  
dor com o Capitão na Caza aonde elle poura,  
esendo dito Ouvidor, e Capitão conforme  
se escrevera a Sentencia pelo Ouvidor em que  
se assignarão ambas, a qual vedará a devida  
execução cabendo em sua alçada; fendo em-  
votos differentes não se escreverá a senten-  
ça, e tomarão Preceiro que será o Vereador  
mais velho, ao qual se dará juramento de  
que votará asmenos no mesmo Feito, sean-  
Forme sem que porrous for acorrado sexora  
a sentença em que todos tres assignarão, a  
que se dará a devida execuçāao pelo modo  
sobredito.

5º Cas Lauras Crimes que não couberem  
na alçada do dito Ouvidor a despachara para o  
praro que o Capitão veja prezente dando Appella-  
ções na forma das minhas Ordenações para a  
Relação, aonde o Ouvidor Geral do Crime a despa-  
chara conforme estee Regimento.

6º E não estando o Capitão na ditta Povoa-

ção de Maias, o dito Ouvidor despachara os dito Feitos Crimes, que cabem em sua alçada por viso como lhe parecer Justiça, dando suas sentenças à execução como se forão dadas como Capítulo.

**0003\_p003**

113

Alaman

de Maias

Regimento de

padrao

Trienal do

Juiz dos or-

7º O dito Ouvidor finira jûtamente de seu aman  
do Orphaõ, guardando em tudo o Regi-  
darado em Minhas Ordenações, e nas mais  
Elstravagantes, que nos Juizes dos Orphaõs falarem, e finhaõ  
uzarem no dito officio de Juiz dos Orphaõs da alçada  
que por este Regimento lhe hé concedida no officio  
de Ouvidor.

8º Haverão dous Escrivães que servirão  
ante do dito Ouvidor, assim na Caza da Ouvidoria  
como dos Orphaõs, os quaes verão jûtamente Vata-  
livro dos Orphaõs, e livros dos Orphaõs, e livros da  
Cidade de Malaca, e livros do  
dito Offício igualmente  
te havendo entre elles distribuição.

9º Haverá hum Meirinho, que servirá dian-  
te do dito Ouvidor, e servirá de Carcereiro, e terá  
vinte e quatro Mil réis de ordenado cada Anno, equa-  
tro Homens, com pagamento se lhe fará na Feitoria de  
Malaca.

10º Lançarão Carta de Regimento no Caza em que  
assim para ir aos Corregedores das Comarcas, casim  
em rodos os Casos, em que assim não Corregedor da

Corte, em os em que os ditos Corregedores da Corte aſsim  
vão em Relação conforme o ſegu Regimento, aſsim  
para o dito Ouvidor com parecer do Capitão, eſen-  
do differentes tomarão o parecer que ferá o ſegundo ndo  
mais velho, e baſtará ferem daus delles conformes  
em conceder, ou negar as Cartas, com livramento  
das Bençãos aque as paſſarem correrão diante do dito  
Ouvidor, o que aſsim lhe hei por bem havendo reſpeito  
à diſtancia que ha deſta Barracação à Cidade de Goa  
aonde está a Relação, e á grande vexaias que re-  
ceberão as Party em irem lequerer a Lugares tão  
remotos.

11º Terá o dito Ouvidor alçada em Caza

**0004\_p004**

11.4

Civeis athé Censo evinte milliy noz Bens moveis,  
enoz de laiz athé virenta milliy; etaque panaren  
Padina quarcia, que não couberem násua alcada dara  
dino Ouvidor appellaçaõ yparane Relaçaõ.

12.

Inox Geiton Crimes rerá odito Ouvidor com  
Capitães alçada querem os Capitãesy dos meus  
Lugares d'alem declarada na Ordenação 1<sup>a</sup>.XV<sup>a</sup>  
Lf.47 noz Corrigery, enas Senconias que devem noz  
Cang que couberem em sua alçada, conforme aestelle-  
gimento, caditta Ordenação, anexecubarão comefeito.

13.

Caemsecundo alguma da Cazor dadinha Ordena-  
ção porque conforme acha terhão alçada athé morte  
natural não executarão a sentença emque cada  
hum dos Laços derem, sendo os Comdemnados Cidadeing  
ou Cavalheiros da Minha Laza, ou dermera qualidade  
maior, porque anty deexecutarem adima Sentencia  
Harão asaber ao Vice Rey, para que com o seu parecer  
Segunda dará dina Sentença áexecuçaõ.

14.

Odito Ouvidor poderá por penas condem-  
nar nellas athé dou mil lees para desprezas da Jus-  
tiça, sem dandittas Sentenciaõ haver appellativo, nem  
Agravio.

15.

Odito Ouvidor não poderá por Crelaj dequal-  
quer qualidade que sejão sem mereceder Sumario de  
Tebemunhas conforme a ley noma dateformaçao  
da Justiça, agual rize, eemudo ormais secampriva  
como nella se contém.

16.

Fará as Audiencias que são obrigadoz  
afarer os Corregedores das Ilmarcas, eisto no lu-  
gar do dito Meão publico, enão ohavendo acomo-  
dado, as fará em sua Caza.

17.

Tirará todas as Devraças, que os Corregedores  
das Comarcas vão obrigados atirar porbem dau Tri-  
bunal, e os Corregedores deste Reino  
sobre as penas nellaj declaradas no Cargo emque

**0005\_p005**

HAS

18.

Poderá o dito Ouvidor ouero sim prover as sir-  
vincias, & Officios de Justiça que vagarem na forma das  
pragmaticas, achê o fazer saber as Vice-Reis, o qual oynarem  
de serventia em quanto lhe ohouver por bem, e não mandar o  
Contrario, e somente poderá prover de propriedade a qually,  
que por seu Regimento pode fazer, cais Provifoens para  
Meus Creados, e outras Pessoas benemeritas, erendo iguay-  
merecimento, sempre preferirão Meus Creados.

19.

O dito Ouvidor será obrigado mandar a cada  
hum dos Ouvidores de Seu Juizo fazer hum Livro em que  
escrevam todos os Feitos Civeis, e Crimes, Sentenças de  
Agravio, e as may Cauzas, de que o dito Ouvidor conhecer  
appensando cada hum o que lhe for distribuido somente  
assim aque ver por cestarem por bem da Justiça, e aque  
porem em troparty.

20.

Será mais o dito Ouvidor  
obrigado porelle, em que faça escrever todas as con-  
demnaçoens, & dinheiro que se aplicar ás despesas da  
Justiça, ou para outra parte, na forma da lei navegante.

21.

O dito Ouvidor, e os Capitães, em a leridencia que  
houver de dar se lhe tomará conta do dinheiro das deppe-  
zas, das ditas Condemnaçoens, para se saber se tem  
mandado entregar as ditas Condemnaçoens aquem  
eram aplicadas, e as desperas, que por seus mandados  
fizeram se são bem feitas.

22.

O dito Ouvidor não poderá ser prezó, nem

embaraçado durando o tempo de seu cargo por cazo  
nenhum Crime, nem Civel, exceptu pro Mandar  
do Vice Rey, ou da Relação.

23.

Porque importa muito á boa administra-  
ção da Justiça, que os Ouvidores renhão authoridade  
ao Cargo de que lhe faço Mercê, e de serem sujeitos

**0006\_p006**

11.6

as Capitães nascidos muy inconveniente, e eram oprimidos de maneira, que não podião cumprir com asua Obrigação, com a inteireza, e liberdade, que convem ao serviço de Deos, e Meu; e querendo nisto prover.

Hey por bem, e mando, que os Capitães das Craças e Vayas não renhão nenhuma Jurisdição, nem autoridade sobre o dito Ouvidor de Maias, nem se intrometa em cauza alguma do que a seu cargo pertencer: autrosim Hey por bem, e mando, que o dito Ouvidor governe adita Corraças juramente athe chegar em Berço o Capitão de Viagem com a Benção, que os Moradores della elegerem por Capitão no tempo que está dentro.

24.

Cometendo o Ouvidor algum Crime, ou exceção porque pareça ao Capitão que deve avizar disso ao Vice Rey, fará por suas Cartas, e o Vice Rey mandará ver em Relação para se proceder contra elle como for Justiça.

25.

O dito Ouvidor levará assignatura, como as podem levar os Corregedores das Comarcas por bem, Leições, Regimentos, e Minhas Ordenações.

26.

Quando o dito Ouvidor for ausente, assim pedido de maneira, que por si não possa servir, servirá em seu lugar o Vereador mais velho, ao qual vedará

juramento em Camara, que bem, e verdadeiramente servirá durante o dito impedimento, o qual jurará em tudo deste Regimento.

27.

E assim Hey por bem, que a cerca das Suspeicoens que forem postas ao dito Ouvidor nos Reinos, e Causas de que por razão do seu Officio pode conhecer, elle tenha a maneira seguinte: Antes que lhe for intentada suspeição por alguma Parte de qualquer qualidade, ou Condição que seja, não relançam o dito Ouvidor por suspeito, remettera os Autos da dita suspeição ao Vereador mais velho da Câmara de Maião, e juramentando, que a determinará

**0007\_p007**

28-

como for Justiça, erdino Ouvidor porcadera sempre  
 nalaura emque Neparem aal suspecás actis ede  
 terminar finalmente, romando comsigo por adjunto  
 ouero Vereador não sendo suspeito, e sendo somara  
 outro sem suspeita, cortuig que assim forom Senren-  
 ciados verás valiozos, como se a suspeicão Kenão fora  
 inventada, esendo julgado que não hé suspeito por-  
 cedera só nalauza como havia defarer se ascapei-  
 ção Renão fprepara, esendo julgado por suspeito  
 emtal cavo, não porcedera may, edarseha Quiz  
 emeu lugar que Jodino Cars conheça, segundo  
 aforma de Minhas Ordenacseny

29.

Eafrim meprae que quando assim for  
 γισια Suspecão Σοδικο συvidor emqualquer Care  
 afsim Orime, como Civel, ea Parte que azywver mas  
 Forcontente como feudepoimento, equirer datailla  
 prova deporite quatro Cruzados anty que lhe  
 seja dade Lugar à prova, oz quay perdera yparaca  
 preço probex dalaiza dadina Bovoação de Mariño,  
 se for julgado por não suspeito.

Haverá odino Ouvidor durerig mil Zuij  
 de ordenado emeada hume Anno pagos naveitoria  
 dee Malaca speler Geitong della voz Quarreis do  
 Anno, oz quay Feisory Nepagarão deprimeiro di-  
 nheiro que trouver na Seivoria demaneira que seja  
 sempre bem pago, eistocom Certidão do Escrivains  
 do Seu Cargo decomodo rem servido oempo de quar-  
 rel; ecomadita Certidão, e Conhuimento do Ou-

vidor sera dinheiro dondition Geunzy Quarrey Levado em  
Conta noz Contos por Peiory que Rupagarem, e-  
ste Capitulo se legirrara no Livro dos  
Reginos da Peitoria de Malaca pelo Curivas  
della, epodendre dar alguma comoda Ordem  
como odito ordenado sepaque ardino Order, e  
anmais que Ne Succederem na Corvaçãs deelMaias-

**0008\_p008**

Mi.g

Direitos das Fazendas q aze Mairie q della  
vem hão de pagar em Malaca Mando ao ticolys  
q ora he, Eam q cediente forem, q adem por-  
q a Minha renead hé, q o divo ordenado Reseja  
sempre bem pago namelhor maneira q poder ver,  
oqual ordenado vencera o Ouvidor Lerrado vamente.

30. Codino Ouvidor haverá omancimento  
para dous Homens, que o acompanharem, cumelle  
viviem nas Couras de Jusnica, oqual Resera payo  
na Feitoria de Malaca ao Guarrey, eá Cuina da  
minha Fazenda como athé aqui vefes acamay  
da Ouvidor da Feitoria da Judia, e isto por Cer-  
tidão q servem ao dito Ouvidor, em q declare  
os ditos dous Homens, e com eles servem.  
Namaneira Sobreditta.

31 Manda, q o dito Ouvidor senão inter-  
meca nas Jurisdições q se Mandarin daquella  
Correas tem sobre os Ching, e Chinees, ena Coroy  
q se moverem entre os moradores, ecly, hes fara  
inteiramente comprimento da Jusnica.

32. Hey probem, q este Regimenro se  
cumpra em todo daqui em diante na forma, e ma-  
neira nelle declarada, sem Embargo do qualquer  
outro Regimento, Leys, e Provisões, e tambem  
q em contrario veja para o derogado, e quero q senão  
cumprao, nem tenhão  
força, nem vigor algum, nem

se guardem nem  
a este encontrarem, oqual se legirnara nos. da  
Relação do Estado da India, eno Regimento do  
Secrer. e na Chancellaria, ena H. da Camara  
da ditta Cidade de Goa, e assim legirnara nos. da  
Regimento de todas as Fortalezas das ditas partes pa-  
ra em geral ver naodis o contecudo nelle, e o pro-  
prio vepora na Area da Camara da dita Cidade  
de Goa, aonde Hey ũ estará em todo o tempo.

**0009\_p009**

M1.9

mais quardado. Notifico assim aos meus Oficiaes  
do Estado da India, aos Desembargadores da Relação  
della, e a todos os mais Capitães, e mais Justicas, Offi-  
ciaes, e Benons das ditas partes da India, que ora  
vão, e adiante forem Nomeando, que em tudo cum-  
prão, e guardem, e façam com effeito cumprir, eguar-  
dar este Regimento como nelle se contem sem  
vida, Embargo, nem entrada, nem  
alguma, que a  
elle veja pena, porque assim he minha vontade;  
e por firmeza delle o mandei este por mim aſſignado  
que terá todo o effeito por não que não seja firmado  
pela Chancellaria sem embargo da Ordenação  
aoezy que designem os meus Officiaes. Francisco de Reino  
o fez em Madrid a 16 de Fevereiro Anno do  
Nascimento de Noffo Senhor Jesus Christo  
de 1587. Roque Vieira fez escrever.  
El Rey, 88.

**Translation**

*This translation to UK English is made using the gemini-1.5-pro AI model...*

**0001\_p001**

---DOCUMENT-SEPARATOR---

Title of the Regulations for the Magistrate of Macau in the parts of China

1 The Magistrate of Macau shall hear, by new actions, all Civil and Criminal cases; in Civil Suits that come before his Court, he shall pass final judgement himself, granting Appeal in cases beyond his jurisdiction to the High Court, with official records or certified letters, which shall be withdrawn from before me in interlocutory judgements. Appeals against these, by the grace of My Orders, shall be heard by the High Court, and not by the Chief Magistrate, as has been the practice until now.

2 In Civil Cases beyond the jurisdiction of the said Magistrate, where the judgement is for a sum of money, or any movable goods, and an appeal is lodged, as is proper, and the condemned do not pledge real estate, or provide sufficient surety for the judgement, execution of the said judgements shall be carried out, even though they are under appeal, according to the Ordinance of Book 3, Title 17, final paragraph, which shall be observed in said appeals, even if they relate to grievances.

3 When the said judgements are given by virtue of some public deed, or contracts held between the parties, or by acknowledgement, they shall be enforced in the manner of the Ordinance of Book 3, Title 16, at the beginning, according to the Laws of Judicial Reform which are referred to in this Ordinance.

**0002\_p002**

11.2

The said Magistrate shall provide the Factor with Criminal cases until their conclusion. Once concluded, he shall inform the Captain so that they may set a specific day and time to meet in some public building, if there is one, in the said settlement of Macau. There, they shall give their decision. If there is no such public building, the Magistrate and the Captain shall meet in the house where the Magistrate resides. The Magistrate and Captain shall jointly sign the sentence written by the Magistrate, which will authorise the appropriate execution, provided it falls within their jurisdiction. If they disagree, the sentence shall not be written, and they shall call upon a third party, who shall be the most senior Councillor. This third party shall be sworn to impartiality in the same case. The sentence, which all three shall sign, will be formulated accordingly, and duly executed in the manner described above.

5 Criminal Cases that are beyond the jurisdiction of the said Magistrate shall be referred to the Captain at the earliest opportunity, allowing appeals, according to my Ordinances, to the High Court, where the Chief Criminal Magistrate will decide according to these Regulations.

6 If the Captain is not in the said settlement of Macau, the said Magistrate shall decide the said Criminal Cases, which fall within his jurisdiction, by whatever means he deems just, giving his sentences for execution as if they were given jointly with the Captain.

**0003\_p003**

113

Macau  
Regulations  
Standard  
Triennial  
of the  
Judge of Or-

7 The said Magistrate shall jointly exercise his role as Judge of Orphans, observing in all things the Regulations set out in My Ordinances, and in other Extravagants, which relate to Judges of Orphans and which they must apply in the said office of Judge of Orphans within the jurisdiction granted to him by this Regulation in the office of Magistrate.

8 There shall be two Clerks who shall serve before the said Magistrate, both in the Magistrate's Court and in the Orphan's Court. They shall jointly act as Registrar of Orphans and keep the books of Orphans, the books of the City of Malacca, and the books of the said Office equally, dividing the work between them.

9 There shall be a Bailiff, who shall serve before the said Magistrate and also act as Jailer, and shall receive a salary of twenty-four thousand réis each year, and four men, with payment to be made by the Factory of Malacca.

10 Letters of Regiment shall be issued in cases which require referral to the District Magistrates, and in all cases where it is not necessary for the Magistrates of the Court to go to the High Court, according to the following Regulations, and also for the said Magistrate with the opinion of the Captain. If they disagree, they shall take the opinion of the second most senior Councillor. It will suffice for two of them to agree in granting or denying the letters, with the dispensing of the appropriate fees. These shall be dealt with before the said Magistrate, which I hereby decree, having regard to the distance between this trading post and the City of Goa, where the High Court is located, and to the great inconvenience that the parties would suffer in having to go to such remote places.

11 The said Magistrate shall have jurisdiction in Civil

**0004\_p004**

11.4

Cases up to a value of twenty thousand in movable goods, and in land up to twenty thousand; and for anything exceeding a quarter, which is beyond his jurisdiction, the said Magistrate shall grant appeal to the High Court.

12.

In Criminal Cases, the said Magistrate, together with the Captains, shall have jurisdiction as declared for the Captains of my overseas territories in Ordinance 1.15, Book 47, in relation to inquiries and sentences that should be carried out in cases within their jurisdiction, according to these Regulations and the said Ordinance, and they shall execute them accordingly.

13.

In accordance with one of the cases given in the said Ordinance, where they have jurisdiction up to the death penalty, they shall not execute the sentence handed down in each case if the condemned are Citizens or Knights of My Order, or of higher rank. Before executing the said sentence, they shall inform the Viceroy so that, with his opinion, the appropriate sentence may be executed.

14.

The said Magistrate may impose fines of up to two thousand réis for contempt of court, without such sentences being subject to appeal or grievance.

15.

The said Magistrate may not imprison anyone, regardless of their status, without first conducting a summary investigation with witnesses, according to the law on judicial reform, which applies, and everything else must be observed as contained therein.

16.

He shall hold the hearings that the District Magistrates are obliged to hold by virtue of the Court, and shall do so in the designated public place; if there is no suitable place, he shall hold them in his own house.

17.

He shall collect all the fees that the District Magistrates are obliged to collect by virtue of the Court, and the Magistrates of this Kingdom, under the penalties declared therein, in the office in which they are employed.

**0005\_p005**

18.

The said Magistrate may also provide services and judicial offices that become vacant in accordance with the pragmatics, informing the Viceroy, who shall appoint them to serve as long as he sees fit, and does not order otherwise. He may only appoint definitively those he is permitted to by his Regulations, such as appointments for My Servants, and other deserving persons. Where there is equal merit, My Servants shall always be preferred.

19.

The said Magistrate shall be obliged to order each of the Clerks of his Court to keep a book in which they record all Civil and Criminal cases, judgements on appeal, and the most important cases that the said Magistrate hears, each appending what is assigned to them, only as they see fit for the sake of justice, and which they put into separate parts.

20.

Furthermore, the said Magistrate shall be obliged to keep a book in which he records all fines and monies applied to the expenses of Justice, or to any other purpose, in accordance with current law.

21.

In the audit that the said Magistrate and the Captains must undergo, an account shall be taken of the money for expenses, and of the said fines, to ascertain whether the said fines have been delivered to those to whom they were assigned, and whether the expenses incurred by their orders are justified.

22.

The said Magistrate may not be imprisoned or hindered during his term of office for any crime, Civil or Criminal, except by order of the Viceroy, or the High Court.

23.

Because it is very important for the good administration of Justice that Magistrates have authority in the office to which I appoint them, and that they be subject

**0006\_p006**

---DOCUMENT-SEPARATOR---

11.6

as Captains born very inconvenient, and they were oppressed in such a way, that they could not fulfil their Obligation, with the integrity and freedom, which suits the service of God, and Mine; and wishing to provide for this. I am pleased, and command, that the Captains of the Fleets and Voyages shall not have any Jurisdiction, nor authority over the said Judge of Malacca, nor shall they introduce themselves into any matter pertaining to his position: also I am pleased, and command, that the said Judge shall govern the said Fleets by oath until the Voyage Captain arrives in Port with the Blessing, whom the Inhabitants thereof shall elect as Captain at the time he is within.

24.

Should the Judge commit any Crime, or offence for which it appears to the Captain that he should advise the Viceroy of this, he shall do so by his Letters, and the Viceroy shall order an Inquiry so that proceedings may be taken against him as Justice requires.

25.

The said Judge shall receive a signature, as may be received by the Magistrates of the Districts, by virtue of Laws, Regulations, and My Ordinances.

26.

When the said Judge is absent, so

requested in a manner, that he cannot serve himself, the oldest Alderman shall serve in his place, to whom an oath shall be administered in the Chamber, that he shall well and truly serve during the said impediment, the which he shall swear to everything in this Regulation.

27.

And so I am pleased, that concerning the Suspicions that are placed on the said Judge in the Kingdoms, and Cases which by reason of his Office he may knowledge of, he shall have the following method: Before suspicion is brought against him by any Party of whatever quality, or Condition whatsoever, they shall not declare the said Judge as suspect, he shall remit the Proceedings of the said suspicion to the oldest Alderman of the Chamber of Malacca, and swearing that he will determine it

**0007\_p007**

28.

as Justice requires, and the Judge can always intervene in the case in which they place the said suspicion, and determine finally, taking with him as an assistant another Alderman not being suspect, and being so, another without suspicion, so long as those who are thus Sentenced are valid, as if the suspicion had not been raised, and being judged that he is not suspect, he shall proceed alone in the case as he would have done if the suspicion had not been raised, and being judged suspect in such a case, he shall not proceed further, and it shall be given in my place that I may order the Cases to be known, according to the form of My Ordinances.

29.

And likewise I am pleased that when there is thus raised Suspicion against the said Judge in any Case, as well Criminal as Civil, and the Party who raises it is not content with his statement, and requires to give proof of it, he shall deposit four Cruzados before being given Leave to prove, the which he shall lose for the benefit of the poor of the case from the said Town of Malacca, if he is judged not suspect.

The said Judge shall have during a thousand Reis of salary in each one Year paid in the factory of Malacca from the proceeds of the one percent of the Year, the which the Factors shall pay from the first money they find in the Factory in a manner that it is always well paid, and this with a Certificate from the Clerks of his Office that they have served in time of quar-

rel; and with this Certificate, and Knowledge of the Judge it shall be money from the one percent which shall be taken into

Account in the Accounts for the Factors who shall pay it, and-  
this Chapter shall be entered in the Book of the  
Regulations of the Factory of Malacca by the Clerk  
thereof, and he may give some convenient Order  
as the said salary is paid to the said Judge, and  
to others who shall succeed in the Jurisdiction of Malacca.

**0008\_p008**

30.

Concerning the Income from the Properties which belong to Malacca which come from there are to be paid in Malacca I command the Viceroy who now is, and those who shall be hereafter, that besides because it is my income, that the said salary should be always well paid in the best manner that can be found, which salary the Judge shall receive lawfully.

31. The said Judge shall have the allowance for two Men, who shall accompany him, with whom he shall live in the Courts of Justice, the which shall be paid in the Factory of Malacca to the Factor, and from the Treasury of my Treasury as hitherto has always been paid to the Judge of the Factory of India, and this by Certificate that they serve the said Judge, in which he shall declare the said two Men, and with them they serve.

In the manner above mentioned.

32. I command that the said Judge shall not interfere in the Jurisdictions which are commanded from that Region to have over the Ching, and Chinese, and in the Matters that may arise between the residents, and to them, he shall make full compliance with Justice.

33. I am pleased, that this Regulation be complied with in all from now on in the form, and manner declared therein, notwithstanding any other Regulation, Laws, and Provisions, and also

that which is contrary to it I declare repealed, and I wish that it not be  
complied with, nor shall they have  
any force, nor vigour, nor  
shall they be kept nor  
contravene this, the which shall be read in the books of  
the Relation of the State of India, and in the Regulation of the  
Secretary, and in the Chancery, and in the book of the Chamber  
of the said City of Goa, and likewise it shall be read in the books of  
the Regulation of all the Fortresses of the said parts so  
that in general it may be seen by all that which is contained therein, and the same shall  
apply to the book of the Chamber of the said City  
of Goa, where I command that it shall be at all times.

**0009\_p009**

34.

most guarded. I thus notify my Officials  
of the State of India, the Judges of the Relation  
thereof, and all other Captains, and other Justices, Offi-  
cials, and People of the said parts of India, who now  
are, and hereafter shall be Appointed, that they in all shall com-  
ply with, and keep, and cause with effect to be complied with, and kept this Regulation as  
contained therein without  
delay, impediment, nor contravention  
whatsoever, that  
goes against it under penalty, because such is my will;  
and for the firmness thereof I ordered this signed by me  
which shall have full effect even though it is not confirmed  
by the Chancery notwithstanding the Ordinance  
whereby my Officials are designated. Francisco of Reino  
made it in Madrid on the 16th of February in the Year of the  
Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
of 1587. Roque Vieira caused it to be written.  
The King, 88.