

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**No. S. 139.**—The following Bill was read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 8th June, 1911 :—

### A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Larceny (Amendment) Ordinance, 1909.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

Short title.      **1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Larceny (Amendment) Ordinance, 1911.

Amends section 4 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1909.      **2.** Section 4 of the Larceny (Amendment) Ordinance, 1909, is hereby amended by the deletion after the words "for any term not exceeding" of the word "two" and the substitution therefor of the word "seven".

#### *Objects and Reasons.*

Section 4 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1909 was intended "to bring into force in this Colony certain provisions in the Imperial Larceny Act of 1901" (*see Hongkong Hansard, 1909, page 27*). The Imperial Act imposes penal servitude for a term not exceeding seven years or imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding two years. It is the practice in this Colony to substitute imprisonment with or without hard labour for penal servitude, but to make the term equal in duration to the term of penal servitude, when the provisions of Imperial penal statutes are introduced into the Colony. The departure from this practice was not pointed out when the Ordinance, which this Bill amends, was before the Council in 1909 and was evidently due to an oversight in drafting because the punishment provided by Section 62 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1865, replaced by Section 4 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1909, was seven years hard labour and because Sections 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1865 which are not referred to in Ordinance No. 7 of 1909 (and which were not referred to when the Bill was before the Council) are thereby affected to the extent of cutting down the punishment from seven years to two.

This Bill is therefore intended to correct what was evidently a mistake.

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## NOTICES.

### COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

**No. S. 140.**—It is hereby notified that the Government has established as a rest-house for the exclusive use of Europeans visiting the New Territories the bungalow at Taipo situated to the East of the Police Station and formerly occupied by the District Officer.

The charges for occupation and refreshments are detailed in the Rules.

Application for occupation and for further particulars should be made to the Second Assistant Director of Public Works or to the District Officer, Taipo.