

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. S. 199.—The following Bill was read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 3rd August, 1911 :—

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to yet further amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

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

Short title and construction.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Amendment (No. 3) Ordinance, 1911," and shall be read as one with the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908, and the Ordinances amending the same.

Adds a new section to Ordinance No. 15 of 1908.

2. The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908, as amended by subsequent Ordinances, is hereby further amended by the addition, after section 30 thereof, of the following new section :—

Provisions of this Ordinance not to apply to Auditors and Assistant Auditors unless they desire it.

31. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any public officer who is an Auditor or Assistant Auditor, appointed on the recommendation of the Director of Colonial Audit in London, unless before the 1st day of January, 1912, or unless within six months after the date of his arrival in the Colony he shall have stated in writing to the Treasurer that he desires the provisions of this Ordinance to apply to him, in which event the said provisions shall apply accordingly from the date of the receipt by the Treasurer of the statement in writing."

Objects and Reasons.

This Bill is introduced in consequence of the decision of the Secretary of State that contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme should not be compulsory in the case of the Auditor and Assistant Auditors.

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NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 200.—Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st July, 1911, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks :—

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,	6,287,673	4,500,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	15,714,178	9,000,000
TOTAL,	\$ 22,001,851	13,500,000