

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Draft Bills.

No. S. 241.—The following bills, which will be introduced into the Legislative Council at an early date, are published for general information.

C.S.O.

[No. 14 :—27.8.25.—5.]

A BILL

INTITLED

An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Two million seven hundred and two thousand seven hundred and ninety-four Dollars and sixteen Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1924.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make further provision for the public service of the Colony for the year 1924, in addition to the charge upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the said year already provided for :

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

A sum of two million seven hundred and two thousand seven hundred and ninety four Dollars and sixteen Cents is hereby charged upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the year 1924, the said sum so charged being expended as hereinafter specified ; that is to say :—

Governor	\$	7,767.47
Colonial Secretary's Department.		2,761.32
Treasury		3,029.66
Harbour Master's Department ...		314,299.92
Royal Observatory.....		3,496.49
Miscellaneous Services		313,338.10
Judicial and Legal Departments.		1,184.92
Police Department.....		119,671.69
Prison Department.....		22,823.70
Medical Department		26,276.89
Botanical and Forestry Department		4,126.80
Military Expenditure.....		12,460.64
Public Works Department		92,225.90
Public Works, Recurrent		658,468.69
Public Works, Extraordinary ...		1,115,685.49
Charitable Services		5,176.48
Total,.....	\$	<u>2,702,794.16</u>

C.S.O. / .

[No. 15 :—28.8.25.—1.]

A BILL

INTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance, 1865.

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Larceny Amendment Ordinance, 1925. Short title.

2. The following section is inserted immediately after section 17 of the Larceny Ordinance, 1865 :— Addition of new section after Ordinance No. 5 of 1865, s. 17.

Stealing of dredging for oysters in oyster bed laying or fishery. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 96, s. 26. 17A.—(1) Every person who steals any oysters or oyster brood from any oyster bed, laying or fishery shall be guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be punished as in the case of simple larceny.

(2) Every person who, unlawfully, and wilfully—

(a) uses any dredge, net, instrument or engine whatsoever, within the limits of any oyster bed, laying or fishery, being the property of any other person, for the purpose of taking oysters or oyster brood, although none shall actually be taken; or

(b) drags with any net, instrument or engine upon the ground or soil of any such fishery,

shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months.

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall prevent any person from catching or fishing for any floating fish within the limits of any oyster fishery with any net, instrument or engine adapted for taking floating fish only.

3. Section 25 (1) of the Larceny Ordinance, 1865, is amended by the substitution of the words "one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months" for the words "twenty-five dollars" in the seventh line thereof. Amendment of Ordinance No. 5 of 1865, s. 25 (1).

4. Section 26 of the Larceny Ordinance, 1865, is amended by the substitution of the words "two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months" for the words "ten dollars" in the tenth line thereof. Amendment of Ordinance No. 5 of 1865, s. 26.

Objects and Reasons.

1. Clause 2 of this Bill embodies in modern wording the provisions of 24 and 25 Viet. ch. 96, s. 26, and its insertion into the laws of this Colony has been recommended by the District Officer, North, to cover cases of stealing oysters which have come within his knowledge.

2. Clauses 3 and 4 of this Bill have been introduced on the suggestion of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department to make the penalties for offences under section 25 (1) and second 26 of the Larceny Ordinance, 1865, more severe, as experience has shown that the present penalties are not sufficiently deterrent.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Attorney General.

12th August, 1925.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 242.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted by Hongkong.

Disease.	Port or Place.	Restrictions in Force.	Authority.
Cholera.	Shanghai.	Medical examination; quarantine at the discretion of the Health Officer.	Notification No. 462 of 18th August, 1925.
Do.	Japan.	Do.	Notification No. 513 of 16th September, 1925.

No. S. 243.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted against Hongkong.

Place or Port.	Nature of Measures.	Date.	Reference to Government Notification.
Manila.	Inspections outside Manila harbour from 20th April. Third class passengers and new crew must comply with the vaccination requirements.	16th April, 1924.	—

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

18th September, 1925.