

Draft Bill.

No. S. 209.—The following bill is published for general information:—

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A BILL

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An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1899.

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

Short title. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Criminal Procedure Amendment Ordinance, 1931.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 9 of 1899, s. 99. 2. Section 99 of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1899, is amended as follows:—

(i) in sub-section (1) by the deletion of the words “before the close of the last day's sitting of the court at each session, make out a list of all” in the first, second and third lines and by the substitution therefor of the words “during or after the close of each session, make out a list or lists of”;

(ii) in sub-section (2) by the insertion of the words “or lists” after the word “list” in the first line.

Objects and Reasons.

Section 99 of the principal Ordinance purports to be based on section 31 of the Criminal Law Act, 1826; but, unlike that section, requires that the list of defaulters on recognizance be made out before the close of the last day's sitting of the court at each session. This Ordinance will remove that limitation which has been found inconvenient. Provision is also made for the preparation of more than one list as an interim list may be desirable in certain cases.

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