

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Draft Bills.

No. S. 65.—The following Bills are published for general information:—

[No. 18:—29.12.37.—2.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915.

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 Asiatic Emigration Amendment Ordinance, 1938.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 30 of 1915, 4th and 6th Schedules, r. 4 (7). **2.** The Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, is amended by the repeal of the words “shall be included” and the substitution therefor of the words “shall not be included” in the third line of paragraph (7) of regulation 4 in each of the Fourth and Sixth Schedules thereto respectively.

Suspending clause. **3.** This Ordinance shall not come into operation until His Majesty’s confirmation of the same shall have been proclaimed in Hong Kong by the Governor.

Objects and Reasons.

1. The object of this amending Bill is to exclude the sick bay or hospital of emigrant ships licensed under the provisions of the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, from the passenger deck space required to be measured for the purpose of determining the number of emigrants to be carried in such ships.

2. The amendment is necessary in order to allow for the proper segregation of sick emigrants, particularly those suffering from infectious or contagious disease, and to prevent the overcrowding which necessarily results under the existing law from such segregation.

3. Clause 2 of the Bill effects the amendment by substituting the words “shall not be included” for the words “shall be included” in the third line of regulation 4 (7) in the Fourth Schedule and the corresponding regulation in the Sixth Schedule to the principal Ordinance.

4. Clause 3 of the Bill is the suspending clause necessitated by the proviso to section 2 of the Chinese Passengers Act, 1855 (18 & 19 Vict., c. 104).

J. A. FRASER,
Attorney General.

March, 1938.

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Empire Preference Ordinance, 1932.

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Empire Preference Amendment Ordinance, 1938. Short title.

2. Section 2 of the Empire Preference Ordinance, 1932, as amended by the Empire Preference Amendment Ordinance, 1934, is further amended by the insertion, in the second line of the definition of "The British Empire" in the first paragraph thereof, of the word "Burma," immediately after the word "India," Amendment of Ordinance No. 32 of 1932, s. 2 as amended by Ordinance No. 31 of 1934, s. 2.

Objects and Reasons.

As Burma has now been separated from India, the former country is no longer covered by the definition of "The British Empire" contained in section 2 of the principal Ordinance, as amended by the Empire Preference Amendment Ordinance, 1934.

Clause 2 of this Bill inserts the word "Burma," immediately after the word "India," in that definition, in pursuance of instructions given by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his circular despatch of 23rd December, 1937.

J. A. FRASER,
Attorney General.

March, 1938.