

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Draft Bills.

**No. S. 428.**—The following Bills are published for general information:—

[C.S.O. 136/38.]

[No. 25 :—2.11.38.—1.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine million three hundred and twenty-seven thousand two hundred and ninety-four Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1939.

WHEREAS the expenditure required for the service of this Colony for the year 1939 has, apart from the contribution to the Imperial Government in aid of Military Expenditure and Charges on account of Public Debt, been estimated at the sum of Twenty-nine million three hundred and twenty-seven thousand two hundred and ninety-four Dollars :

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 Appropriation for 1939 Ordinance, 1938.

Appropriation.

**2.** A sum not exceeding Twenty-nine million three hundred and twenty-seven thousand two hundred and ninety-four Dollars shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1939, and the said sum so charged may be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say :—

EXPENDITURE.

His Excellency the Governor .....	\$ 174,801
Colonial Secretary's Office and Legislature .....	557,221
Audit Department .....	122,868
Botanical and Forestry Department .....	151,953
Charitable Services .....	458,264
Volunteer Defence Corps .....	177,491
Naval Volunteer Force .....	58,575
Air Raid Precautions .....	338,065
District Office, North .....	78,948
District Office, South .....	48,474
Education Department .....	2,336,865
Fire Brigade .....	324,307

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*Carried forward* .....\$ 4,827,832

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$ 4,827,832
Harbour Department .....	1,324,320
Air Services .....	101,357
Imports and Exports Office .....	477,986
Kowloon-Canton Railway .....	952,103
Legal Departments .....	482,855
Magistracy, Hong Kong .....	74,739
Magistracy, Kowloon .....	55,704
Medical Department .....	2,516,267
Miscellaneous Services .....	1,633,393
• Pensions .....	2,970,000
Police Force .....	3,441,851
Post Office .....	951,030
Wireless .....	412,651
Broadcasting .....	84,952
Prisons Department .....	921,140
Public Works Department .....	1,912,677
Waterworks .....	288,393
Public Works (Recurrent) .....	1,300,600
Waterworks (Recurrent) .....	967,907
Royal Observatory .....	91,440
Sanitary Department .....	1,148,034
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs .....	125,653
Stores Department .....	312,241
Treasury, etc. ....	263,934
Public Works (Extraordinary) .....	1,688,235
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TOTAL .....	\$29,327,294
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[No. 19 :—7.10.38.—1.]

A BILL

INTITULED

An Ordinance to amend the Land Registration Ordinance, 1844, and to confer certain powers on assistant land officers.

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 Land Registration Amendment Ordinance, 1938.

New section 25A for Ordinance No. 1 of 1844.

2. The Land Registration Ordinance, 1844, is amended by the insertion of the following section immediately after section 25 thereof:—

25A. Any assistant land officer acting in the place or on behalf of the Land Officer shall have the same duties and powers as are given by this or any other Ordinance to the Land Officer.

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*Objects and Reasons.*

In terms of the principal Ordinance certain documents are required to be signed and certain things are required to be done by the Land Officer. The principal Ordinance makes no reference to an assistant land officer. In the event of the illness or absence of the Land Officer difficulties thus arise. The object of this Bill is to remove these difficulties.

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