

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION:—No. 89.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, are published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 12th March, 1887.

## A BILL

ENTITLED

*An Ordinance to make provision for securing the status of French Mail Steamers within the Ports of the Colony of Hongkong.*

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

Status of  
Messageries  
Maritimes  
Steamers.

1. The Steam Packets of the *Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes*, employed by the French Post Office in carrying Mails to and from this Colony, shall, when in the ports of this Colony, be considered and treated as vessels of war, and shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of vessels of war, and shall not for any cause be diverted from their special duties, or be liable to seizure or detention by order of any Court or Judge.

Saving rights  
of Crown.

2. Nothing contained in this Ordinance, and no rights or privileges hereby granted, shall affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors.

Expiry of  
Ordinance.

3. This Ordinance shall continue in force so long as the Postal Convention between England and France signed on the 24th day of September, 1856, applies to the Colony.

Repeal.

4. Ordinances Nos. 6 of 1880, and 22 of 1886 are hereby repealed.

## A BILL

ENTITLED

*An Ordinance to make provision for securing the status of the German Mail Steamers within the Ports of the Colony of Hongkong.*

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

Status of  
North German  
Lloyds  
Steamers.

1. The Steam Packets of the *North German Lloyds* subsidised by the Imperial German Government to carry Mails to and from this Colony, shall, when in the ports of this Colony, be considered and treated as vessels of war, and shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of vessels of war, and shall not for any cause be diverted from their special duties, or be liable to seizure or detention by order of any Court or Judge.

Saving rights  
of Crown.

2. Nothing contained in this Ordinance, and no rights or privileges hereby granted, shall affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors.

Expiry of  
Ordinance.

3. This Ordinance shall continue in force so long as the Postal Convention between England and France signed on the 24th day of September, 1856, applies to the Colony.

Repeal.

4. Ordinance No. 23 of 1886 is hereby repealed.