

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Honourable the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a first time:—

- (a.) *The Cathedral Ordinance, 1888.*
- (b.) *The Vagrancy Ordinance, 1888.*
- (c.) *An Ordinance to provide for the preservation of copies of Books printed in Hongkong, and for the registration of such Books.*
- (d.) *An Ordinance to amend the Reformatory Schools Ordinance, 1886.*
- (e.) *The Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888.*
- (f.) *An Ordinance prohibiting the Enclosure of Verandahs erected over Crown Lands.*
- (g.) *An Ordinance for the Registration of Imports and Exports.*
- (h.) *The Trees Preservation Ordinance, 1888.*
- (i.) *The Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, 1888.*
- (j.) *An Ordinance to amend the Crown Remedies Ordinance, 1875.*
- (k.) *The Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888.*
- (l.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of FRITZ ADOLPH FRICCIUS GROBIEN.*
- (m.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of HILLUNE LOO NGAWK alias LOO KIU FUNG.*
- (n.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of LAI SHANG alias LAI CHEK KÜN.*
- (o.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of LAI KIT, alias LAI CHEUK.*
- (p.) *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 15 of 1886.*

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 25th day of January, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 30.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, is published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 26th January, 1888.

A BILL

ENTITLED

The Defences Sketching Prevention Ordinance, 1888.

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

1. From and after the passing of this Ordinance it shall not be lawful for any person whether a British subject or alien, to make any sketch, drawing, photograph, picture, or painting of any portion whatsoever of any battery, field-work, or fortification, or of any portion thereof within the Colony of Hongkong or the waters thereof without having previously obtained the permission in writing of the Governor. Such permission shall clearly and expressly state the nature of the sketches, drawings, photographs, or paintings which may be made by the person to whom such permission is given, and the place or places of which such sketches, drawings, photographs, or paintings may be made.

Sketching of
Batteries, &c.

2. Any person offending against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction by a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding Five hundred dollars or at the discretion of the Magistrate to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding three calendar months; and all such sketches, drawings, photographs, and paintings shall, at the discretion of the Magistrate, be liable to forfeiture.

Penalty.

3. Any person found in the immediate vicinity of any battery or field-work in Hongkong and with sketching, drawing, photographic, or painting materials or apparatus in his possession, with the intention of evading the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be liable upon summary conviction by a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding one month.

Possession of
Sketching
materials, &c.,
with intent.