

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 10 of 1888.

BILL ENTITLED THE VAGRANCY ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.—The Attorney General moved that the Council go into Committee on this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. RYRIE moved a postponement, and addressed the Council.

Mr. BELL-IRVING seconded, and addressed the Council.

At the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor, the Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee in order that the question may be more freely discussed.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion ensued in Committee.

Further consideration of the Bill postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 16th day of February, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 63.

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, 17th February, 1888.

### A BILL

ENTITLED

*The Stamp Duties Amendment Ordinance, 1888.*

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

Policies of  
Insurance.

1. Article 29 of the Schedule to Ordinance No. 16 of 1886 is hereby repealed. The following article is substituted therefor

29. Policy or Risk Note of Insurance, for each copy and every renewal,

(i) Marine or Life Insurance, .....10 cents.

(ii) Fire Insurance;—

If issued by a Company registered in the Colony,..... } 10 cents.

If issued by any other Company or person, to be charged on the Premium paid,.... } 50 cents on every \$10 or part thereof up to \$100 and \$5 on every succeeding \$100 or part thereof.

Bills of  
Exchange in  
transit.

2. The duty on a Bill of Exchange drawn out of and payable on demand out of the Colony, when such Bill of Exchange is negotiated within the Colony, shall be two cents.

3. The duty on a Deed of Assignment where no money consideration or a merely nominal money consideration passes shall be Ten Dollars in cases where such Deed of Assignment is merely confirmatory of an Assignment on which the full conveyance duty has been paid.

Confirmatory assignments.

The Collector of Stamp Revenue shall, unless the two deeds referred to in the foregoing paragraph are comprised in one and the same document, denote by an entry under his hand made upon the Deed stamped with the Ten Dollars duty, that the full conveyance duty (if more than Ten Dollars) has been paid upon the other.

4. Documents relating to rights or property out of the Colony, which are merely sent here for signature, and are not intended to be acted upon or brought into force within the Colony, shall be exempt from Stamp Duty.

Documents merely sent for signature.

5. When any spoiled stamp is delivered to the Collector under Section 12 of Ordinance No. 16 of 1886, he may, in cases where he shall think it desirable to do so, allow the owner of such spoiled stamp to retain possession of it, first imprinting the word *Cancelled* upon such stamp, to which the Collector shall add his signature and the date of cancellation. And any stamp so cancelled shall be held to be of no force, virtue, or effect.

6. This Ordinance shall not come into force until Her Majesty's confirmation thereof shall have been proclaimed in the Colony by the Governor.

Suspending clause.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 64.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

- Ordinance No. 2 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled The Defences Sketching Prevention Ordinance, 1888.*
- Ordinance No. 3 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend The Crown Remedies Ordinance, 1875.*
- Ordinance No. 4 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for prohibiting the Enclosure of Verandahs erected over Crown Lands.*
- Ordinance No. 5 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled The Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888.*
- Ordinance No. 6 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of FRITZ ADOLPH FRICCIUS GROBIEN.*
- Ordinance No. 7 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of HILLUNE LOO NGAWK, otherwise LOO KIU FUNG.*
- Ordinance No. 8 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of LAI SHANG, otherwise LAI CHEK KÜN.*
- Ordinance No. 9 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of LAI KIT, otherwise LAI CHEUK.*
- Ordinance No. 10 of 1888.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to provide for the preservation of copies of Books printed in Hongkong, and for the registration of such Books.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1888.