

## III.

For the first certificate, a knowledge of colloquial shall be required.

For the second certificate, a higher standard of colloquial will be necessary, as well as acquaintance with a book in Colloquial to be approved of by the Board: and in the case of the third certificate an acquaintance with the written Chinese character will be necessary, as well as an advanced knowledge of Colloquial.

## IV.

In no case shall the third certificate be granted without the sanction of His Excellency the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Board.

## V.

Members of the Police Force already holding certificates under the old scheme, shall be allowed to continue drawing their present allowances, but will be at liberty to offer themselves for examination for the second and third certificates under the new scheme, and shall be entitled, on passing, to the higher allowances.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. LAYTON, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

*Has Mr. Leigh's Report on the Proposed Drainage Scheme been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies?*

His Excellency the Governor replied.

Mr. RYRIE, pursuant to notice asked the following question:—

*Has the Government got any official information of the occurrence on board the "Caledonien," which is reported in the public prints, of an Officer of the Supreme-Court being obstructed in the execution of his duty?*

His Excellency the Governor replied.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REFORMATORY SCHOOLS ORDINANCE, 1886.—The Attorney General moved that the further consideration of this Bill in Committee be postponed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Attorney General moved that the further consideration of this Bill in Committee be postponed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BYE-LAWS UNDER "THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887."—His Excellency stated that it was not possible to proceed with these Bye-Laws as it had been found necessary to refer them back to the Sanitary Board for reconsideration.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,  
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 17th day of January, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 13.

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

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 17th January, 1889.

## A BILL

ENTITLED

*The Stone Cutters' Island Ordinance, 1889.*

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

1. No person shall land or be upon Stone Cutters' Island unless he is the bearer of a written order for the purpose duly granted to him by the Colonial Secretary or by the Officer in Command of Her Majesty's regular troops in this Colony or unless he be an Officer or Soldier of Her Majesty's regular troops employed on military duty in the said Island or a Police Officer or Constable, and any person, who lands or is found on the said Island contrary to this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction thereof before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months.

An order granted to any Contractor employed either by the Surveyor General or by the Commanding Royal Engineer shall cover all Chinese labourers specifically mentioned in such order actually employed on work in the Island.

2. When any person lands or is found on the said Island any guard may require such person to shew his order for the purpose, and if such person upon being so required does not produce and shew his order, or if the said guard suspects that the order produced and shewn to him is not an order duly granted to such person or not sufficient authority for such person to be then upon the said Island he may arrest such person forthwith and deliver him into the charge of a Constable or Officer of the Police Force.

3. The term guard in this Ordinance shall include any soldier or sentry belonging to Her Majesty's regular troops who is employed on military duty in the said Island.

4. The Governor may from time to time by Proclamation in the *Gazette* exempt any portion or portions of the Island to be defined by such Proclamation from the operation of this Ordinance and may from time to time vary or revoke any such Proclamation.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 14.

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

Ordinance No. 1 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate the Law relating to Chinese Passenger Ships, and the Conveyance of Chinese Emigrants.*

Ordinance No. 2 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate the Law of Evidence.*

Ordinance No. 3 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the compensation of the families of persons killed by accidents arising from negligence.*

Ordinance No. 4 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend Ordinance 6 of 1887.*

Ordinance No. 5 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of Tsü TAK-PIU (徐德標) otherwise CHING Ü (清湖).*

Ordinance No. 6 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled "The Statute Law Preservation Ordinance, 1886, Amendment Ordinance, 1889."*

Ordinance No. 7 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled "The Coroner's Abolition Ordinance, 1889."*

Ordinance No. 8 of 1889.—*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend the Powers of Police Magistrates.*

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th January, 1889.