

PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following paper, viz. :—

Report of the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for 1888. (No.  $\frac{7}{89}$ ).

BILL ENTITLED THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE PRAYA RECLAMATION ORDINANCE, 1889.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Progress reported.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 15 of 1889.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Governor then adjourned the Council till Friday, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 26th day of April, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 189.

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, 26th April, 1889.

### DRAFT BILL

ENTITLED

*An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 6 of 1889  
and to amend the Statute Law Preservation  
Ordinance, 1886.*

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

Repeal No. 6  
of 1889.

1. Ordinance No. 6 of 1889 is hereby repealed as from the 18th January, 1889, the date on which the said Ordinance came into operation and such Ordinance shall not be deemed and taken to have had any force or effect whatever.

Amendment  
of Ordinance  
No. 31 of 1886.

2. The following section shall be substituted for section 2 of *The Statute Law Preservation Ordinance, 1886* :—

“ 2. Ordinance No. 10 of 1875 is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect the past operation of the said Ordinance.”

So much of section 2 of *The Statute Law Preservation Ordinance, 1886* as repealed Ordinance No. 7 of 1864 shall not be deemed or taken to have had any force or effect whatever.