GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 81.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government 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 1898.—An Ordinance to amend the Prepared Opium (Divans) Ordinance, 1897, (No. 15 of 1897).

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th February, 1898.

No. 1 of 1898.

An Ordinance to amend the Prepared Opium (Divans) Ordinance, 1897, (No. 15 of 1897).

WILSONE BLACK, Officer Administering the Government.

[25th February, 1898.]

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

Repeal.

Section substituted for former

section 2 of Ordinance

15 of 1897. Meaning of

Opium Divan.

- 1. Section 2 of Ordinance 15 of 1897 is hereby repealed.
- 2. In lieu of section 2, the following section is substituted :-

In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "Opium Divan" shall include any house, room, or other place-

(a.) Used for the sale of prepared opium or dross

opium to be smoked on the premises, or

(b.) Used by the public for the smoking of prepared opium or dross opium where a fee, or its equivalent, is charged, or the dross resulting from such smoking is retained by or on behalf of the keeper for his benefit.

Amendment of clause (c) of section 6 of Ordinance 15 of 1897. 3. In clause (c.) of section 6 of Ordinance No. 15 of 1897 the words "or a bona fide member of such keeper's family," are, hereby, struck out.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 23rd day of February, 1898.

J. G. T. BUCKLE, Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the 25th day of February, 1898.

> J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 82.

It is hereby notified that Her Majesty has not been advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:-

No. 18 of 1897, entitled-An Ordinance to authorise The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, to lay and maintain Tramways on certain Public Roads at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, and to confer upon the said Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, certain other rights, powers and privileges.

No. 19 of 1897, entitled-An Ordinance to further amend The Waterworks Ordinance, 1890.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1898.