

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VACATIONS IN THE SUPREME COURT.—
The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with amendment.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS, TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1897.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 29th August, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 29th day of August, 1898.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 380.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published.

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 29th August, 1898.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance authorizing the imposition of fees for the Naturalization of aliens naturalized as British Subjects within the limits of Hongkong.

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

Short title. **1.** This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the Naturalization Fees Ordinance, 1898.

Fees for naturalization. **2.** It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to fix and declare the fees which shall be paid for the naturalization as a British Subject within the limits of this Colony of an alien applying to be so naturalized. The Order in Council fixing such fees shall be published in the Gazette and the scale of fees may be varied from time to time by Order of the Governor in Council published as aforesaid.

Unless and until some other fee is fixed and declared by Order in Council, the fee of \$250 at present charged shall continue to be the fee payable.

Fees hitherto paid legalized. **3.** All fees hitherto charged and paid into the Treasury in respect of Ordinances of Naturalization before the commencement of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have been legally charged and received.

Objects and Reasons.

For several years past in accordance with the decision of the Governor in Council, it has been the practice to charge a fee of \$250 for each Ordinance of Naturalization passed at the request of an alien desiring naturalization. Doubts having arisen as to propriety of making such a charge without direct legislative sanction, this Ordinance is designed to confer the necessary legal power upon the Governor in Council to fix and declare the fees to be paid for naturalization and also to remove any doubts as to the legality of the fees already received.

W. MEIGH GOODMAN,
Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to further amend The Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

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

Short title and construction. **1.** This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as The Magistrates Ordinance, 1898, and shall be read and construed as one with The Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, (as amended by Ordinance No. 12 of 1895) hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance.

Amendment of sect. 7 of Ord. 10 of 1890. **2.** Section 7 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by striking out the words "as heretofore two Magistrates" and substituting, in lieu thereof, the words "either one or two Magistrates."

Objects and Reasons.

The Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, required that there should be two Magistrates "as heretofore." For some time past only one Magistrate has been appointed. The object of this Ordinance is to enable the Governor to allow the work of the Magistracy to be done either by one or by two Magistrates as experience may prove to be most expedient.

W. MEIGH GOODMAN,
Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Lo
CHUNG PAK, alias LO YUEN POON,
alias LO SHAU Ü.

WHEREAS LO CHUNG PAK (柏松盧), alias LO YUEN POON (泮賢盧), alias LO SHAU Ü (如壽盧), a native of Sun Woi (會新) district, in the prefecture of Kwong Chow (州廣), in the Kwang Tung (東廣) Province, in the Empire of China, managing partner of the Kwan Hing Loong Hong (行隆興均) at No. 87, Bonham Strand West, at Victoria in this Colony, has resided in this Colony for the last thirty-nine years, and has declared his intention of residing here permanently, and has petitioned to be naturalized as a British subject within the limits of this Colony, and whereas it is expedient that he should be so naturalized.

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

1. LO CHUNG PAK (柏松盧), alias LO YUEN POON (泮賢盧), alias LO SHAU Ü (如壽盧), shall be, and he is, hereby naturalized as a British subject within this Colony, and shall enjoy therein, but not elsewhere, all the rights, advantages and privileges of a British subject, on his taking the Oath of Allegiance under the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869.

Naturaliza-
tion of Lo
CHUNG PAK.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 381.

With reference to Government Notification No. 116 of 16th March last, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to allow ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN to resign the acting appointment of Registrar General, and to appoint JAMES DYER BALL to act in that capacity until further notice.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd September, 1898.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 382.

The following Resolution is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th August, 1898.

RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Be it resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuations of tenements, payable as rates, within the area bounded—

On the north, by a straight line passing through a point on the Victoria and Shaukiwan Road 500 feet northwards of where the northern boundary of Shaukiwan Marine Lot No. 1 crosses the said road, thence drawn in an easterly direction through a point on the Shaukiwan and Akung-Ngam Road 500 feet northwards of the north-west corner of the Shaukiwan Police Station, and extended in each direction to meet the eastern and western boundaries.

On the west, south and east by a line 500 feet inland from the centre of the present Victoria and Shaukiwan Road and the present main street of Shaukiwan, where not already so altered be altered from 7 to 9 per cent.

Passed by the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 29th day of August, 1898.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

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