

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR THE ISSUE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HONGKONG OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES TO CERTAIN CLASSES OF CHINESE WHO ARE DESIROUS OF GOING TO THE PORT OF MANILA IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF ONE ÜN CHUNG Wo alias ÜN Oi Ü alias ÜN HI alias ÜN KWOK HI.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer 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 *sine die*.

WILSONE BLACK,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 22nd day of December, 1898.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 584.

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, 22nd December, 1898.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Waterworks Ordinances, 1890 to 1897.

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

Construction and short title.

1. This Ordinance shall be read and construed as one with Ordinance No. 16 of 1890 (as amended by Ordinance No. 5 of 1892, No. 6 of 1895, and No. 19 of 1897), which is hereinafter called the principal Ordinance.

This Ordinance may be cited as "The Waterworks Ordinance, 1898," and this and the four above-mentioned Ordinances may be cited together as "The Waterworks Ordinances, 1890 to 1898."

Amendment of sec. 17 of Ordinance 16 of 1890.

2. Section 17 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting after the words "Water taken or used" and before the word "Provided" the following clause :—

(4.) To disconnect the service of water to any tenement or to diminish, withhold, or suspend, stop, turn off or divert the supply of water to any tenement through or by means of any service, either wholly or in part.

Amendment of sec. 2 of Ordinance 16 of 1890.

3. Section 2 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended, so far as the interpretation of non-domestic supply which is contained in that section is concerned, by inserting after the words "Any water from the waterworks used for" the words "any other purpose than that of a domestic supply and shall include any water from the waterworks used for," and by striking out the words "cultivated or occupied as a means of pecuniary profit."

Amendment of sec. 5 of Ordinance 16 of 1890.

4. Section 5 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by adding after the words "it shall be connected by the Water Authority to the water-works" the words "at the cost of the owner of the tenement," and by striking out of the said section the words "in the manner hereafter directed."

Amendment of sec. 3 of Ordinance 6 of 1895.

5. Section 3 of Ordinance 6 of 1895 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "in his discretion to fix meters" the words "at the cost of the respective owners of the tenements for measuring the supply to which such meters are fixed."

6. Any sum of money paid by any person before the passing of this Ordinance for connecting to the water-works a service for the supply of water, or for fixing meters in the case of, or for the consumption of water supplied to, fields or gardens which were not cultivated or occupied as a means of pecuniary profit, shall be deemed to have been legally and properly paid by such person, and no action, suit, or other proceeding whatever shall lie for the recovery of any such sum.

Objects and Reasons.

The reason for section 2 of this Bill arises under the following circumstances. It sometimes happens that there is good cause for stopping the supply to one or two houses in a terrace comprising, say, ten houses in all, all of which are supplied through one connection with the main, a branch being led into each house from what may be termed a subsidiary main laid along the terrace. The only means of stopping the supply without entering on private property would be by shutting the valve or stop-cock which controls the supply to the whole terrace of houses. Hence arises the necessity for empowering the Water Authority to enter upon private property for the purpose of disconnecting or otherwise dealing with the service of water to the particular house or houses in question.

Section 3 of this Bill is intended to remove a doubt which had been suggested as to whether a water service to a garden not used for purposes of pecuniary profit would come strictly under the heading of non-domestic supply.

Sections 4 and 5 of the Bill are intended to remove doubts as to the power to charge for connecting a water-service supply with the water-works, or for fixing meters.

Section 6 is intended to legalize, if and so far as they require legalizing, any payments made under the various sections of the Waterworks Ordinances which are amended by sections 3 to 5, inclusive, of this Ordinance.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Acting Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of WONG SHU TONG alias WONG KA YAU alias WONG WING KWAN.

WHEREAS WONG SHU TONG (黃樹堂), alias WONG KA YAU (黃家猷), alias WONG WING KWAN (黃榮坤), is now employed as compradore to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at Victoria, in this Colony, and is a partner in the I SHANG (怡生) firm, carrying on business as coal merchants at No. 68, Praya Central at Victoria aforesaid, and owns considerable landed property in this Colony, and has resided in this Colony for the last forty 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. WONG SHU TONG (黃樹堂), alias WONG KA YAU (黃家猷), alias WONG WING KWAN (黃樂坤), 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.

Naturalization of WONG SHU TONG.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,
Acting Attorney General.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 585.

The following Regulations made by the Governor-in-Council in respect of Kennedy Road are published for general information.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st December, 1898.

REGULATIONS

Made by the Governor-in-Council under the provisions of Ordinance 8 of 1870, this 21st day of December, 1898.

1. The regulations made by the Governor-in-Council on the 20th day of May, 1887, are hereby repealed.

2. In no case shall more than two Chairs be allowed to go abreast on Kennedy Road.

3. No kites shall be flown from Kennedy Road.

4. Wheeled vehicles will be allowed on Kennedy Road.

The expression "wheeled vehicle," as used in these Regulations, shall mean a ricksha, bicycle, tricycle, or other similar machine, and a perambulator or other similar machine.

5. Wheeled vehicles must go round the bends of Kennedy Road at a moderate speed.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

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