

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF VEHICLES.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with amendments.  
The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.  
The 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 13th February, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed this 13th day of February, 1899.

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 75.

The following Despatch is published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th February, 1899.

HONGKONG.  
No. 13.

DOWNING STREET,  
6th January, 1899.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Major-General BLACK's Despatch No. 326 of the 24th of November, enclosing a copy of the interesting speech which he delivered to the Legislative Council reviewing the principal events that had occurred during his ten months' tenure of office as Acting Governor of Hongkong.

2. The period of General BLACK's administration was in many respects an eventful one for the Colony, and I wish to express my appreciation of his able services as Acting Governor, and my satisfaction that they have been so cordially recognized by the members of the Legislative Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Governor,

Sir H. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,  
*&c., &c., &c.*

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 76.

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

Ordinance No. 1 of 1899.—An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 5 of 1866 and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1882.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1899.—An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 8 of 1870.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1899.—An Ordinance to provide for the reservation of certain land at British Kowloon known as Sung Wong T'oi (宋王臺) or Sung Wong T'ong (宋王堂).

Ordinance No. 4 of 1899.—An Ordinance to amend The Dogs Ordinance, 1893.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th February, 1899.

No. 1 OF 1899.

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 5 of 1866  
and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance  
Amendment Ordinance, 1882.



HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

[13th February, 1899.]

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 as the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank Ordinance, 1899, and shall be read and  
construed as one with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank  
Ordinance (No. 5 of 1866), hereinafter referred to as the  
principal Ordinance, and the Ordinances amending the same,  
viz., No. 21 of 1882, No. 15 of 1887 and No. 29 of 1889,  
and the five Ordinances may be cited as the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank Ordinances, 1866 to 1899.

Security  
required  
from the  
Bank in  
respect of its  
ordinary  
note issue.

2. The Company shall at all times keep deposited either  
with the Crown Agents for the Colonies in London or with  
Trustees to be appointed by the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies, or partly with such Crown Agents and partly with  
such Trustees, coin of denominations to be approved by the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies or securities to be so  
approved, or partly such coin and partly such securities,  
equal to one-third of the total paid up capital of the Com-  
pany, namely, ten million dollars, such coin or securities or  
such coin and securities to be held by the said Crown  
Agents or by the said Trustees separately or jointly as  
special funds exclusively available for the redemption of  
the bills and notes payable to bearer on demand issued by  
the Company, and in the event of the Company becoming  
insolvent to be applied accordingly as far as may be neces-  
sary, but without prejudice to the rights of the holders of  
such bills and notes to rank with other creditors of the  
Company against the assets of the Company.

Excess note  
issue per-  
mitted under  
certain  
conditions.

3. Notwithstanding the restriction imposed by the thir-  
teenth section of the principal Ordinance, as amended by  
the said Ordinance No. 21 of 1882, upon the total number  
of the bills and notes of the Company payable to bearer  
on demand actually in circulation, bills and notes of the  
Company payable to bearer on demand may, for the period of  
one year from the 31st day of July, 1898, be issued and be in  
actual circulation to an amount in excess of the capital of  
the Company actually paid up, if there shall have been  
specially deposited and shall be kept in the custody of the  
Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Treasurer for the time  
being an amount of coin or bullion or coin and bullion equal  
to the whole value of such excess issue for the time being  
actually in circulation to be held by the said Colonial  
Secretary and Colonial Treasurer exclusively for the re-  
demption of such bills and notes wherever the same may  
have been issued.

Repeal.

4. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ordinances Amend-  
ment Ordinance No. 6 of 1898 is hereby repealed.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 1st  
day of February, 1899.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 13th  
day of February, 1899.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

No. 2 OF 1899.

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 8 of 1870.

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HENRY A. BLAKE,  
Governor.

[9th February, 1899.]

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Public Buildings and Places Amendment Ordinance, 1899. Short title.

2. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1870 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "as aforesaid" and before the words "to eject" the following words, namely:— Amendment of sec. 4 of Ord. 8 of 1870.

"to there and then, and without any warrant, summons, or other legal process, stop, seize, apprehend and detain any person committing a breach of any regulation made under this Ordinance, and to take such person before a Police Magistrate to be dealt with according to law, or else"

and by substituting for the word "therefrom" the words "from any such public buildings, gardens, or other places."

3. Section 5 of Ordinance 8 of 1870 is hereby amended by adding at the end of such section the following sentence, namely:— Amendment of sec. 5 of Ord. 8 of 1870.

"If any such person shall refuse to disclose his name, it shall and may be lawful to proceed against him summarily by a description of his person and the offence only, without adding any name or designation, but in such case the Police Magistrate shall mention in the deposition that the defendant refused to disclose his name."

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 1st day of February, 1899.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th day of February, 1899.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

No. 3 OF 1899.

An Ordinance to provide for the reservation of certain land at British Kowloon known as Sung Wong T'oi (宋王臺) or Sung Wong T'ong (宋王堂).

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HENRY A. BLAKE,  
Governor.

[9th February, 1899.]

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Sung Wong T'oi (宋王臺) reservation Ordinance, 1899. Short title.

2. The piece of Crown land situate at British Kowloon, known as Sung Wong T'oi (宋王臺) or Sung Wong T'ong (宋王堂), delineated and shown upon a plan marked red, signed by the Director of Public Works and countersigned by the Governor and deposited in the Land Office of this Colony, shall not be let for building or other purposes, but shall be henceforth reserved or appropriated by the Governor as a place of popular resort and of antiquarian interest: Provided, nevertheless, that if at any time hereafter it appears to the Governor that it is necessary, in the interests either of the Imperial Government or of the Government of this Colony, that such land should be re-appropriated either wholly or in part, it shall be lawful for the Governor to re-appropriate such land or any part thereof and to use the re-appropriated land or allow it to be used for other purposes than those above mentioned. Notice of such re-appropriation shall be forthwith published in the Government Gazette. Reservation of certain land at British Kowloon.

Power to  
make  
Regulations.  
Penalty for  
breach.  
Publication.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council, from time to time, to make such regulations as he may deem expedient for the maintenance of good order in the said reserved land, and for the preservation, management, and use thereof, and for the enjoyment thereof by the public, and to annex to the breach of any such regulations penalties not exceeding twenty-five dollars in respect of each such breach. Any such penalty may be sued for and recovered summarily under the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890. All such regulations shall be published in the Gazette and thereupon shall have the force of law.

Penalty for  
injury to  
ancient  
monument,  
etc.

4. If any person injures or defaces any ancient monument, rock, memorial, or inscription, which is on or upon any land reserved or appropriated under this Ordinance as a place of popular resort and of antiquarian interest, then such person shall, on summary conviction before a Police Magistrate, be liable at the discretion of such Magistrate to one of the following penalties, (that is to say),—

- (1.) To pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, and in addition thereto to pay such sums as the Magistrate may think just for the purpose of repairing any damage which has been caused by the offender; or
- (2.) To be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding one month.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 1st day of February, 1899.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th day of February, 1899.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

No. 4 OF 1899.

An Ordinance to amend The Dogs  
Ordinance, 1893.

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HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

[9th February, 1899.]

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 as The Dogs Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1899.

Amendment  
of sec. 5 of  
Ord. 9 of  
1893.

2. Section 5 of Ordinance 9 of 1893 is hereby amended as follows:—

- (1.) By striking out the words, "under penalties not exceeding ten dollars."
- (2.) By inserting between the words, "dogs may be," and the words, "kept in this Colony," the following words, namely, "imported into or;" and also
- (3.) By substituting in place of the words, "kept or allowed to go abroad, otherwise," the following words, namely, "which may be imported, kept, or allowed to go abroad, otherwise."

Amendment  
of sec. 6 of  
Ord. 9 of  
1893.

3. Section 6 of Ordinance 9 of 1893 is hereby amended by substituting in place of the words "by a fine not exceeding ten dollars and with imprisonment in default of payment," the following words, namely, "with a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and in default of payment thereof with imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour."

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 1st day of February, 1899.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 9th day of February, 1899.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*