BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO PRISONS. 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.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Jury List for 1899 in private.

Adjournment.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 13th March, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE, Governor.

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

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. -No. 156.

It is hereby notified that at a Meeting of St. John's Cathedral Scatholders, held on the 30th January, 1899, the following gentlemen were elected Lay Members of the Church Body for 1899:—*

Sir John Carrington, C.M.G.

Hon. ROBERT DALY ORMSBY.

Hon. ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY.

THOMAS JACKSON, Hon. Treasurer.

ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN.

HENRY ROBERT HARDCASTLE, Hon. Secretary.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 157.

Sir William Robinson, G.C.M.G., Honorary Colonel of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, having left the Colony, has resigned the appointment of Honorary Colonel of the Corps, as from the 31st January, 1899.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1899.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 158.

With reference to Government Notification No. 374 of the 9th September, 1897, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint John William Jones to be Acting Appraiser in the Supreme Court with effect from the 9th September, 1897, and during the absence from the Colony of Francis ARTHUR HAZELAND, or until further notice.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART. Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th March, 1899.