

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND TRIBUNALS.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Acting Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Order.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council and 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.

Bill reported with amendment.

The Acting Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Order.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Attorney General 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 TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Acting Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Order.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council and 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.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Acting Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Order.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Attorney General 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*.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 20th day of June, 1899.

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 347.

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, 20th June, 1899.

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## • The Piers Ordinance, 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 Piers Ordinance, 1899.
- Meaning of "pier." 2. The expression "Pier" as used in this Ordinance shall include every pier and wharf of whatever description, except a pier or wharf which belongs to the Government of this Colony or to the Naval or Military Authorities.
- Rent chargeable for piers. 3. From and after the date of the passing of this Ordinance rent in accordance with the scale which is specified in the Schedule to this Ordinance shall (except in cases where rent on a higher scale is now payable to the Government by agreement) be payable to the Colonial Treasurer for the use of the Government of this Colony by the owner for the time being of any pier, whether already erected or hereafter to be erected or re-erected over Crown foreshore, notwithstanding the provisions of any Ordinance to the contrary and notwithstanding any agreement or understanding between the Government and the owner of such pier or any of his predecessors in title to the effect that no rent or rent on a lower scale should be payable in respect of such Pier. Such rents shall be payable in advance by equal monthly instalments and, in the case of a new Pier, shall commence to be payable from the date of the granting of the licence therefor: Provided nevertheless that no rent shall be chargeable in respect of any Pier which is removed before the expiration of one calendar month from the date of the granting of the licence for its erection and that rent for such a Pier, if paid, shall be refunded. In the case of the extension of an existing Pier the extra rent for the extra land to be covered by such extension shall commence to be payable from the date of the granting of the licence for such extension. In the case, however, of temporary Piers it shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to remit the whole or a portion of any rent which is chargeable under this section.
- Any new pier to be of approved design, etc. 4. No pier shall hereafter be erected or re-erected except with the licence of the Director of Public Works, and every such Pier shall be of such design and dimensions and construction and material as shall be approved of by the Director of Public Works.
- Any alteration or extension to be approved. 5. No alteration or extension of any Pier whatever shall at any time be made by the owner thereof except with the licence of the Director of Public Works.
- Foundation of pier, &c., to be kept in repair. 6. The foundation, superstructure, landing-steps, roadway, and every other portion of the Pier shall at all times be maintained in a state of safety and repair by the owner.
- Access to pier. 7. The owner shall have no right of access to a Pier by water other than such as the Harbour Master shall think fit to allow.
- Green light to be exhibited on end of pier. 8. A green light so constructed and of such a character as to be visible from seaward on a dark night with a clear atmosphere at a distance of at least one mile shall be exhibited within six feet of the outer end of every Pier, and such light shall be erected and maintained by the owner of the Pier and at his expense, and shall be kept lighted by such owner between sunset and sunrise. Such light shall be not less than ten and not more than fifteen feet above the level of the upper surface of the Pier.
- Restriction on buoys and moorings. 9. No buoys or moorings shall be kept or placed by the owner of any Pier otherwise than in accordance with and subject to the provisions of any Merchant Shipping Statute which may from time to time be in force in the Colony.
- Pier not to be used for storage. 10. No Pier shall be used by any person for the storage of materials of any description, and no articles or materials or things shall remain on any Pier beyond the time actually required for their shipment or landing as the case may be.
- No building except a shelter to be erected. 11. No warehouse, shed or building of any kind, other than a shelter against the weather, shall be erected by any person on any Pier.

12. Steam-ferries and passenger boats shall not be entitled to make habitual use of any Pier not constructed for their sole use, but casual passengers and their luggage shall at all times have free access to any pier for the purpose of landing or embarking.

Owners of ferries not entitled to exclusive use of pier.

13. No vessel shall lie alongside the end of any Pier.

Vessel not to lie along end of pier.

14. No licence given for the erection or re-erection of any Pier shall be assigned or transferred without the consent of the Director of Public Works being previously obtained in writing.

Licence for pier not to be assigned without consent.

15. In the event of any future extension of the Praya rendering the removal or partial removal of any Pier advisable, and in that event only, it shall be lawful for the Director of Public Works to order that such Pier shall be either partially or entirely removed by the owner and at his expense. The Director of Public Works shall alone be entitled to dictate, in the event of a partial removal of such Pier, what portions of it are to be so removed, and any such removal, whether partial or total, shall be effected by the owner within such a period as shall be ordered by the Director of Public Works in a notice in writing served upon the owner.

Power to order removal of pier.

The cost of such removal or partial removal of any Pier shall be defrayed exclusively by the owner thereof, and no compensation will be paid by the Government for any description of loss or damage, whether direct or indirect, which the owner of such Pier may sustain by reason of any such removal or partial removal.

16. The Governor-in-Council shall have power to make Regulations for the erection, re-erection, alteration, extension, or maintenance of Piers and generally for the further and better carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance. Such Regulations shall be published in the Gazette.

Power to make Regulations.

17. In the event of any person failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or of any Regulation made thereunder, such person shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and in default of payment of such fine to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour, and in the event of a continued breach of any provisions of this Ordinance or of any Regulations made thereunder the person offending shall be liable to pay an additional fine of ten dollars a day for each and every day during which he shall so remain in default, and every such additional fine shall be recoverable summarily under the provisions of any Magistrates Ordinance which may from time to time be in force in the Colony.

Penalty.

18. The following Statutes are hereby repealed, namely, section 68 and Schedule (D) of Ordinance 15 of 1889 and section 12 and the Schedule of Ordinance 25 of 1891.

Repeals.

19. From and after the date of the commencement of this Ordinance, Piers shall be exempt from the payment of rates.

Piers to be exempt from rates.

20. This Ordinance shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1899, and the new rents chargeable under section 3 of this Ordinance and the schedule shall commence to run from and including the 1st day of July, 1899.

Commencement of Ordinance.

SCHEDULE.

*Scale of annual rents chargeable under this Ordinance for encroachments of Piers over Crown Foreshore.*

(a.) Within the Harbour limits on the Hongkong side:

For encroachments of 500 square feet or less,.....	\$ 120
For encroachments exceeding 500 square feet, but not exceeding 1,000 square feet, .....	180
For encroachments exceeding 1,000 square feet, but not exceeding 2,000 square feet, .....	300
For encroachments exceeding 2,000 square feet, but not exceeding 3,000 square feet, .....	480
For encroachments exceeding 3,000 square feet, but not exceeding 5,000 square feet, .....	660
For encroachments exceeding 5,000 square feet, but not exceeding 10,000 square feet,.....	900
For encroachments exceeding 10,000 square feet,.....	1,200

(b.) In any other place:

Half the above scale.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of this Bill is to provide for the collection of rent from the owners of piers, according to a certain fixed scale, no matter at what date and no matter under what terms and conditions such piers were erected.

The scale of rent which is specified in the schedule to this Bill is higher than that hitherto in force, but it is believed that the rate is an equitable one considering the amount of harbour space which is occupied.

Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Bill are in the main merely re-enactments, with verbal alterations and modifications, of the terms recently inserted in concessions for the erection of a pier, except that section 15 does not permit of the removal of a pier being ordered save in the event of any future extension of the Praya rendering such removal advisable.

Section 16 confers a general power upon the Governor-in-Council to make Regulations in furtherance of the objects of this Bill.

Section 17 lays down the penalty for breach of the provisions of the Bill or any Regulations, while section 18 effects the necessary repeals.

Section 19 provides that the new scale of rent laid down by this Ordinance shall commence to run from the 1st of July, 1899.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Ts'oi YEUK-SHÁN.

WHEREAS Ts'oi YEUK-SHÁN (蔡若山), a native of the village of SHEUNG CH'ÁK (上棚) in the HÉUNG SHÁN district (香山), in the province of Kwangtung, in the Empire of China, is now employed as a clerk in the Registrar General's Office, Victoria, in this Colony, and has resided in this Colony for the last four 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:—

Naturaliza-  
tion of Ts'oi  
YEUK-SHÁN.

1. Ts'oi YEUK-SHÁN (蔡若山) 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.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of FAN NANG, alias FAN SAU, alias FAN PAT SHAN, alias FAN TUN SHIN.

WHEREAS FAN NANG (范能), alias FAN SAU (范秀), alias FAN PAT SHAN (范弼臣), alias FAN TUN SHIN (范敦善), a native of Nam Hoi District (南海), in the province of Kwangtung (廣東), in the Empire of China, is now carrying on business as a piece goods merchant in the Sun Hing (信興) shop, at No. 71, Jervois Street, in this Colony, and whereas FAN NANG (范能), alias FAN SAU (范秀), alias FAN PAT SHAN (范弼臣), alias FAN TUN SHIN (范敦善), has continually resided and done business in this Colony for the last ten years, and is possessed of landed property in this Colony, 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. FAN NANG (范能), alias FAN SAU (范秀), alias FAN PAT SHAN (范弼臣), alias FAN TUN SHIN (范敦善), 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 FAN NANG.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to further amend the Public Health Ordinance, 1887.

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 Health Short title Amendment Ordinance, 1899.

2. Section 70 of Ordinance 24 of 1887 is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "one week" in place of the words "one calendar month" in the first paragraph of that section.

Amendment of s. 70 of Ord. 24 of 1887.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The reason for the amendment in the law which is embodied in this Bill is that it was found in practice by the Sanitary Board that frequently, on the expiration of the one calendar month's notice of overcrowding, the tenant upon whom such notice had been served had left the premises and a new tenant had taken his place, and that consequently no prosecution could be instituted under section 70.

It is hoped that the shortening of the notice of overcrowding to one week will remove the above difficulty.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to amend the Arms Consolidation Ordinance, 1895.

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 Arms Amendment Ordinance, 1899.

Amendment of sec. 5 of 8 of 1895.

2. Section 5 of Ordinance 8 of 1895 is hereby amended as follows, namely :—

(i.) By deleting the words "or Civil" between the word "Military" and the word, "Services," and

(ii.) By substituting the words "any Justice" for the word "Justices", and

(iii.) By deleting the following words, " or to Special or Common Jurors, or to such persons as are exempted by law from serving on a Jury on account of their avocation or profession."

Importer or dealer to take out licence and register. (Substituted for section 10 of 8 of 1895.)

3. Section 10 of Ordinance 8 of 1895 is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following section is substituted :—

Every importer of or dealer in arms shall take out a licence annually and shall register his name and place of business for the time being and any godown, warehouse, or other place in which he stores or intends to store arms, at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police. Any importer of or dealer in arms not taking out such licence as aforesaid or not registering as aforesaid shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months. From and after the commencement of this Ordinance the fee payable for such licence as aforesaid shall be \$1,200 per annum, payable in advance, but no person, who at the date of the commencement of this Ordinance possesses a valid and unexpired licence for importing or dealing in arms, need take out a new licence under this Ordinance until the expiration of his current licence.

*Objects and Reasons.*

Clause 2 of this Bill takes away the privilege of carrying arms which has hitherto been accorded to members of the Civil Service and to Jurors, or persons exempted from serving on Juries.

There seems no sufficient reason for the possession of such a privilege by either of the above classes, and a case occurred in which a Juror very seriously abused that privilege.

The object of substituting a new section for section 10 of Ordinance 8 of 1895 is a threefold one, namely :—

(i.) To provide for the registering by an importer or dealer of the places where arms are stored by him in addition to his name and place of business, and

(ii.) To provide for such registration being made at the Office of the Captain Superintendent of Police, who is responsible for the peace and good order of the Colony, instead of at the Registrar General's Office as heretofore, and

(iii.) To raise the annual licence fee from the sum of ten dollars to twelve hundred dollars.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to further amend the Cattle Diseases, Slaughter Houses and Markets Ordinances.

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 Cattle Diseases, Slaughter Houses and Markets Ordinance, 1899. Short title.

## PART I.

2. The sub-section, which was substituted by Ordinance 12 of 1890 in place of sub-section 4 of section 3 of Ordinance No. 17 of 1887, is hereby amended as follows, namely :— Amendment of substituted sub-sec. 4 of sec. 3 of Ordinance 17 of 1887.

By substituting “\$100” in place of “\$200” in the said sub-section.

## PART II.

3. Section 12 of the Cattle Diseases, Slaughter Houses and Markets Ordinance, 1887, is hereby amended by the deletion of the words “for sale.” Amendment of sec. 12 of Ordinance 17 of 1887.

4. No person shall counterfeit or make use of, or attempt to counterfeit or to make use of, the official mark or stamp which is used to mark beef and mutton before the carcasses leave the Slaughter House, and which is intended to show that such carcasses are fit for human food. Any person committing an offence against this section shall be liable, upon summary conviction before a Magistrate, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months with or without hard labour, or, upon conviction in the Supreme Court, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years with or without hard labour. Penalty for counterfeiting official mark on beef or mutton.

5. Should any Inspector of Markets at any time discover in any of the markets of the Colony any carcass or part of any carcass of beef or mutton, not bearing the official mark or stamp, he is hereby authorized to seize such carcass or part of a carcass, and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon may order the same to be destroyed, and no compensation shall be payable to any person in respect of such destruction. Power to destroy carcass not bearing official mark.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of section 2 of this Bill is to reduce the *maximum* amount payable by the Government of this Colony as compensation for slaughtered cattle, it having been found that the sums recently paid as compensation have reached a very considerable total. Sub-section 4 of section 3 of Ordinance 17 of 1887 provided that the maximum amount of compensation payable for each animal slaughtered should be \$50 only, but Ordinance 12 of 1890 raised the amount payable to \$200. It is proposed by this Bill to reduce the amount of compensation payable to \$100 per head.

The object of the amendment mentioned in section 3 is to make it a punishable offence for any person to slaughter any animal or dress any carcass except within a proper slaughter-house, even though such animal or carcass may not be intended “for sale.”

The object of section 4 of the Bill is to make it a punishable offence to counterfeit or make use of or attempt to counterfeit or make use of the official stamp which is used to mark beef or mutton; and section 5 authorizes the destruction of any carcass of beef or mutton which does not bear the official stamp.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licenses Ordinance, 1898.

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 Liquor Licenses Amendment Ordinance, 1899.
- Amendment of Schedule S. to No. 24 of 1898. 2. Schedule S. to Ordinance No. 24 of 1898 is hereby amended by substituting "\$250" in place of "\$150," after the words and figures following, "Chinese Wine and Spirit Shop License, (sec. 30)."
- Application of Ordinance. 3. This Ordinance shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1899, and the increased fee, which is payable by virtue of section 2 of this Ordinance, shall be payable on all licenses which are issued on or after that date.

*Object and Reason.*

The object of this Bill is to increase the fee payable for Chinese wine and spirit shop licenses from \$150 to \$250 per annum.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Three hundred and Eight thousand Six hundred and Seventy-two Dollars and Eighty-seven Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1898.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make further provision for the public service of the Colony for the year 1898, in addition to the charge upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the said year already provided for: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

1. A sum of Three hundred and Eight thousand Six hundred and Seventy-two Dollars and Eighty-seven Cents is hereby charged upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1898, the said sum so charged being expended as hereinafter specified; that is to say :—

Pensions, - - - - -	\$19,210.26
Governor and Legislature, - - - - -	8,906.58
Colonial Secretary's Department, - - - - -	7,595.11
Post Office, - - - - -	29,776.52
Registrar General's Department, - - - - -	1,653.92
Harbour Master's Department, - - - - -	3,022.25
Legal Departments, - - - - -	2,162.45
Medical Departments, - - - - -	7,369.48
Magistracy, - - - - -	1,843.00
Transport, - - - - -	6,400.92
Miscellaneous Services, - - - - -	117,705.49
Expenses of the Volunteers, - - - - -	3,969.70
Public Works Recurrent, - - - - -	4,361.43
Ordinary Expenditure, - - - - -	\$213,977.11
Extraordinary Public Works, - - - - -	94,695.76
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$308,672.87</u>