GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.-No. 360.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published.

R. F. JOHNSTON, Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 27th June, 1899.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Wono Ping Lam, alias Wong Ü Kai.

Whereas Wong Ping Lam (黃 炳 林), alias Wong Ü K'AI (黃 雨 溪), a native of Canton City (省 城), in the province of Kwong Tung (廣 東), in the Empire of China, is now employed as compradore to Messrs. Belilios & Co. and is a partner in the Kwan On (均安) and Kwan T'ái (均泰) shops at Nos. 41 and 161, Hollywood Road, Victoria, in this Colony, and has continuously resided and done business in this Colony for the last twenty-two 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:

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

Naturalization of Wong PING LAM. 1. Wong Ping Lam (黃炳林), alias Wong Ü K'Ai (黃炳溪) 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.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 361.

The following Petition from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, against the second reading of the Bill entitled the Piers Ordinance, 1899, is published.

By Command,

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 29th June, 1899.

To the Honourable

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

The Humble Petition of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Respectfully Sheweth:—

(1.) That your Petitioners are desirous of being heard before this Honourable Council by Mr. J. J. Francis, q.c., their counsel, on the motion for the second reading of a Bill read a first time at the meeting of this Honourable Council held on the 20th instant entitled "The Piers Ordinance, 1899," or at such other time as may be appointed for the purpose,

(2.) That the rights and interests of your Petitioners in the Piers and Wharves owned by them in Victoria and at Kowloon and in their property generally is peculiarly affected by the proposed Bill and that they claim to be heard by your Honourable Council under the provisions of paragraph 52 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

(3.) That your Petitioners are the Assignees of certain rights, powers, and privileges granted and conferred by this Honourable Council to and upon Francis Bulkeley Johnson and Catchick Paul Chater respectively by Ordinances Nos. 18 and 19 of 1884 respectively, and that if the Bill now before this Honourable Council should become law, your Petitioners will be thereby