

(6.) *Kowloon Fire Precautions.*—Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary inform the Council whether, in view of the increasing number of houses on the Kowloon Peninsula, the Government has considered and deemed it expedient to make requisite provision in respect of a Branch of the Fire Brigade there whereby it will be possible to attempt to cope with any fires which may hereafter take place?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY.—The answer to the first question of the Honourable Member is “No.” The answer to the second question is, “Because the expenditure was not contemplated.”

The COLONIAL TREASURER.—The answer to the third question is (1) “On the authority of His Excellency the Governor. (2) 3rd May last. (3) I do not know.”

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—The answer to the fourth question is, “No new Public Works have been undertaken since the middle of last year which have not been submitted to, considered, and approved by the Committee of the whole Legislative Council, except a few works in the New Territory which being of urgency were undertaken without the usual formalities being gone through.”

The COLONIAL SECRETARY.—The answer to the fifth question is, “Yes; Commander DE HORSEY, some of the other Officers of Her Majesty’s Ship *Plover*, and Mr. LI PAK, for purposes of curiosity it is presumed, accompanied the Commission on one or two of its visits to villages in the new territory. Mr. NG SUI SHANG accompanied the Commission throughout the tour of inspection, arranging for transport, guides, etc., and his services proved of great assistance.”

The COLONIAL SECRETARY.—The answer to the sixth question is, “The matter is at present under the consideration of the Government.”

MOTION.—The Director of Public Works, by permission of His Excellency the Governor, moved that the following proposed works be referred to the Public Works Committee of the Council for consideration and report:—

- (1) Police Station at Kennedytown.
- (2) Chair Shelter at Peak Tram Station.
- (3) High West Road.
- (4) Waterworks Extension, Hongkong.
- (5) The erection of a Refuse Destructor at Kennedytown.
- (6) Electric lighting at Government House.
- (7) Minor Roads in the New Territory.
- (8) Preparing the site for the Governor’s Peak Residence.
- (9) Kowloon Water Supply.
- (10) Pokfulam Conduit Road.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LICENSES ORDINANCE, 1898.—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 *sine die*.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of October, 1899.

R. F. JOHNSTON,  
Acting Clerk of Councils.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 534.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published.

R. F. JOHNSTON,  
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 4th October, 1899.

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of SIN HIP PAN, alias SIN SHŪ FAN, alias SIN SHIU KIN, alias SIN PING KIM.

WHEREAS SIN HIP PAN (洗叶彬), alias SIN SHŪ FAN (洗樹藩), alias SIN SHIU KIN, (洗兆堅) alias SIN PING KIM (洗冰檢), a native of Fat Shan (佛山), in the district of Nam Hoi (南海), in the prefecture of Kwong Chow (廣州), in the province of Kwongtung (廣東), in the Empire of China, is now managing partner of the SHAU T'so Tong (壽草堂), at No. 82 Bonham Strand East, Victoria, in this Colony, and has continuously resided and done business in this Colony for the last twenty 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:—

Naturaliza-  
tion of SIN  
HIP PAN.

1. SIN HIP PAN (洗叶彬), alias SIN SHŪ FAN (洗樹藩), alias SIN SHIU KIN (洗兆堅), alias SIN PING KIM (洗冰檢) 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 Ho SHUN T'ò, alias Ho KWAN YUK, alias Ho PING ŪN, alias Ho TSOI.

Whereas Ho SHUN T'ò (何順韜), alias Ho KWAN YUK (何坤玉), alias Ho PING ŪN (何炳垣), alias Ho TSOI (何載) a native of the village of Miu (棉村), in Fatshan (佛山), in the District of Nam Hoi (南海), in the prefecture of Kwong Chau (廣州), in the province of Kwang Tung (廣東), in the Empire of China, is now carrying on the business of a medicine shop under the style of Cheung Fat Shang (長發生), at No. 185, Hollywood Road, Victoria, in this Colony, and is also carrying on business as a Tea shop under the style of Ts'céung On (祥安), at No. 1, Upper Lascar Row, Victoria aforesaid, and has continuously resided and done business in this Colony for the last forty-three years, and is possessed of landed property within 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:—

Naturaliza-  
tion of Ho  
SHUN T'ò.

1. Ho SHUN T'ò (何順韜), alias Ho KWAN YUK (何坤玉), alias Ho PING ŪN (何炳垣), alias Ho TSOI (何載) 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 KWOK YUNG KAM alias KWOK T'Ò KAI alias KWOK YING.

Whereas KWOK YUNG KAM (郭榕錦), alias KWOK T'Ò K'AI (郭桃溪), alias KWOK YING (郭英), a native of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, is compradore to the Ying Kee (英記) provision store, at No. 4 Queen's Road West, Victoria aforesaid, and has continuously resided in this Colony since his birth forty-one years ago, and has been engaged in business in this Colony for the last twenty years, and is possessed of landed property within 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. KWOK YUNG KAM (郭榕錦), alias KWOK T'Ò K'AI (郭桃溪), alias KWOK YING (郭英) shall be, <sup>Naturalization of KWOK YUNG KAM.</sup> 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 HŪ CHOO (許祖), alias HŪ SHUN TS'ÜN (許順村), alias HŪ PING FONG, (許炳芳) alias HŪ NAI KWAI (許乃貴).

WHEREAS HŪ CHOO (許祖), alias HŪ SHUN TS'ÜN (許順村), alias HŪ PING FONG (許炳芳), alias HŪ NAI KWAI (許乃貴), a native of Ts'in Shán (前山鄉), in the District of Heung Shan (香山縣), in the prefecture of Kwong Chau (廣州府), in the province of Kwong Tung (廣東), in the Empire of China, is the managing partner of the Kwong Wai Opium Farm (廣惠鴉片公司), at No. 36, Bonham Strand West, Victoria, in this Colony, and is compradore to the Government Civil Hospital, and is possessed of landed property in this Colony, and has continuously resided and done business in this Colony for the last thirty 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. HŪ CHOO (許祖), alias HŪ SHUN TS'ÜN (許順村), alias HŪ PING FONG (許炳芳), alias HŪ NAI KWAI (許乃貴), shall be, and he is, hereby, <sup>Naturalization of HŪ CHOO.</sup> 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 LÒ KÚN T'ING (盧冠廷), alias LÒ FO (盧科), alias LÒ CHING CHIU (盧正朝), alias LÒ TIN FUI (盧殿魁).

WHEREAS LÒ KÚN T'ING (盧冠廷), alias LÒ FO (盧科), alias LÒ CHING CHIU (盧正朝), alias LÒ TIN FUI (盧殿魁), a native of Pak Shán (北山鄉), in the District of Heung Shan (香山縣), in the prefecture of Kwong Chau (廣州府), in the province of Kwong Tung (廣東), in the Empire of China, is now carrying on business as the proprietor of the Kwong Wing Shang (廣永生) at No. 182, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, and is a Director of the Tung On Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and is one of the Directors of the Pò Léung Kuk, and is possessed of landed property in this Colony, and has continuously resided and done business in this Colony for the last thirty 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:—

Naturalization of LÒ KÚN T'ING.

1. LÒ KÚN T'ING (盧冠廷), alias LÒ FO (盧科), alias LÒ CHING CHIU (盧正朝), alias LÒ TIN FUI (盧殿魁) 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 to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1888.

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

Construction. 1. This Ordinance shall be read and construed as one Ordinance with the Rating Ordinance, 1888.

Definition of "machinery." 2. The word "machinery" as used in the Rating Ordinance, 1888, shall mean machinery used for purely industrial or manufacturing purposes, but shall not include lifts and machinery used as adjuncts to any tenements occupied as offices, dwellings, or hotels. In making, however, any valuation of such lifts and machinery in the future the Assessor shall deduct the expenses of working such lifts and machinery from the rateable value thereof if such expenses are paid by the landlord.

Deductions to be made in future valuations. Saving of existing valuations. 3. Every valuation which has been made by the Assessor prior to the commencement of this Ordinance under the provisions of the Rating Ordinance, 1888, shall be construed and interpreted in any Court of law as if such valuation had been made under the provisions of the Rating Ordinance, 1888, as modified by this Ordinance.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to amend the Vagrancy Ordinance, 1897.

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 Vagrancy (Amendment) Ordinance, 1899.

2. Clause (c.) of section 21 of Ordinance No. 25 of 1897 is hereby repealed, and, in lieu thereof, the clause following shall be substituted and form part of such section, namely:—

(c.) "Whenever any seaman other than a Chinese is discharged from his ship, in this Colony, without the sanction of the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office or his Deputy, and without reasonable provision having been made as to his subsistence, or, not being a deserter, is wrongfully left behind in this Colony,"

Throughout sections 21 and 23 of Ordinance 25 of 1897 the word "seaman" shall be substituted for the word "sailor" wherever the word "sailor" appears.

3. Section 22 of Ordinance No. 25 of 1897 is hereby amended by—

- (i.) Inserting the words "and not having been shipwrecked" after the word "Chinese" in that section, and
- (ii.) By striking out from that section the words "or becomes so within a period of six months."

*Objects and Reasons.*

This Bill has been framed in accordance with instructions which have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in consequence of certain representations which were made to him by the Board of Trade.

The amendment in clause (c.) of section 21 of Ordinance No. 25 of 1897, which is contained in clause 2 of the Bill, has been introduced, because it was considered that the old clause (c.) might bear somewhat hardly upon ship-owners.

The alteration from the term "sailor" to the word "seaman" has been introduced with the object of including any person employed or engaged in any capacity on board ship (except masters, pilots, and apprentices) and not merely persons engaged in the navigation of the ship.

The first amendment made by clause 3 has been introduced, in order to make it clear that the provisions of section 22 were not intended to be applied to the case of a shipwrecked person.

The second amendment made by clause 3 has been introduced in consequence of it having been represented to the Secretary of State by the Board of Trade that it was not reasonable to hold a shipmaster responsible for the solvency of his passengers during a period of six months after he had landed them.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1889.

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 for all purposes as the Crown Lands Resumption Amendment Ordinance, 1899.

Amendment  
of preamble  
to Ordinance  
23 of 1889.

2. The preamble to Ordinance No. 23 of 1889 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—

Whereas it is expedient that the Governor should be empowered to acquire or resume any land and buildings compulsorily for any "public purpose" as defined by this Ordinance, and whereas it is expedient that the duty of determining the value of land and buildings so acquired or resumed and of fixing the compensation to be awarded in respect thereof, should (notwithstanding any clause contained in Crown Leases) be vested in a Board of Arbitrators.

Amendment  
of section 2  
of Ordinance  
23 of 1889.

3. Section 2 of Ordinance 23 of 1889 is hereby amended as follows:—

(i.) By substituting in place of the words "Crown land under lease from the Crown or any part or section thereof" the following words, namely:—

"land of whatever description or any part or section thereof, which is situated within the limits of the Colony as enlarged by a Convention dated the 9th of June, 1898, between Her Majesty the Queen and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China, and shall include the buildings (if any) erected on such land or on any part or section thereof;" and

(ii.) By adding the following paragraphs at the end of such section, namely:—

The word "resume" shall include acquiring, and the word "resumption" shall include acquisition.

The expression "resumption for a public purpose" as used in this Ordinance shall include—

(i.) The compulsory resumption of insanitary properties by the Government for the purpose of erecting improved houses or dwellings thereon, and

(ii.) The compulsory resumption of any land for any purpose connected with the Naval or Military Forces of this Colony, and

(iii.) The compulsory resumption of any land for any purpose of whatsoever description, whether *ejusdem generis* with either of the above purposes or not, which the Governor-in-Council may decide to be a public purpose.

Amendment  
of s. s. (i.) of  
s. 3 of 23 of  
1889.

4. Sub-section (i.) of section 3 of Ordinance 23 of 1889 is hereby amended by substituting for the words "expedient in the interest of the public" the following words, namely:—  
"required for a public purpose."

Amendment  
of s. 14 of 23  
of 1889.

5. Section 14 of Ordinance 23 of 1889 is hereby amended by the insertion after the words "state that" and before the words "such land" of the following words, namely, "the resumption of."

#### Objects and Reasons.

The object of clause 2 of this Bill is to amend the preamble to Ordinance 23 of 1889 in such a way as to make it clear that the acquisition or resumption of land or buildings may be effected for any "public purpose" as defined by clause 3 of this Bill.

The object of the amendment introduced by sub-section (i.) of clause 3 of this Bill is to make it clear that the expression "land" includes buildings, and also to clear up any possible ambiguity as to Ordinance 23 of 1889 being capable of application to the New Territories.

The object of sub-section (ii.) of clause 3 of this Bill is—

(a.) to make it clear that resumption includes acquisition, and

(b.) to define what is meant by a "public purpose."

Clause 4 of this Bill introduces a small amendment in the language of section 3 of Ordinance 23 of 1889 which is required for the purpose of bringing the wording of that section into line with section 14.

Clause 5 of the Bill introduces a small amendment in section 14 of Ordinance 23 of 1889 with the object of bringing that section into line with the definition contained in clause 3 of this Bill.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
*Acting Attorney General.*