

**PRIVATE COOLIE BILL.**—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the more effectual control of Chair and Jinricksha Coolies in private employ.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

**DEFINITION OF "WRITERS" BILL.**—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to define the meaning of the word "writers", as used in Ordinance No. 3 of 1871.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

**NEW TERRITORIES LAND COURT AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, (No. 18 of 1900), and The New Territories Land Court Amendment Ordinance, 1901, (No. 27 of 1901).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

**LAND REGISTRY OFFICE (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance to provide for the Registration of Deeds, Wills, Judgments, and Conveyances affecting real or immoveable property in Hongkong (No. 3 of 1844).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

**BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

**SUPREME COURT SUMMARY JURISDICTION AMENDMENT BILL.**—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Supreme Court Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance, 1873.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

**JURY LIST.**—The Council proceeded to consider the List of Jurors for 1902.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 10th March, 1902. \*

W. J. GASCOIGNE,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of March, 1902.

R. F. JOHNSTON,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*

\* Subsequently postponed to Tuesday, the 11th.

---

**GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 148.**

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, 11th March, 1902.

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHÜ SHIP CHÜN, alias CHÜ LE, alias CHÜ MAN T'IN, alias CHÜ K'AU MEI.

WHEREAS CHÜ SHIP CHÜN (朱涉川), alias CHÜ LE (朱利), alias CHÜ MAN T'IN (朱文田), alias CHÜ K'AU MEI (朱裘美), a native of San Wui (新會) district, in the prefecture of Kwong Chau (廣州), in the Province of Kwong Tung (廣東), in the Empire of China, is now residing at Victoria in this Colony, and has so resided and carried on business for thirty-nine 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. CHÜ SHIP CHÜN (朱涉川), alias CHÜ LE (朱利), alias CHÜ MAN T'IN (朱文田) alias CHÜ K'AU MEI (朱裘美) 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.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 149.

The following Statement regarding Belilios Reformatory was laid before the table of the Legislative Council on the 11th instant, and is published.

By Command,

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

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th March, 1902.

## STATEMENT REGARDING BELILIOS REFORMATORY.

One child has been accommodated in the Belilios Reformatory from the date upon which it was opened up to the present day. There are no young criminals now resident there.

The total cost in respect of the one inmate was nil, as he only remained in the building a very short time.

The amount expended on the Reformatory up to date is as follows :—

(a.) Maintenance of buildings, furniture, &c., .....	\$ 606.99
(b.) Emoluments of officers connected with the institution, .....	2,781.42
Total, .....	<u>\$3,388.41</u>

As there has been only one inmate of the Reformatory since it was first started, the Committee appointed by Sir HENRY BLAKE to enquire into educational questions has been requested to consider and report what should be done as regards the Reformatory. The Report of the Committee has not yet been received. When the Government is in possession of its views, steps will be taken without delay to deal with the question. Though the Master and Assistant Master have had nothing to do in the Reformatory, they have not been idle. They have been and are now employed by the Government in other Departments. Mr. CURWEN, the Master, was for several months attached for special work to the Colonial Secretary's Office, and is now in the Postmaster General's Department. Mr. BULLIN, the Assistant Master, has been provisionally appointed First Clerk in the Registrar General's Office. The money expended on account of their salaries has not therefore been wasted.