

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 384.

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, 23rd June, 1902.

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to further amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, (No. 18 of 1900).

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 New Territories Land Court Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

Amendment of section 16 of Ordinance 18 of 1900. 2. Section 16 of The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "five thousand dollars" in the third line, the following words:—

"or otherwise if the Court shall certify that there are special reasons why the case should be allowed to go to appeal."

Amendment of section 19 of Ordinance 18 of 1900. 3. The following words are added at the end of section 19 of The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900:—

"and similarly, it shall be lawful for any person holding land under an agreement to pay rent in money in perpetuity to redeem his liability to pay such rent by the payment to such person as the Court may direct such capital sum of money as the Court may decide to be fair and reasonable."

New section inserted in Ordinance 18 of 1900. 4. The following new section, to be numbered 23, is inserted after section 22 of The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900:—

"23. All maps, plans, and statements of area, if authenticated by the signature of the Officer in charge of the Cadastral Survey of the New Territory or of such other Officer as may be from time to time deputed by the Governor to prepare such maps, plans or statements of area shall be presumed by the Court to be accurate and correct and shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of such facts as they may purport to set forth as to the position and area of the land with which they are concerned and no further evidence to prove such facts shall be deemed necessary. Provided always that if any claimant shall call in question the accuracy or correctness of such maps, plans or statements of area, the Court shall take such other evidence to prove the same as it may see fit."

Re-numbering of section 23 of Ordinance 18 of 1900. 5. Section 23 of The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, is hereby re-numbered 24.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of Section 2 is to allow a claimant the right of appeal in cases where his claim has been split up into various sections each of less value than \$5,000 although the original claim may have been over that amount.

Section 3 extends to persons liable to pay a perpetual rent charge in money the opportunity of redemption allowed to persons liable to a similar rent charge in grain by section 19.

Section 4 provides for authenticated maps and plans being received as *prima facie* evidence: a similar provision appears in section 83 of the Straits Settlements Ordinance III of 1893.

A. G. WISE,  
Acting Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to further amend the Law relating to Dangerous Goods.

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 Dangerous Goods Amendment Ordinance, 1902, and it shall be read and construed as one Ordinance with Ordinance 8 of 1873 as amended by Ordinances 8 of 1892, 39 of 1899 and 34 of 1901. Short title and construction.

2. Section 2 of Ordinance 39 of 1899 is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following section is substituted:— New section substituted for section 2 of Ordinance 39 of 1899.  
 “Section 5 of Ordinance 8 of 1873 is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the following section is substituted:—

5. The following goods, viz., petroleum, nitro-glycerine or glonoine oil, gun cotton, fulminate of mercury or of other metals, dynamite, blasting powders, gunpowder, fuzes (other than safety fuzes), rockets, detonators, cartridges, ammunition of all descriptions (other than percussion caps or priming caps or empty sporting cases), phosphorus, aqua fortis, vitriol, naphtha and benzine, shall be deemed to be dangerous goods within the meaning of this Ordinance.

Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to declare such articles as he may think fit to be Dangerous Goods. Such declaration to be notified in the Gazette.

3. Section 2 of Ordinance 34 of 1901, is hereby repealed.

*Objects and Reasons.*

To include aqua fortis and vitriol as well as phosphorus as requested by the Board of Trade.

A. G. WISE,  
*Acting Attorney General.*

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five Dollars and seven Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1901.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to make further provision for the public service of the Colony for the year 1901, 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 Five hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five Dollars and seven Cents is hereby charged upon the revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1901, the said sum so charged being expended as hereinafter specified; that is to say:—

Charge on Account of Public Debt, - - - - -	\$ 8,543.84
Pensions, - - - - -	14,073.55
Governor and Legislature, - - - - -	886.99
Colonial Secretary's Department, - - - - -	5,354.40
Audit Department, - - - - -	2,706.33
Treasury, - - - - -	7,939.98
Post Office, - - - - -	4,205.51
Harbour Master's Department, - - - - -	14,723.63
Legal Departments, - - - - -	11,561.66
Medical Departments, - - - - -	10,297.71
Magistracy, - - - - -	4,254.18
Transport, - - - - -	11,776.93
Miscellaneous Services, - - - - -	253,035.33
Public Works Recurrent, - - - - -	68,035.76

Ordinary Expenditure, - - - - -	\$417,395.80
Extraordinary Public Works, - - - - -	97,829.27

Total Supplementary Votes, - \$515,225.07