

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 610.

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

C. CLEMENTI,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 9th October, 1902.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend The Tramway Ordinance, No. 10 of 1902.

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

1. Section 21 of The Tramway Ordinance, No. 10 of 1902, shall be read and construed as if the words "The Government" in the fourth line thereof did not appear therein ; and as if, and instead thereof, the words "a Government Department" appeared in the said fourth line.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object of the Ordinance is to afford protection to Telegraph cables and lines owned by the Admiralty and War Departments as well as such as may be owned by the Colonial Government.

H. S. BERKELEY,  
*Attorney General.*

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Four million Seven hundred and Twenty-eight thousand Nine hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Twenty-three Cents to the Public Service of the Year 1903.

WHEREAS the expenditure required for the service of this Colony for the year 1903 has, apart from the contribution to the Imperial Government in aid of Military Expenditure, been estimated at the sum of Four million Seven hundred and Twenty-eight thousand Nine hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Twenty-three Cents :

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

1. A sum not exceeding Four million Seven hundred and Twenty-eight thousand Nine hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Twenty-three Cents shall be and the same is hereby charged upon the Revenue and other funds of the Colony for the service of the year 1903, and the said sum so charged may be expended as hereinafter specified, that is to say :--

EXPENDITURE.	\$
Charge on account of Public Debt, - -	185,000.00
Pensions, - - - - -	187,400.00
Governor and Legislature, - - - -	82,312.04
Colonial Secretary's Department, - -	84,634.75
Audit Department, - - - - -	16,472.45
Treasury, - - - - -	47,631.00
Post Office, - - - - -	307,815.13
Registrar General's Department, - -	33,229.00
Harbour Master's Department, - - -	120,265.00
<i>Carried forward, -</i>	<i>\$1,064,759.37</i>

	<i>Brought forward,</i>	\$1,064,759.37
Lighthouses, - - - - -		41,379.00
Observatory, - - - - -		23,608.00
Botanical and Afforestation Department, -		33,070.05
Judicial and Legal Departments, - - -		135,505.80
Land Court, New Territory, - - - - -		38,498.00
Ecclesiastical, - - - - -		2,400.00
Education, - - - - -		148,152.19
Medical Departments, - - - - -		228,868.81
Bacteriological Department, - - - - -		19,391.31
Magistracy, - - - - -		37,340.00
Police, - - - - -		659,795.12
Sanitary Department, - - - - -		479,667.00
Charitable Allowances, - - - - -		5,260.00
Transport, - - - - -		3,000.00
Miscellaneous Services, - - - - -		127,819.00
Colonial Defences,—		
Expenses of the Volunteers, - - - - -		53,979.08
Public Works Department, - - - - -		213,849.50
Public Works, Recurrent, Chargeable to Gen- eral Revenue, - - - - -		382,000.00
Public Works, Chargeable to Water Account,		99,500.00
Public Works, Extraordinary, viz. :—		
Law Courts, - - - - -	\$ 50,000.00	
Western Market, - - - - -	30,000.00	
Harbour Master's Office, - - - - -	25,000.00	
Survey of New Territory, - - - - -	37,000.00	
Additional Reservoirs, Tytam Drainage Area, - - - - -	60,000.00	
Kowloon Waterworks, Gravita- tion Scheme, - - - - -	250,000.00	
Disinfecting Station in Kow- loon, - - - - -	6,000.00	
Quarters at ditto for Inspector,	4,000.00	
Extension of Inspectors' Quar- ters at Kennedy Town, - - - - -	1,000.00	
Public Latrines and Urinals, - - - - -	10,000.00	
Praya Reclamation,—Govern- ment Piers, - - - - -	20,000.00	
Praya East Reclamation,—Gov- ernment Share, - - - - -	2,000.00	
Tái Pò Road, - - - - -	8,000.00	
City and Hill District Water- works, - - - - -	9,000.00	
Widening Conduit Road, - - - - -	3,000.00	
Public Bath-house, Cross Lane, Wanchai, - - - - -	1,000.00	
Government Offices,—Exten- sions and Alterations, - - - - -	5,000.00	
Two Temporary Markets—one opposite Sailors' Home and one adjoining new Harbour Office, - - - - -	7,000.00	
Extension of Wanchai Market,	3,000.00	
City Waterworks,—Public Fountains, - - - - -	10,000.00	
City Waterworks,—Peak Sup- ply and Re-construction of No. 2 Tank, - - - - -	50,000.00	
City Waterworks,—Tytam Tuk Scheme, - - - - -	120,000.00	
Re-construction of Gullies, - - - - -	32,000.00	
Cattle Depôt Extension, - - - - -	15,000.00	
Post Office, - - - - -	20,000.00	
Bacteriological Institute, - - - - -	10,000.00	
Road from Sam-shui-po to Lai- chi-kok, - - - - -	25,000.00	
Road from Kowloon Inland Lot 652, Hunghom, to Sixth Street, Yaumati, - - - - -	10,000.00	
Public Bath-houses, Pound Lane, Tai-ping-shan, - - - - -	8,000.00	
Resumptions of Insanitary Pro- perty, - - - - -	100,000.00	
Store Account, - - - - -	100.00	
		931,100.00
	Total, -	\$4,728,942.23

Short title. 2. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Appropriation Ordinance for 1903."

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Emigration Consolidation 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 as The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Amendment Ordinance, 1902. Short title.

2. Section 11 of The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889, is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" before the word "dollars" in the third line of the said section and by substituting the word "fifteen" in place thereof. Amendment of Section 11 of Ordinance 1 of 1889.

3. This Ordinance shall be read as one with The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889, and from the date of the commencement of this Ordinance section 11 of the said Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889, shall be construed as if the word "fifteen" appeared therein before the word "dollars" in the said third line of the said section 11 thereof. Construction of Ordinance.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object is to increase the fee payable for a general licence for a Chinese Passenger Ship from five dollars to fifteen dollars.

The increase is made for purposes of revenue.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,  
*Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

## An Ordinance to amend The Dogs Ordinance, 1893.

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 Dogs (Amendment) Ordinance, 1902. Short title.

2. Section 3 of The Dogs Ordinance, 1893, is hereby amended by striking out the words "one dollar and a half" appearing in the fourth line thereof and by substituting instead thereof the words "three dollars": and from the date of the commencement of this Ordinance the said section shall be construed as if the words "three dollars" appeared therein in place of the words "one dollar and a half". Amendment of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1893.  
Construction.

3. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be given by the Governor by notification in the Government Gazette. Commencement of Ordinance.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object is to increase the fee for a dog licence from one dollar and a half to three dollars.

The increase is the necessity for raising further revenue.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,  
*Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to repeal The Land Registry Office (Fees) Amendment Ordinance 1902: and to amend Ordinance No. 3 of 1844 entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the Registration of Deeds Wills Judgments and Conveyances affecting real or immovable property in Hongkong."

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 Land Registration (Fees) Amendment Ordinance, 1902.
- Repeal.        2. Section 14 of Ordinance No. 3 of 1844, and the List numbered 2 in the Schedule to such Ordinance, are hereby repealed.
- Fees.         3. The fees mentioned in the Schedule hereto shall be paid for and in respect of the several matters and things therein stated.
4. Such fees shall be paid by means of stamps which shall be duly cancelled by the Land Officer.

## SCHEDULE.

*List No. 2.*

1. For registering (in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance No. 3 of 1844) every Deed, Assignment, Mortgage, or other Instrument in writing (except as hereinafter provided) where such Deed, Assignment, Mortgage, or other Instrument, relates only to one Lot or one section or portion of a Lot as registered or intended to be registered in the Land Office, ..... \$15
2. For registering every other Deed, Assignment, Mortgage, or Instrument in writing, except as hereinafter provided, ..... \$30
3. For registering every Will, Probate, Letters of Administration, Judgment, Decree, Prohibitory Order, or other Order of Court, or receiving any verified Certificate, . . \$ 3
4. For registering a Lis Pendens, ..... \$ 3
5. For entering a discharge of a Lis Pendens, ..... \$ 3
6. For a certificate of such entry of discharge, ..... \$ 3
7. For receiving for safe custody any Deed, Will, or other Instrument, ..... \$15
8. For every Search, ..... \$ 3
9. For Certificate of receipt of any document, or certifying a copy thereof, and for every other Certificate, ... \$15
10. For every uncertified copy of any Will, Deed, Memorial, or other Instrument, per folio of 72 words, ..... 75 cents.
11. For registering Memorial of a Writ of Foreign Attachment, ..... \$ 3
12. For filing a Certificate that a Writ of Foreign Attachment is dissolved, or that the Judgment in the action is satisfied, ..... \$ 3
13. For the signature of the Governor to any Crown Lease or other document, including affixing the Public Seal to such Lease or other document, where such Seal is necessary, ..... \$15
14. For parchment plans attached to a Crown Lease and Counterpart, or other document, ..... \$30

- Commence-  
ment of  
Ordinance.    5. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be named by the Governor by notification in the Government Gazette.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object is to increase the fees heretofore paid under List No. 2 in the Schedule to Ordinance No. 3 of 1844. The increase is made for purposes of revenue.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,  
*Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend The Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 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 Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

2. Schedule S. of The Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1900, is hereby repealed, and the following Schedule lettered S. is substituted instead thereof :—

Substitution of new Schedule S. to Ordinance 20 of 1900.

(S.)

SCHEDULE OF FEES.

The following Fees shall be paid for the Licences herein mentioned and in the manner herein specified, that is to say :—

	\$	How payable.	
Distillery Licence, .....	400	Annually, in advance.	
Temporary Licence,—at the discretion of the Governor.			
Public-house Licence:—			
When the valuation of the premises occupied is—			
Under \$1,000, a licence fee of .....	\$1,350	} Annually, in advance, subject, however, to the provisions of sec. 14.	
\$1,000 or over, but under \$4,200, a licence fee of .....	\$1,800		
\$4,200 or over, a licence fee of .....	\$2,400		
Adjunct Licence:—			
When the valuation of the premises occupied is—			
Under \$1,000, a licence fee of .....	\$ 600	} Annually, in advance, subject, however, to the provisions of sec. 14.	
1,000 or over, but under \$4,200, a licence fee of .....	\$ 720		
\$4,200 or over, a licence fee of .....	\$ 960		
Removal Licence, .....	\$ 20	In advance.	
<i>Not.</i> —If the new premises are of a higher annual valuation than those from which the licence is removed, a proportionate part of the extra fee (if any) payable in respect of such difference of valuation must also be paid.			
Transfer of a Publican's or Adjunct Licence, .....	\$ 20	In advance.	
Wholesale Licence, .....	\$1,000	Annually, in advance.	
Grocer's Licence, .....	\$1,000	Do.	
Chinese Wine & Spirit Shop Licence:—			
(a.) City of Victoria west of the line formed by the Albany Nullah, .....	\$ 650	} Payable in four quarterly instalments, in advance.	
(b.) City of Victoria east of the line formed by Albany Nullah, .....	\$ 550		
(c.) Quarry Bay, from Tsat Tsz Mui Police Station to the S.E. boundary of Shaukiwan M.L. 1, .....	\$ 400		
(d.) Shaukiwan, from the S.E. boundary of Shaukiwan M.L. 1 to the boundary of War Department land east of Ah Kung Ngam, .....	\$ 400		
(e.) Aberdeen and Aplichau, .....	\$ 350		
(f.) Tsim Sha Tsui, Yaumati and Hungghom, and that portion of the Kowloon Peninsula which is south of a line drawn from Nullah Street, Mong Kok Tsui, to the centre of the road between K.M. Lots 52 and 53 at Shek Shan, .....	\$ 550		
(g.) Sham Shui Po and the remaining portion of Kowloon not included under (f.), .....	\$ 400		
(h.) Kowloon City and the remainder of New Kowloon, .....	\$ 350		
Chinese Restaurant Licence:—			
When the valuation of the premises occupied is—			
Under \$500, a licence fee of .....	\$ 300	Annually, in advance.	
\$500 or more, but under \$2,000, a licence fee of .....	\$ 600	Do.	
Over \$2,000, a licence fee of .....	\$ 900	Do.	
Eating Houses (where no intoxicating liquors are sold)—			
In Victoria, .....	\$ 20	Annually, in advance.	
Elsewhere, .....	\$ 5	Do.	

3. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_, and the fees payable under the Schedule hereto lettered S. shall be payable on all licences which are issued on and after that date.

Commencement of Ordinance.

4. This Ordinance shall be construed as one with The Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, and The Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1900.

Construction of Ordinance.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object is to increase the fees for liquor licences chargeable under Schedule S. of Ordinance 20 of 1900. The increase is made for purposes of revenue.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,  
Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend The Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

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 Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance, 1902.
- Repeal of First Schedule to Ordinance 22 of 1901.      **2.** The First Schedule of "The Stamp Ordinance, 1901" is hereby repealed: and the "First Schedule" appearing herein is substituted in place thereof:—

FIRST SCHEDULE.

(See The Schedule to Ordinance 16 of 1886, as amended by sections 5 and 6 of Ordinance 13 of 1894 and by various Orders in Council.)      *Showing the proper Stamps for such Documents as require to be stamped under this Ordinance.*

NOTE.—A document containing or relating to several distinct matters is to be separately and distinctly charged with duty in respect of each of such matters. Any document liable to Stamp duty under more than one Article of this Schedule shall be charged under that Article which imposes the highest duty.

**1. Adjudication,** as to the amount of stamp duty to be levied on any document, ... .. } \$3.

**2. Affidavits,** Statutory declarations or declarations in writing on oath or affirmation made before any person authorised by law to take the same or to administer an oath or affirmation and not otherwise chargeable with duty, ... .. } \$3.

*Exemption:—This Article shall not apply to any such affidavit or declaration made for the immediate purpose of being filed or used in the Supreme Court or before any Judge or Officer of such Court or to any affidavit or declaration made for the sole purpose of enabling any person to receive any pension or charitable allowance.*

**3. Affirmation,** ... .. } \$3.

**4. Agreement,** or any memorandum of an agreement, under hand only, and not otherwise specially charged with any duty, whether the same be only evidence of a contract or obligatory on the parties from its being a written instrument, ... .. } \$1.50

*Note.*—Agreements as to letting or tenancy are in all cases chargeable as leases. See articles 32 and 34.

**Agreement or Contract** accompanied with the deposit of Title Deeds to any immovable property or for securing the payment or repayment of any money or stock, ... } *See Mortgage, 38.*

*Exemptions.—Label, slip, or memorandum containing the heads of any Insurance to be effected by means of a duly stamped Policy or Risk Note.*

*Memorandum, letter, or agreement made for or relating to the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise, or to the sale of any shares in any public company, not being a Broker's note or document given by a Broker.*

*Seaman's advance note, or memorandum, or agreement made between the master and mariners of any ship for wages. Emigration Contract.*

*Passage Ticket.*

**5. Arbitration Award,**... .. } Where the amount claimed or involved does not exceed \$500, \$1.  
Where the amount claimed or involved exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$1,000, \$2.  
And for every additional \$1,000, or part of \$1,000 over the first \$1,000, \$1.  
Where no money claim is made or the amount involved cannot be ascertained, \$6.

**6. Articles of Clerkship,** or Contract whereby any person shall first become bound to serve as a clerk in order to his admission as an Attorney or Solicitor, ... .. } \$150.

7. Assignment, by way of security, or of any security. . . . .	See Mortgage, 38.
Upon a sale, . . . . .	See Conveyance, 21.
8. Attested Copy of any Document chargeable with Stamp Duty under this Schedule, . . . . .	\$3.

In case any document of which an attested copy shall be made has annexed to it or subscribed upon it any certificate, affidavit, declaration, or attestation referring to the execution of such document or to any other formality in connection with such document, no separate or additional stamp shall be required for or in respect of an attested copy of any such certificate, affidavit, declaration, or attestation and the Stamp of \$1 upon the attested copy of the principal document shall be deemed to cover and include the attested copies of all such certificates, affidavits, declarations, and attestation.

9. Attorney, Letter or Power of, . . . . .	See 36 and 42.
10. Average Statement, . . . . .	See Bond, 15.
11. Bank Cheque payable on demand to any person, to bearer, or order, . . . . .	6 cents. } To be collected monthly on a statement thereof to be furnished by each Banker or Banking Company to the Collector of Stamp Revenue at the end of each month, and to be signed by the Banker, or Manager, or Agent, and by the Accountant of such Banker or Banking Company.
12. Bank Notes, or other obligations for the payment of money issued by any Banker or Banking Company in the Colony for local circulation and payable to bearer on demand, . . . . .	One per cent. per annum on the average value of such Notes in circulation. }
13. Bill of Exchange drawn out of but payable on demand within the Colony, not being a Cheque, and bearing the date on which it was made, . . . . .	6 cents.

Bill of Exchange of any other kind whatsoever except a Cheque or Bank Note and Promissory Note of any kind whatsoever except a Bank Note.

From \$ 00 to \$ 10, . . . . .	Free.
.. \$ 10 .. \$ 50, . . . . .	2 cents.
.. \$ 50 .. \$ 250, . . . . .	5 ..
.. \$ 250 .. \$ 500, . . . . .	10 ..
.. \$ 500 .. \$ 1,000, . . . . .	20 ..
.. \$ 1,000 .. \$ 2,000, . . . . .	50 ..
.. \$ 2,000 .. \$ 3,000, . . . . .	\$1.00
.. \$ 3,000 .. \$ 5,000, . . . . .	\$1.50
.. \$ 5,000 .. \$10,000, . . . . .	\$2.00
.. \$10,000 .. \$15,000, . . . . .	\$3.00
Every \$ 5,000 additional or part thereof, . . . . .	\$0.50

Note 1.—A Bill of Exchange for exactly \$50 is to be charged 2 cents, and so throughout the table.

Note 2.—When Bills of Exchange or other such documents are drawn in sets of two or more, half the above duties to be charged on each part of a set. If the Duty be 5 cents the first part of the set shall be charged 3 cents, and the other parts 2 cents each.

Note 3.—In the case of a Bill of Exchange drawn out of and payable on demand out of the Colony, the duty payable on any such Bill of Exchange, when it is negotiated within the Colony, shall be 2 cents.

Note 4.—In the case of Bills in sets drawn out of the Colony, the whole duty shall be payable on that part of the set which is first presented for payment or acceptance, or is first otherwise negotiated, the other parts of the set being free.

14. Bill of Lading, or ship's receipt where bills of lading are not used, for each part of every set, . . . . .	30 cents.
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Exemption.—Bill of Lading for goods shipped by any Government Officer on account of Government.

15. Bond, or other obligation concerning Respondentia and Bottomry, and Average Statement, or Bond where no statement is drawn up, . . . . .	10 cents for every \$100 or part thereof.
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Bond, for securing the payment or repayment of money not otherwise provided for, or for the transfer or re-transfer of stock, or accompanying the deposit of Title Deeds to any immovable property, . . . . .	See Mortgage, 38.
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Bond, . . . . . See also Articles 6, 29, 31, 46.





31. Every Instrument in writing under Seal, not otherwise specially charged with duty under this schedule. . . . .

\$30.

*Note.*—The impressions of Chinese names, shop names, or trading names, commonly called *chops* shall not be taken to be seals within the meaning of this Article.

32. Lease or Agreement for a Lease, made for a term of years or for a period determinable with one or more life or lives or otherwise contingent, in consideration of a sum of money paid in the way of premium, fine, or the like, if without rent, . . . . .

30 cents for every \$10 or part thereof.

33. Lease, executed in pursuance of a duly stamped agreement for the same, . . . . .

\$3.

34. Lease or Agreement for a Lease of any Land, House, Building or Tenement, at a rent, without payment of any sum of money by way of fine or premium, to be levied on the Annual Rent, for a term not exceeding—

One year, . . . . .  
Three years, . . . . .  
Thirty years, . . . . .  
Exceeding thirty years, . . . . .

10 cents }  
25 " } For every \$100  
50 " } or part thereof.  
75 " }

Lease, surrender of, . . . . .

The same amount of duty as is payable on the lease itself.

*Note.*—When both rent is paid and there is a fine or premium, the duty is to be the total of that due under both articles 32 & 34.

*Exemption.*—All rents under \$50 per annum.

35. Letter or other instrument of Hypothecation accompanying deposit of document of title to any movable property, or bond, or other instrument of guarantee in respect of such property or documents of title, . . . . .

Referring to particular property, \$3.  
Duplicate, 30 cents.  
General, \$6.

36. Letter or Power of Attorney, or other instrument in the nature thereof, for the sole purpose of appointing or authorising a proxy to vote at any one meeting at which votes may be given by proxy, whether the number of persons named in such instruments be one or more, . . . . .

6 cents. See also 42.

37. Letter of Guarantee, . . . . .

See Agreement, 4.

38. Mortgage, or Agreement for a Mortgage, bond, debenture, covenant, warrant of attorney to confess and enter up judgment, and foreign security of any kind not specially charged with duty under this Schedule, to be levied on the amount or value of the principal sum secured.

(i.) Being the only, or principal, or primary security, and also where any further money is added to the money already secured, . . . . .

10 cents for every \$100 or part thereof.

(ii.) Being a collateral or auxiliary or additional or substituted security, other than a Mortgage executed pursuant to a duly stamped agreement for the same, or by way of further assurance for the above-mentioned purpose where the principal or primary security is duly stamped, and for every extension of the time of an Original Mortgage whether or not endorsed on such Mortgage, . . . . .

5 cents for every \$100 or part thereof.

(iii.) Transfer, assignment, disposition or assignation of any Mortgage, bond, debenture, covenant, or foreign security, or of any money or stock secured by any such instrument, or by any warrant of attorney to enter up judgment, or by any judgment; to be levied on the amount transferred, . . . . .

(iv.) Reassignment, release, discharge, surrender, re-surrender, warrant to vacate, or renunciation of any such security as aforesaid, or of the benefit thereof, or of the money thereby secured. Where the payment of interest in respect of the money secured is mentioned in any re-assignment or other document specified in this sub-section, no duty shall be payable in respect of such interest, ... .. } 1 cent for every \$100 or part thereof.

(v.) Mortgage executed in pursuance of a duly stamped agreement for the same, ... .. } \$3.

39. Any Notarial Act whatsoever not otherwise charged with duty in this schedule, ... .. } \$3.

40. Note of Protest by any Commander or Master of a vessel, or with regard to any Promissory Note or Bill of Exchange, ... .. } 75 cents.

(a) Life Insurance (including Interim Receipt), ... } 25 cents for every \$1,000 or part thereof insured.  
 (b) Marine, Hull Risks, for Time, ... }

41. Policy or Risk Note (Insurance) for each copy, and every renewal, ... .. } {Where the amount insured does not exceed \$1,000, 10 cents. Where it exceeds \$1,000, 25 cents.  
 (c) All other Insurances (Fire, Marine or otherwise), }

42. Power of Attorney, or Revocation of Power of Attorney, ... .. } \$6. See also 36.

43. Probate, or Letters of Administration, with or without the will annexed, to be calculated upon the value of the estate and effects for or in respect of which such Probate or Letters of Administration shall be granted, exclusive of what the deceased shall have been possessed of or entitled to as a Trustee for any person or persons and not beneficially:—

(a.) Where the estate and effects are above the value of two hundred and fifty dollars and not above the value of one thousand dollars, ... } At the rate of one dollar for every one hundred dollars and for every fractional part of one hundred dollars over any multiple of one hundred dollars.

(b.) Where the estate and effects are above the value of one thousand dollars and not above the value of ten thousand dollars, ... } At the rate of two dollars for every one hundred dollars and for every fractional part of one hundred dollars over any multiple of one hundred dollars.

(c.) Where the estate and effects are above the value of ten thousand dollars, ... } At the rate of three dollars for every one hundred dollars and for every fractional part of one hundred dollars over any multiple of one hundred dollars.

Exemption.—Where the estate and effects do not exceed the value of two hundred and fifty dollars.

44. Reassignment, ... .. } See Mortgage, 38.

45. Receipt or Discharge given for the payment of money, or in acquittal of a debt paid in money or otherwise, when the sum received, discharged or acquitted exceeds \$10, ... } 6 cents.

Exemptions.—Letter acknowledging the arrival of a Currency or Promissory Note, Bill of Exchange, or any Security for Money, Receipt or Debit Note for the Premium on a duly stamped Policy of Insurance. Receipts for pay and allowances of persons in the service of the Imperial or Colonial Government whether Civil, Naval, or Military.

**43. Servant's Security Bond.**

Any Instrument in writing under seal by which any domestic or other Servant or Clerk or Compradore shall give security for the due discharge of his duties, or of the duties of other persons to be employed by him, or for the safe custody of money or property to be entrusted to him, or for the proper carrying on of business to be conducted by him, or for the discharge of his responsibilities arising from such business, whether such security shall be given by the binding of other persons, or by the deposit of money or valuable property or by deposit of the title deeds to any property or by any assignment, ... ..

The same duty as a Mortgage, see Article 38 (i.) & (ii.).

**47. Settlement.**

Any instrument, whether voluntary or upon any good of valuable consideration, other than a *bona fide* pecuniary consideration, whereby any definite and certain principal sum of money (whether charged or chargeable on lands or not, or to be laid out in the purchase of lands or not) or any definite and certain amount of stock, or any security, is settled or agreed to be settled in any manner whatsoever, ... ..

30 cents for every \$100 or part thereof of the amount or value of the property settled or agreed to be settled.

*Exemptions.—Instrument of appointment relating to any property in favour of persons especially named or described as the objects of a power of appointment created by a previous settlement stamped with ad valorem duty in respect of the same property, or by will, where probate duty has been paid in respect of the same property as personal estate of the testator.*

**48. Settlement** executed in pursuance of a duly stamped agreement for the same, ... ..

\$3.

**49. Statutory Declaration,** ...

See 2.

**50. Surrender of a Lease,** ...

The same amount of duty as is payable on the lease itself.

**51. Transfer of Shares** or stock in any public company, to be computed on the market value of such shares on the day of stamping, which, if doubt arises, the Collector shall decide, subject to Section 10 of this Ordinance, ... ..

10 cents for every \$100 or part thereof.

(ii.) Transfer for a nominal amount to be approved by the Collector, ... ..

\$3.

*Exemption.—Scrip Certificate.*

GENERAL EXEMPTIONS.

*Any Document made or executed by or on behalf of His Majesty or of any Department of His Majesty's Service, or whereby any property or interest is transferred to or any contract of any kind whatsoever is made with His Majesty or any person for or on behalf of His Majesty or any such Department as aforesaid.*

*But this exemption does not extend to any Document executed by the Registrar of the Supreme Court as Official Administrator or by a Receiver appointed by any Court, or to any Document rendered necessary by any Ordinance or by the order of any Court; neither does it extend to a sale made for the recovery of an arrear of Revenue or Rent, or in satisfaction of a Decree or Order of Court, in any of which cases the purchaser shall be required to pay the amount of the requisite Stamp in addition to the purchase money.*

**3.** This Ordinance shall be read as one with The Stamp Ordinance, 1901, and the said Schedule appearing herein shall be construed as if it appeared in the said Stamp Ordinance, 1901, in the place of the "First Schedule" thereto.

**4.** This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be named by the Governor by notification in the Government Gazette.

*Objects and Reasons.*

The object is to increase the Stamp Duties payable under the First Schedule of Ordinance No. 22 of 1901.

The increase is made for purposes of revenue.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,  
*Attorney General.*

## A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of TSANG HON CHO, otherwise known as TSANG MING TSOI, otherwise known as TSANG YIU WING.

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

Whereas TSANG HON CHO (曾漢初), otherwise known as TSANG MING TSOI (曾明才), otherwise known as TSANG YIU WING (曾耀榮), a native of Swatow (汕頭), in the Empire of China, is now employed as Compradore to Messieurs Bradley and Company, at Victoria, in this Colony, and has continuously resided in this Colony for the last four years, and is possessed of landed property therein, and has declared his intention of permanently residing therein, 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:

Naturaliza-  
tion of Tsang  
Hon Cho.

1. TSANG HON CHO (曾漢初), otherwise known as TSANG MING TSOI (曾明才), otherwise known as TSANG YIU WING (曾耀榮), 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.