

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and asked permission to withdraw from the consideration of the Council the Bill which was read a first time on the 7th July last, and to introduce a new Bill instead of it.

Permission granted, and Bill withdrawn.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Health and to Buildings.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

EMPLOYERS AND SERVANTS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Employers and Servants.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

JUNKS (COLLISION) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance with reference to Collisions between Junks and Ships.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NEW TERRITORIES TITLES BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled The New Territories Titles Ordinance, 1902.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NATURALIZATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to the Naturalization of Aliens.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of November, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 723.

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, 27th November, 1902.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902 (No. 12 of 1902).

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

1. This Ordinance shall be read and construed as one with The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

Amendment
of section 2
of Ordinance
12 of 1902.

2. Section 2 of The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902, is hereby amended by striking out the words "annually fixed" in the ninth line of the said section and by substituting the words "fixed from time to time" in place thereof.

Objects and Reasons.

The amendment to be effected by this Ordinance is rendered necessary by the decision to adopt a monthly instead of a yearly rate of exchange for the payment of salaries fixed in sterling.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,
Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to further amend The Rating Ordinance, 1901.

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

1. The definition of "Hill District" which occurs in section 2 of The Rating Ordinance, 1901, (No. 8 of 1901), is hereby amended by substituting for the figures "600" the figures "700".

2. Section 29 of The Rating Ordinance, 1901, (No. 8 of 1901), is hereby amended by striking out the figures "600" in the tenth line of the said section and by substituting the figures "700" in place thereof.

Objects and Reasons.

The object of this Ordinance is to prevent any question arising as to the scale of rates to be levied in the area between the 600-foot and 700-foot contours in the hill districts.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,
Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Hospital
Incorporation Ordinance, No. 3 of 1870.

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 Hospital Short title.
Incorporation Amendment Ordinance, 1902.

2. Section 6 of The Chinese Hospital Incorporation Or- Amendment
dinance, 1870, shall hereafter be read and construed as if the of section 6
word "sixteen" appeared in the third line thereof in place of Ordinance
of the word "twelve". 3 of 1870.

Objects and Reasons.

In view of the approaching opening of two new Hos-
pitals it is considered necessary to take power to increase
the maximum number of members of the Permanent
Board of Directors and so strengthen the permanent work-
ing Committee.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,
Attorney General.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5 of 1902.

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

1. The Land Registry Office (Fees) Amendment Ordi-
nance, 1902, (No. 5 of 1902), is hereby repealed as and from
the coming into operation of Ordinance 36 of 1902.

Objects and Reasons.

The object is to repeal No. 5 of 1902. It is expedient,
if not necessary, to pass this Ordinance because though, as
appears by the title, Ordinance 36 of 1902 intended to
repeal Ordinance 5 of 1902, and does so by implication, yet
there are no specific words of repeal, those words having
been omitted by a clerical error not noticed at the time.

HENRY S. BERKELEY,
Attorney General.