PENALTIES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to abolish Minimum Penalties, and to bring the Law of the Colony as to Penalties into uniformity with the Law of England, and for other purposes.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

On the motion the of Attorney General the words "with or without hard labour, as the case may be" in the fourth and fifth lines of sub-section (2) of section 9 were deleted.

In Part II of the Schedule the following words and figures were inserted between the third and fourth last lines thereof—"Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, section 15".

In the references to the sections of Ordinance No. 6 of 1865 in Parts III and IV of the said Schedule the figure "(2)" after the figures "28" was deleted.

The following was added at the end of Part V of the said Schedule:-

Ordinance No. 9 of 1911, in section 89, for the words "or imprisonment" there shall be read "and imprisonment", and the words "or to both fine and imprisonment" are repealed.

Ordinance No. 16 of 1911, in sections 3 (2) and 5, for the words "or imprisonment" there shall be read "and imprisonment", and the words "or to both" are repealed.

Council resumed, the Bill being left in Committee.

Adjournment.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 10th August, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD, Governor.

Read and confirmed this 10th day of August, 1911.

C. CLEMENTI,

Clerk of Councils.

No. 236.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 27 of 1911.—An Ordinance to yet further amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

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An Ordinance to yet further amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

F. D. LUGARD,

Governor.

[11th August, 1911.]

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Widows' Short title and Orphans' Pension Amendment (No. 3) Ordinance, and construc-1911," and shall be read as one with the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908, and the Ordinances amending the same.

2. The Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, Adds a new 1908, as amended by subsequent Ordinances, is hereby section to Ordinance further amended by the addition, after section 30 thereof, of the following new section:-

"31. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not Provisions of apply to any public officer who is an Aud-this Ordinance shall not provisions of itor or Assistant Auditor, appointed on the apply to recommendation of the Director of Colonial Auditors and Audit in London, unless before the 1st day of January, 1912, or unless within six months unless they after the date of his arrival in the Colony desire it. he shall have stated in writing to the Treasurer that he desires the provisions of this Ordinance to apply to him, in which event the said provisions shall apply accordingly from the date of the receipt by the Treasurer of the statement in writing."

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 10th day of August, 1911.

> C. CLEMENTI, Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 11th day of August, 1911.

> WARREN BARNES, Colonial Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 237.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under Section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1903, (Ordinance No. 23 of 1903), Police Sergeant James McKay to be a Sanitary Inspector for Sham Shui Po District, wice Police Sergeant Angus transferred, with effect from the 21st July, 1911.

9th August, 1911.