

STAMP BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BANKRUPTCY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to remove doubts as to the power of the Governor to appoint Deputy Official Receivers and as to the validity of the acts of persons appointed to be Deputy Official Receivers or to act as Deputy Official Receivers or attached to the office of the Official Receiver before the commencement of this Ordinance.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MILITARY STORES (EXPORTATION) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, 1862 and 1914.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ALIEN ENEMIES (WINDING UP) AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Alien Enemies (Winding up) Ordinance, 1914.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 28th day of January, 1915.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 28th day of January, 1915.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 36.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 1 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1915.—An Ordinance to remove doubts as to the power of the Governor to appoint Deputy Official Receivers and as to the validity of the acts of persons appointed to be Deputy Official Receivers or to act as Deputy Official Receivers or attached to the office of the Official Receiver before the commencement of this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, 1862 and 1914.

HONGKONG.

No. 1 OF 1915.

An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance,
1901.

I assent to this Ordinance.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

[29th January, 1915.]

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

Governor-in-Council to have power to allow stamping after execution.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Stamp Ordinance, 1915, and shall be read and construed as one with the Stamp Ordinance, 1901, hereinafter called the Principal Ordinance, and with the Stamp Ordinance, 1914.

2. Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Ordinance contained, the Governor-in-Council shall have power, in any special case in which the circumstances may appear to him to be sufficiently exceptional, to authorise the Collector to stamp after execution any document whatsoever liable to stamp duty under the Principal Ordinance or any Ordinance amending the same, either without payment of any penalty or subject to the following penalties:—

- (a.) if within one month of execution, double the amount of deficient duty;
- (b.) if within two months of execution, four times the amount of deficient duty; and
- (c.) if after two months after execution, ten times the amount of deficient duty.

Amendment of Ordinance No. 16 of 1901, s. 31.

3. Section 31 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the repeal of the words "or without the consent of the Attorney General".

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 28th day of January, 1915.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 29th day of January, 1915.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

HONGKONG.

No. 2 OF 1915.

An Ordinance to remove doubts as to the power of the Governor to appoint Deputy Official Receivers and as to the validity of the acts of persons appointed to be Deputy Official Receivers or to act as Deputy Official Receivers or attached to the office of the Official Receiver before the commencement of this Ordinance.

I assent to this Ordinance.

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F. H. MAY,
Governor.

[29th January, 1915.]

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 Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1915, and shall be read and construed as one with the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891. Short title.

2.—(1.) The Governor may appoint such person as he thinks fit to be a Deputy Official Receiver of debtors estates under the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891, and may remove such person from such office. Appoint-
ment and
powers of
Deputy
Official
Receivers.

(2.) Every Deputy Official Receiver shall have all the powers conferred on the Official Receiver by the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891, or by any Ordinance amending or substituted for the same.

(3.) Every Deputy Official Receiver shall act under the general authority and direction of the Official Receiver for the time being, or, if there be no Official Receiver for the time being, under the general authority and direction of the Governor, and shall also be an officer of the Court.

3. The Governor shall be deemed to have had at all times the power to appoint any person to be Deputy Official Receiver or to act as Deputy Official Receiver, and to attach any person for duty to the office of the Official Receiver, and all acts whatsoever of any person so appointed to be Deputy Official Receiver or to act as Deputy Official Receiver, or so attached for duty to the office of the Official Receiver, done during the period of such appointment or while so attached, shall be deemed to be as valid in all respects as if this Ordinance had been in force at the time of his being so appointed or attached as the case may be and as if such person had been appointed a Deputy Official Receiver in pursuance of section 2 of this Ordinance. Declaration
as to the
power at all
times of
Governor
to appoint
Deputy
Official
Receivers,
and as to
validity of
acts of
persons
appointed
before com-
mencement
of Ordinance.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 28th day of January, 1915.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 29th day of January, 1915.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.

HONGKONG.

No. 3 OF 1915.

An Ordinance to amend the Military Stores
(Exportation) Ordinances, 1862 and 1914.

I assent to this Ordinance.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

[29th January, 1915.]

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 Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance, 1915, and shall be read and construed as one with the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, 1862 and 1914, and this Ordinance and the said Ordinances may be cited together as the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, 1862-1915.

Definition. 2. In the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinances, 1862 and 1914:—

“Export” means to carry out of the Colony or to cause to be carried out of the Colony, and includes the carriage out of the Colony of things which were carried into the Colony by water and which are, without transshipment into any other vessel, carried out of the Colony on the same vessel on which they were carried into the Colony.

Penalty for act prohibited by proclamation. 3. Every person who shall export or attempt to export any thing or article in contravention of any proclamation made in whole or part under the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance, 1862, as amended by the Military Stores (Exportation) Ordinance, 1914, or made in whole or part under the powers conferred by sub-clause 9 of Clause III of the Order of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in Council of the 26th day of October, 1896, as amended by the Order of His Majesty in Council of the 28th day of August, 1914, whether such proclamation may have been made before the commencement of this Ordinance or be made after such commencement, shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour and shall be liable upon conviction either summarily or on indictment to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 12 months and to a fine not exceeding 5,000 dollars.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 28th day of January, 1915.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, the 29th day of January, 1915.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Colonial Secretary.