

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. S. 427.—The following Bill was read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 19th December, 1912 :—

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.

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 Summary Offences Amendment Ordinance, 1913.

Repeal of section 13 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1845 and substitution of a new section therefor. 2. Section 13 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845, is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

“ 13.—(1.) No person shall, between sunset and the hour of six in the following morning, make or cause or permit to be made or caused any noise whatsoever calculated to disturb or interfere with the public tranquillity or calculated to disturb or annoy any person.

(2.) Any person who shall contravene any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon summary conviction before a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars or in default of payment thereof to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding three months.

(3.) This section shall apply only to such districts as the Governor-in-Council may direct by notification in the *Gazette*.”

Objects and Reasons.

The object of this Bill is to enable the provisions of section 13 of the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845, which deal with the prevention of unseemly noises at night but which are restricted in their operation to the Town of Victoria, to be extended to other areas which are now centres of population and in which it is desirable that some such similar law should be in operation.

JOHN A. BUCKNILL,
Attorney General.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 428.—Statement of Sanitary Measures adopted against Hongkong.

Place or Port.	Nature of Measures.	Date.	Reference to Government Notification.
Orissa.	Plague Regulations imposed in Orissa Ports against arrivals from Hongkong.	23rd Feb., 1912.	No. S. 54.

A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary.

20th December, 1912.