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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

MONDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 1898.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
(Major-General WILSONE BLACK, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary and Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART).  
" the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).  
" the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).  
" the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).  
" the Colonial Treasurer, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).  
" the Director of Public Works, (ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).  
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.  
" HO KAI, M.B., C.M.  
" THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.  
" EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELLIOS, C.M.G.  
" JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.  
" WEI YUK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 23rd February, 1898, were read and confirmed.

MOTION.—By permission of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. WHITEHEAD moved the following motion standing in his name prior to the continuance of the debate on the Resolution moved by the Director of Public Works at the last meeting on the subject of New Government Offices:—

*That Government lay upon the table a copy of its covering despatch forwarding to the Colonial Office the report dated 23rd November, 1896, of the Committee appointed 8th September, 1894, by His Excellency Sir William Robinson to report on the condition of the Government Offices and the desirability of locating the various Government departments under one roof, together with a copy of any further explanations the Government may have given in connection therewith and as called for by the Secretary of State's despatch No. 126 of 5th June, 1896.*

The motion was not seconded.

RESOLUTION.—The Council then proceeded with the adjourned debate on the following Resolution moved by the Director of Public Works and seconded by the Colonial Secretary at the last meeting:—

*That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient—*

*A. To construct the new Law Courts and accessory offices on Plot No. 2 on the New Reclamation, namely, the larger of the two lots reserved for Government Offices, immediately in front of the City Hall; and*

*B. To retain the sites of the present Post Office and Supreme Court for the erection of a new Post Office, which should also afford accommodation for the Treasury and such other Offices as may be decided on.*

Mr. BELLIOS addressed the Council in support of the Resolution.

In the course of Mr. BELLIOS' address, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government called the Honourable Member to order.

Mr. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council and opposed the second part of the Resolution.

Dr. HO KAI supported the Resolution and addressed the Council.

Mr. WEI YUK expressed his concurrence in Dr. HO KAI's remarks.

The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council in support of the Resolution.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Council.

The Resolution was then read, and the Council divided—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Mr. WEI YUK.	Mr. CHATER.
Mr. BELL-IRVING.	Mr. WHITEHEAD.
Mr. BELLIOS.	
Dr. HO KAI.	
Director of Public Works.	
Colonial Treasurer.	
Captain Superintendent of Police.	
Harbour Master.	
Attorney General.	
Colonial Secretary.	

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE PRISON ORDINANCE, 1885.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LEUNG P'UI CHI, alias LEUNG CHAK CH'ANG, alias LEUNG CHUNG.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with verbal amendment.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council adjourned *sine die*.

WILSONE BLACK,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed this 25th day of July, 1898.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,  
*Clerk of Councils.*