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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

MONDAY, 25TH JULY, 1898.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).
 „ 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 Acting Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
 „ 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 BELILIOS, C.M.G.
 „ JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.
 „ WEI YUK.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 28th February, 1898, were read and confirmed.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.—Mr. WHITEHEAD gave notice that, at the next Meeting of Council, he would ask the following questions:—

Will the Government inform the Council what progress has been made with the works decided upon more than twelve months ago and which were intended to commemorate permanently the completion of the 60th year's reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, also state how the Jubilees Fund is invested and what rate of interest it is earning?

In view of the construction in the colony of sundry factories under Chinese and European management is it the intention of the Government to enact any portion of the Home Acts respecting female and juvenile labour.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following papers:—

1. Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for 1897.
2. Minutes of Meetings of the Piers Committee.
3. Calendar of Probate and Administration for 1897.
4. Report on Queen's College by the Examiners appointed by the Governing Body for 1897.

5. Report of the Harbour Master for 1897.
6. Secretary of State's Despatch respecting Speeches delivered at the Legislative Council Meeting on the 25th January, 1898.
7. Financial Returns for the year 1897.
8. Report of the Pó Léung Kuk Society for the year ending 31st December, 1897.
9. Statement of Water Account for the year ending 31st December, 1897.
10. Return of Civil and Appeal Cases heard in the Supreme Court in 1897.
11. Report of the Postmaster General for 1897.
12. Report of the Director of Public Works for 1897.
13. Reports on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
14. Report on the Praya Reclamation Works for 1897.
15. Reports of the Medical Officer of Health, the Sanitary Surveyor, and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for 1897.
16. Report of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department for 1897.
17. Report of the Registrar General for 1897.
18. The Educational Report for 1897.
19. Blue Book for 1897.
20. Report of the Insanitary Properties Commission.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 2 to 8), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

WILSONE BLACK.

C.O.D.
253 of 1897.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand Four hundred and Nine Dollars (\$1,409), being a gratuity to Mr. R. M. JAMESON, late Assistant Master, Queen's College.

Government House, Hongkong, 4th March, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.
93 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and Seven Dollars (\$407) in aid of the vote "Health Officer of the Port for repairs to Launch."

Government House, Hongkong, 31st May, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.
177 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Seven hundred and Forty-seven Dollars (\$747) in aid of the vote "Miscellaneous Works," Public Works Department.

Government House, Hongkong, 6th June, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.
716 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Two hundred and Forty Dollars (\$3,240) in aid of the vote "Repairs to Epidemic Hulk *Hygeia*."

Government House, Hongkong, 9th June, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.
768 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the extension and improvement of the Central Fire Brigade Station.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th June, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.
1503 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twelve thousand and Fifty Dollars (\$12,050) in aid of the following votes :—

Police.

(a) Passages and Bonuses,	\$9,700
(b) Clothing and Accoutrements,	2,200
(c) Bedding and Mess Utensils,	150

Total,.....\$12,050

Government House, Hongkong, 20th June, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.
1683 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred and Fourteen Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$514.30) in aid of the following votes:—

(a) Executioner's Fee and inflicting Corporal Punishment,\$100.00
(b) Rent of Quarters for Superintendent and Warders,..... 414.30

Total,.....\$514.30

Government House, Hongkong, 11th July, 1898.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—Mr. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council and moved the following resolution:—

That it is desirable in the interests of the public that the land marked red on the annexed plan should not be let for building purposes but should be, henceforth, reserved as an open space and appropriated for the purposes of recreation, and that the sanction of the Secretary of State should be asked for the introduction of an Ordinance giving the Governor in Council power to make regulations, from time to time, as to the uses of the land so reserved, and to enforce such regulations by suitable penalties.

Dr. Ho KAI seconded.

Question—put and agreed *nem. con.*

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works laid on the table the report of the Public Works Committee, dated the 15th March, 1898, (No. 3), and moved that the second part of the report be adopted.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF CHAU TUNG SHANG.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF TONG YUK, ALIAS TONG LAI TS'UN.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE KOWLOON GODOWNS TRAMWAYS ORDINANCE, 1897.—Mr. BELL-IRVING moved the first reading of the Bill.

Honourable C. P. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE BUILDING ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY-THREE CENTS, TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1897.—The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED KELLET ISLAND ORDINANCE, 1898.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR THE ISSUE, BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HONGKONG; OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES TO CERTAIN CHINESE DESIROUS OF PROCEEDING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF CERTAIN CONSPIRACIES.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK ORDINANCES AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1882.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting 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 Acting 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 then adjourned till Wednesday, the 3rd August, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 3rd day of August, 1898.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 347.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published.

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 3rd August, 1898.