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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 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.

„ JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

„ WEI YUK.

ABSENT:

The Honourable EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELLIOS, C.M.G.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 25th July, 1898, were read and confirmed.

RESOLUTION.—Dr. HO KAI gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, he would move the following resolution:—

That it is desirable in the interests of the public that the piece of ground situate at British Kowloon and generally known as Sung Wong Toi (臺王宋) or Sung Wong Tong (堂王宋), together with a certain area of land surrounding and adjacent thereto, as delineated and marked red on the annexed plan, should not be let for building or other purposes, but should be reserved for the benefit of the public in perpetuity, and that the same should be delimited and marked off and kept in good order by the Public Works Department of this Colony.

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

Report on the Assessment for 1898-99.

QUESTION.—Mr. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

Will the Government inform the Council what progress has been made with the works decided upon more than 12 months ago and which were intended to commemorate permanently the completion of the 60th year's reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and also state, how the Jubilee Fund is invested and what rate of interest it is earning?

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee dated the 25th July, 1898, (No. 2), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

FINANCIAL MINUTE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minute, (No. 9), and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee :—

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.
JULY of 1896. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand and Seven hundred Dollars (\$2,700) in aid of the vote "Gaol Extension."

Government House, Hongkong, 26th July, 1898.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VACATIONS IN THE SUPREME COURT.—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 CHAU TUNG SHANG.—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.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF TONG YUK, alias TONG LAI TS'UN.—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.

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

Mr. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

Mr. BELL-IRVING moved the third reading of the Bill.

Mr. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

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

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with amendments.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.—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.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE BUILDING ORDINANCE, 1889.—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.

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 second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED KELLET ISLAND ORDINANCE, 1898.—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 with 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.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORISING 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 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 with 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.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF CERTAIN CONSPIRACIES.—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 Monday, the 15th August, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 15th day of August, 1898.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 365.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published.

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 15th August, 1898.