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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> 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.
- „ EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS, C.M.G.
- „ JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.
- „ WEI YUK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 3rd August, 1898, were read and confirmed.

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. 10 and 11), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.  
1872 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred Dollars (\$500) in aid of the vote “Coal, Oil and Water for Steam-launch.”

Government House, Hongkong, 30th July, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.  
1042 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand and Five hundred Dollars (\$2,500) in aid of the vote “Miscellaneous Works.”

Government House, Hongkong, 5th August, 1898.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—Dr. HO KAI, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved 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.*

Mr. WEI AYUK seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Council in support of the resolution.

Mr. WHITEHEAD also addressed the Council in support of the resolution.

Question—put and agreed to.

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 3rd August, 1898, (No. 3), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF CHAN LI CHOY, alias CHAN CHUN CHUEN.—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 LEUNG LUK, alias LEUNG CHEUNG SOY.—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 LI CHUNG, alias LI CHAU SHING.—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 RESERVATION OF CERTAIN LAND AT CAUSEWAY BAY AS A RECREATION GROUND AND FOR THE MAKING OF REGULATIONS AS TO ITS USE.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

Mr. WHITEHEAD seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

Mr. WHITEHEAD seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. WHITEHEAD seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

Mr. WHITEHEAD 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 ESTABLISHMENT OF VACATIONS IN THE SUPREME COURT.—  
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 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.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer 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 LAW RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.—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 29th August, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed this 29th day of August, 1898.

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 380.

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, 29th August, 1898.