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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

MONDAY, 29TH 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.
- ., Но Каі, М.В., С.М.
- ,. 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 15th 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. 12 and 13), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

Wilsone Black.

CS.O. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Six thousand Dollars (\$6,000) in aid of the following votes:—

- (1) Maintenance of Waterworks, City of Victoria and Hill District,......\$3,000.00
- (2) Road from Plantation Road to Magazine Gap,...... 3,000.00

Total,.....\$6,000.00

Government House, Hongkong, 18th August, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK.

Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000) in aid of the following votes in the Police Department:—

Total,.....\$2,000.00

Government House, Hongkong, 24th August, 1898.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

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 15th August, 1898, (No. 4), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Director of Public Works, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following resolution:—

Be it resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuations of tenements, payable as rates, within the area bounded—

- On the north, by a straight line passing through a point on the Victoria and Shaukiwan Road 500 feet northwards of where the northern boundary of Shaukiwan Marine Lot No. 1 crosses the said road, thence drawn in an easterly direction through a point on the Shaukiwan and Akung-Ngam Road 500 feet northwards of the north-west corner of the Shaukiwan Police Station, and extended in each direction to meet the eastern and western boundaries.
- On the west, south and east by a line 500 feet inland from the centre of the present Victoria and Shaukiwan Road and the present main street of Shaukiwan, where not already so altered be altered from 7 to 9 per cent.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS NATURALIZED AS BRITISH SUBJECTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HONGKONG.—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 MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE, 1890.—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 LO CHUNG PAK, alias Lo YUEN POON, alias Lo Shau Ü.-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 CHAN LI CHOY, alias CHAN CHUN CHURN.—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 LEUNG LUK, alias LEUNG CHEUNG Soy.—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.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LI CHUNG, alias Li Chau Shing.—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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 12th September, 1898.

WILSONE BLACK, Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 12th day of September, 1898.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 401.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the Queen, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

- Ordinance No. 20 of 1898.—An Ordinance to amend the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1896.
- Ordinance No. 21 of 1898.—An Ordinance authorizing the imposition of fees for the Naturalization of aliens naturalized as British Subjects within the limits of Hongkong.
- Ordinance No. 22 of 1898.—An Ordinance to further amend The Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.
- Ordinance No. 23 of 1898.—An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Lo Chung Pak, alias Lo Yuen Poon, alias Lo Shau Ü.
- Ordinance No. 24 of 1898.—An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Intoxicating Liquor Licenses.
- Ordinance No. 25 of 1898.—An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Leung Luk, alias Leung Cheung Soy.
- Ordinance No. 26 of 1898.—An Ordinance for the Naturalization of Li Chung, alias Li Снам Shing.

By Command,

T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th September, 1898.