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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 8.

MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 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.  
,, WEI YUK.

ABSENT :

The Honourable JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 29th August, 1898, were read and confirmed.

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 Progress of Public Works during the half-year ending 30th June, 1898.

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. 14 and 15), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.  
2057 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand and Five hundred Dollars (\$3,500) in aid of the vote "Expenses of the Volunteers."

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1898.

## WILSONE BLACK.

C.S.O.  
2008 of 1898.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-three thousand Eight hundred and Five Dollars and Forty-four Cents (\$23,805.44), in aid of the vote for "Store Account" in the Public Works Department.

Government House, Hongkong, 6th September, 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 29th August, 1898, (No. 5), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—(*Bye-laws for the regulation of Laundries.*)—The Acting Colonial Secretary, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following resolution:—

That this Council approves of the repeal by the Sanitary Board of the present Bye-laws approved by this Council on the 16th day of August, 1895, and the substitution therefor of the Bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board on the 25th day of August, 1898.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BYE-LAWS FOR REGULATING THE SALE OF POISONS.—The Attorney General laid on the table the Bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board under sub-section 22 of section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887, and moved that they be approved.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, 1896.—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.

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 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 MAGISTRATES ORDINANCE, 1890.—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 FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LO CHUNG PAK, alias LO YUEN POON, alias LO SHAU Ü.—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 AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and 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 amendments.  
 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 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 LI CHUNG, alias LI CHAN SHING.—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 *sine die*.

WILSONE BLACK,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed this 1st day of October, 1898.

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