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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

TUESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1899.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

His Excellency Major-General WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, C.M.G., General Officer Commanding.

The Honourable the Acting Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK).

” the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).

” the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

” the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).

” 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 JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

” WEI YUK.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.).

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. KESWICK took his seat as a Member of the Council, after having taken the Oath prescribed by Ordinance No. 4 of 1869.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 20th June, 1899, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers :—

1. Petition from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, against the second reading of the Bill entitled the Piers Ordinance, 1899.
2. Correspondence on the subject of the proposed arrangements for the protection of Chinese Revenue in Hongkong.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. Will the Government lay upon the table a statement of the amount expended by the Public Works Department for repairs and alterations to “Beaconsfield” and of the re-payments made by the owner of the building in respect of the former; also state for the information of the Council under what authority this expenditure has been disbursed?

2. *Will the Government lay upon the table a statement of the total expenditure payable out of the Colonial Treasury in connection with the preparations for and the occupation of the Colony's new territory leased by China to Great Britain per the Convention of 30th June, 1898?*
3. *What steps have the Government taken to bring the Police Force up to its full strength as authorised by Ordinance, and are the Government prepared to introduce an Ordinance sanctioning the increase of the force to a strength sufficient for the adequate policing of the Colony's new territory?*
4. *Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the correspondence which passed between the British Government and the Imperial Government of China and the Colonial Government on the subject of the arrangements to be made in accordance with the Convention of 20th June, 1898, for the better protection of the Chinese revenue from loss by the smuggling of opium from Hongkong into China?*
5. *Are the Government prepared to introduce a Bill to amend the Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance on similar lines, so far as circumstances permit, to those embodied in an "Ordinance to amend the Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance, 1896," read a first time in the Singapore Legislative Council on Tuesday, 13th instant—the outcome of correspondence between the Straits Government, the Straits Settlements Association and the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and if not, will the Government inform the Council of the cause of the delay?*

The Acting Attorney General replied.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. BELLIOS, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

1. *Will the Government state whether or not there has been any change, improvement, or progress in the mode of treatment of the plague patients in the Colonial Hospitals since the disease appeared in epidemic form in 1894?*
2. *As the proportion of deaths to cases is larger here than in India, where considerable progress in treating the disease has been made, why has not constant (say, weekly) communication been opened with the Indian Government for the purpose of securing the latest information as to treatment of patients?*
3. *If no such communication has been attempted, will the Government take steps to secure it without further delay?*
4. *Does the Government supply the Medical Staff at the Hospitals with all the necessary instruments (such as microscopes, &c.) for the purpose of diagnosing cases when first presented? If not, will the Government take steps to procure all the needful appliances for the conduct of medical investigations without delay?*

The Acting Attorney General replied.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF WONG PING LAM, alias WONG Ū KAI.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE PIERS ORDINANCE, 1899.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council and stated that he did not intend to proceed with the second reading of the Bill at that meeting.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF TS'OI YEUK-SHÁN.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Mr. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council.

Council resumed.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 FAN NANG, alias FAN SAU, alias FAN PAT SHAN, alias FAN TUN SHIN.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 ARMS CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1895.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council and stated that he did not intend to proceed with the second reading of the Bill at that meeting.

Mr. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Council.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LICENSES ORDINANCE, 1898.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council that the Council do go into Committee on the Bill.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND MARKETS ORDINANCES.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. BELILIOS addressed the Council and moved that the second reading of the Bill be postponed.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council that the Council do go into Committee on the Bill.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS, TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1898.—The Colonial Treasurer moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

Mr. BELILIOS addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO MERCHANT SHIPPING, THE DUTIES OF THE HARBOUR MASTER, THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WATERS OF THE COLONY, AND THE REGULATION OF VESSELS NAVIGATING THE SAME.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council and stated that by inadvertence the Bill had been put down in the Orders of the Day for the second reading, while, as a matter of fact, the Bill had already been referred to the Standing Law Committee of the Council. He stated that a Member of the Standing Law Committee would have to be appointed in the place of Mr. BELL-IRVING.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.—Mr. KESWICK was appointed a Member of the Standing Law Committee *vice* Mr. BELL-IRVING, absent on leave.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 31st day of July, 1899.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 440.

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, 31st July, 1899.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of YEUNG CHEUK HIN alias YEUNG SHUN KONG.

Whereas YEUNG CHEUK HIN (楊綽軒) alias YEUNG SHUN KONG (楊順綱), a native of Lung Mi Tò (龍尾導) village, in the district of Pün Ū (番禺), in the province of Kwangtung (廣東), in the Empire of China, is the sole proprietor of the Kwong Shang (廣生) shipehandler's firm and is the managing partner of the Yee Shang (怡生) coal firm both of which have their business premises at No. 68, Praya Central, Victoria, in this Colony, and has continuously resided in this Colony for the last forty years and has carried on business in this Colony for the last thirty years and is possessed of landed property in this Colony and has declared his intention of residing here permanently and has petitioned to be naturalized as a British subject within the limits of this Colony, and whereas it is expedient that he should be so naturalized:

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Naturaliza-
tion of
YEUNG
CHEUK HIN.

1. YEUNG CHEUK HIN (楊綽軒) alias YEUNG SHUN KONG (楊順綱) shall be and he is hereby naturalized as a British subject within this Colony and shall enjoy therein, but not elsewhere, all the rights, advantages, and privileges of a British subject, on his taking the Oath of Allegiance under the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869.