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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

MONDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 1899.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(SIR HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

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

ABSENT :

His Excellency Major-General WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, C.M.G., General Officer Commanding.  
The Honourable JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 27th June, 1899, were read and confirmed.

PETITION.—Mr. WHITEHEAD, by permission of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table a petition from certain dealers in arms with reference to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Arms Consolidation Ordinance, 1895."

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers :—

1. Report of the Inspector of Schools for 1898.
2. Reports on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.
3. Report of the Principal Civil Medical Officer for 1898.
4. Secretary of State's despatch respecting the recent disturbances in connection with the taking over of the New Territory.
5. Report on the Assessment for 1899-1900.
6. Blue Book for 1898.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 6 to 10), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
1737 of 1899.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand and Five hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to meet the expenses of furniture, &c. at "The Cliffs."

Government House, Hongkong, 10th July, 1899.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

Conf. C.S.O.  
222 of 1899.  
(Extension)

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and Seventy thousand Dollars (\$170,000) in aid of the following votes:—

New Territory,.....	\$100,000
Plague,.....	20,000
Miscellaneous Services (Other),.....	40,000
Printing,.....	10,000

Total,.....\$170,000

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 1899.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
1782 of 1899.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Six thousand Dollars (\$6,000) in aid of the vote "Maintenance of Water Works."

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 1899.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
1828 of 1899.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Thirty-eight thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$38,750) in aid of the following votes:—

Passages and Bonuses,.....	\$ 5,500
Arms and Ammunition,.....	100
Oil, Wick and Gas for Barracks,.....	1,600
Repairs to Boats and Launches,.....	3,000
Coal, Oil, &c. for Launches,.....	11,800
Conveyance of Police, Prisoners, &c.,.....	3,500
Incidental Expenses,.....	1,500
Clothing and Accoutrements,.....	3,500
Meals for Prisoners in cell,.....	300
Photography,.....	200
Small Stores,.....	100
Ration Allowance,.....	6,000
Good Conduct Badges,.....	1,650

Total,.....\$38,750

Government House, Hongkong, 24th July, 1899.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
1888 of 1899.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Two hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,250) in aid of the vote for "Incidental Expenses" of the Post Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 27th July, 1899.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.—Mr. WHITEHEAD gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would ask the following question:—

*Will the Government lay upon the table copy of Despatch No. 107 of 28th April last to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and its enclosures, regarding the recent disturbances in connection with the taking over of the New Territory leased by China to Great Britain by the June Convention of last year and any other Despatches from the Colonial Government to the Home Authorities bearing on the subject?*

Mr. BELILIOS gave notice that at the next meeting he would ask the following question:—

*Referring to the report by the Honourable J. H. Stewart Lockhart on the Kowloon Extension to the Colony, will the Government state what is the source of the information referred to in paragraph 1 under head of Revenue, page 13 of the Blue Book, stating:—"But from information derived from another source it is estimated that the annual revenue of that portion of the Sun On District contained within the leased area amounts to \$160,000, or, say, £16,000," this being an increase of more than a lakh of dollars on the estimate given by the Sun On District Magistrate for the territory in question?*

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK ORDINANCE, 1899.—Mr. CHATER addressed the Council and moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. CHATER moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Order.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mr. CHATER 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 and Bill reported without amendment.

Mr. CHATER moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Order.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mr. CHATER 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 PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ORDINANCE, 1897."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF YEUNG CHEUK HIN alias YEUNG SHUN KONG.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE CONCEALMENT OF OPIUM ON BOARD STEAMSHIPS.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

The 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 CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER HOUSES AND MARKETS ORDINANCES.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed.

His Excellency addressed the Council and extended an invitation to Members to accompany him on a visit to Taipo-hü, in the New Territory, on Wednesday, the 2nd August, 1899, to meet the Committee-men who had been appointed under Ordinance 11 of 1899.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Tuesday, the 8th August, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 8th day of August, 1899.

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