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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 16.

TUESDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, 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 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).

.. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

.. THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

.. EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS, C.M.G.

.. JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

.. WEI YUK.

ABSENT:

The Honourable CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 26th October, 1899, were read, amended and confirmed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee dated the 26th October, 1899, (No. 7), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO SOLICITORS.—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 now pass.

Bill passed.

COMMITTEE ON THE BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISION FOR THE SANITATION OF THE COLONY AND TO REPEAL CERTAIN ENACTMENTS OF THE CLOSED HOUSES AND INSANITARY DWELLINGS ORDINANCE, 1894.

Amendments were proposed and adopted in clauses 4, 6, 9, 10, and 11.

Further discussion on the 7th and 8th clauses was adjourned.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.—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 now pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Monday, the 13th November, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 13th day of November, 1899.

R. F. JOHNSTON,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 631.

It is hereby notified that the 1900 Examination in connection with the "Ouseley" Scholarships for proficiency in Oriental languages will be held in London in the early part of July. Candidates for this examination, the subject of which will be Hindustani, should give notice of their intention to compete, as early as possible, to the Secretary, School for Modern Oriental Studies, Imperial Institute, London, S.W.

Full particulars may be obtained on application at this Office.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th November, 1899.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 632

It is hereby notified that Her Majesty has not been advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—

Ordinance No. 20 of 1899, 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.

Ordinance No. 21 of 1899, entitled—An Ordinance for the prevention of the concealment of Opium on board steamships.

Ordinance No. 22 of 1899, entitled—An Ordinance to further amend the Cattle Diseases, Slaughter Houses and Markets Ordinances.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th November, 1899.