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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

THURSDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 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 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 Acting Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 13th November, 1899, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minute, (No. 25); and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.
2794 of 1899. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand and Five hundred Dollars (\$1,500) in aid of the vote “Maintenance of Waterworks, Kowloon.”

Government House, Hongkong, 17th November, 1899.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council on the subject of the Memorandum regarding the Estimates of Public Works Extraordinary for 1900 by the Unofficial Members of Council.

PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table a Return shewing the Expenditure of the 1893 Loan.

NEW LAW COURTS.—The Director of Public Works laid on the table the plans of the proposed New Law Courts.

REPORT OF THE STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, in the absence of the Acting Attorney General, laid on the table the report of the Standing Law Committee on the Merchant Shipping Bill (No. 3).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE AND POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.—The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE NEW TERRITORIES LAND COURT ORDINANCE, 1899.—The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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.—The Colonial Secretary 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 APPLY A SUM NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1900.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

The Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD intimated that he would lay on the table a statement of reasons for dissenting from the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary 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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th November, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of November, 1899.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 670.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 30th November, 1899.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.