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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

THURSDAY, 30TH 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 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:

The Honourable JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 23rd November, 1899, were read and confirmed.

PAPER.—Mr. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, laid on the table a statement of reasons for dissenting to the Appropriation Bill 1900.

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

With reference to Government Notifications Nos. 653 and 654 of 25th instant, will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary inform the Council whether the Sanitary Board in future is to be constituted in accordance with The Public Health Ordinance No. 24 of 1887, sections 4 and 5, and if the nominated members are as formerly to be unofficial members of the civil community?

FINANCIAL MINUTE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minute, (No. 26), and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.
2992 of 1899.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four thousand Dollars (\$4,000) in aid of the vote "Maintenance of Buildings."

Government House, Hongkong, 24th November, 1899.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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 23rd November, 1899, (No. 10), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, 1873.—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 TO AMEND THE LIQUOR LICENSES ORDINANCE, 1898.—The Acting Attorney General moved that this Order of the Day be discharged.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE AND POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill and addressed the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Dr. HO KAI moved as an amendment that the second reading of the Bill be postponed and addressed the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Mr. WHITEHEAD seconded and addressed the Council.

Amendment agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED THE NEW TERRITORIES LAND COURT ORDINANCE, 1899.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill and addressed the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 7th December, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 14th day of December, 1899.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 702.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 14th December, 1899.