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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1901.

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 Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN, K.C.).

” the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

” the Director of Public Works, (ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

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

” BASIL TAYLOR, (Acting Harbour Master).

” CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.

” HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

” JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

” WEI YUK.

” JOHN THURBURN.

” RODERICK MACKENZIE GRAY.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 31st January, 1901, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 6 and 7), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of One hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120) in aid of the vote “Government Medical Scholarship.”

Government House, Hongkong, 30th January, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Five thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Eighty-two Cents (\$5,829.82) to cover the cost of construction (\$4,875) and chartering of Steam-launches (\$954.82) for the use of the New Territory.

Government House, Hongkong, 1st February, 1901.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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(Extension.)

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 31st January, 1901, (No. 1), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal and re-enact with amendments The Defence Contribution Ordinance, 1896.

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 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.

BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891.

Mr. THURBURN seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Public Health in the Colony of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RATING BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Rating.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Law as regards certain indecent outrages and assaults.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed.

Bill reported without amendment.

The 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.

TRUSTEE BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Trustees.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and declare in certain respects the Law to be administered in the Supreme Court.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to establish a Code of Procedure for the Regulation of the Process, Practice, and Mode of Pleading in the Civil Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Colony.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council, and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

CIVIL PROCEDURE (STATUTES REPEAL) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal various Statutes relating to Civil Procedure or Matters connected therewith.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 13th February, 1901, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 14th day of February, 1901.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 93.

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 February, 1901.