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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 5.

MONDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1901.

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 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.

ABSENT:

His Excellency Major-General WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, C.M.G., General Officer Commanding.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 14th February, 1901, were read and confirmed.

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

Returns of the Superior Court, for the year 1900.

FINANCIAL MINUTE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minute, (No. 9), and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.
36 of 1901.
(Extension.) The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and Sixty Dollars and Forty-two Cents (\$260.42) to defray a portion of the cost of extra provisions supplied to the New Territory Police Stations during the disturbances in June last.

Government House, Hongkong, 16th February, 1901.

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 14th February, 1901, (No. 3), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

FLOGGING BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Laws relating to the Punishment of Flogging.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

TRUSTEE BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

RATING BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved that the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Rating be re-committed.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed.

Bill reported with amendments.

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.

LAW OF LIBEL AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law of Libel and Slander.

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.

NATURALIZED PERSONS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal all Ordinances for the Naturalization of Persons as British Subjects within this Colony and to make provision for the Preservation of the Rights of such Persons.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Jury List for 1901 in private.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 11th March, 1901, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of March, 1901.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.