

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 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 Acting Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES MCLIVAIN MESSER).  
 " 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.  
 " 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 Honourable HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. MESSER, Acting Colonial Treasurer, took his seat as an Official Member of the Council, after having taken the Oath prescribed by Ordinance No. 4 of 1869.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 25th February, 1901, were read and confirmed.

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

1. Report of the Director of the Observatory, for the year 1900.
2. Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police, for the year 1900.
3. Despatch from the Secretary of State respecting the Proclamation in Hongkong of the Accession of King Edward VII.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes (Nos. 10 to 16), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
198 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand and Twenty Dollars (\$2,020) for the construction of a Cattle Crematorium.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th February, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.O.D.  
29 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Nine thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the building of a School at Yaumati.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th February, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
568 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and Thirty-five Dollars (\$235) for the purchase of a new Typewriter for the use of the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
237 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and Sixty-five Dollars (\$265) to cover the cost of repairing No. 1 Police Launch.

Government House, Hongkong, 4th March, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
2514 of 1900.

The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Six hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$620) for the construction of an Armoury for the Police.

Government House, Hongkong, 4th March, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
456 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Nine hundred and Forty-three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$2,943.60) to defray the cost of purchasing certain furniture and sundry appurtenances, &c., in use at the Waglan Light Station, which was taken over by the Government on the 2nd instant.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th March, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
200 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred Dollars (\$300) to meet the increase in the pay of the Junior Assistants in the Belilios Public School.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th March, 1901.

The Acting 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 25th February, 1901, (No. 2), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works laid on the table the Report of the Proceedings of the Public Works Committee at a meeting held on the 25th February, 1901, (No. 2).

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and stated that he was unable to lay on the table a unanimous Report of the Standing Law Committee on the Bill, as there were a few matters upon which the Committee were not quite agreed. He gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, the matters not agreed to by the Law Committee be considered in Committee of the whole Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SANITARY BYE-LAW (CLEANSING AND LIMEWAITING).—The Director of Public Works addressed the Council, and brought for the approval of the Council a Bye-Law made by the Sanitary Board under sub-section 4 of section 13 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1887.

Mr. CHATER asked that the consideration of the Bye-Law be postponed until the arrival of the two Chinese Members of Council.

The suggestion was adopted.

On the conclusion of the business, Dr. HO KAI had not appeared, but Mr. WEI YUK had arrived.

Mr. CHATER suggested that the consideration of the matter be postponed till the next meeting of Council.

The suggestion was agreed to.

SANITARY BYE-LAW (HOUSE-DRAINING).—The Director of Public Works moved that the Council adopt the Amendment to the House-draining Bye-Law made by the Sanitary Board on the 1st August, 1890.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NEW TERRITORIES REGULATION ORDINANCE.—The Attorney General moved the following Resolution as to Ordinance No. 12 of 1899:—

*Whereas, by section 6 of The New Territories Regulation Ordinance (No. 12 of 1899), it was enacted that the said Ordinance should remain in force for the period of one year from the date of its coming into operation, and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council:*

*And whereas, by resolution of the said Legislative Council dated the 15th of March, 1900, it was resolved that the said Ordinance should be continued in force for a further period of one year:*

*It is hereby resolved by this Council that The New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1899, shall be again continued in force for the further period of one year from the 18th day of April, 1901 (inclusive).*

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

THE CIVIL MEDICAL STAFF DISCIPLINE BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the better enforcement of discipline among the subordinate staff in the Civil Medical Department.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

FLOGGING BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the 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 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 that the Council go into Committee on 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.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Attorney General gave notice that, at the next meeting of the Council, he would move the third reading of the Bill.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Thursday, the 14th March, 1901, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

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

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 148.

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

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 11th March, 1901.