

MERCHANT SHIPPING AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1899, (No. 36 of 1899).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

GUNPOWDER AND FIREWORKS BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the manufacture of gunpowder and of fireworks, and to regulate the sale and conveyance of gunpowder.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting 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.

FORESHORES AND SEA BED BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to validate Crown leases heretofore made of Foreshore and submerged Lands within the territorial waters of the Colony for reclamation and other purposes and to legalize and facilitate the making of such leases hereafter.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. WHITEHEAD moved as an amendment that the Bill be read that day six months.

The Acting Attorney General's motion was put to the Council, and carried, Mr. WHITEHEAD being the only dissentient.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

STAMP BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Stamps and Stamp Duty in the Colony of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary 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 till Thursday, the 3rd October, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 3rd day of October, 1901.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 571.

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

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 3rd October, 1901.

A BILL

An Ordinance to amend An Ordinance for the better securing the Peace and Quiet of the Inhabitants of the Town of Victoria and its vicinity during the night time, (No. 17 of 1844).

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. The Preamble to Ordinance 17 of 1844 is hereby repealed.

Repeal of
Preamble of
Ordinance 17
of 1844.

2. Section 1 of Ordinance 17 of 1844 is hereby amended as follows, namely:—

Amendment
of section 1
of Ordinance
17 of 1844.

(i.) By substituting the words "one hundred" for the word "ten"; and

(ii.) By substituting the words "three months, with or without hard labour," for the words "one calendar month"; and

(iii.) By the addition of the following paragraph at the end thereof:—

"The expression 'Town of Victoria', as used in this Ordinance, means that portion of Hongkong bounded on the north by the harbour; on the south by a contour of the hillside six hundred feet above the level of the sea; on the east by a straight line from the centre of the nullah crossing the Shaukiwan Road at the south-west corner of Causeway Bay, to the Wongnaitong public school-house, produced southward until it meets the southern boundary; and on the west by Mount Davis."

3. Section 2 of Ordinance 17 of 1844 is hereby amended as follows, namely:—

(i.) By substituting the words "one hundred" for the word "fifty"; and

(ii.) By substituting the words "three months with or without hard labour" for the words "one calendar month".

Objects and Reasons.

Clause 1.—The Preamble to Ordinance 17 of 1844 is repealed because the special nuisance, which is referred to in that preamble, is now out of date, and the nuisance of noisy trades has taken its place.

Clause 2 (i.) & (ii.) increase the penalty for making noises at night because experience has shewn that such an increase is necessary, seeing that the Manager of an Engineering Firm in this Colony had recently to be summoned twice within an interval of a few days under section 1 of Ordinance 17 of 1844.

Clause 2 (iii.)—This amendment seems advisable because Ordinance 17 of 1844 contains no definition of the Town of Victoria. The definition contained in this amendment is borrowed from the definition of the City of Victoria in section 3 of Ordinance 13 of 1901.

Clause 3 of this Bill introduces an amendment in section 2 of the Ordinance so as to make the penalties in that section correspond with the penalties in section 1 of that Ordinance as amended by clause 2 of this Bill.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Acting Attorney General.