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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 20.

THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1901.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

His Excellency Major-General Sir WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, K.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, K.C.).

„ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER).

„ the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

„ ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

„ WEI YUK.

„ JOHN THURBURN.

ABSENT :

The Honourable JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

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

1. Correspondence on Increase of Salaries of Subordinate Officers.
2. Correspondence relating to the Intermittent System of Water Supply.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 69 and 70), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.
514 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand two hundred and forty-four Dollars and sixty Cents (\$1,244.60) in aid of the vote of \$1,000 for "Repairs to Epidemic Hulk *Hygeia*."

Government House, Hongkong, 28th November, 1901.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.
2491 of 1901.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand five hundred and forty-five Dollars (\$2,545) to cover the cost of two new Propellers for the Steam Tender *Stanley*.

Government House, Hongkong, 30th November, 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 November, 1901, (No. 14), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Public Works Committee dated the 25th November, 1901, (No. 7).

MOTION.—STANDING RULES AND ORDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved :—

That the Standing Rules and Orders of this Council made in pursuance of Article XIX of the Royal Instructions of the 19th day of January, 1888, and dated the 9th day of June, 1890, and amended by the Legislative Council on the 11th day of June, 1900, be further amended as follows :—

- (a.) *That the present Rules and Orders 1 and 2 of the said Rules and Orders be omitted and that the following Rule be substituted therefor to be numbered 1 :—
"The meetings of the Legislative Council shall be held on such day and hour as shall from time to time be ordered by the Governor"; and that the subsequent Standing Rules and Orders be renumbered accordingly.*
- (b.) *That the present Rule and Order 3 be amended by deleting the word "special" before the word "meeting".*
- (c.) *That the present Rule and Order 9 be amended by deleting the words "After which the orders of the day shall be read by the Clerk".*
- (d.) *That paragraph 5 of the present Rule and Order 10 be amended by inserting the words "on receipt" between the word "shall" and the word "be", and by substituting the words, "of the Council", for the words, "on receipt", after the word, "Clerk".*

STATUTE LAW REVISION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Statute Law Revision Ordinance, 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council to enable the Bill to be carried through all its stages at this meeting of the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a second time.

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.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL.—This item was discharged from the Orders of the Day.

DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Law relating to Dangerous Goods.

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.

TRUSTEE INVESTMENT IN HONGKONG GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to facilitate the investment of Trust and other funds in the United Kingdom, in Hongkong Government securities.

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.

THE ROPE COMPANY'S TRAMWAY BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, to construct a Tramway within the Colony of Hongkong.

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.

CHINESE EMIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889.

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 with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of December, 1901.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 785.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by JOHN MOSSOP of his Commission as Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th December, 1901.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 786.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation by MARCUS WARRE SLADE of his Commission as Captain in the Field Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, and to approve of his being provisionally attached as Captain to the Reserve of that Corps.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th December, 1901.