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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

MONDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1902.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(Major-General Sir WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (ALFRED GASCOYNE WISE).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
 „ the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).
 „ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).
 „ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ WEI YUK.
 „ CHARLES STEWART SHARP.
 „ CHARLES WEDDERBURN DICKSON.
 „ GEORGE WILLIAM FORBES PLAYFAIR.
 „ ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 4th June, 1902, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.—MR. GEORGE WILLIAM FORBES PLAYFAIR and MR. ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN took the oaths as Un-Official Members of the Council.

MR. SHEWAN suggested that the answers to questions in Council should be printed in the minutes *in extenso*.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 23 to 26), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1283 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and twenty Dollars (\$120), being 4 months' house allowance granted to Mr. M. McIVER, Inspector of Junks, Harbour Department, at the rate of \$30 per mensem.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th June, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.O.D.
125 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred Dollars (\$300) to meet, during the current year, the increase in salary of Mr. N. G. NOLAN, Interpreter to the Magistracy.

Government House, Hongkong, 9th June, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.O.D.
65 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four thousand three hundred and fifty-seven Dollars and eighty-six Cents (\$4,357.86) to cover, during the current year, the salaries of Mr. and Mrs. B. JAMES, the Master and Mistress of the Kowloon School:—

ABSTRACT.

Mr. JAMES half salary, from 3rd to 19th February; full salary from 20th February to 31st December, at £330 per annum,.....	\$3,411.03
Mrs. JAMES half salary, from 20th January to 19th February; full salary from 20th February to 31st December, at £90 per annum,	946.83
Total,.....	<u>\$4,357.86</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 14th June, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
769 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred Dollars (\$500) in aid of the vote of \$500 for "Washing performed for the Government Civil Hospital."

Government House, Hongkong, 18th June, 1902.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee dated the 4th June, 1902, (No. 6), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

1. The Supplementary Colonial Estimates, 1901.
2. An Alphabetical Reference Table to Professor SIMPSON'S Recommendations.
3. Report by Mr. O. CHADWICK and Professor SIMPSON on the Question of the Housing of the Population of Hongkong.
4. Education Report, for 1901.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.—Mr. PLAYFAIR gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, he would put the following question:—

Will the Honourable Director of Public Works inform the Council what steps, if any, are being taken to carry out the recommendation of Mr. Osbert Chadwick in his report on the water supply of Hongkong dated 18th April, 1902, especially having reference to the question of prompt action in enlarging the storage capacity, as emphasised by his following remarks: "It is evident that the water question is pressing."—"It is one which should take precedence of all other sanitary improvements such as those of sewerage and drainage."—"It is necessary to act with promptitude."

NEW TERRITORIES LAND COURT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, (No. 18 of 1900).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of a 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 first time.

SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPLY FOR 1901 BILL.—The Colonial Treasurer moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five Dollars and seven Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. SHEWAN addressed the Council, and suggested that a more specific statement with regard to the item of "Miscellaneous Services" should be given.

The Colonial Treasurer and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government replied.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Marriage Ordinance (14 of 1875).

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.

RELEASE OF PREMISES (JEWISH SYNAGOGUE) BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to release certain premises situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong from a Settlement dated the 31st day of March 1884 and made between MEYER ELIAS SASSOON of the one part and FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, EDWARD ELIAS SASSOON and the said MEYER ELIAS SASSOON of the other part.

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.

NATURALIZATION OF KU FAI SHÁN BILL.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of KU FAI SHÁN, alias KU TING KWONG, alias KU PAK TAI, alias KU CHONG TSUNG, alias KU YUK TSING.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. SHEWAN suggested that Chinese should be naturalized under one name only, and some discussion ensued.

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 ANGLICAN CHURCH BODY INCORPORATION BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Incorporation of the Church Body of the Chinese Anglican Church in 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.

WATER-WORKS CONSOLIDATION BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for and regulate the Supply of Water in the Colony of Hongkong and for the Maintenance and Repair of the Works in connection therewith.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council, and moved that this Bill be read a second time this day six weeks.

Mr. WEI YUK seconded.

Mr. SHARP addressed the Council.

The amendment was put, and Council divided as follows:—

For.

Mr. DICKSON.

Mr. SHARP.

Mr. WEI YUK.

Dr. HO KAI.

Against.

Mr. SHEWAN.

Mr. PLAYFAIR.

The Captain Superintendent of Police.

The Harbour Master.

The Colonial Treasurer.

The Acting Attorney General.

The Colonial Secretary.

The amendment was lost by 3 votes.

Question that the Bill be read a second time—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

PAWNBROKERS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Pawnbrokers Ordinance, No. 3 of 1860.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

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

W. J. GASCOIGNE,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of July, 1902.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.