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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 8.

MONDAY, 7TH JULY, 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 Attorney General, (Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, K.B.).
 „ 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 23rd June, 1902, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 27 to 31), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1150 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Seven hundred and five Dollars (\$705) to cover the cost of 3 months' rent for a room at "Cragieburn" (\$630) and of tram tickets (\$75), for the use of the Nursing Sisters of the Government Civil Hospital.

Government House, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1251 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Ninety Dollars (\$90), being grant of a teacher's allowance to Mr. N. G. NOLAN, Interpreter to the Magistracy, for studying the Fukien dialect, for 9 months at the rate of \$10 per mensem.

Government House, Hongkong, 25th June, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1496 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-two thousand and five hundred Dollars (\$22,500) to meet the cost to be incurred for the carrying out of the undermentioned works during the current year:—

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

(1.) City Waterworks Extension,	} \$20,000.00
Tytam Tuk Scheme,.....	
Preliminary and Temporary Works,	
(2.) City Waterworks—Provision of Public Fountains,.....	2,500.00
Total,.....	<u>\$22,500.00</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 25th June, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1421 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and sixty-six Dollars and eighty-four Cents (\$166.84), to defray one-third share of \$500.50, being cost of the construction of a tennis-court for the use of the Cadets in the British Ya-mên inside the city of Canton.

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
333 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and ninety-five Dollars and forty-eight Cents (\$295.48), being grant of an allowance for Quarters and fuel and light to Inspector HUDSON, the Inspector of Brothels, during the current year.

ABSTRACT.

For-Quarters from 20th May to 31st December, 1902, inclusive, at \$30 per mensem,.....	\$ 221.61
Light and fuel for the same period at \$10 per mensem,	73.87
Total,.....	<u>\$ 295.48</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd July, 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 23rd June, 1902, (No. 7), 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. Report on the Fire Brigade, for the year 1901.
2. Report on the Botanical and Afforestation Department, for the year 1901.

QUESTION.—Mr. PLAYFAIR, pursuant to notice, asked 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."

The Director of Public Works replied.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Health and Buildings.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Mr. SHARP addressed the Council, and enquired what time would be allowed to lapse before the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council in reply, and stated that the second reading of the Bill would be moved this day month.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NATURALIZATION OF CHOY CHUNG NI BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHOY CHUNG NI, alias CHOY CHUNG, alias CHOY MUN KU, alias CHOY KWONG YUNG.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NATURALIZATION OF CHOY YEE BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHOY YEE, alias CHOY MAN LOI alias CHOY SIU KWAI.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NATURALIZATION OF CHOY KWAI NG BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHOY KWAI NG, alias CHOY SHING, alias CHOY MAN CHOW, alias CHOY KWONG TAK.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

NEW TERRITORIES LAND COURT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the 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 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.

DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL.—The 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPLY FOR 1901 BILL.—The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the 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.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PAWNBROKERS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Pawnbrokers Ordinance, No. 3 of 1860.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with an amendment.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

NATURALIZATION BILLS.—The Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Orders, in order that the above three Naturalization Bills might pass through their remaining stages.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of each Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bills read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bills.

Council resumed and Bills reported without material amendment.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bills.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bills read a third time.

Question put in each case—that this Bill do pass.

Bills passed.

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

W. J. GASCOIGNE,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of July, 1902.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.