

SPECIAL MEETING

OF

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

held in the Council Chamber, on Saturday, the 9th August, 1902.

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, Kt. B.)
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
 „ the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.)
 „ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).
 „ the Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ WEI YUK.
 „ CHARLES STEWART SHARP.
 „ CHARLES WEDDERBURN DICKSON.
 „ GEORGE WILLIAM FORBES PLAYFAIR.
 „ ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council and read the following message received from His Majesty The King:—

“To my people on the eve of my Coronation, an event which I look upon as one of the most solemn and important in my life.

“I am anxious to express to my people at home and in the Colonies and in India my heartfelt appreciation of the deep sympathy which they have manifested towards me during the time that my life was in such imminent danger. The postponement of the ceremony owing to my illness caused, I fear, much inconvenience and trouble to those who intended to celebrate it, but their disappointment was borne by them with admirable patience and temper. The prayers of my people for my recovery were heard, and I now offer up my deepest gratitude to Divine Providence for having preserved my life and given me strength to fulfil the important duties which devolve upon me as the Sovereign of this great Empire.

(Sd.) EDWARD, R. & I.
 Buckingham Palace,
 8th August, 1902.”

His Excellency then moved the following Resolution:—

“The Executive and Legislative Councils of Hongkong, on behalf of Your Majesty's subjects in this Colony, beg most humbly to tender their heartfelt thanks for Your Majesty's most gracious message received this day and to offer their loyal and respectful congratulations to you on Your Majesty's restoration to health and on the occasion of the Coronation of Your Majesty as King and Emperor and of Her Majesty Queen ALEXANDRA, believing that the joyful event to be consummated to-day foreshadows a long and glorious reign for Your Majesties and an era of happiness, prosperity and honourable peace for Your Majesty's Kingdom and Empire.”

Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council, and seconded the Resolution.
 Mr. SHARP addressed the Council.
 His Excellency addressed the Council.
 The Resolution was carried unanimously.
 The Council then adjourned.

W. J. GASCOIGNE,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 13th day of August, 1902.

M. J. DRAYSON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.