

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

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 Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages at this Meeting of the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The 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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 20th October, 1902.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 20th day of October, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 14.

MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1902.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel LOUIS FAULKNER BROWN, R.E.).
„ the Colonial Secretary, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).
„ 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., C.M.G.
„ WEI YUK.
„ CHARLES STEWART SHARP.
„ CHARLES WEDDERBURN DICKSON.
„ GEORGE WILLIAM FORBES PLAYFAIR.
„ ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Attorney General, (SIR HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.)

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th October, 1902, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council, and invited the Honourable WEI YUK to serve on the Law Committee, and the Honourable G. W. F. PLAYFAIR on the Public Works Committee.

The Honourable Members agreed, and the constitution of the Standing Committees was altered accordingly.

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 9th October, 1902, (No. 13), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Statement showing Supplementary Votes to date during the current year.

TRAMWAY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Tramway Ordinance, No. 10 of 1902.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1903.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Four million seven hundred and twenty-eight thousand nine hundred and forty-two Dollars and Twenty-three Cents to the Public Service of the Year 1903.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. PLAYFAIR addressed the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council.

Mr. SHEWAN addressed the Council.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Council.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

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.

CHINESE EMIGRATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Emigration Consolidation Ordinance, 1889.

The Colonial Treasurer 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.

DOGS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Dogs Ordinance, 1893.

The Colonial Treasurer 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.

LAND REGISTRATION (FEES) AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal The Land Registry Office (Fees) Amendment Ordinance 1902: and to amend Ordinance No. 3 of 1844 entitled “An Ordinance to provide for the Registration of Deeds Wills Judgments and Conveyances affecting real or immoveable property in Hongkong.”

The Colonial Treasurer 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.

LIQUOR LICENCES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1900.

The Colonial Treasurer 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.

STAMP AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. PLAYFAIR moved that the second reading of the Bill be postponed until after the Appropriation Bill for 1903 had been passed.

Mr. SHARP seconded.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

Mr. SHEWAN addressed the Council.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Mr. PLAYFAIR, by leave, withdrew his motion.

The motion for the second reading of the Bill was then 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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Thursday, the 23rd October, 1902.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 23rd day of October, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.