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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 17.

THURSDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 1902.

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, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).

the Attorney General, (Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.).

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.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 6th November, 1902, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 62 and 63), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
2639 of 1902.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and twenty-one Dollars and Ninety-six Cents (\$121.96) for the payment of the amount due to the Postmaster at Shanghai being difference between salary drawn at \$2,880 and the rate of \$3,000 per annum sanctioned by the Secretary of State in C.O.D. 364 of 1900 for the period, 1st January to 31st December, 1901, (\$96.76 for salary and \$25.20 for Exchange Compensation).

Government House, Hongkong, 4th November, 1902.

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
1908 of 1902.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Six hundred Dollars (\$600) as remuneration to Mr. LEO. D'ALMADA E CASTRO for special work outside his official duties, for the Commissioner under the Statute Laws Revised Edition Ordinance, 1900.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th November, 1902.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. PLAYFAIR, pursuant to notice, put the following questions:—

(1.) *Whether the Government intend to require all Officers who require to be guaranteed, above the status of Unpassed Cadets, to be guaranteed by an approved Guarantee Society instead of being guaranteed as at present by private individuals?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

(2.) *Would the Director of Public Works give some explanation of the inequalities of the intermittent system—why very many houses, which ought to get the full supply for the advertised period, get little or no water and even that little at a most insufficient pressure?*

*Also, what steps, if any, are being taken to remedy this state of affairs?*

The Director of Public Works replied.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. SHARP, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

*Will the Honourable Director of Public Works inform the Council—*

(1.) *What works are now actually in progress in connection with the scheme for increasing the Water Supply of the Colony—*

*at Taitam?*

*at Taitamtuk?*

(2.) *What will be the addition to the Water Supply of the Colony from these works when they are completed, and what quantity will be available from them during the winter of next year, in the event of there being at least a normal rainfall during next year?*

The Director of Public Works replied.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' PENSION FUND AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902 (No. 12 of 1902).

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

RATING AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Rating Ordinance, 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CHINESE HOSPITAL INCORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Hospital Incorporation Ordinance, No. 3 of 1870.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 5 OF 1902 BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5 of 1902.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

EMPLOYERS AND SERVANTS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Employers and Servants.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

JUNKS (COLLISION) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance with reference to Collisions between Junks and Ships.

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 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.

NEW TERRITORIES TITLES BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled The New Territories Titles Ordinance, 1902.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NATURALIZATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to the Naturalization of Aliens.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

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

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council, and seconded.

Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council.

Mr. SHARP addressed the Council.

Mr. PLAYFAIR addressed the Council.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Thursday, 4th December, 1902.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*