

REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 5 OF 1902 BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5 of 1902.

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.

EMPLOYERS AND SERVANTS BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider clause by clause the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Employers and Servants.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

NATURALIZATION BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider clause by clause the Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to the Naturalization of Aliens.

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.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee to consider clause by clause the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Health and to Buildings.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Tuesday, the 9th December, 1902, at Noon.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 9th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 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 adjournment.

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

REPORT OF THE LAW COMMITTEE.—The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Law Committee dated the 2nd December, 1902, (No. 1), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. PLAYFAIR gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, he would make the following motion:—

That His Excellency the Governor should be requested to appoint an independent Committee unconnected with the Public Works Department to examine into the truth of the statements contained in the return tabled by the Director of Public Works of the supply of water to the upper levels of the Peak in November last and up to the date of that return.

“STAR” FERRY COMPANY BILL.—Mr. SHARP addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the making of Bye-laws by the “Star” Ferry Company Limited.

Mr. DICKSON seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. SHARP moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee on the Bill.

Mr. DICKSON seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

EMPLOYERS AND SERVANTS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

NEW TERRITORIES TITLES BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee on the Bill entitled The New Territories Titles Ordinance, 1902.

The recommendations of the Standing Law Committee were read and adopted.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS BILL.—The Council resolved itself into Committee to further consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Health and to Buildings.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Friday, 12th December, 1902, at Noon.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 760.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 40 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to amend The Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund Amendment Ordinance, 1902 (No. 12 of 1902).

Ordinance No. 41 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to further amend The Rating Ordinance, 1901.

Ordinance No. 42 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to amend The Chinese Hospital Incorporation Ordinance, No. 3 of 1870.

Ordinance No. 43 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5 of 1902.

Ordinance No. 44 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance relating to the Naturalization of Aliens.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 9th December, 1902.