

MOTION.—Mr. PLAYFAIR addressed the Council, and, pursuant to notice, made 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.

Mr. SHARP seconded.

The Director of Public Works addressed the Council, and laid on the table a Report showing the supply of water to each house at the Peak district.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

Mr. PLAYFAIR, by leave, withdrew his motion.

“STAR” FERRY COMPANY’S BILL.—Mr. SHARP moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

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

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 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 Monday, the 15th December, 1902, at 2 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 15th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 21.

MONDAY, 15TH 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.

” ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

ABSENT :

The Honourable GEORGE WILLIAM FORBES PLAYFAIR.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 12th December, 1902, were read and confirmed.

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 Tuesday, the 16th December, 1902, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 16th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 772.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct that the following Public Holidays prescribed in Schedule A of The Public Holidays Ordinance, 1875, be observed, viz.:—

Christmas Day.
The 26th day of December, 1902.
The 1st day of January, 1903.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 773.

With reference to the above Notification, the following Regulation is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1902.

REGULATION

*Made by His Excellency the Governor in Council, under section 2 of
The Holidays Ordinance, 1875.*

The Police Magistrate's Department shall be, and the same is hereby excluded from the operation of the above recited Ordinance on the 26th day of December, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 774.

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. 45 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Employers and Servants.

Ordinance No. 46 of 1902, entitled—An Ordinance to authorize the making of Bye-laws by the "Star" Ferry Company Limited.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th December, 1902.