

No. 162.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council has been pleased to direct, under Section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (Ordinance No. 1 of 1903), that the name of Mr. JOHN ASHBY OFFOR be added to the List of Authorized Architects published in Government Notification No. 30 of the 21st January, 1910.

31st May, 1910.

No. 163.

Regulation made by the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council under Section 5 of the Dogs Ordinance, 1893. (Ordinance No. 5 of 1893), this 2nd day of June, 1910.

No dog brought from Bangkok will be permitted to land in this Colony for a period of six months from the 1st day of June, 1910.

No. 164.

Regulation made by the Officer Administering the Government-in-Council under Section 20 sub-section 1 of the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898. (Ordinance No. 8 of 1898), this 2nd day of June, 1910.

No liquor shall be sold or having been sold shall be drunk upon any licensed premises except between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 midnight.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
2nd June, 1910.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 165.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6

THURSDAY 19TH MAY 1910.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(SIR FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel CHARLES WILLIAM ROBERT ST. JOHN).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

” the Attorney General, (MARCUS WARRE SLADE, K.C.).

” the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER).

” the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).

” the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

” the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY).

” Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

” Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

” Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

” Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

” Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

” Mr. HENRY KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th May, 1910, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 32 to 39, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 32.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Compensation to Squatters in Hok Un Village,	\$3,459.00.
No. 33.—Harbour Master's Department, Conveyance Allowance to Harbour Master,	92.00.
No. 34.—Land Registry Office, Remuneration for work in connection with registration of Trade Marks, ...	275.00.
No. 35.—Belilios Public School, Personal Emoluments,	1,490.00.
No. 36.—Supreme Court, Fees to Counsel and Solicitors for Prisoners in Capital Cases,	390.00.
No. 37.—Fire Brigade, Repairs to Engine and Plant,	700.00.
No. 38.—Bacteriological Institute and Mortuaries, Books,	100.00.
No. 39.—Public Works Department, Waterworks, Additional First Class Indian Constable,	108.50.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee dated the 5th May, 1910, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers:—

Report of the Superintendent of Prison for the year 1909.

Report on the Botanical and Forestry Department for the year 1909.

Report of the Post Office Department for the year 1909.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

We, the Members of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, tender our humble duty and desire with profound respect to convey to Your Most Gracious Majesty on the occasion of your accession to the Throne of Your Majesty's Ancestors our sentiments of devotion and loyalty to Your Majesty. We invoke God's blessing upon the successor of our beloved and revered Sovereign King Edward VII., and we pray that to Your Majesty there may be granted a long and glorious reign over a united and prosperous people.

Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council on behalf of his colleagues and seconded.

Mr. HEWETT addressed the Council in support of the Resolution.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. STEWART, pursuant to notice, asked the following Questions:—

(a.) *Did the Governor of the Colony in this Council on the 20th July, 1903, accurately state the intentions of the Government when he said "As regards the ground in front of the Club, I hope that nothing will ever be built upon it. I propose that the ground shall be made a public garden . . . My idea is that the ground shall be preserved as an open space entirely and add to the beauty of the place"?*

(b.) *Did the Honourable the Director of Public Works (then as now Mr. Chatham) at the official ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Law Courts, on November the 12th, 1903, in the presence of the Governor of the Colony, the Hon. the Colonial Secretary (then Mr. now Sir Henry May), and many other high Government officials, accurately state the intentions of the Government when he read from a written document this announcement: "The area to the north of this will, therefore, remain unbuilt upon, and an almost unrivalled site for the Courts, having regard to the open spaces which will adjoin them on three sides, will thus be created"?*

(c.) *Did His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard accurately state the intentions of the Government when, on the 28th October, 1909, he said in this Council, in reply to a question whether the Government would undertake to have the plot in question cleared and made presentable as soon as it was no longer necessary to the work on the Law Courts and Post Office to maintain it in its present untidy state: "the present intention of the Government is to clear the plot as soon as it can be done"?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

In view of the extensive destruction of trees caused by the recent hillside fires in the vicinity of Aberdeen, and the circumstance that many of these separate conflagrations occurred simultaneously—some on this island, and others on the island of Ap-li-chau—will the Government inform the Council what steps have since been taken to guard against woodland incendiarism among the villagers and boatpeople of this particular district?

The Director of Public Works replied.

PHARMACY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to further consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to further consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Ordinance, 1865.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council, resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

OPIUM AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to further consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1909.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to further consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported with amendments.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

SQUATTERS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Squatters Ordinance, 1890.

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 that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, was not proceeded with.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd June, 1910.

F. H. MAY,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 2nd day of June, 1910.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 166.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government 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. 9 of 1910.—An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908.

Ordinance No. 10 of 1910.—An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Ordinance, 1865.

Ordinance No. 11 of 1910.—An Ordinance to amend the Opium Ordinance, 1909.