be in force AND FURTHER do pay all probate duty interest and court fees which may now be payable or may hereafter any time become payable on or in respect of the estate and effects of the said deceased and on or in respect of the grant of probate or letters of administration then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered

by the within named

in the presence of

A Commissioner, &c.

Interpreted to the said

in the

dialect of the Chinese language by

Sworn Interpreter.

C. CLEMENTI,

Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, 18th August, 1910.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 251.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

THURSDAY, 4TH AUGUST, 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, (Major-General Robert George Broadwood, C.B.).

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

- " the Attorney General, (William Rees Davies, K.C.).
- ", the Colonial Treasurer, (Charles McIlvaine Messer).
- ,, the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).
- ", 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.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN)

Mr. Henry Keswick.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st July, 1910, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 60 to 62, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 60.—Hospital at the Quarantine Station, Laichikok,\$ 4,000.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Report of the Finance Committee dated the 21st July, 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:—Administrative Reports for the year 1909.

Resolution.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

"That the percentage on the valuation of tenements payable as rates in the undermentioned places be altered from the 1st day of October, 1910, as follows:—

$Taihang, \dots \dots \dots \dots$	From	9	to	10^{1}_{2}
$Tunglowan, \dots \dots$	* *	$10\frac{3}{4}$	•	$12\frac{1}{4}$
Whitfeild,	"	$10\frac{3}{4}$	"	$12\frac{\widehat{1}}{4}$
Shaukiwan Road, as far as I.L. 1620,	7.7	$10\frac{3}{4}$	••	$12\frac{1}{4}$."

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Lepers Bill.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled Am Ordinance to provide for the segregation and treatment of lepers.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Marriage Amendment Bill.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Marriage Ordinance, 1875.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Crown Lands Resumption Amendment Bill.—The Attorney General moved the Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900, and to make special provision for the Resumption of Crown Lands of small value for public purposes.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

Highways Bill.—The Attorney General moved that the Council form itself into a Committee of the whole Council to consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the narrowing, stopping up, diversion, turning or alteration in levels of Highways.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed.

Supplementary Appropriation Bill.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council form itself into a Committee of the whole Council to consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Three hundred and fourteen thousand five hundred and thirty-three Dollars and thirty-two Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1909.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 until Thursday, the 18th August, 1910.

F. H. MAY,

Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 18th day of August, 1910.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 252.

Rule and Order made under the provisions of Section 74 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, No. 2 of 1897.

By Virtue and in Pursuance of the provisions of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, I, Francis Taylor Piggott, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, do make and issue the following Rule and Order.

Dated this 18th day of August, 1910.

F. T. PIGGOTT, Chief Justice.

Security for Probate Duty, etc.

In every case in which the full and exact value of any estate is not stated in the petition for probate or administration, or in the schedule or list thereto annexed, no grant shall issue until the petitioner shall have entered into a bond with one or two sureties to the satisfaction of the Registrar, in the form set forth in the Appendix hereto, conditioned (1) for the delivery of the affidavit and account required by the provisions of Section 20 of the Stamp Ordinance 1901, (Ordinance No. 16 of 1901), as amended by Section 2 of the Stamp Further Amend-