

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 283.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 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 Registrar General, (EDWARD ALEXANDER IRVING).
- „ 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 18th August, 1910, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 67 to 72, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 67.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Communications, New Roads, New Territories,.....	\$ 45,000.00.
No. 68.—Medical Departments, Health Officer of Port, Re- pairs to Launch, .....	1,400.00.
No. 69.—Police Department, Language Bonus, .....	450.00.
No. 70.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Buildings, Staff Quarters, Tai Po, .....	321.00.
No. 71.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Communications, Raising Chatham Road, .....	31,472.25.
No. 72.—Miscellaneous Services, Transport of Government Servants, .....	3,000.00.

The Attorney General 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 18th August, 1910, and moved its adoption.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

1. *Is it the case that, on the 16th instant, a respectable Chinese, in possession of a small quantity of a certain medicated malt-extract, was arrested, and taken to the Harbour Office, and there detained until the importing firm, from whom he had purchased it, was able to produce a letter from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, saying that the said extract was not dutiable?*
2. *Will the Government direct that all revenue officers armed with powers of arrest shall be kept informed of the decisions of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, as to what liquors are dutiable and what are not?*
3. *Will the Government direct that in the event of any new decision to impose duty, or in case of a decision to exempt being reversed, commitments entered into previously shall be unaffected?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the formation of a Volunteer Reserve.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

PHARMACY FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy Amendment Ordinance, 1910.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Amendment Ordinance, 1910.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Law relating to Dangerous Goods.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Amendment Ordinance, 1903.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, the Bill being left in Committee.

KELLET ISLAND AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Kellet Island Ordinance, 1898.

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.

**MIDWIVES BILL.**—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to secure the better training of Midwives and to regulate their practice.

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.

**LEPERS BILL.**—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the segregation and treatment of lepers.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 15th September, 1910.

F. H. MAY,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed this 15th day of September, 1910.

C. CLEMENTI,  
*Clerk of Councils.*