

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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THURSDAY, 15TH 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).

„ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

„ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

„ Mr. MURRAY STEWART.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.

„ Mr. HENRY KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 1st September, 1910, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 73 and 76, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 73.—Harbour Office, Electric Fans and Light,\$ 288.00.

No. 74.—Public Works, Recurrent, Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages,4,000.00.

No. 75.—Civil Hospital, Incidental Expenses, 143.72.

No. 76.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Quarters for Chinese Searchers of the Imports and Exports Office,2,000.00.

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 1st September, 1910, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

(1.) *Will the Government state what is the total amount received up to 30th June, 1910, as additional dues on shipping towards construction of the new typhoon refuge?*

(2.) *Will the Government promise that the contract for the construction of the new typhoon refuge shall not be given to any tenderer who does not give ample security for completing the work within contract time?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

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

- (1.) *Has Government any information as to whether the Chinese Authorities are moving in the matter of the proposal to erect a wireless telegraphy station on the Pratas Reef?*
- (2.) *Will the Government inform the Council what steps, if any, have been taken to redeem the promise, made last year, to clear the site to the north of the new Law Courts "as soon as possible"?*
- (3.) *Will the Government inform the Council on what principle some beverages containing as little as 3% of alcohol, may be held to be dutiable, while others containing as much are treated as exempt?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Six million and forty-two thousand five hundred and forty-three Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1911, and laid on the table the following papers:—

Draft Estimates for the year 1911.

Financial Statements in connection with the Estimates for 1911.

Abstract shewing differences between the Estimates of Expenditure for 1910 and 1911.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

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.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

PHARMACY FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy Amendment Ordinance, 1910.

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.

Mr. STEWART objected, and the motion was not proceeded with.

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

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.

DANGEROUS GOODS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the 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 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.

MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL.—The Committee stage on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Amendment Ordinance, 1903, was resumed.

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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 29th September, 1910.

F. H. MAY,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed this 29th day of September, 1910.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.