

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 61.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1911.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General CHARLES ALEXANDER ANDERSON, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CECIL CLEMENTI).

- „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM REES DAVIES, K.C.).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
- „ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).
- „ the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).
- „ Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M.G.
- „ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.
- „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
- „ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.
- „ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.
- „ Mr. HENRY KESWICK.

ABSENT :

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

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 23rd February, 1911, were read and confirmed.

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

Jurors List for 1911.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 17 to 19, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

- No. 17.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Imports and Exports Office, Quarters for Searchers, etc.,\$ 5,500.
- No. 18.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Compensation to Squatters in Hok Un Village for Houses, 794.
- No. 19.—Imports and Exports Office, Secret Service, 1,000.

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 23rd February, 1911, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

OPIMUM COMPENSATION.—His Excellency the Governor read a telegram received from the Secretary of the State for the Colonies to the effect that two further grants of £12,000 each will be placed on the Imperial Estimates for the financial years 1911-12 and 1912-13 as compensation to Hongkong for loss of opium revenue.

FISHERIES (DYNAMITE) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to prohibit the use of Dynamite or other Explosives for the purpose of catching or destroying Fish.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

INTERPRETATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and codify the law as to Common Forms and as to the Interpretation of Terms used in Ordinances.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

POLICE FORCE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

HARBOUR OF REFUGE AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Harbour of Refuge Ordinance, 1909.

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.

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to introduce into the Criminal Law Ordinances of 1865 certain provisions of the Criminal Law Amendment Acts of the United Kingdom of 1861, and for other purposes.

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.

UNIVERSITY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for the incorporation and regulation of the University of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Dr. Ho Kai, Mr. Hewett and His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

PENALTIES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to abolish Minimum Penalties, and to bring the Law of the Colony as to Penalties into uniformity with the Law of England, and for other purposes.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

LIQUORS CONSOLIDATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Intoxicating Liquors.

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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 16th March, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 16th day of March, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Council.

No. 62.

Resolution made by the Legislative Council this 16th day of March, 1911, under the provisions of Section 3 (1) of the Liquors Ordinance, 1909, (No. 27 of 1909).

LIQUOR DUTIES.

Resolved that there shall be paid upon intoxicating liquors imported into, distilled, made or prepared in the Colony the duties following; namely:—

On all brandy and liqueurs,	\$4.20	per gallon.
On all whisky and gin,	\$3.00	per gallon.
On all rum and other spirituous liquors,	\$1.50	per gallon.
On all champagnes and other sparkling wines,	\$3.00	per gallon.
On all port, sherry and madeira,.....	\$2.40	per gallon.
On all other still wines in bottle,	\$1.50	per gallon.
On all other still wines in wood,	\$1.20	per gallon.
On all other intoxicating liquors excepting spirits of wine and native wines and spirits,	\$0.24	per gallon.
On all spirits of wine and arrack,	\$3.00	per gallon.

On all native wines and spirits:—

- (a.) \$0.30 cents a gallon on the native liquors known as Liu Pun and Sheung Ching and on the following sweetened, prepared and medicated wines:—

No Mai Tsau, Hak No Mai, Mau Kan, Yuk Lan, Ning Mun Tsau, Tsing Mui, Muk Kwa, Sun Fung, Wu Tau, Shit Li Tsau, Shan Kat, Lung San Tsau, Tei Kuk, Sam Pin, Tit Ta, Fung Shap and Wai Shang.

All such liquor shall contain not more than 25% of alcohol by weight.

- (b.) \$0.40 cents a gallon on the native liquor known as Sam Ching, containing not more than 35% of alcohol by weight.

- (c.) \$0.50 cents a gallon on the native liquor known as Fa Tsau and on the following sweetened, prepared or medicated wines:—

Ng Ka Pei, Mui Kwai Lo, Sz Kwok Kung, Fu Kwat Muk Kwa, Yan Chan Lo, and Ko Leung Kon.