

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 108.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1911.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CECIL CLEMENTI).

- „ the Attorney General, (CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER).
- „ 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 :

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

The Honourable the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FREDERICK WILLIAM LYONS).

The Council met pursuant to summons.

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

NEW MEMBER.—MR. ALABASTER took the Oath and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 23 to 25, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

- No. 23.—Director of Public Works,—Personal Allowance, ...\$1,359.45.
- No. 24.—Medical Departments, Institutes, Other Charges, 250.00.
- No. 25.—Post Office, Repairs to Steam-Launch, 250.00.

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 23rd March, 1911, 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 on the Police Magistrates' Courts for the year 1910.
- Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) for the year 1910.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.—His Excellency the Governor, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

It is hereby resolved that a sum of Dollars Four hundred and twelve thousand five hundred and one and Cents fifty-nine (\$412,501.59) be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. HEWETT and Mr. POLLOCK addressed the Council and it was decided to postpone the Resolution until the next meeting of the Council.

QUESTION.—Mr. HEWETT, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

With regard to the installation and operation of a station for Wireless Telegraphy in this Colony, and in view of the fact that the commercial community is becoming restless at the apparent inaction of this Government, will the Government state definitely what steps it may be prepared to take to furnish what is now an absolute necessity for a Colony, the greatest part of whose trade and life is connected with Shipping?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

STAMP AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and withdrew the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

FLOGGING AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Flogging Ordinance, 1903.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CORRECTION OF REFERENCES BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to correct certain references to previous Ordinances contained in the Ordinances passed in the years 1902 and 1903.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

REGISTERED PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to establish Registered Partnerships and to give effect to certain Chinese Partnership Customs.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

SUMMARY OFFENCES BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSION AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance further to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

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.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL.—The Director of Public Works addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for regulating the supply of Electricity for Lighting and other purpose within the Colony of Hongkong and its dependencies.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be referred to the Public Works Committee.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 27th April, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 27th day of April, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 109.—His Excellency the Governor 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. 12 of 1911.—An Ordinance to amend the Flogging Ordinance, 1903.

Ordinance No. 13 of 1911.—An Ordinance to correct certain references to previous Ordinances contained in the Ordinances passed in the years 1902 and 1903.

Ordinance No. 14 of 1911.—An Ordinance to further amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.