

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 315.

Regulation made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 6 of The Theatres and Public Performances Regulation Ordinance, 1908, (Ordinance No. 18 of 1908), as amended by the Theatres and Public Performances Regulation Amendment Ordinance, 1910, (Ordinance No. 17 of 1910), on the 14th day of October, 1911.

The fee payable in respect of the licence for the public performance of stage plays in the City Hall shall be \$1 per annum and not \$120 as provided by the Table of Fees published in the *Gazette* on the 20th August, 1909, and on page 580 of the Regulations of Hongkong, 1910.

14th October, 1911.

No. 316.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has given directions for the rescission of Proclamation No. 7 of the 5th July, 1911, declaring Amoy to be a port or place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails, and that the same is hereby rescinded.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
18th October, 1911.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 317.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

THURSDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1911.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, G.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, (WARREN DELABERE BARNES).

” 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, C.M.G.).

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

” 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. CHARLES HENDERSON ROSS.

” Mr. CHARLES MONTAGUE EDE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 24th August, 1911, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minute No. 56, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 56.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous Works, ...\$3,000.

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 24th August, 1911, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

Diagram of the Mong-Kok-Tsui Breakwater showing progress of stone depositing to 30th June, 1911.

OPIMUM AMENDMENT BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to consider the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Opium Ordinance, 1909.

The Attorney General seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Attorney General, the following amendments were agreed to :—

Sub-section (1) of Section 2 was amended to read as follows :—

“ 3.—(1.) No person shall import, or aid or abet the importation of any raw opium into the Colony or into the waters thereof, if such importation shall have been notified in the *Gazette* in pursuance of any resolution of the Legislative Council as being illegal.”

In section 2, sub-section (2), the words “Superintendent of Imports and Exports” were substituted for the words “Colonial Secretary” in the fourth line, and the word “through” in the seventh line was deleted.

In section 2, sub-section (3), the word “in” in the first line was deleted, the words “of any loose opium” were inserted after the word “importation” in the second line, and the words “any loose opium” in the last line were deleted.

Section 4 was deleted.

On Council resuming the Colonial Secretary reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with various amendments and moved that it be read a third time. The Attorney General seconded, motion agreed to, Bill read a third time and passed.

RESOLUTION.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Attorney General, it was unanimously resolved as follows :—

Whereas by the provisions of Section 3 of the Opium Ordinance, 1909, as amended by Section 2 of the Opium Amendment Ordinance, 1911, it is provided as follows—“No person shall import, or aid or abet the importation of any raw opium into the Colony or into the waters thereof, if such importation shall have been notified in the *Gazette* in pursuance of any resolution of the Legislative Council as being illegal” :

It is therefore hereby resolved that a Notification shall be made in the next issue of the *Government Gazette* that the importation of any kind of raw Indian Opium except Opium covered by Export Permits from the Government of India to the effect that it has been declared for shipment to or consumption in China is illegal.

This Resolution shall not apply to any *bonâ fide* shipments of uncertificated Indian Opium which have been made from Calcutta or Bombay by a vessel sailing prior to 21st August, 1911, and which have not been landed at any port after such shipment.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Committee stage on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900, was not proceeded with.

CROWN SOLICITORS 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 enable Joseph Horsford Kemp Esquire, Barrister-at-law, to practise as Crown Solicitor in the Court and to provide for the payment of solicitors' costs in cases in which a salaried Crown Solicitor or Assistant Crown Solicitor acts as solicitor.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time. The Colonial Secretary seconded, motion agreed to, Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 19th day of October, 1911.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clerk of Councils.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 318.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. JOHN B. SAWYER provisionally as Vice and Deputy Consul-General of the United States of America at Hongkong.

14th October, 1911.

No. 319.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Mr. ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON to act as Postmaster General in addition to his other duties with effect from the 5th instant, and Mr. MICHAEL BREEN to act as Assistant Postmaster General with effect from this date.

16th October, 1911.