

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 330.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

THURSDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1911.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WARREN DELABERE BARNES).

" the Attorney General, (CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER).

" 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.

ABSENT :

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

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 31st August, 1911, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 57 to 80, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 57.—Post Office, Other Charges,.....	\$ 3,325.00.
No. 58.—Harbour Office and Lighthouses,	2,500.00.
No. 59.—Police Department, Other Charges,	350.00.
No. 60.—Miscellaneous Services, Illumination of Public Buildings in connection with the Coronation Celebrations,	44.00.
No. 61.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Reclamation between K.M.L. 83 and H.M.L. 1, Hung Hom,	5,620.00.
No. 62.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Improvement of Ap Liu Village,	14,000.00.
No. 63.—Public Works, Recurrent, Maintenance of Buildings,	5,500.00.
No. 64.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon Waterworks,	5,023.39.
No. 65.—Public Works, Extraordinary, City Disinfecting Station, Workshops and Sheds for Dust Carts, Ambulances, etc.,	210.00.
No. 66.—Sanitary Department, Repairs to Lighters,	600.00.
No. 67.—Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, Incidental Expenses,	250.00.
No. 68.—Bacteriological Institute and Mortuaries, Fuel and Light,	100.00.
No. 69.—Public Works, Recurrent, Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages,	47,500.00.

No. 70.—Registrar General's Department, Expenses for taking Quinquennial Census,	\$ 1,150.00.
No. 71.—Public Works, Recurrent, Electric Lighting, City,...	2,500.00.
No. 72.—Lunatic Asylums, Provisions for Patients,	800.00.
No. 73.—Prison Department, Subsistence of Prisoners,	1,500.00.
No. 74.—Miscellaneous Services, Printing and Binding,	5,000.00.
No. 75.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous Works,	100.00.
No. 76.—Education, Grant to Chinese Vernacular Primary Education Board,	200.00.
No. 77.—Attorney General's Office, Incidental Expenses and Newspapers,	30.00.
No. 78.—Botanical and Forestry Department, Maintenance of Gardens and Grounds,.....	430.00.
No. 79.—Public Works, Recurrent, Gas Lighting, City and Hill District,.....	5,000.00.
No. 80.—Harbour Master's Department, Steam-launches, Repairs,.....	2,235.00.

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 (No. 16) dated the 31st August, 1911, and moved its adoption.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with Standing Order No. 47, appointed the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :—

Finance Committee.—All the Members of the Council, except the Governor, with the Colonial Secretary as Chairman.

Public Works Committee.—The Honourable the Director of Public Works (Chairman), and the Honourables the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. WEI YUK, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. EDE.

Law Committee.—The Honourable the Attorney General (Chairman), and the Honourables the Registrar General, Dr. HO KAI, Mr. POLLOCK and Mr. HEWETT.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works laid on the table the Report of the Public Works Committee (No. 3) dated the 28th September, 1911.

REPORT ON THE REGISTERED PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—The Attorney General laid on the table the Report of the Special Committee on the Registered Partnerships Bill.

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

Abstract shewing Differences between the Estimates of Expenditure for 1911 and 1912.

Financial Statements in connection with the Estimates for 1912.

Draft Estimates for 1912.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. POLLOCK, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. *Has the Government received any, and, if so, what reply from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the unanimous request of the Unofficial Members, made in this Council on the 1st of June last, that the Military Contribution be fixed at the annual sum of one million dollars?*
2. *Will the Government lay upon the table the correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Secretary of State and vice versa in connection with the aforesaid request?*
3. *Can the Government give the Council any further information with reference to the establishment of a wireless telegraph station in this Colony?*
4. *When will the detailed returns of the Census, which was taken in May, be published?*

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 Five million eight hundred and ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and seventy-one Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1912.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

FOREIGN OFFENDERS (No. 2) AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Foreign Offenders Detention Amendment Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

RAILWAYS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MERCHANT SHIPPING AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, 1899, and certain Ordinances amending the same.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION ORDINANCE, 1901, AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Defence Contribution Ordinance, 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

LIQUORS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

SOCIETIES BILL.—The Registrar General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for a more effectual control over Societies and Clubs.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

LAW REVISION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for further promoting the Revision of the Law by repealing certain parts of enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

LAW AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for further promoting the Revision of the Law by amending certain errors contained in, as well as the language used in, the Ordinances now in force.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

GENERAL REVISION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for promoting the General Revision of the Law by repealing certain enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary, by amending certain other enactments which stand in urgent need thereof, and by incorporating certain amending Ordinances in their respective principal Ordinances.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

UNION CHURCH INCORPORATION BILL.—Mr. POLLOCK addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the Union Church at Victoria in this Colony.

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION AMENDMENT 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 amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

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

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that the following sections, to be numbered 3 and 4, be added to the Bill :—

3. Section 5 of the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900, is hereby amended as follows :—
 - (a.) by the insertion after the word “ammunition” in sub-section (1) thereof of the words “together with a removal permit in form No. 3 in the First Schedule”.
 - (b.) by the deletion of the words “to this Ordinance” in sub-section (1) (b) thereof.
 - (c.) by the deletion of all the words after the words “Captain Superintendent of Police” in sub-section (3) thereof.
 - (d.) by the addition of the following sub-section :—

“(4.) No fee shall be payable in respect of filing any such application or granting any export or removal permit.”
4. Section 7 of the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900, is hereby amended by the deletion of the words “or person licensed to possess the same”.

Council resumed, the Bill being left in Committee.

REGISTERED PARTNERSHIPS BILL.—The Committee stage on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to establish Registered Partnerships and to give effect to certain Chinese Partnership Customs, was not proceeded with.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd November, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 2nd day of November, 1911.

C. CLEMENTI,
Clk of Councils.