

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 377.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 24.

THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 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, (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, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX).

" 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. EDWARD OSBORNE.

" Mr. CHARLES HENDERSON ROSS.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 95 to 97, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 95.—Public Works, Recurrent, Town Clock,\$ 55.

No. 96.—Treasury, Incidental Expenses, 30.

No. 97.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Resumption of land in connection with the new laying out of Shaukiwan, . 350.

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 (No. 20) dated the 23rd November, 1911, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PEACE PRESERVATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Peace Preservation Ordinance, 1886.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Orders so that the Bill might be read a second and third time.

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

The Attorney General then addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that the words “or else the birch as the Court or Magistrate may specify in the sentence” be inserted after the word “cat” in the fourth line of sub-sub-section (*iii*) of sub-section (2) of the new section 12A of the Principal Ordinance introduced by sub-section (*e*) of section 2 of the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with amendments and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

POUNDS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to make provision for impounding stray animals and for the disposal thereof.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that the word “fee” be inserted after the word “pound” in the sixth line of section 3, and that the word “unlawful” in the fourth and fifth lines of section 5 be deleted.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with amendments and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

STAMP FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Stamps and Stamp Duty.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

STAMP DUTIES MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Duties Management Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

UNIVERSITY BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that the following sub-sections, to be numbered (c) and (e) respectively, be added to section 2:—

(c.) in sub-section (12) of section (4) thereof by the insertion after the word “hereto” of the words “or in such other terms as may be approved by the Governor-in-Council”.

(e.) in sub-section (2) of section 12 thereof and also in sub-section (2) of section 13 thereof by the deletion of the words “in the Third Schedule hereto” and by the substitution therefor in each case of the words “referred to in section 4 (12) hereof”.

Sub-sections (c), (d), (e) and (f) were re-numbered (d), (f), (g) and (h).

Council resumed, the Bill being left in Committee.

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

Mr. Ross seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General the following amendments were agreed to:—

The words “and the survivors and the survivor of them and the Executors and Administrators of such survivor” in the fifth, sixth and seventh lines of section 2 were deleted.

The words “or by the Executor or Administrator of such remaining Trustee” in the nineteenth and twentieth lines of section 4 were deleted.

The words “and any other premises which may be substituted therefor” were inserted after the figures 1567 in third line of section 5, and the word “Ministers” was substituted for the word “Pastor” in the last line thereof.

The words “and shall also be signed by the Secretary and by two or more of the said Trustees so present as aforesaid and such signing shall be and be taken as sufficient evidence of the due sealing of such deeds, documents and other instruments” were inserted at the end of section 6.

The words “or senior Minister” were inserted after the word “Minister” in the third line of section 10.

The words “or Pastor” where they twice occur in the first and second lines and the words “the direction of” in the fourth line of section 11 were deleted.

The words and dashes "Seatholders—being Subscribers—" in the fourth line of the third paragraph of section 11 were deleted and the words "Seatholders and Subscribers" were substituted therefor.

The words "or Pastor" where they twice occur in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines of section 15 were deleted.

The word "present" was substituted for the word "said" in the second line of section 18 and the words "or any other premises which may be substituted therefor" were inserted after the word "therewith" in the third line thereof.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with amendments and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

COMPANIES 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 consolidate and amend the Ordinances relating to Companies.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General the following sub-section to be numbered (3) was inserted at the end of section 1:—

"(3.) The Court shall not, in dealing with or making orders in respect of applications made to it under this Ordinance, take into consideration the fact that it may be difficult or impossible to enforce them."

Council resumed, the Bill being left in Committee.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 7th December, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 7th day of December, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 378.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint, under the provisions of Section 10 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, (Ordinance No. 1 of 1884), Dr. FREDERIC OSMUND STEDMAN to be a Member and to act as Secretary of the Medical Board for a further term of three years, with effect from the 8th instant.

4th December, 1911.

No. 379.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to re-appoint the Honourable Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT to be a Member of the Sanitary Board for a further period of three years, with effect from the 19th instant.

6th December, 1911.