

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 396.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 25.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 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. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

„ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

„ Mr. CHARLES HENDERSON ROSS.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th November, 1911, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 98 to 101, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 98.—Public Works, Recurrent, Maintenance of Buildings,	\$ 1,700.
No. 99.—Police and Prison Departments, Other Charges,	9,445.
No. 100.—Marine Surveyor's Office, Coal, Oil, etc., for Steam Launch,.....	300.
No. 101.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Bonus to Mr. E. S. Lindsey,	£ 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 21) dated the 30th November, 1911, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance relating to Public Health and Buildings.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

STATUTE LAWS (NEW REVISED EDITION) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Statute Laws (New Revised Edition) Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

UNIVERSITY BILL.—The Committee stage on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the University Ordinance, 1911, was not proceeded with.

COMPANIES BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Committee stage on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Ordinances relating to Companies, be resumed.

The Colonial Secretary 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 :—

In section 31 sub-section (1) the amendment proposed by the Law Committee was deleted.

In section 31 sub-section (4) the word “of” in the first line was deleted and the word “or” substituted therefor.

In section 35 sub-section (5) the amendment proposed by the Law Committee was deleted.

The following sub-section, to be numbered (7), was added to section 77 :—

- (7.) If default is made in compliance with any of the provisions of this section every director of the company who knowingly and wilfully authorises or permits the default shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

In section 252 sub-section (1) the word “establishes” in the second line was deleted and the words “shall establish” substituted therefor.

Section 253 was deleted and the following substituted therefor :—

253.—(1.) No company incorporated outside the Colony may hereafter acquire immovable property unless :—

- (a.) it is empowered by its constitution to acquire immovable property ; and
- (b.) it shall have filed with the registrar of companies the documents and particulars specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (1) of section 252 ; and
- (c.) it shall have obtained the special consent of the Governor-in Council.

Power of companies incorporated outside the Colony to hold lands. 8 Edw. 7 c. 69 s. 275.

(2.) Subject to the provisions of this section any company incorporated outside the Colony shall have power to acquire hold and dispose of lands in the Colony as if it were a company incorporated under this Ordinance.

The date 1st January, 1912, was inserted in section 269.

The marginal reference in Form F in the Third Schedule was altered to read “Section 20” instead of “Section 21”.

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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 21st December, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 21st day of December, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 397.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 59 of 1911.—An Ordinance to further amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

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An Ordinance to further amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

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F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

[22nd December, 1911.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the University Short title, Further Amendment Ordinance, 1911.

2. The University Ordinance, 1911, as amended by the University Amendment Ordinance, 1911, is hereby further amended as follows:—

(a.) in sub-section (7) of section 4 thereof by the deletion of the words "proper authority" and by the substitution therefor of the words "Director of Education to permit the University Professors and Lecturers or any of them".

Amends Ordinance No. 10 of 1911 as amended by Ordinance No. 17 of 1911.

(b.) by the repeal of sub-section (11) of section 4 thereof and by the substitution therefor of the following sub-section:—

"(11.) To enter into arrangements under which the Examiners of the London University, or of any other University, may act as External Examiners for any degree or distinction of the University of Hongkong with the power of