

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 402.

Regulation made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 3 of the Pounds Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 54 of 1911), this 24th day of December, 1911.

Pound Fees.

For every horse, mule, donkey, buffalo, ox or dog,50 cents.

For every sheep, goat, pig, goose, duck or fowl,25 cents.

No. 403.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has given direction for the rescission of Proclamation No. 8 of the 1st November, 1911, declaring Singapore to be a port or place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails, and that the same is hereby rescinded.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th December, 1911.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 404.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 26.

THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 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, (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, (FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY).

„ 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.

ABSENT :

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

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th December, 1911, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 102 to 110, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 102.—Miscellaneous Services, Illumination of Public Buildings in connection with the Coronation Celebrations,	\$ 762.
No. 103.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Working Expenses of Open Line,	51,680.
No. 104.—Miscellaneous Services, Compensation for damage to shop at No. 100, Des Vœux Road Central,	300.
No. 105.—Office of Assessor of Rates, Incidental Expenses, ...	25.
No. 106.—Medical Departments, Other Charges,	610.
No. 107.—Post Office, Coals, Stores, etc., for Steam-Launch, ...	100.
No. 108.—Charitable Services, Other Charitable Allowances, ...	£ 100.
No. 109.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Buildings, Law Courts, ...	\$15,000.
No. 110.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, Miscellaneous Works,	500.

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. 22) dated the 7th December, 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 :—

Report on an Investigation of the Pokfulum Water Supply by the Government Bacteriologist.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works laid on the table the Report of the Public Works Committee (No. 4) dated the 7th December, 1911.

BADGE OF THE COLONY.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution :—

Resolved that the existing badge of the Colony is not only inartistic but it is unsuitable for reproduction especially on flags, etc., and resolved therefore that the design laid on the table, being both simpler and more artistic, be substituted therefor.

The Attorney General seconded.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Attorney General, it was agreed that the vote on the resolution be deferred until the next meeting.

UNIVERSITY 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 further amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of His Excellency the Governor it was agreed that the words “Governor-in-Council” at the end of sub-section (c) of section 2 be deleted and that the words “Court and by the Court of the Hongkong College of Medicine” be substituted therefor.

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.

MERCANTILE BANK NOTE ISSUE BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the issue by the Mercantile Bank of India Limited of Bills and Notes payable to Bearer on Demand.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS AMENDMENT BILL.—The Director of Public Works addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance relating to Public Health and Buildings.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. POLLOCK and the Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

The following amendments were agreed to :—

The words “other than a vernacular school” were inserted before the words “in the Colony” in line 22 of section 2 and the words “the professors, lecturers and other academic officers of the University of Hongkong ;” were inserted after the said words “in the Colony ;”.

The following section, to be numbered 3, was inserted in the Bill :—

3. Section 42 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903 is hereby amended by the addition after the word “establish” in line 2 thereof of the words “or carry on” and also by the addition at the end thereof of the words “Provided always that any permission given by the Board under either part of this section shall be revocable at any time by the Board.”

Amends section 42 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.

Sections 3 to 7 were renumbered 4 to 8 respectively.

The Council then resumed, Sections 5 to 8 being left in Committee.

STATUTE LAW (NEW REVISED EDITION) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the 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 second time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 28th December, 1911.

F. D. LUGARD,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 28th day of December, 1911.

R. H. CROFTON,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 405.—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. 60 of 1911.—An Ordinance to amend the Ordinance relating to Public Health and Buildings.

Ordinance No. 61 of 1911.—An Ordinance to amend the Statute Laws (New Revised Edition) Ordinance, 1911.

Ordinance No. 62 of 1911.—An Ordinance to amend the Law Revision Ordinance, 1911.

Ordinance No. 63 of 1911.—An Ordinance to amend the Law Amendment Ordinance, 1911.

Ordinance No. 64 of 1911.—An Ordinance to further amend the Foreign Offenders Detention Ordinance, 1872.

Ordinance No. 65 of 1911.—An Ordinance to provide for the issue by the Mercantile Bank of India Limited of Bills and Notes payable to Bearer on Demand.