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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 227.

*Amendment of the Statutes of the University of Hongkong made by the Court of the University on the 31st day of October, 1913, under Section 14 of the University Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 10 of 1911), and allowed by the Governor-in-Council on the 11th day of June, 1914.*

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Section 11 of Statute 3 of the Statutes of the University of Hongkong contained in the Second Schedule of the University Ordinance, 1911, is hereby amended by the insertion of the words "of the Faculty of Medicine" after the words "Professors and Lecturers" in the first line thereof.

M. J. BREEN,  
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
11th June, 1914.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 228.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

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THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1914.

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PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(Sir FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANCIS HENRY KELLY, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN).

- „ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).
- „ the Director of Public Works, (ALEC FLEMING CHURCHILL).
- „ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX).
- „ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER).
- „ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.
- „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
- „ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT, C.M.G.
- „ Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.
- „ Mr. DAVID LANDALE.
- „ Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th May, 1914, were confirmed.

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

- Draft Agreement in connection with a scheme for the development of a portion of the south side of the island of Hongkong.
- Return of Excesses on Sub-heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the First Quarter of 1914.
- Report of the Public Works Committee (No. 1) dated the 2nd March, 1914.
- Report of the Public Works Committee (No. 2) dated the 21st May, 1914.
- Report on the Finances for the year 1913.
- Report of the Harbour Master for the year 1913.
- Report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, for the year 1913.
- Report of the Land Officer for the year 1913.
- Report on the New Territories for the year 1913.
- Report of the Superintendent of Prison for the year 1913.
- Report on the General Post Office for the year 1913.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council in connection with the scheme for the development of a portion of the south side of the island of Hongkong.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council in connection with the paving of roads referred to in the Public Works Committee Report No. 1.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 17 to 25, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 17.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Training Nullahs, (c.) Magazine Gap,...	\$4,000.00.
No. 18.—Botanical and Forestry Department, Forestry, New Territories, .....	1,300.00.
No. 19.—District Officer, Southern District, Transport,	900.00.
No. 20.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Terri- tories, Roads, (a.) Kam Tin—Au Tau,..	850.00.
No. 21.—Sanitary Department, Coolie Labour, .....	1,000.00.
No. 22.—Volunteers, Reserves Equipment, .....	281.57.
No. 23.—Miscellaneous Services, Grants in aid of Scientific Institutes, Imperial Bureau of Entomology in London, (£100=),...	1,091.00.
No. 24.—Miscellaneous Services, Compensation to Captain and Officers of S.S. <i>Tai On</i> for the loss of personal effects, .....	2,760.00.
Charitable Services, Allowance to Widow of the late L. J. DA SILVA, .....	80.00.
No. 25.—Police Department, Other Charges, Secret Service, .....	7,000.00.

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. 5), dated the 7th May, 1914, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution:—

*Whereas by the provisions of Section 5 Sub-section (1) of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, it is provided as follows:—*

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

Now it is hereby resolved that the importation into the Colony of any kind of raw opium except (a) Indian 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, and (b) Persian opium is illegal and it is further hereby resolved that a notification shall be made in the next issue of the Gazette to this effect and it is also hereby resolved that Notification No. 70 published in the Gazette of the 2nd March, 1914, be rescinded.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

1. Did His Excellency the Officer then administering the Government forward to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the proposal which was made by the Honourable member for the Chamber of Commerce in this Council, on the 23rd October last, for a Committee of Five Justices of the Peace "to go into the whole question as to the supply of nurses in the Government Hospitals, their pay, allowances, and all other kindred questions relating to the efficiency of this branch of our public service"? If so, what was the reply of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and when was it received?
2. Has the letter of the Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, dated the 2nd July last, and addressed to the Principal Civil Medical Officer, setting forth on behalf of the Sisters reasons why they considered that their numbers should be increased by two, or has a copy of such letter ever been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies? If so, when was it forwarded?
3. Was it impossible to obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the increase of two Sisters in the Staff prior to the introduction of the Estimates for 1914 in this Council?
4. Were the two additional Probationers, decided upon by His Excellency the Governor on the 19th August last, introduced into the Estimates for 1914 with the previous sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies? If so, how was such sanction obtained and when? If not, has such sanction been since obtained and when?
5. In connection with the answer to my third Question at the last Meeting of this Council, how many of such 208 cases were Military Women, and how many of such cases were Maternity cases? For about how many days, on the average, did each of such maternity cases remain in a Government Hospital, in 1913?
6. What fees per diem are paid to the Government in respect of
  - (a) Military Women, and
  - (b) Military Children?

What items of expenditure, and to what amount, produce the result, which is alleged in the answer to my third Question at the last Meeting of this Council, namely, that, although \$8,881.88 was received, in 1913, by the Government in fees on account of Military Women and Children, such fees leave no profit to the Government?
7. In connection with that part of the answer to my third Question at the last Meeting of this Council which sets forth the percentages of cases treated at the Maternity and Victoria Hospitals, will the Government state the actual numbers of cases dealt with at each of such Hospitals during each of the years 1908 to 1913 inclusive?
8. When was the nursing of plague-cases transferred from the Kennedy Town Hospital to the Government Civil Hospital? How many plague-cases were treated at the Government Civil Hospital during the years 1912 and 1913 respectively? How many of such cases have been treated there during each month since the beginning of the present year? Are such plague-cases treated in an isolation ward or in the general ward?

9. *What is the "enlargement of Hospital", which is referred to in foot-note (15) on p. 59 of the White Book relating to the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1914, which, according to the statement in that foot-note, necessitated the appointment of two additional Probationers? Are there in fact now only two Probationers on the Government Nursing Staff out of seven who were provided for in the Estimates for 1914?*
10. *Were any, and, if so, how many Sisters on the Staff of the Government Civil Hospital taken ill during the course of last summer, and between what dates were they absent from their duties? Did not such absence from duty place extra work on the shoulders of the Sisters remaining on duty?*
11. *In connection with the intention of His Excellency the Governor (expressed at the last Meeting of this Council) to "recommend to the Secretary of State for the Colonies an increase of three Sisters as a temporary measure pending further investigation as to the disposition of the Staff", will the Government state:—*
- (i.) *Are such Sisters to be engaged from England or locally?*
  - (ii.) *For how long are they to be engaged?*
  - (iii.) *When will the services of the one Nurse, who was stated by His Excellency, at the last Meeting of this Council, to have been already engaged as one of such three Sisters, be available to the Government? What examinations has she passed and what training has she had? Has any further nurse been engaged, in connection with such increase, since the last Meeting of this Council? If so, what examinations has she passed and what training has she had? Has the Secretary of State for the Colonies now sanctioned such increase?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

MOTION.—Mr. POLLOCK requested permission not to proceed for the present with the following motion standing in his name:—

*That the Government do lay upon the table of this Council the letter, under date of the 2nd July last, which was addressed by the Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital to the Principal Civil Medical Officer setting forth on behalf of the Sisters reasons why they considered that their numbers should be increased by two.*

His Excellency the Governor assented.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Six hundred and seventeen thousand seven hundred and eighty-three Dollars and one Cent, to defray the Charges of the Year 1913.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for more effectually preventing the Publication of Obscene Books, Pictures, and other Articles.

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.

**DENTISTRY BILL.**—The Attorney General moved that the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the registration of qualified Dental Surgeons and otherwise to regulate the practice of Dentistry be recommitted to the Committee of the whole Council for the discussion of the amendment of clause 9 by the insertion of the date “1st day of August, 1914”.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that the date “1st day of August, 1914” be inserted in clause 9 as the date in which the Ordinance shall come into operation.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee 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.

**ASIATIC EMIGRATION BILL.**—The Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to “Chinese Passenger Ships” as defined by the Chinese Passengers Act, 1855, and concerning Asiatic Emigrants generally, was not proceeded with.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 18th June, 1914.

F. H. MAY,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed this 18th day of June, 1914.

M. J. BREEN,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

**No. 229.**—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. 17 of 1914.—An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Six hundred and seventeen thousand seven hundred and eighty-three Dollars and one Cent, to defray the Charges of the Year 1913.