

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 401.

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TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1914.

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. DAVID LANDALE.

„ Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

ABSENT :

„ Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 1st October, 1914, were confirmed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 14), dated the 1st October, 1914, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

JURY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Jury Ordinance, 1887.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY BILL.—His Excellency the Governor and Mr. HEWETT having addressed the Council, the Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the more effectual preventing and further punishment of the offence of trading with the enemy.

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.

Mr. POLLOCK opposed the suspension of the Standing Orders but on the question being put to the vote it was declared carried six members voting for and five—Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK, Mr. WEI YUK, Mr. LANDALE, Mr. HEWETT and Mr. POLLOCK—against the motion.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops did not vote.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. POLLOCK, Mr. HEWETT, Mr. LANDALE and His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Mr. POLLOCK opposed the Second reading but on the question being put to the vote it was declared carried seven members voting for and five—Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK, Mr. WEI YUK, Mr. LANDALE, Mr. HEWETT and Mr. POLLOCK—against the motion.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

The Attorney General moved that clause 6 be amended by the deletion of all the words after the word "Proclamation" in the twelfth line to the end of the section and by the substitution therefor of the following words "or if any German subject or any Austro-Hungarian subject carries on business in the Colony, it shall be lawful for the Governor to impose such restrictions on the business of any such branch, firm or enemy subject as he may think fit"; and by the insertion of the words "business of enemy subjects and of" between the words "on" and "local" in the marginal note of the same section.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the amendment was carried unanimously.

Mr. POLLOCK moved that the following be added to the clause, "And no business shall be carried on by any such branch, firm, or person except for the purpose of completing transactions entered into by them or any of them before the commencement of either of the said wars."

Mr. HEWETT seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

On Mr. POLLOCK's amendment being put to the vote it was declared lost nine members voting against and three—Mr. HEWETT, Mr. POLLOCK and Mr. WEI YUK—for the motion.

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 22nd day of October, 1914.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 22nd day of October, 1914.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.