

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 414.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

THURSDAY, 22ND 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 CHŪ PAK.

ABSENT :

,, Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 6th October, 1914, were confirmed.

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

Acquisition and Re-arrangement of Moorings.

Financial Statements in connection with the Estimates for 1915.

PRINCE OF WALES' FUND.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution :—

That a contribution of \$100,000 be made from the funds of the Colony to the National Fund instituted by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for the relief of persons in the British Isles who are dependents of men serving with His Majesty's Forces and of those who suffer from unemployment caused by interruption and dislocation of trade and industry or otherwise are plunged into poverty and distress in consequence of war.

Mr. WEI YUK seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 58 to 66, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 58.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous Works,	\$ 1,000.00
No. 59.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Extension of Lighting,	200.00
No. 60.—Public Works Department, Electric Fans and Light,	500.00
No. 61.—Harbour Master's Department, Steam-Launches, Stores,	160.00
No. 62.—Miscellaneous Services, Contribution to the Endowment Fund of the London School of Tropical Medicine,	1,548.39

No. 63.—Harbour Master's Department, Gunpowder Depôt, Police Constables,	\$ 445.20
No. 64.—Police Department and Fire Brigade, Other Charges,	19,950.00
No. 65.—Miscellaneous Services, West River Flood Relief Fund,	50,000.00
No. 66.—Miscellaneous Services :— Printing and Binding Miscel- laneous Papers,.....\$	7,000.00
Stationery,	8,000.00
	<hr/> 15,000.00

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1915.—The Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Nine million five hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred and ninety-two Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1915.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor and Mr. HEWETT addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

JURY AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Jury Ordinance, 1887.

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.

SPECIAL POLICE RESERVE BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the formation of a Special Police Reserve.

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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 5th day of November, 1914.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 27th day of October, 1914.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.