The following Notifications are published,

By command,

CLAUD SEVERN, Colonial Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 425.—It is hereby notified that the following societies have been exempted by the Governor-in-Council from registration under the Societies Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 47 of 1911), and their names are hereby added to the List of Exempted Societies, published in Government Notification No. 159 of 1914, under the following heading:—

Social Clubs (*Chinese*). Tsung Nga (從雅). Yik Chi (易智).

M. J. Breen, Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 29th October, 1914.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 426.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 20.

TUESDAY, 27TH 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 22nd October, 1914, were confirmed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 15), dated the 22nd October, 1914, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ALIEN ENEMIES (WINDING UP) BILL.—His Excellency the Governor having addressed the Council, the Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the winding up of the affairs of certain alien enemies.

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.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. HEWETT addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General the following amendments were agreed to:-

In section 5, sub-section (3), the word "also" at the end of the sub-section was deleted and the same word "also" was inserted between the words "on" and "outside" in the fourth line.

In section 5, sub-section (10), the word "liquidation" in the first line was deleted and the words "winding up" substituted therefor, and the words "approved of by the Governor" were inserted between the words "bank" and "to" in the fifth line.

In section 5, sub-section (11), the fullstop at the end of the paragraph commencing with the word "Secondly," was deleted and a comma and the following words substituted therefor "including the rent of any business premises formerly occupied by such alien enemy which shall accrue due while such premises are occupied by the liquidator for the purposes of such winding up."

In section 5, sub-section (11), the date "30th day of June" in the third line of the paragraph commencing with the word "Fourthly," was deleted and the date "31st day of July" substituted therefor, and all the words after the word "enemy" in the fifth line of the same paragraph were deleted and the following words substituted therefor "or to the compradore of such alien enemy".

In section 6, sub-section (1), the words "any trade" in the second line were deleted and the words "the trade or any part of the trade" substituted therefor.

In section 6, sub-section (3), the words "or assistance" were inserted after the word "intervention" in the ninth line.

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 5th day of November, 1914.

F. H. MAY, Governor.

Read and confirmed this 5th day of November, 1914.

M. J. Breen, Clerk of Councils.

No. 427.—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. 29 of 1914.—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.