

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 542.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 20.

THURSDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1915.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANCIS VENTRIS).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN).

" the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP).

" the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

" the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).

" 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. EDWARD SHELLIM.

" Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

" Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 28th October, 1915, were confirmed.

THE LATE MR. E. A. HEWETT, C.M.G.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

This Council deplores the loss it has suffered by the untimely death of the late Mr. E. A. Hewett, C.M.G., and desires to record its deep appreciation of his valuable services to the Council and to the Colony.

Mr. POLLOCK addressed the Council and seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NURSING STAFF.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and made a correction with reference to his remarks at the meeting of the Council held on the 28th October on the subject of the private nursing staff attached to the Government Civil Hospital.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 52 to 63 (omitting No. 59), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 52.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Compensation for resumptions of lands at Sham Shui Po,.....\$	2,000.00.
No. 53.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Improvements of Ap Liu Village,	2,185.00.
No. 54.—Police Department, Other Charges,	5,210.00.
No. 55.—Audit Department, Transport and Travelling,...	100.00.
No. 56.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon British School,—Alterations to latrines and urinals,	1,000.00.

No. 57.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Tai Po Quarters, —Addition to provide accommodation for Bailiff,	\$ 5,500.00.
No. 58.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Survey of Colony and Boundary Stones,	350.00.
No. 60.—Public Works, Recurrent, Repairs to Dredger <i>St. Enoch</i> ,	1,500.00.
No. 61.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Compensation for resumptions of lands at Sham Shui Po,.....	1,524.00.
No. 62.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Tytam Tuk Scheme, Second Section,.....	105,000.00.
No. 63.—Miscellaneous Services, Maintenance of Pri- soners of War,	68,000.00.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Minute No. 59 was omitted pending further inquiries.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 15), dated the 28th October, 1915, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

COMPANIES BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to companies.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to importation and exportation.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

FULL COURT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Full Court Ordinance, 1912, and to make further provision for the constitution of the Full Court.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that sub-section (2) of the new section 5 introduced by section 2 of the Bill be deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

“(2.) In all applications for leave to appeal to His Majesty in Council and in all matters incidental thereto the Full Court may consist either of two or of three judges.”

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

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY THIRD AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Trading with the Enemy Ordinance, 1914.

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.

MAGISTRATES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, and for purposes connected therewith.

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.

ASIATIC EMIGRATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled 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.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

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:—

Section 42 was re-numbered sub-section (1) and following sub-section, numbered (2), was added:—

"(2.) No person shall accommodate any assisted emigrant except in a boarding-house for assisted emigrants licensed under this Ordinance."

In section 44, sub-section (1), the word "emigrants" in the fourth line was deleted and the word "persons" substituted therefor; the word "register" in the fifth line was deleted and the word "registers" substituted therefor; and all the words from the words "with regard" inclusive in the sixth line to the end of the sub-section were deleted.

In the Fourth Schedule:—

The words and figures "the ages of one and 12" in the fifth and sixth lines of sub-section (2) of section 6 were deleted and the figures and words "1 and 12 years of age" substituted therefor.

The figures "1914" in the ninth line of section 15 were deleted and the figures "1915" substituted therefor.

In the Schedule, the words "females or" in the first line of section (9) were deleted and the words "or females" were inserted after the word "years" in the second line.

In the Fifth Schedule :—

The figure "2" in the ninth line of section 1 was deleted and the word "two" substituted therefor.

The words and figures "the ages of one and 12 years" in the seventh line of sub-section (1) of section 2 and in the fifth and sixth lines of sub-section (2) of section 3 were deleted and the figures and words "1 and 12 years of age" substituted therefor.

In the Sixth Schedule ;—

The words and figures "the ages of one and 12 years" in the sixth line of sub-section (2) of section 4 were deleted and the figures and words "1 and 12 years of age" substituted therefor.

In sub-section 6 (a) of section 4 the word "and" in the fourth line was deleted and the word "which" 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.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 16th day of December, 1915.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 543.—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. 31 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to companies.

Ordinance No. 32 of 1915.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to importation and exportation.