

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 212.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

THURSDAY, 30TH MAY, 1918.

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 Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, C.B.E.).
 „ 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 McELVAINE MESSER).
 „ Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.
 „ Mr. DAVID LANDALE.
 „ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
 „ Mr. PERCY HOBSON HOLYOAK.
 „ Mr. Ho Fook.

ABSENT:

„ the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.).
 „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 23rd May, 1918, were confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Attorney General laid on the table the following papers:—

Telegrams to and from the Secretary of State for the Colonies with reference to General Military Service.

Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) for the year 1917.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Attorney General laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 25 and 26, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 25.—District Officer, Northern District, Motor Car for
 District Officer,.....\$ 1,097.50

No. 26.—Public Works, Extraordinary, (42) Roads, (a)
 Shamshuipo to Castle Peak: Section from
 Shamshuipo to Tsunwan, 20 feet wide,..... 38,000.00

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Attorney General laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 2), dated the 23rd May, 1918, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

WATER SUPPLY.—The Director of Public Works addressed the Council and made a statement regarding the curtailment of the water supply.

GENERAL MILITARY SERVICE BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the raising of a force the members of which shall be liable to service with His Majesty's Forces outside the Colony during the present war.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE (TIME OF NOTING) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

CLAIMS AGAINST ENEMIES BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to require certain returns to be made to the Custodian of Enemy Property.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

SUMMARY OFFENCES AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1845.

The Colonial Treasurer 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:—

In section 3 (e) (i), the words “, or on any Government property unless with the consent of a public officer, or on any private property unless with the consent of the owner and of the occupier (if any) of such private property,” were inserted after the words “public place” in the last line.

In section 19, the words “, unless the actual offender shall first have been prosecuted to conviction,” were inserted after the words “actual offender” in the seventh line.

In section 20, the words “, whether the actual offender be prosecuted or not,” were inserted after the words “actual offender” at the end of each of the three sub-sections.

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 Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

DANGEROUS SMOKING PREVENTION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Smoking Prevention Ordinance, 1900.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

PEAK DISTRICT (RESIDENCE) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide that with certain exceptions no person shall reside within the Peak District without the consent of the Governor in Council.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 6th day of June, 1918.

F. H. MAY,
Governor.

Confirmed this 6th day of June, 1918.

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

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 213.—His Excellency the Governor has accepted with regret the resignation of Captain ALEC FLEMING CHURCHILL of his Commission in the Hongkong Defence Corps, with effect from the 26th February, 1918.

6th June, 1918.