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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.**


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No. 57.

*Order made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, on the 29th day of January, 1920.*

No person shall, without the permission of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, export or attempt to export from the Colony any Hongkong silver subsidiary coins, unless he is a *bonâ fide* traveller leaving the Colony in which case he shall be entitled to take with him out of the Colony Hongkong silver subsidiary coins of the total face value of not more than three dollars.

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
*29th January, 1920.*

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**


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No. 58.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 16.**

*TUESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 1919.*

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(Sir REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.).

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.).

„ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).

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

„ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, O.B.E.).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).

„ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

„ Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.

„ Mr. Ho FOOK.

„ Mr. ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

„ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 30th and 31st October, 1919, were confirmed.

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

Report of the Public Works Committee (No. 5) dated the 14th November, 1919, on the proposal to erect a small trough-closet and urinal at Barker Road Station.

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure, for the 3rd Quarter of 1919.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 6 of the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance, 1919, Ordinance No. 22 of 1919, on the 6th day of November, 1919.

NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. POLLOCK gave notice that he will move the following two Resolutions at the next meeting of the Council :—

- 1.—That, with a view to giving facilities for commercial expansion, a Committee of the Legislative Council be appointed, consisting of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and two Official and three Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, for the purpose of considering and reporting to this Council upon the resumption by the Hongkong Government of the Military Establishments on the Queen's Road and the terms and conditions of such resumption.
- 2.—That the various Housing Schemes for different sections of the community in various districts of the Colony be now referred by the Government to the Public Works Committee of the Legislative Council, with power to that Committee to make suggestions as to the carrying out and financing of such schemes and as to the improvement of the methods of communication with the outlying districts which are sought to be developed by such schemes.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. JOHNSTONE, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. Will the Government give any information regarding the present dispute concerning the pay of certain recently arrived Europeans for the Police Force?
2. In view of the recent armed robberies and acts of violence committed in the heart of the City do the Government consider the present Police Force (including the recently joined members) of sufficient strength to adequately deal with same either (1) by increasing the number on point duty or (2) patrol duty?
3. If, as seems reasonable in view of recent events, the reply to question No. 2 is in the negative, will the Government give any information regarding the steps to be taken or which have already been taken to increase the numbers of the European Police Force?
4. In view of the greatly increased cost of living in this Colony as elsewhere in the world will the Government consider the advisability of a substantial increase in the pay of the N.C.O.'s and men on the European Branch of the Force?
5. What would an increase of 30% on these men's salaries cost the Government?
6. If the reply to question No. 4 is in the negative will the Government consent to the formation of a committee to enquire into the matter, and
7. Will they appoint as members of that committee two or more civilians whose knowledge of the position by reason of their employment of considerable numbers of European workers best fits them to give authoritative advice on the subject?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 126 to 172, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 126.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (24)	
Miscellaneous Works, .....	\$ 3,000.00
No. 127.—Police Department, Iron Bunks,.....	1,925.00
No. 128.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Erection of a Latrine in Duddell Street,.....	2,000.00
No. 129.—Police Department, Launches and Boats: Repairs, .....	1,320.00
No. 130.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (29)	
Miscellaneous Water Works, .....	5,000.00

No. 131.—Medical Department :—	
Civil Hospital, Other Charges :—	
Fuel and Light, .....	\$ 600.00
Office of Health Officer of Port, Other Charges :—	
Launch : Stores,.....	100.00
	\$ 700.00
No. 132.—Miscellaneous Services, Special Allowance on Salaries, .....	
	240,000.00
No. 133.—Charitable Services, Other Charitable Allow- ances, .....	
	700.00
No. 134.—Miscellaneous Services :—	
New Government Offices :—	
Electric Fans and Light, .....	\$ 2,400.00
Lifts Maintenance, .....	350.00
Printing and Binding :—	
Miscellaneous Papers, .....	8,000.00
Ordinances, Regulations, and Reports, .....	500.00
Stationery, .....	18,000.00
Transport of Government Servants, .....	40,000.00
	69,250.00
No. 135.—Miscellaneous Services, Purchase of the super- structure of house No. 195, Sheung Shui, for the occupation of Indian Police, .....	
	300.00
No. 136.—Charitable Services, Charitable Grant to Leung Yung, .....	
	500.00
No. 137.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (13) Roads : (e) Tytam Gap to Shaukiwan, Improv- ing existing road, .....	
	27,500.00
No. 138.—Botanical and Forestry Department, Brushwood Clearing, .....	
	500.00
No. 139.—Imports and Exports Department, Other Charges :—	
Electric Fans and Light, .....	\$ 150.00
Launch : Repairs, .....	100.00
	250.00
No. 140.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (8) Taitam Tak Pumping Station, Additional Quarters for Chinese Staff, .....	
	1,200.00
No. 141.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Grinding Machine for Workshop, .....	
	2,986.37
No. 142.—Police Department, Furniture,—Repairs and Renewals, .....	
	1,750.00
No. 143.—Prison Department, Other Charges :—	
Clothing for Prisoners, .....	\$ 200.00
Executioner's Fees, .....	50.00
Incidental Expenses,.....	250.00
Materials for Repairs and Re- newals, .....	200.00
Photography, .....	75.00
	775.00
No. 144.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Works, (19) Maintenance of City and Hill District, .....	
	40,000.00
No. 145.—Medical Department, B.—Hospitals and Asy- lums, Incidental Expenses, .....	
	205.00
No. 146.—Police Department, Passages, and Bonuses in lieu of Passages,.....	
	12,660.00

No. 147.—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon :—	
Water Works :—	
(35) Maintenance of Water Works, .....	\$ 3,000.00
(36) Water Account, (Meters, &c.),.....	1,000.00
	—————\$ 4,000.00
No. 148.—Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories :—	
Miscellaneous :—	
(45) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages, .....	\$ 3,000.00
Water Works :—	
(46) Maintenance of Laichikok, .....	800.00
	—————3,800.00
No. 149.—Police Department, Launches and Boats :—	
Repairs, .....	477.00
No. 150.—Harbour Master's Department, Special Expenditure, Purchase of Steam Launch " <i>Blockhead</i> ",	
	7,500.00
No. 151.—Department of Director of Education, Other Charges :—	
Incidental Expenses,.....	\$ 38.25
Ellis Kadoorie School :—	
Prizes,.....	101.61
Kowloon British School :—	
Incidental Expenses,.....	80.75
Victoria British School :—	
Incidental Expenses,.....	73.84
	—————294.45
No. 152.—Crown Solicitor's Office, Extra Legal Expenses, .....	
	200.00
No. 153.—Public Works, Recurrent, (1) Maintenance of Buildings, .....	
	2,600.00
No. 154.—Public Works, Establishment, Incidental Expenses, .....	
	500.00
No. 155.—Kowloon Canton Railway :—	
Locomotive, Carriage, and Wagon Expenses, Other Charges :—	
Coal, .....	\$ 13,000.00
Fanling Branch Line, Other Charges :—	
Coal, .....	700.00
	—————13,700.00
No. 156.—Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure, Exhumation at the Kai Lung Wan Cemetery, ...	
	4,746.00
No. 157.—Colonial Secretary's Department, Incidental Expenses, .....	
	75.00
No. 158.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, (22) Water Account, (Meters, &c.),.....	
	800.00
No. 159.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (24) Miscellaneous Works, .....	
	1,200.00
No. 160.—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, (34) Typhoon and Rainstorm Damages, .....	
	4,000.00
No. 161.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, (34) Miscellaneous Drainage Works, .....	
	3,500.00
No. 162.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Additions and Alterations to Shau-kiwan Police Station, .....	
	900.00
No. 163.—Prison Department, Subsistence of Prisoners, ...	
	3,000.00

No. 164.—Miscellaneous Services, Furniture for "Lysholt", The Peak :—		
Furniture, .....	\$ 2,675.50	
Valuers' Fee, .....	75.00	
	—————	\$ 2,750.50
No. 165.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (13) Roads: (g) Lugard Road Extension, .....		6,000.00
No. 166.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (13) Roads: (j) Road contouring Mt. Gough from Findlay Road to Gough Hill Road, .....		4,000.00
No. 167.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (23) Boundary Stones, .....		600.00
No. 168.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, (9) Lunatic Asylum, Extension,.....		1,300.00
No. 169.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Com- munications, Roads: Deep Water Bay to Tytam Tuk Road, Improvement to section from Deep Water Bay to Repulse Bay, .....		1,000.00
No. 170.—Police Department, Purchase of a Motor Boat, ...		7,600.00
No. 171.—Police Department, Other Charges :—		
Bedding, and Mess Utensils,.....	\$ 150.00	
Clothing and Accoutrements, .....	1,285.00	
Coolie Hire,.....	75.00	
Repairs: Launches and Boats, ...	1,250.00	
Light and Electric Fans, .....	1,375.00	
Secret Service, .....	435.00	
Stationery, Newspapers, and Tele- grams,.....	30.00	
	—————	4,600.00
No. 172.—Fire Brigade, Other Charges :—		
Clothing, .....	\$ 180.00	
Repairs to Engines and Plants,.....	70.00	
Stores, .....	300.00	
	—————	550.00

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), dated the 31st October, 1919, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution :—

*Whereas application has been duly made by the Sanitary Board to the Governor under section 167 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, for the erection of a Public Latrine and Urinal to the northward of Barker Road Station below the level of the road :*

*And whereas such application having duly approved by the Governor and a notification of the intention to erect a Public Latrine and Urinal at such site having been duly published in three successive numbers of the Gazette, certain owners and occupiers of property in the vicinity have objected to such erection :*

*And whereas such objections have been duly considered :*

*It is hereby resolved by this Council that the above mentioned site and the erection thereof of a Public Latrine and Urinal be and the same is hereby approved.*

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

*Resolved by the Legislative Council that the percentages on the valuation of tenements payable as rates on the under-mentioned Lots be altered from the 1st January, 1920, as follows:—*

*The whole of Shamshuipo, ..... From 10½% to 13%.*

*with the exception of the old village lots, and the following:—*

*New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 140*

” ” ” 154

” ” ” 162

” ” ” 164

” ” ” 165

” ” ” 178

” ” ” 181

” ” ” 189

” ” ” 202

” ” ” 219

” 10½% to 12¼%.

*The whole of Fuk Tsun Heung, with the exception of Kowloon Marine Lots Nos. 26, 28, and 33,...*

” 12¼% to 13%.

*The Tai Hang District, .....*

” 10½% to 13%.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MILITARY SERVICE REPEAL BILL.—His Excellency the Governor having addressed the Council, the Colonial Secretary moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to repeal the Military Service Ordinance, 1917, and the General Military Service Ordinance, 1918.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Colonial Secretary moved the suspension of the Standing Orders so that the Bill might be passed through all its stages at that meeting of the Council.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Colonial Secretary then moved the Second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary 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 after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary reported that the Finance Committee had approved Financial Minutes Nos. 126 to 172, and he moved their adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RETIREMENT OF MR. SHEWAN.—His Excellency the Governor wished the Members the compliments of the season and addressed the Council with reference to the retirement of Mr. SHEWAN.

Mr. SHEWAN replied.

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

R. E. STUBBS,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 29th day of January, 1920.

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

### APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 59.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, provisionally and pending the receipt of instructions from His Majesty's Government, to recognise Mr. PEDRO VICENTE BOTELHO as Consul for Nicaragua in Hongkong.

28th January, 1920.

### NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 60.—The following Order of His Majesty the King in Council, which appeared in the *London Gazette* of the 10th October, 1919, is published for general information.

#### China (Companies) Amendment Order in Council, 1919.

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,  
THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1919.

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

LORD STEWARD.

SIR FRANCIS VILLIERS.

MR. SECRETARY SHORTT.

SIR GEORGE BUCHANAN.

WHEREAS by treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, His Majesty the King has jurisdiction in China:

And whereas it is desirable to make further provision with reference to the exercise of jurisdiction over British companies carrying on business within the limits of this Order:

NOW, THEREFORE, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by "The Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890," or otherwise, in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as "The China (Companies) Amendment Order in Council, 1919," and shall be read as one with "The China (Companies) Order in Council, 1915."

2. In this Order:—

"The Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Ordinance" means "The Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1917, of the Colony of Hongkong," and includes any Ordinance amending or substituted for the same.