

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 70.

Rule made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Boarding House Ordinance, 1917, Ordinance No. 23 of 1917, this 5th day of February, 1920.

The Rules made by the Governor in Council under section 44 (1) of the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance, 1915, and section 3 of the Boarding House Ordinance, 1917, on the 18th day of October, 1917, and published in the *Gazette* on the 19th day of October, 1917, as Government Notification No. 464 as amended by the Rules made by the Governor in Council on the 20th day of November, 1919, and published in the *Gazette* on the 21st day of November, 1919, as Government Notification No. 537 are hereby further amended as follows:—

By deleting the words "Two sufficient sureties" in the second line of rule 3 of the said rules and by substituting therefor the words "in the case of all classes except Class V two sureties and in case of Class V one surety".

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

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
5th February, 1920.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 71.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. I.

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1920.

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, (ROBERT OLIPHANT HUTCHISON, M.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. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

„ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

„ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. HUTCHISON took the Oath and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 23rd December, 1919, were confirmed.

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

Preliminary Report on the Purchase and Sale of Rice by the Government of Hongkong during the year 1919.

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

1. What steps is the Government taking for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations of the Coroner's Jury with regard to the recent Victoria Gaol tragedy, in which two Warders lost their lives?
2. Will the Government consider the advisability of establishing a Pasteur Institute in this Colony? What would be approximately the cost of doing so? Will the Government procure the services of a trained and fully qualified man, who has passed through the course at a Pasteur Institute?
3. In view of the bad example set by the exhibition of crimes of violence and other criminal acts on cinema films, will the Government give directions to the Censors to refuse to pass films for exhibition in this Colony which show the execution of any of such crimes or criminal acts?
4. What steps is the Government taking to secure the inclusion of Hongkong in the proposed Imperial Commercial Wireless Scheme?
5. What facilities is the Government giving for the encouragement of Aerial Transport to and from this Colony?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 1 and 2 and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

No. 1.—Crown Solicitor's Office, Extra Legal Expenses, ... \$	200.00
No. 2.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Buildings, Latrines and Urinals,	2,000.00

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

STANDING ORDERS.—His Excellency the Governor having addressed the Council, the Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolutions :—

1. That Standing Order No. 11 be amended as follows :—
In sub-section (a) by the omission of all the words after "Chairman" and the substitution of the following words "The Treasurer, the Director of Public Works, and the Unofficial Members of the Council".
In sub-section (c) by the omission of all the words after "Chairman" and the substitution of the words "the Treasurer, and the Unofficial Members of the Council".
2. That Standing Order No. 12 be amended as follows :—
In line 1 by the omission of the words "either" and "or the Public Works Committee".
In line 3 by the omission of the words "either of such Committees" and the substitution of the words "the Committee".
In line 5 by the substitution of the word "the" for the word "such".

The Attorney General seconded.

Mr. POLLOCK addressed the Council, and His Excellency the Governor replied.

Question—put and agreed to.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following to be Members of the Standing Law Committee :—The Attorney General (*Chairman*), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. POLLOCK, Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK, and Mr. JOHNSTONE.

SUGGESTED REMOVAL OF MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS.—Mr. POLLOCK, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution :—

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.

Mr. DODWELL seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council, and Mr. POLLOCK replied.

On the Resolution being put to the vote it was declared lost, eight Members voting against and five—Mr. DODWELL, Mr. PARR, Mr. HO FOOK, Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK, and Mr. POLLOCK—for the Resolution.

HOUSING SCHEMES.—Mr. POLLOCK, pursuant to notice, addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution :—

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.

Mr. PARR addressed the Council and seconded.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and stated that the Government was prepared to accept the motion with a slight amendment.

Mr. POLLOCK accepted the amendment suggested by the Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

The motion as follows was then put and agreed to:—

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 such suggestions relating thereto and also to the question of the improvement of the means of communication with the outlying districts as may appear suitable.

FOREIGN CORPORATIONS (EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS UNDER SEAL) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to make provision with regard to the execution of instruments under seal by the agents of certain foreign corporations.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

VOLUNTEER BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

TREATY OF PEACE ORDER, 1919, BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.—His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and stated that, if it is in accordance with the general wish, he will instruct the Clerk of Councils to write to Sir FREDERICK LUGARD conveying the cordial congratulations of the Council on his appointment to be a Member of His Majesty's Privy Council.

Mr. POLLOCK heartily supported the suggestion which was unanimously agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 5th February, 1920.

R. E. STUBBS,
Governor.

Confirmed this 5th day of February, 1920.

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

No. 72.—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. 1 of 1920.—An Ordinance to make provision with regard to the execution of instruments under seal by the agents of certain foreign corporations.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1920.—An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1920.—An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.