
DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

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W. T. SOUTHORN,
Colonial Secretary.

30th June, 1927.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,
28th April, 1927.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that, in a number of recent cases of pension claims by British subjects resident outside the United States, documents forwarded to His Majesty's Embassy at Washington for submission to the United States authorities as evidence in support of the claims have not been authenticated and that considerable delay in reaching a settlement has been occasioned by the necessity of returning them for completion.

2. His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington has pointed out that mere declarations or sworn statements made before a Notary Public or Commissioner of Oaths, without a certificate from a public authority as to his competence, cannot be legalised at His Majesty's Embassy at Washington, and are not accepted as valid evidence by the United States pension authorities.

I shall be glad therefore if, in cases where documents are intended for submission to the United States Government in connection with pension and kindred claims, they may be properly authenticated before being sent to His Majesty's Embassy.

I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

The Officer Administering the Government of
HONG KONG.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 395.

Rules made by the Governor in Council under section 16 (1) of the Peak Tramway Ordinance, 1883, Ordinance No. 2 of 1883, (amended by the Peak Tramway Ordinance, 1926), on the 30th day of June, 1927.

The following rules are hereby added to the rules (hereinafter referred to as the principal rules) made by the Governor in Council on the 23rd day of September, 1926, under section 16 (1) of the Peak Tramway Ordinance, 1883, and published in the Gazette of the 4th March, 1927, as Notification No. 129; such additional rules shall be inserted in Part I of the principal rules next after rule 14,—

- 14 (a.) No passenger carriage shall be used on the tramway, or continued in use, unless and until the inner faces of the brake jaws are roughened by chisel cross cuts.
- 14 (b.) The inner faces of the brake jaws of the passenger carriages shall be subjected to careful examination by the Superintendent Engineer at least once a week. If from any cause the roughened surface has become smooth such faces shall be re-roughened in manner aforesaid before the carriage is again used on the tramway. The cause of smoothing shall be ascertained and removed if practicable.

14 (c.) The faces of the centre rail, where the gradient exceeds 1 in 3, shall be roughened by chisel cross cuts; the roughened faces shall be treated with a coating of tar applied whilst hot.

14 (d.) The roughened faces of the centre rail shall be subjected to a careful examination by the Superintendent Engineer at least once a week; any smoothing shall be remedied as soon as practicable by re-roughening in manner aforesaid and by again treating with a coating of tar applied whilst hot. The cause of smoothing shall be ascertained and removed if practicable.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
30th June, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 396.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

Thursday, 23rd June, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR CECIL CLEMENTI, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General CHARLES CAMAC LUARD, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHORN, C.M.G.).

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

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

„ Mr. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E., (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

„ Mr. HENRY THOMAS JACKMAN, (Acting Director of Public Works).

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

„ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.

„ Mr. DALLAS GERALD MERCER BERNARD.

„ Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES.

„ Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES.

„ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.

ABSENT:

„ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th June, 1927, were confirmed.