

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 588.

Regulation made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 25 (4) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, on the 13th day of October, 1927.

Regulation 12 in Table M to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, is hereby amended by the rescission of the limits of the Foreign Man-of-War Anchorage, set forth in the said regulation 12, and the substitution therefor of the following:—

On the west.—The meridian of 114° 11' 30" E.

On the south.—A line 081° from Blackhead Point light.

On the north and east.—The five fathom line.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
13th October, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 8.

Thursday, 15th September, 1927, 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, (Mr. WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHORN, C.M.G.).

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. 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. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.

„ Mr. DALLAS GERALD MERCER BERNARD.

„ Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES.

„ Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES.

„ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.

„ Mr. ERIC WILLIAM HAMILTON, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.
2. PRESENTATION.—His Excellency the Governor presented Chief Preventive Officer Clarke with the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for saving a Chinese woman from the Harbour.

MINUTES.

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st September, 1927, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

4. The following papers were laid on the table:—

Administration Reports, 1926:—

Part III.—Public Health:—

Report of the Head of the Sanitary Department.

Part IV.—Education:—

Report of the Director of Education.

Sessional Paper, 1927:—

No. 8.—Report of Committee of the Board of Education on School Fees revision: Approved by Board of Education on 4th May, 1927.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 25th August, 1927.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 23 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, on 30th August, 1927.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 1st September, 1927.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 5th September, 1927.

Rescission of the Order made by the Governor in Council under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 7th September, 1927.

Two Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 17 of the Police Force Ordinance, 1900, on 7th September, 1927.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 10), dated the 1st September, 1927, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

QUESTIONS.

6. The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD, pursuant to notice, asked:—

(1) What experience is considered necessary before Police Officers are entrusted with the shooting of dogs, and

(2) What weapons are used.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

(1) A knowledge of and experience in the use of shot-guns. Care is taken to select men who are good shots.

(2) Shot-guns and Greener riot-guns.

7. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. SIENION, pursuant to notice, asked:—

Are the Government prepared to deal with motor cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by,

(a) Fixing a scale of fares, or

(b) Insisting that each motor car so plying carries with it a meter registering an approved scale of charges.

The Colonial Secretary.—I regret that the answers to these questions are not yet ready.

MOTIONS.

8. *Suppression of Piracy Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the suppression of piracy.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Liquors Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Asylums Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Asylums Ordinance, 1906.

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.

11. *Prohibited Areas (Afforestation) Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to enable certain areas to be declared prohibited areas with a view to the protection of afforestation operations.

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.

12. *Appropriation Bill for 1928.*—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Seventeen million four hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and three Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1928.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Mr. D. G. M. BERNARD, Mr. W. E. L. SHENTON, Dr. R. H. KOTEWALL, the Colonial Secretary, and His Excellency the Governor 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.

13. *Public Works Loan Bill.*—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to make provision for a loan of five million dollars for the carrying out of certain public works.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

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.

14. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 22nd day of September, 1927.

C. C. LUARD,

General Officer Commanding the Troops,
Presiding in the absence of
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 13th day of October, 1927.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 590.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 15 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the suppression of piracy.