

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 633.

Regulation made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 5 of the Ferries Ordinance, 1917, Ordinance No. 28 of 1917, on the 1st day of November, 1927.

The regulations relating to the ferry or group of ferries within the area bounded by the following lines and by the coast lines between the terminal points of those lines, that is to say,—

East :—The western entrance of Lyemun Pass,

West :—A straight line drawn from the Harbour Office to Blackhead's Point,

appearing under the heading "II—EASTERN" on pages 754 and 755 of the Regulations of Hong Kong, 1844-1925, extended as appears in Government Notification No. 309, published in the Gazette of the 4th June, 1926, are hereby amended by the rescission of the second paragraph (c) on page 755 which commences "(c) The following regulation is added" and ends "approved by the Harbour Master", and by the substitution therefor of the following paragraphs,—

(d) The words "shall have furnished security by deposit with the Treasurer of a sum equal to twelve months rent" are substituted for the words "shall have furnished such security as may be required by the Harbour Master in a sum equal to three months rent" in regulation No. 11 of the principal regulations.

(e) The following regulation is added after regulation No. 28 of the principal regulations :—

28A. The licensee shall not permit any ferry vessel to carry or tow any pigwash or offensive cargo.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER.

1st November, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 634.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

Thursday, 27th October, 1927, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(Hon. Mr. WILFRID THOMAS SOUTHORN, 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. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

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

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

„ Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

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

ABSENT :

„ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, (Captain Superintendent of Police).
 „ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.

1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government occupied the Chair.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th October, 1927, were confirmed.

OATH.

3. The Hon. Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH took the oath of allegiance on taking his seat as a Member of Council.

PAPERS.

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

Regulation made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 25 (4) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on 13th October, 1927.

Resolution of the Legislative Council under the provisions of section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, on 13th October 1927.

Appointment made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 40 of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, on 19th October, 1927.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), dated the 13th October, 1927, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

6. *Jesuit Order Incorporation Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the English Assistency of the Jesuit Order.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. *General Loan and Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913. The Colonial Secretary seconded. Question—put and agreed to. Bill read a first time.
8. *Medical Registration Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884. The Colonial Secretary seconded. Question—put and agreed to. Bill read a first time.
9. *Watchmen Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen. The Colonial Secretary seconded. Question—put and agreed to. Bill read a first time.
10. *Chinese Extradition Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1899. 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. *Liquors Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911. The Colonial Secretary seconded. Question—put and agreed to. Bill read a second time. Council in Committee on the Bill. In the eighth line of sub-section 86 (1) of clause 5 the words “beyond a reasonable doubt” were added before the word “either”. In the sixth line of sub-section 86 (2) of clause 5 the word “rebuttal” was deleted and the word “reply” substituted therefor. The following sub-sections (3) and (4) were added immediately after sub-section 86 (2) of clause 5:—
- (3) Without prejudice to the presumption against the accused under sub-section (1), it shall be the duty of the complainant to produce to the court or magistrate as part of the case for the pro-

secution any evidence which he may have tending to prove either that the duty had been paid or that the accused had not good and sufficient reason for believing that it had been paid.

- (4) The right conferred by sub-section (2) on the complainant to produce evidence in reply shall not be deemed to be affected by any non-compliance with the provisions of sub-section (3), and it shall be lawful for the complainant to produce such evidence in reply notwithstanding such non-compliance: Provided that in the event of such non-compliance the court or magistrate may give leave to the accused to produce any further evidence in answer to the evidence produced by the complainant under sub-section (2), if the court or magistrate shall be of the opinion that the accused would otherwise be prejudiced by such non-compliance and that in the interests of justice such leave should be granted.

The original sub-sections 86 (3) and (4) were then renumbered (5) and (6).

The original sub-section 86 (5) was deleted.

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 Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

12. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 3rd day of November, 1927.

W. T. SOUTHORN,

Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 3rd day of November, 1927.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 635.—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 Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 18 of 1927.—An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the English Assistancy of the Jesuit Order.

Ordinance No. 19 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913.

Ordinance No. 20 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884.