

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 746.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has given directions for the rescission of the Order of the 2nd December, 1927, published in the Gazette of the 9th December, 1927, as Government Notification No. 718, declaring Batavia to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevailed, and the same is hereby rescinded.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
22nd December, 1927.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 747.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 14.

Thursday, 15th December, 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. EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

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

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

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

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

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

„ 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.

MINUTES.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st December, 1927, were confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. The Colonial Secretary read a despatch which had been received from the Secretary of State in reply to the telegram of 28th October, 1927, wherein the Council expressed their sympathy on the occasion of the death of the Marquess of Cambridge.

PAPERS.

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

Regulation made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, on 26th November, 1927.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 2nd December, 1927.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 8 of the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914, on 5th December, 1927.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 5 of the Ferries Ordinance, 1917, on 7th December, 1927.

Amendment of the Pension Minute, on 9th December, 1927.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 15), dated the 1st December, 1927, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

6. *Printers and Publishers Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

7. *Prisons Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Volunteer Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops seconded.

Question—put and agree to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Railways Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Magistrates Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

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 with the following amendments, *viz.*, the insertion of the following clause immediately after clause 5 :—

Amendment of Ordinance No. 3 of 1890, s. 32. 6. Section 32 of the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890, is amended by the substitution of the word "twenty-five" for the word "five" in the first line thereof.

and the renumbering of the succeeding clauses of the bill, 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. *Hong Kong Police Reserve Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hong Kong Police Reserve.

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.

ADJOURNMENT.

12. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 22nd day of December, 1927.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

Confirmed this 22nd day of December, 1927.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 748.—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. 25 of 1927.—An Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses.

Ordinance No. 26 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899.

Ordinance No. 27 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920.

Ordinance No. 28 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.