
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under sections 25 (4) and 42 (2) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, on the 2nd day of January, 1930.

Table M in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, is hereby further amended by the insertion of the following heading and regulation next after regulation 25:—

(IX)—EMISSION OF SMOKE.

- 26.—(1) Smoke in such quantity as to be a nuisance shall not be sent forth or emitted from the funnel of any steamship in any port of the Colony.
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation the expression "smoke" shall include soot, ash, grit and gritty particles.
- (3) Every person who is responsible for or is a party to a breach of this regulation and the master of the steamship on which a breach of this regulation has been committed shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.
- (4) The court or magistrate hearing an information or complaint against a person for breach of this regulation shall not convict if of opinion that the furnace has been so constructed and maintained as to consume or burn, so far as possible, all smoke arising therefrom, and that such furnace has been carefully attended to.

D. W. TRATMAN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
2nd January, 1930.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 2.**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 17.**

Thursday, 19th December, 1929, 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 JAMES WALTER SANDILANDS, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

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

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

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

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

„ Mr. HAROLD THOMAS CREASY, C.B.E., (Director of Public Works).

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

The Honourable Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
 „ Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES WELLINGTON, (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
 „ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.
 „ Sir SHOUSON CHOW, Kt.
 „ Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.
 „ Mr. ARTHUR CECIL HYNES.
 „ Mr. JOHN OWEN HUGHES.
 „ Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.
 „ Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA.
 „ Mr. TS'ò SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.
 „ Mr. EDWARD IRVINE WYNNE-JONES, (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 5th December, 1929, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 (1) of the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1926, on 29th November, 1929.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 43 of the Distress for Rent Ordinance, 1883, on 5th December, 1929.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Industrial Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Ordinance, 1922, on 3rd December, 1929.

Resolution passed by the Legislative Council under section 31 (1) of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, on 28th November, 1929.

Notice under section 31 (2) of the Rating Ordinance, 1901, on 28th November, 1929.

QUESTIONS.

4. The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

* In view of recent discussions, will the Government state whether its policy is :—

- (a) To impose rent restriction ; or
- (b) To appoint a Fair Rents Board ; or
- (c) To increase the length of notice to quit on a monthly tenancy to a longer period than one month ; or
- (d) To leave the above matters to the action of economic laws and to the terms of the contracts entered into between the parties.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows :—

- (a), (b) and (c). The answer is in the negative.
- (d). The answer is in the affirmative.

5. The Hon. Mr. J. OWEN HUGHES, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

- 1. Will the Government favourably consider suitable recognition being accorded to the Captain, Officers and Crew of the steamer *Haiching*?
- 2. Does the Government propose making a compassionate grant to the dependents of the 3rd Officer and Guard killed and to the Officers and Crew who were injured or have otherwise suffered at the hands of the pirates?

3. Will the Government contradict (or otherwise) the report in the Press that Military Guards on merchant vessels trading in these waters are shortly to be withdrawn?
4. If the report is correct, and in view of this latest piratical attack on the steamer *Haiching*, will the Government make strong representations to the Military or other Authorities to reconsider their decision?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

- 1 and 2. These matters will receive sympathetic consideration at the hands of the Government as soon as the enquiry into the circumstances of the Piracy have been completed.
3. It is understood to be the policy of His Majesty's Government that the Guards should be withdrawn on the 1st of April next.
4. The Hong Kong Government will give careful consideration to such representations on this point as may be made by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce or by British shipping firms.

MOTIONS.

6. The Attorney General moved the following resolution:—

Resolved that the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong made by the Legislative Council on the 7th day of March, 1912, in pursuance of clause XIX of the Royal Instructions of the 19th day of January, 1888, and amended by the Legislative Council on the 29th day of January, 1920, be repealed, and that the Standing Orders, a draft of which was laid on the table of the Council on the 5th day of December, 1929, and a copy of which has been signed by the Clerk of Councils, be substituted therefor.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

His Excellency the Governor—If no member wishes to raise any point of principle, the Attorney General will move that the Council go into Committee.

Council in Committee to consider the Standing Orders clause by clause.

The following paragraph was added to Standing Order 31—“(5) The President, or the Chairman as the case may be, may require any proposed amendment to be handed to the Clerk in writing.”

The following words “Subject to the provisions of paragraph (7) of Standing Order 27,” were inserted at the beginning of Standing Order 33.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the draft Standing Orders had passed through Committee with amendments.

The resolution was adopted.

7. *Printers and Publishers Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1927.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

8. *Church of England Trust Bill*.—The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to incorporate a Body of Trustees capable of holding property for the purposes of the Church of England, and to provide for the performance of divine worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and, for certain objects ancillary to the aforesaid objects.”

The Hon. Mr. J. OWEN HUGHES seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Public Health and Buildings Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.”
- 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.
10. *Companies Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.”
- 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. *Arms and Ammunition Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.”
- 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. *Crown Lands Resumption Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.”
- 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.

13. *Deportation Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917.”

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.

14. *Liquors Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General reported that the Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors” 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.

15. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 2nd day of January, 1930.

C. CLEMENTI,
Governor.

Confirmed this 2nd day of January, 1930.

E. I. WYNNE-JONES,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 3.—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 1930.—An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1927.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1930.—An Ordinance to incorporate a Body of Trustees capable of holding property for the purposes of the Church of England, and to provide for the performance of divine worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and, for certain objects ancillary to the aforesaid objects.