

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 96.

It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has given directions for the rescission of the Order of the 27th January, 1932, published in the Gazette of the 29th January, 1932, as Government Notification No. 51, declaring Sourabaya to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease, namely, plague prevailed, and the same is hereby rescinded.

D. W. TRATMAN,  
*Clerk of Councils*

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
*11th February, 1932.*

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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No. 97.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. I.

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Thursday, 28th January, 1932, at 2.30 p.m.

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PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(SIR WILLIAM PEEL, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.).

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 SOUTHOX, C.M.G.).

„ the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, K.C., O.B.E.).

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).

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

„ Mr. EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE, C.M.G., (Inspector General 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.  
 „ MR. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON.  
 „ MR. ROBERT HORMUS KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.  
 „ MR. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA.  
 „ MR. TS'Ō SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.  
 „ MR. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE.  
 „ MR. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.  
 „ MR. CHAU TSUN-NIN.  
 „ MR. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, (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 17th December, 1931, were confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

3. *Standing Law Committee.*—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following to be Members of the Standing Law Committee:—The Hon. Attorney General (Chairman), the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., the Hon. Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, and the Hon. Mr. TS'Ō SEEN-WAN, O.B.E., LL.D.

QUESTIONS.

4. The Hon. Mr. J. P. BRAGA, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—
1. Will the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services kindly inform the Council whether he is satisfied with the adequacy and efficiency of the existing arrangements for water-borne conveyance of infective patients of communicable diseases from the mainland to the Island?
  2. If the reply to the first question is in—
    - (a) the affirmative,
 

will he explain the failure to secure transportation in the specific case of a patient for whom application for conveyance was made shortly after 8 p.m. on Saturday, the 26th December, and the special launch was not available until 9 10 a.m. on the following day?
    - (b) the negative,
 

what special recommendations if any, he proposes to make for supplementing the present inadequate arrangements for prompt and efficient transportation of infective patients from Kowloon to Hong Kong?
  3. Does the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services consider the present hospital accommodation in Kowloon adequate, in point of buildings and equipment and also of doctors and nursing staff, to cope with any sudden and widespread outbreak of a communicable disease in epidemic form such as is taking place in the Colony at the present time?

4. Does the Government consider that the provision for hospital accommodation in Kowloon has kept pace with the development of the peninsula and the amazing growth of its population?
5. What immediate steps are contemplated to remedy the existing insufficiency of hospital accommodation for the urgent needs of Kowloon residents?
6. Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary state whether Government has any intention, and when, of submitting plans to the Finance Committee of the Council for a further extension of the Kowloon Hospital, in addition to the Maternity Wing, in order to meet the requirements of an emergency arising out of an outbreak of disease in a virulent form?

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services replied as follows:—

1. The arrangements are not altogether satisfactory but steps have been taken to see that in future a launch will be available to meet an emergency such as the one referred to by the Honourable Member.
- 2.—(a) The question does not arise.  
(b) It is recommended that a special ambulance launch be built as soon as the finances of the Colony permit.
3. The present scheme for control of epidemic disease provides that all Kowloon cases of infectious disease which require hospital isolation and treatment shall be conveyed to the infectious diseases hospital in Victoria. Such being the case no provision has been made for hospital treatment of such cases in Kowloon. The medical and nursing staff when at full strength is adequate to deal with any outbreak of communicable disease in epidemic form such as was taking place in the Colony at the time these questions were drawn up.
4. Hospital accommodation in Kowloon is inadequate.
5. A new two storied building is nearing completion. It is proposed for the time being to use the upper floor for nurses' quarters and the lower floor for the accommodation of women and children suffering from non infectious diseases.
6. The Government does not propose at present to establish an infectious diseases hospital in Kowloon. Plans for the further extension of the Kowloon Hospital are under consideration and it is hoped that the financial position will permit of definite proposals being brought before the Legislative Council during the current year.

PAPERS.

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

Notification regarding information as to decorations conferred upon Hong Kong Residents by His Majesty the King.

Resolution of the Sanitary Board adopted at a meeting of the Board held on the 24th November, 1931.

Additions to Part I of the List of Authorised Auditors published under the Companies Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, on 9th December, 1931.

Rule made by the Governor in Council under section 56 (a) of the Trade Marks Ordinance, 1909, Ordinance No. 40 of 1909, on 11th December, 1931.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under sections 25 (4) and 42 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, on 16th December, 1931.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 95 of the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 9 of 1911, and section 3 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1916, Ordinance No. 10 of 1916, on 17th December, 1931.

Declaration under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Table L, Quarantine Regulations, on 17th December, 1931.

Rule made by the Registrar of Patents under section 11 of the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925, Ordinance No. 13 of 1925, on 27th October, 1931.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 23 of the Waterworks Ordinance, 1903, Ordinance No. 16 of 1903, on 22nd December, 1931.

Scale of Fees charged by the Passport Office, Colonial Secretary's Department.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, on 28th December, 1931.

Rules made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong with the concurrence of the Governor, under section 4 of the Suitors' Funds Ordinance, 1896, Ordinance No. 5 of 1896, as amended by the Suitors' Funds Amendment Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 34 of 1931, on 31st December, 1931.

Prohibition of sale and exposure for sale of any articles of food in any place not being a market in Wong Nei Chung, Tai Hang and Whitfield.

Notification *re* Convention between the United Kingdom and Sweden respecting Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial matters.

#### REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

6. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee (Nos. 14 and 15), dated 17th December and 30th December, 1931, respectively, and moved their adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

#### MOTIONS.

7. The Colonial Secretary moved—

That the By-laws made by the Sanitary Board under section 16 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, on the 8th day of December, 1931, be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

8. *Estate Duty Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Estate Duty.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

9. *Juvenile Offenders Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to make provision for Proceedings in reference to Juvenile Offenders.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Police Force Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

11. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 11th day of February, 1932.

W. PEEL,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 11th day of February, 1932.

R. A. C. NORTH,  
*Deputy Clerk of Councils.*

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No. 98.—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 1932.—An Ordinance to make provision for Proceedings in reference to Juvenile Offenders.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1932.—An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1900.