

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 56.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 22.

Thursday, 5th December, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

- HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
(Sir THOMAS SOUTHOORN, K.B.E., C.M.G.).
- His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANK STANIFORD THACKERAY, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.).
- The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. DAVID WILLIAM TRATMAN, C.M.G., *Acting*).  
" the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E., K.C.).  
" the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. NORMAN LOCKHART SMITH).  
" the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).  
" Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).  
" Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES WELLINGTON, C.M.G., (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).  
" Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Director of Public Works).  
" Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Inspector General of Police).  
" Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C.  
" Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt.  
" Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E.  
" Mr. Ts'o SEEN-WAN, C.B.E., LL.D.  
" Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.  
" Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.  
" Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.  
" Mr. LO MAN KAM.  
" Mr. HENRY ROBERT BUTTERS, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

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

2. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government moved the following resolution:—

The Members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Victoria and desire to present their humble duty to His Majesty and to express their loyal and respectful sympathy with Their Majesties the KING and QUEEN and the Royal Family in Their bereavement.

The Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., seconded.

The Hon. Mr. Ts'o SEEN-WAN, C.B.E., LL.D., as Senior Chinese Member supported the motion on behalf of the Chinese Community of the Colony.

The motion was carried, members standing in silence.

## MINUTES.

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th November, 1935, were confirmed.

## PAPERS.

4. The following paper was laid on the table:—

Order under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, rescinding the Order published by G.N. No. 864 of 1935, dated 28th November, 1935.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 16), dated 28th November, 1935, and moved its adoption.  
The Colonial Treasurer seconded.  
Question—put and agreed to.

## MOTIONS.

6. *Volunteer Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Volunteer Ordinance, 1933.”  
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.
7. *Probates Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Probates Ordinance, 1897.”  
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.
8. *The Hong Kong Travel Association Incorporation Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the Incorporation of the Hong Kong Travel Association.”  
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.

9. *Infants Custody Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the custody of infants.”

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. *Separation and Maintenance Orders Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to make better provisions in this Colony for the granting by magistrates of separation and maintenance orders.”

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. *Sand Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to regulate the importation and the removal of sand.”

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. *The Girls Guides Association (Hong Kong Branch) Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to further and protect the activities of The Girls Guides Association, and to incorporate the Hong Kong Branch thereof.”

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 immaterial 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.

13. *Ferries Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Ferries 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. *Catholic Mission of Macao Incorporation Bill*.—The Hon. Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt., moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Administrator in Hong Kong of the Catholic Mission of Macao.”

The Hon. Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E., seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On Council resuming, the Hon. Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt., reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with an immaterial amendment, and moved that it be read a third time.

The Hon. Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E., seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

15. The Attorney General moved the suspension of so much of the Standing Orders as stood in the way of the introduction without previous notice, and of the passing through all its stages at the meeting of the Currency Bill, copies of which were before members.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

16. *Currency Bill*.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to make provision for the establishment and management of an Exchange Fund and to amend the law relating to Legal Tender in the Colony and to the Notes issued by certain banks.”

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

17. The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

A. CALDECOTT,  
*Governor.*

Confirmed this 16th day of January, 1936.

H. R. BUTTERS,  
*Deputy Clerk of Councils.*

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**No. 57.**—His Majesty the KING has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance :—

Ordinance No. 40 of 1935.—An Ordinance to apply a sum of not exceeding Twenty-three million eight hundred and forty thousand four hundred and sixteen Dollars to the Public Service for the year 1936.

H. R. BUTTERS,  
*Deputy Clerk of Councils.*

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
14th January, 1936.