

No. 107.

Hong Kong.

ORDINANCE No. 37 of 1935. (OFFICIAL SIGNATURES FEES).

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1935, the Governor in Council amends the Schedule to that Ordinance by the substitution of the words "The Chairman of the Urban Council" for the words "The Head of the Sanitary Department".

R. A. D. FORREST,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
24th January, 1936.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 108.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. I.

Thursday, 16th January, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**

(Sir ANDREW CALDECOTT, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General ARTHUR WOLLASTON BARTHOLOMEW, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Sir THOMAS SOUTHORN, K.B.E., C.M.G., LL.D).
" 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).

" Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Director of Public Works).

" Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Inspector General of Police).

" Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., LL.D.

" Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt.

" Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E.

" Mr. Ts'ò 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).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES WELLINGTON, C.M.G., (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).

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, 1935, were confirmed.

OATH.

3. The Honourable the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General ARTHUR WOLLASTON BARTHOLOMEW, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.), took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed his seat as Member of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

4. *Standing Law Committee.*—His Excellency the Governor appointed the following to be Members of the Standing Law Committee for 1936:—The Hon. Attorney General (Chairman), the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., LL.D., the Hon. Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt. and the Hon. Mr. Ts'o SEEN-WAN, C.B.E., LL.D.

PAPERS.

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

Regulations made by the Governor under section 3 of the Adulterated Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 8 of 1935, and section 9 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, to come into operation on the 1st January, 1936, dated 2nd December, 1935.

Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 11 of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 35 of 1935, and section 9 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, to come into operation on the 1st January, 1936, dated 2nd December, 1935.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 20 (3) of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 35 of 1935, and section 9 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, dated 2nd December, 1935.

Amendment to the Factories and Workshops Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 4 (1) of the Factories and Workshops Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance, No. 27 of 1932, with regard to Fire Precautions to Factories and Workshops, dated 11th December, 1935.

Notification under section 3 of the Marriage Ordinance, 1875, Ordinance No. 7 of 1875, declaring the Basel Mission Chapel, Shaukiwan, now known as the Chung Chin Self-Supporting Church, Shaukiwan, Hong Kong, licensed for the celebration of marriages, dated 20th December, 1935.

Amendments to the Adulterated Food and Drugs Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Adulterated Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 8 of 1935, and section 9 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 31 of 1911, dated 3rd January, 1936.

Regulations as to the grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal issued by the Governor with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies pursuant to the Royal Warrant, dated 23rd March, 1934.

Proclamation No. 5.—Ordinances Nos. 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 22 of 1935, to come into operation on the 1st January, 1936.

QUESTIONS.

6. The Hon. Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. Will the Honourable the Inspector General of Police state—
 - (a) what are the respective numbers of motor cars, exclusive of buses, trucks and lorries, registered for Kowloon for the past three years—1933 to 1935—inclusive ;
 - (b) what are the facilities on Salisbury Road near the Star Ferry pier for the parking of motor cars ;
 - (c) what is the approximate superficial ground area in each of the above three years allotted for the public parking of cars in that locality ; and
 - (d) whether the ground area referred to in Question (c) represents an increase during the past three years in proportion to the larger number of privately owned cars in Kowloon ?
2. Does the Government consider the authorised parking space on Salisbury Road sufficient for the number of registered motor cars for Kowloon ?
3. Should such area not be deemed adequate, by what further provision, if any, and where does the Government contemplate increasing the accommodation to meet suitably the growing demand for parking spaces within the aforesaid area ?
4. Does the Government contemplate the use of the open space of Crown land lying between Middle Road and Salisbury Road and the open space on Salisbury Road adjoining and to the east of the existing car park ? If not, could not such spaces, or any other piece of Crown land in that neighbourhood, be utilised, provisionally, for adding to existing car parking spaces at Kowloon Point ?

The Inspector General of Police replied as follows :—

- 1.—(a) Statistics are not available for different parts of the Colony. The total number of private cars licensed for the whole Colony was

1933	...	...	...	...	...	2,605
1934	...	...	...	...	...	2,846
1935	...	...	...	...	...	3,078
 - (b) There is a car park in Salisbury Road for 160 cars (minimum), another in Hankow Road for 20 cars and another in Middle Road for 30 cars.
 - (c)

1933	...	...	...	...	...	3,000 square yards.
1934	...	...	...	...	...	3,750 "
1935	...	...	...	...	...	3,750 "
 - (d) There are no statistics showing the number of privately owned cars in Kowloon.
2. The car park at Salisbury Road is often full. The other two parks in the vicinity are rarely full. The parking spaces are considered reasonably sufficient.
 3. In view of answer to Question No. 2 this question does not arise.
 4. In view of the answer to Question No. 2 the Government does not contemplate the provision of additional parking spaces on the areas mentioned.

7. The Hon. Mr. LO MAN-KAM, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

- 1.—(1) What was the total number of European Civil Servants employed by Government at
 - (a) end of 1923,

- (b) end of 1931,
(c) end of 1935,
- (2) What was the number of persons constituting the European Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff at the aforesaid periods?
2. What was the total amount of salaries paid to the Public Works Department Staff, European and non-European, in
- (a) 1923,
(b) 1931,
(c) 1935,
3. Since the date of the Report of the Retrenchment Commission (May 1931):—
- (a) What additions, if any,
(b) What reductions, if any,
have been made in the European Staff on the Civil List?
- 4.—(a) In view of the imperative necessity for retrenchment, what is the policy of Government in regard to European officers who, having done 10 years of service in the Colony, but not having reached pensionable age, are nevertheless willing to retire?
- (b) If under existing regulations there is no power to permit such retirements, will Government consider the question of amending such regulations with the view to conferring such power, in order to save the heavy expense of paying the return passage for such officers and families who have only a further short period to serve in order to qualify for pension?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:—

- 1.—(1) (a) 647.
(b) 923.
(c) 975.
(2) (a) 24.
(b) 63.
(c) 63.

There was no Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff in 1923, but figures have been given in respect of officers who now fall within that category.

2.—(a) 1923 European	\$ 579,963	
Non-European	225,859	
	<hr/>	Total ... \$ 805,823
(b) 1931 European	\$ 1,605,054	
Non-European	495,840	
	<hr/>	„ \$ 2,100,894
(c) 1935 European	\$ 1,105,375	
Non-European	620,143	
	<hr/>	„ \$ 1,725,519

- 3.—(a) 86.
(b) 34.

- 4.—(a) The Government considers that it would not be economical to permit an officer to retire on pension after ten years in the public service irrespective of the age of such officer, unless his post could be abolished or at least kept vacant for a considerable period.
- (b) The Government is prepared to give the matter careful consideration.

REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

8. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee (Nos. 17 and 18), dated the 5th and 27th December, 1935, respectively, and moved their adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

9. *Public Reclamation Validation and Clauses Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to validate certain undertakings which have been constructed or commenced over and upon unleased Crown foreshores and sea bed; and to enact certain general provisions which shall be deemed incorporated, unless expressly varied or excepted, in future Ordinances authorising reclamation or other works of a public nature over and upon such foreshores and sea bed.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

10. *Defences (Firing Areas) Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to regulate Practice Firing from Hong Kong Defences and for clearing of certain Sea Areas in connection therewith.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

11. *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, 1932.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

12. *Pensions Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Pensions Ordinance, 1932.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

13. *Crown Rents (Apportionment) Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to make provision for the apportionment of Crown Rents.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

14. *Gambling Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Gambling Ordinance, 1891.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

15. *Coinage Offences Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Coinage Offences Ordinance, 1865.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

16. *Quarantine and Prevention of Disease 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 Quarantine and the Prevention of Disease among human beings.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

17. *Telecommunication 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 Telecommunication.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

18. *Magistrates Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Magistrates Ordinance, 1932.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

19. *Bill of Exchange and Falsification of Documents Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, and the Falsification of Documents Ordinance, 1935.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

20. The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 30th day of January, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

A. CALDECOTT,
Governor.

Confirmed this 30th day of January, 1936.

H. R. BUTTERS,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 2.

Wednesday, 22nd January, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

- HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(Sir ANDREW CALDECOTT, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E.).
- His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General ARTHUR WOLLASTON BARTHOLOMEW, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O.).
- The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (Sir THOMAS SOUTHORN, K.B.E., C.M.G., LL.D.).
- ” 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).
- ” Mr. RICHARD McNEIL HENDERSON, (Director of Public Works).
- ” Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Inspector General of Police).
- ” Dr. WILLIAM BROWNLOW ASHE MOORE, (Acting Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
- ” Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., LL.D.
- ” Sir WILLIAM EDWARD LEONARD SHENTON, Kt.
- ” Mr. Ts'ò SEEN-WAN, C.B.E., LL.D.
- ” Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
- ” Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
- ” Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.
- ” Mr. LO MAN-KAM.
- ” Mr. ROBERT ANDREW DERMOD FORREST, (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E.

1. The Council met pursuant to summons. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.

OATH.

2. Dr. WILLIAM BROWNLOW ASHE MOORE, O.B.E., (Acting Director of Medical and Sanitary Services) took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.
3. His Honour the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. JAMES JOSEPH HAYDEN and the Honourable Sir SHOU-SON CHOW, Kt., LL.D., Member of the Executive Council, were present at the invitation of His Excellency the Governor.

MOTION.

4. His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council and moved the following Resolution:—

“That the Members of this Council, having heard with profound sorrow the sad announcement of the death of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, desire to tender their humble duty and on behalf of the people of this Colony of Hong Kong to express the most heartfelt, loyal and respectful sympathy with Her Majesty Queen Mary, His Majesty the King and all the Royal Family in their bereavement.”

Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, Senior Unofficial Member, addressed the Council on behalf of his colleagues and of all sections of the community, and seconded the Resolution.

Sir SHOU-SON CHOW addressed the Council and supported the Resolution in the name of the Chinese Community.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

His Excellency the Governor then read a message of condolence received from the Governor of Macao, and thanked the members of the Consular Body for their messages of condolence.

ADJOURNMENT.

5. The Council then adjourned until the date to which it already stands prorogued.

A. CALDECOTT,
Governor.

Confirmed this 30th day of January, 1936.

H. R. BUTTERS,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.

No. 109.—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 1936.—An Ordinance to regulate Practice Firing from Hong Kong Defences and for clearing of certain Sea Areas in connection therewith.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1932.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend further the Pensions Ordinance, 1932.

Ordinance No. 4 of 1936.—An Ordinance to make provision for the apportionment of Crown Rents.

Ordinance No. 5 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend the Gambling Ordinance, 1891.

Ordinance No. 6 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend the Coinage Offences Ordinance, 1865.

Ordinance No. 7 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Quarantine and the Prevention of Disease among human beings.

Ordinance No. 8 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend further the Magistrates Ordinance, 1932.

Ordinance No. 9 of 1936.—An Ordinance to amend the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, and the Falsification of Documents Ordinance, 1935.