
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 480.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

Wednesday, 13th May, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(Sir ANDREW CALDECOTT, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E.).

- The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Brigadier HUGH GARDEN SETH-SMITH, D.S.O.).
- „ the Colonial Secretary, (Mr. ROLAND ARTHUR CHARLES NORTH, *Acting*).
- „ the Attorney General, (Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E., K.C.).
- „ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (Mr. WILLIAM JAMES CARRIE, *Acting*).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (Mr. EDWIN TAYLOR).
- „ Dr. ARTHUR ROBARTES WELLINGTON, C.M.G., (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).
- „ Mr. THOMAS HENRY KING, (Inspector General of Police).
- „ Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE WARNHAM TICKLE, (Acting Director of Public Works).
- „ Sir HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, Kt., K.C., LL.D.
- „ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE PATERSON.
- „ Mr. JOSÉ PEDRO BRAGA, O.B.E.
- „ Mr. Ts'ò SEEN-WAN, C.B.E., LL.D.
- „ Mr. CHAU TSUN-NIN.
- „ Mr. WILLIAM HENRY BELL.
- „ Mr. LO MAN-KAM.
- „ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.
- „ Mr. DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

- The Honourable Commander GEORGE FRANCIS HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).
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1. The Council met pursuant to adjournment. His Excellency the Governor occupied the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

2. His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council expressing regret at the departure of Sir THOMAS and Lady SOUTHORN from the Colony. His Excellency said that seldom if ever had there been a more inspiring send-off than that accorded to Sir THOMAS and Lady SOUTHORN: the best wishes of this Council went with them for the success and happiness of the administration of the Gambia. His Excellency proposed that the Clerk of Councils be instructed to forward to Sir THOMAS SOUTHORN a copy of the proceedings of the meeting.

Hon. Sir HENRY POLLOCK seconded and said that he was confident the Unofficial Members concurred in what His Excellency had said and they joined in wishing success, health and happiness to Sir THOMAS and Lady SOUTHORN in the Gambia.

Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o said that on behalf of the Chinese Colleagues and himself, he heartily endorsed the expression of His Excellency in appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Sir THOMAS and Lady SOUTHORN to the Colony and wished them both every prosperity and success in the Gambia.

MINUTES.

3. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd April, 1936, were confirmed.

OATH.

4. The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Brigadier HUGH GARDEN SETH-SMITH, D.S.O.), took the Oath of Allegiance and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.

PAPERS.

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

Additional by-law under section 3 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, under the heading "Dangerous and Offensive Trades", dated 18th February, 1936.

Amendment to by-law 1 under section 4 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, under the heading "Cattle, Swine, etc.", dated 17th March, 1936.

Amendment to the by-laws under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 13 of 1935, under the heading "Markets" and sub-heading "Market Stalls", dated 31st March, 1936.

Amendment to the by-laws under section 4 (xvi) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, Ordinance No. 15 of 1935, under the heading "Conservancy", dated 31st March, 1936.

Resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council on the 22nd day of April, 1936, under section 39 of the Liquors Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 36 of 1931.

Resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council on the 22nd day of April, 1936, under section 7 of the Tobacco Ordinance, 1931, Ordinance No. 39 of 1931.

Amendment to Regulation 30 of the Post Office Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, relating to air mail postage rates, dated 27th April, 1936.

Addition to the Schedule of the Post Office Regulations made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1926, Ordinance No. 7 of 1926, relating to air mail postage to Netherlands India, dated 27th April, 1936.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Societies Ordinance, 1920, Ordinance No. 8 of 1920, declaring the Kiü Kong Lei Fat Tung Yip Wui to be an unlawful society, dated 22nd April, 1936.

Administration Reports, 1935 :—

Part II.—Law and Order :—

Report of the Land Officer and Registrar of Marriages.

Part III.—Public Health :—

- Report of the Head of the Sanitary Department.
Report of the Botanical and Forestry Department.

Part VII.—Undertakings of Government :—

- Report on the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section).

QUESTIONS.

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

1. Will the Government state what steps it has taken to implement the recommendations of the Pig and Poultry Committee which reported on 19th September, 1934, (Sessional Paper No. 5 of 1934), since the reply it gave to a similar question asked on 16th May, 1935?
2. Having regard to the economic position of this Colony, and in the interests thereof, will the Government push forward this matter with more speed?

The Colonial Secretary replied as follow :—

1. The recommendations of the Pig and Poultry Committee and those of Mr. C. F. STRICKLAND whose report was printed as Sessional Paper No. 5 of 1935, have not been overlooked. But as these proposals involve an increase in Establishment, the Government is not prepared to proceed with the matter at present in view of the pressing need for economy. Meanwhile a pamphlet, compiled by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, and dealing with the housing, feeding and general care of pigs, has been printed by Government and distributed in the New Territories, to the number of 600 copies, for the guidance of New Territory farmers.
2. The reply to this question is included in the reply to question one; but the matter will be considered again in connection with the 1937 budget.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

7. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 3), dated 22nd March, 1936, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.

8. The Colonial Treasurer addressed the Council and moved the following resolutions :—

1. Resolved pursuant to Section 2 (4) of the Hong Kong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1936, that after deduction of the levy, if any, and of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Contribution, if any, or of either, the remainder of the salaries of all public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service, which are expressed in terms of sterling, whatever their amount, shall be converted at the rate of one shilling and five pence farthing to the dollar for the months of April, May and June.
2. Resolved pursuant to Section 6 of the Hong Kong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1936, that with effect on and from the 1st January, 1936, the salaries of all public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service who are employed on the construction of the Dam and Reservoir Works at Shing Mun, with the exception of those officers

who but for the said Works would be employed in some other work in the Hong Kong Government Service, shall be wholly exempted from the operation of Sections 2 and 3 of the said Ordinance.

3. That this Council approves the expenditure during the financial year 1936 of the further sum of \$124,763.94 on Item 6 Airport (b) Airport and Seaplane Slipway which sum shall be met from surplus balances pending the issue of a further loan.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

9. The Attorney General moved :—

That the amendment to the Slaughter-houses by-laws made by the Urban Council under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, on the 28th day of April, 1936, be approved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

10. *Female Domestic Service Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the First reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Female Domestic Service Ordinance, 1923.”

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

11. *Buildings Amendment Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend the Buildings Ordinance, 1935.”

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. *Counterfeit Currency (Convention) Bill.*—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to enable effect to be given to an International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency, signed on behalf of His late Majesty at Geneva on the 20th day of April, 1929, to apply to foreign coin certain enactments relating to British Coin, to assimilate the penalties for importing and exporting counterfeit coin and to amend certain enactments relating to forgery, coinage and extradition.”

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. *Midwives Amendment Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to amend further the Midwives Ordinance, 1910.”

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. *Asylums Bill*.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled “An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the establishment of asylums for the detention, custody and care of persons of unsound mind, and others.”

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.

15. The Council then adjourned until Wednesday, the 27th day of May, 1936, at 2.30 p.m.

A. CALDECOTT,
Governor.

Confirmed this 27th day of May, 1936.

D. M. MACDOUGALL,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.