

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 30.

MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).

„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).

„ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).

„ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 17th November, 1890, were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minute under the hand of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

C.O. Desp.
213 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred Dollars, (\$400), for the salaries of two new Cadets to arrive from England, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum each.

Government House, Hongkong, 15th November, 1890.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

1. *Is the Government aware that the water supply to the Robinson Road district was cut off for several days last week, and that no notice whatever was given of the fact so as to allow the inhabitants to make provision to obtain water from some other source? Will the Government issue the necessary instructions so that the public may have some notice in future of when and for how long it is proposed to cut off the water supply?*
2. *Is the Government aware that there is a very great scarcity of water in the Western district at the Peak, and will the Government state what measures they are taking, or propose to take, to meet the emergency?*

Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be recommitted.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ARMS ORDINANCE OF 1889."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of the following Bills, viz.:—

"THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1891,"

"THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890," and

"AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION"

be adjourned until this day week.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 1st December, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 1st day of December, 1890.

A. M. THOMSON,
for Acting Clerk of Councils.