

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 32.

MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 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).

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

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 1st December, 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.
212 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Dollars, (\$2,880), as a compassionate allowance for the benefit of the children of the late Colonial Treasurer and Postmaster General, Mr. ALFRED LISTER.

Government House, Hongkong, 27th November, 1890.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 24th November, (No. 23), and moved that the following Vote referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C.O. Desp.
213 of 1890.

Salaries of two new Cadets, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum each, \$ 400.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would ask the following question:—

In view of the danger to life caused by small vessels carrying in outside waters large number of passengers whether it is the intention of the Government to apply to steam-launches and small vessels of under 50 tons, trading between Hongkong and Canton and/or Macao, the same rules and regulations as govern the ordinary river steamers, and if so, when?

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE No. 13 OF 1860, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL LIST."—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 "THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until this day week, which was agreed to.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1891.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be recommitted.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendment.

Council resumed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

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 GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 15th December, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 15th day of December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.