

6TH OCTOBER, 1904.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.

HON. COLONEL L. F. BROWN (Commanding the Troops).

Hon. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. E. H. SHARP, K.C. (Attorney-General).

Hon. L. A. M. JOHNSTON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

Hon. Captain L. A. W. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon. P. N. H. JONES (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI, C.M.G.

Hon. WEI A YUK.

Hon. R. SHEWAN.

Hon. GERSHOM STEWART.

Hon. W. J. GRESSON.

Mr. S. B. C. ROSS (Clerk of Councils).

STANDING COMMITTEES.

HIS EXCELLENCY — In accordance with standing order No. 47, I appoint the following committees:—Finance Committee— all the members of the Council with the hon. the Colonial Secretary as chairman. Law Committee—The hon. the Attorney-General as chairman and the hon. the Harbour Master, the hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the hon. Mr. Shewan and the hon. Mr. Wei Yuk as members. Public Works Committee—The hon. the Director of Public Works as chairman and the hon. the Colonial Treasurer, the hon. Sir Paul Chater, the hon. Mr. Gresson and the hon. Mr. Stewart as members.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 11) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

CHINESE EMIGRATION.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Chinese Emigration Ordinance, 1889.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The objects and reasons annexed to the Bill were as follows:—The object of this measure is to effect proper arrangements for the transport of indentured Chinese emigrants from Hongkong to the British Colonies and Protectorates in South Africa, and to ensure that the requirements of the recent Convention between the United Kingdom and China respecting the employment of Chinese labour in British Colonies and Protectorates shall be (in so far as they are not already) observed by all ships engaged in such transport.

APPROPRIATION 1905.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee on the Bill entitled an Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million eight hundred and thirty-five thousand four hundred and seventy Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1905.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill and considered it clause by clause without amendment.

On the Council resuming,

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said — Your Excellency,—Seeing that no amendment has been made, and if no member of Council objects, I beg to move the third reading of the Bill.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

HIS EXCELLENCY moved that the Bill do pass and become law.

The motion was agreed to.

The Council adjourned.