

2ND MARCH, 1914.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G.

HON. MR. CLAUD SEVERN (Colonial Secretary).

HON. MR. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

HON. MR. J. A. S. BUCKNILL, K.C. (Attorney-General).

HON. MR. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

HON. MR. E. R. HALLIFAX (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

HON. MR. C. MCL. MESSER (Captain Superintendent of Police).

HON. MR. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

HON. MR. D. LANDALE.

HON. MR. E. SHELLIM.

HON. MR. LAU CHU PAK.

MR. R. H. CROFTON (Clerk of Councils).

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

New Member

MR. LAU CHU PAK made the necessary declaration and assumed his seat as a member of the Council *vice* Sir Kai Ho Kai, C.M.G., resigned.

Resolution Under Pharmacy Ordinance

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg to move the following resolution:—

Whereas by section 2 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1910 as incorporated in the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908, it is provided *inter alia* that it shall be lawful for the Legislative Council at any time by resolution to declare that any article named and described in Schedule A to the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908, shall be deemed to be a poison for the purposes of Ordinance No. 9 of 1910, as incorporated in the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908:

And Whereas the articles designated in the Schedule to this resolution are named and described in Schedule A to the Pharmacy Ordinance, 1908:

Now it is hereby resolved and declared by the Legislative Council that the articles designated in the Schedule to this resolution shall be deemed to be poisons for the purposes of Ordinance No. 9 of 1910.

Schedule.

Morphine, Codeine and any alkaloid of opium, Heroin, Dionin, Personin, their salts, derivatives, solutions, admixtures and preparations of any kind whatsoever of such, except prepared or smoking opium as prepared by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Resolutions Under Opium Ordinance

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg to move the following resolution:—

Whereas by the provisions of section 5 of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, it is *inter alia* provided as follows:—

- "5.—(1.) No person shall import, or aid or abet the importation of any raw opium into the Colony, if such importation shall have been notified in the *Gazette* in pursuance of any resolution of the Legislature Council as being illegal.
- (2.) The provisions of sub-section (1) of this section shall not apply:—
- (c.) To opium brought into the Colony on any ship under a bill of lading to some place to which such opium may in pursuance of any resolution of the Legislative Council notified in the *Gazette* be lawfully imported and whether or not such importation is accompanied by direct or indirect transshipment in the Colony."

Now it is hereby resolved under the provisions of sub-section (2) (c) of section 5 of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, as follows:—

- (1.)— That raw Indian opium brought into the Colony on any ship under a bill of lading for the Island of Formosa may be lawfully imported into the Island of Formosa whether or not such importation is accompanied by direct or indirect transshipment in the Colony;
- (2.)— That raw Indian opium brought into the Colony on any ship under a bill of lading for Macao for the use of the Macao Opium Farmer within the limits and conditions indicated in the agreement between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Portuguese Republic dated at London, 14th June, 1913, may be lawfully imported into Macao whether or not such importation is accompanied by direct or indirect transshipment in the Colony;
- (3.)— That raw Indian opium brought into the Colony on any ship from China by the Chinese Maritime Customs under a bill of lading for transshipment to any port to which it is lawful to export the same may be lawfully imported to such port whether or not such importation is accompanied by direct or indirect transshipment in the Colony.

And it is hereby resolved that a notification shall be made in the next issue of the *Gazette* accordingly.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg to move the following resolution:—

Whereas by the provisions of section 10, sub-section (5), of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, it is provided as follows:—

"No person shall export or aid or abet the exportation of any raw opium from the Colony, if such exportation shall have been notified in the *Gazette* in pursuance of any resolution of the Legislative Council as being illegal."

Now it is hereby resolved that the exportation of Persian opium to any port other than the port of London or a port of the Island of Formosa is illegal; and it is further hereby resolved that a notification shall be made in the next issue of the *Gazette* to this effect.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg to move the following resolution:—

Whereas by the provisions of section 5, sub-section (1), of the Opium Ordinance, 1914, it is provided as follows:—

"No person shall import, or aid or abet the importation of any raw opium into the Colony, if such importation shall have been notified in the *Gazette* in pursuance of any resolution of the Legislative Council as being illegal."

Now it is hereby resolved that the importation of any kind of raw Indian opium except opium covered by Export Permits from the Government of India to the effect that it has been declared for shipment to or consumption in China is illegal; and it is further hereby resolved that a notification shall be made in the next issue of the *Gazette* to this effect.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

HIS EXCELLENCY — Council stands adjourned *sine die*.