

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.**Meeting of 2nd June, 1953.**

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

SIR ALEXANDER WILLIAM GEORGE HERDER GRANTHAM, G.C.M.G.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR TERENCE AIREY, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

MR. ROBERT BROWN BLACK, C.M.G., O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MR. ARTHUR RIDEHALGH, Q.C.

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS.

MR. RONALD RUSKIN TODD

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. JOHN JAMES COWPERTHWAITTE, *Acting*.

THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS JAMES SMYTH CROZIER

(Director of Education).

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG

(Director of Medical and Health Services).

THE HONOURABLE KENNETH MYER ARTHUR BARNETT, E.D.

(Director of Urban Services).

THE HONOURABLE ALEXANDER PROVAN WEIR

(Acting Director of Public Works).

DR. THE HONOURABLE CHAU SIK-NIN, C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE CEDRIC BLAKER, M.C., E.D.

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY

THE HONOURABLE LO MAN WAI, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE DHUN JEHANGIR RUTTONJEE

THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN, O.B.E.

DR. THE HONOURABLE ALBERTO MARIA RODRIGUES, M.B.E.

MR. DAVID CLIVE CROSBIE TRENCH, M.C.

(Clerk of Councils).

MR. ROBERT WILLIAM PRIMROSE

(Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN.

VISITORS:

(at the invitation of His Excellency the Governor)

LADY GRANTHAM

THE HONOURABLE SIR GERARD LEWIS HOWE, Q.C.

(Chief Justice).

THE HONOURABLE BRIAN CHARLES KEITH HAWKINS, C.M.G., O.B.E.

(Member of Executive Council).

THE HONOURABLE LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, C.B.E., Q.C.

(Member of Executive Council).

THE HONOURABLE JOHN KESWICK, C.M.G.

(Member of Executive Council).

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE TREVOR JACK GOULD

(Puisne Judge).

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE COURTNEY WALTON REECE

(Puisne Judge).

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALWYN DENTON SHOLES

(Acting Puisne Judge).

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG THE HONOURABLE SIR SHOUSON CHOW

DR. LINDSAY TASMAN RIDE, C.B.E., E.D.

(Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong).

MR. JEHANGIR HORMUSJEE RUTTONJEE, C.B.E.

THE RIGHT REVEREND RONALD OWEN HALL, M.C.

(Bishop of Hong Kong).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20th May, 1953 were confirmed.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CORONATION OF
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR moved the following-resolution:

That the Members of this Legislative Council, on behalf of the people of the Colony of Hong Kong, desire with their humble duty to offer their greetings and loyal congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second on the occasion of her Coronation. They pray that Her Majesty's reign may be long and glorious and one of happiness and prosperity for Her Majesty's subjects throughout the Commonwealth.

He said: To-day is Coronation Day, the coronation of our Queen, Queen Elizabeth II.

Although most of us have never seen her and though she has reigned for only a short time we are nonetheless aware of the character which shines out in her high ideals and courage and warmth of heart. She has already won our love and reverence, and happy and proud are we that she is our Queen and we her subjects.

Within a few hours time in Westminster Abbey, at a holy ceremony of sanctification, there will be placed on her head the ancient Crown of her forebears. To be sovereign of a great country is a formidable and onerous task. To be head of a commonwealth as vast as the British Commonwealth of Nations is an even heavier burden.

Our young and beautiful Queen has dedicated herself to the service of her peoples. She has accepted the position and responsibilities 'she was born to, but she has said that she cannot bear them alone and has asked us, her subjects, to share her burden. If we prove faithful in upholding the hands of our beloved Sovereign and remain true to ourselves we shall also share in the glory. How, we may ask ourselves, can we do this? We are far from the Throne, but our task is to make the place where we find ourselves a better one. By adopting our Queen's high ideals, by dedicating ourselves to the service of those about us,

by living honest, industrious lives, by praying to be guided by the same Wisdom that directs and protects her, shall we play our part in the great task of making this reign one of betterment and shining achievement.

Therefore we pray for our Queen, not only on this her Coronation Day but at all times, and in the words of the Resolution which is before us, "May her reign be one of happiness and prosperity for her subjects throughout the Commonwealth."

God bless Queen Elizabeth the Second.

DR. THE HONOURABLE CHAU SIK-NIN seconded.

He said:—Sir, Your Excellency has eloquently expressed the thoughts that dominate all our minds this morning. The eyes of the world are focussed to-day on Westminster and the hearts of countless millions of people go out to our young Queen as she stands on the threshold of what each of us hopes will be a long and glorious reign. In her youth and beauty we see the vigour and strength of this great Commonwealth of nations over which she rules and we pray that she will be long spared and blessed in health and happiness to guide its destinies into still greater fields of glory and prestige. We fervently hope that her reign will be full of felicity for her; of enhanced prosperity for the Commonwealth; and of tranquillity and peace throughout the world. In this far-off corner of her realm our hearts beat for her and she may be assured that she has no more devoted and proud subjects than we, the people of Hong Kong.

It is my honour and my proud privilege, Sir, as the Senior Unofficial Member, to second the motion which stands in Your Excellency's name.

The question was put and the resolution was agreed to unanimously.

LOYAL ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY

QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR: Honourable Members, the resolution that has just been passed will in a few minutes be telegraphed to London. The loyal address in English and the loyal address in Chinese that you see before you will be displayed in a prominent part of the city together with the lacquer box at

the end of this ceremony until the end of the week. Then, on Monday, they will be flown to London, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to Her Majesty the Queen. The text of the loyal address in English is as follows:—

LOYAL ADDRESS.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and of her other realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, May it please your Majesty.

On the most auspicious occasion of Your Coronation, Your humble and dutiful subjects in the Colony of Hong Kong wish to express their loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

Peoples of many races and many creeds dwell in peace, freedom and harmony within the narrow confines of this small Colony; by their common purpose, they have rebuilt from the chaos of war and captivity a haven of trust and hope where justice and truth again flourish.

Of the bounty of their blessings, Your dutiful subjects are both mindful and ever grateful, and these blessings are abundantly enhanced and enriched by the heritage of allegiance to Your Royal Person as the Head of one wide and varied family.

Members of many other nations who enjoy in this Colony the order which emanates from wise and beneficent government, desire to join with Your dutiful subjects in tendering their sincere congratulations and good wishes to Your Majesty, and together, with reverence and affection, they pray on this memorable day that by the Grace of God, You may long be spared in health and happiness to guide the destinies of the great Empire and Commonwealth over which You are called to reign.

ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: Council will adjourn until the 10th June.