

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**Meeting of 26th January, 1955****PRESENT:**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)

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

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CECIL STANWAY SUGDEN, 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. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE, C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE THEODORE LOUIS BOWRING, C.M.G., O.B.E.

(Director of Public Works).

THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS JAMES SMYTH CROZIER

(Director of Education).

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG

(Director of Medical and Health Services).,

THE HONOURABLE HAROLD GILES RICHARDS, O.B.E.

(Director of Urban Services).

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

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY.

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

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN.

THE HONOURABLE DHUN JEHANGIR RUTTONJEE.

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

THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN, O.B.E.

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

MR. ROBERT WILLIAM PRIMROSE (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th January, 1955, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by Command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers: —

<i>Subject.</i>	<i>G.N. No.</i>
Sessional Papers, 1955: —	
No. 1—Annual Report by the Registrar General for the year 1953/54.	
No. 2—Annual Report by the Government Printer for the year 1953/54.	
No. 3—Annual Report by the Director of Medical and Health Services for the year 1953/54.	
Special Report in accordance with section 115(1) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 14 of 1953.	
Report of the Director General of the Oversea Audit Service on the Accounts of Hong Kong for the year ended the 31st Of March, 1954.	
Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, Chapter 138.	
Poisons List (Amendment) Regulations, 1955	A. 7
Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940.	
Possession of Gold (Goldsmiths) (Amendment) Order, 1955	A. 9
Defences (Firing Areas) Ordinance, Chapter 196.	
Defences (Firing Areas) (Schedule Amendment) Order, 1955	A. 10

<i>Subject.</i>	<i>G.N. No.</i>
Emergency (Requisition) Regulations, 1949.	
Emergency (Requisition) (Use of Land by Her Majesty's Military Forces) (Chuen Lung) (Rescission) Order, 1955	A. 11
Holidays Ordinance, Chapter 149.	
Notification unde s. 7	A. 12
Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, Chapter 122.	
Order by the Governor	A. 13

JURY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the jury Ordinance, Chapter 3".

He said: —Sir: The effect of the proposed amendments is explained in the statement of objects and reasons, and I would only emphasize for sake of clarity that we are not seeking to alter in any way the basic qualifications for jury service which are laid down in section 4 of the principal Ordinance. It is the exemption section—section 5—which clause 2 of this Bill amends.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

Objects and Reasons.

The "Objects and Reasons" for the Bill were stated as follows: —

The object of this Bill is to amend the qualifications for jury service and also to lay down specific dates by which the jury lists have to be published in each year to facilitate incorporation of these lists in lists of electors to the Urban Council.

2. Clause 2 makes a number of amendments to the qualification provisions of the Jury Ordinance, abolishing the exemption for officers and N.C.Os. of the Royal Hong Kong Defence Force and other similar services and clarifying other exemptions.

3. Clause 3 provides that the jury lists will be prepared on or before the 1st February in each year and forwarded for settling by the Governor in Council on or before the 1st March in each year.

4. Clause 4 provides that the lists will be published on or before the 1st June in each year. The opportunity has been taken to remove the necessity for publication of these lists as a supplement to the *Gazette*. It is felt that there is no necessity now for such a provision and accordingly, it is provided that copies of the lists will be available for inspection at the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court and that copies may be purchased. A substantial saving in the cost of publication will result from this.

5. The opportunity has been taken, in clauses 5 and 6 to clarify the wording of sections 14 and 30 of the Jury Ordinance.

VEHICLE AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)

BILL, 1955.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance, Chapter 220."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Vehicle and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 1955 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance further to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, Chapter 227."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 9 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Magistrates (Amendment) Bill, 1955 has passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

DEPORTATION OF ALIENS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance, Chapter 240."

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 5 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY reported that the Deportation of Aliens (Amendment) Bill, 1955 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

**SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS INCORPORATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.**

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Secretary for Chinese Affairs Incorporation Ordinance, Chapter 310."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS reported that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs Incorporation (Amendment) Bill, 1955 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

PUBLIC RECLAMATION (KOWLOON BAY) BILL, 1955.

MR. T. L. BOWING moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to authorize an undertaking for the reclamation of an area of sea bed."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 and Schedule were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

MR. T. L. BOWING reported that the Public Reclamation (Kowloon Bay) Bill, 1955 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

ADJOURNMENT.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —That concludes the business, gentlemen. When is it your pleasure that we shall meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —May I suggest this day fortnight?

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —Council will adjourn to this day fortnight.