

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS****Meeting of 19th December, 1956.**

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**PRESENT:**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)

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

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL WILLIAM HENRY STRATTON, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

MR. EDGEWORTH BERESFORD DAVID, C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MR. ARTHUR RIDEHALGH, Q.C.

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS

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

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).*

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG, C.M.G.

*(Director of Medical and Health Services).*

THE HONOURABLE DAVID RONALD HOLMES, M.B.E., M.C., E.D.

*(Director of Urban Services).*

THE HONOURABLE PATRICK CARDINALL MASON SEDGWICK

*(Commissioner of Labour).*

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

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY, O.B.E.

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

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN, O.B.E.

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. RONALD THOMPSON (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).

**MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th December, 1956, 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 Paper, 1956: —	
No. 33—Annual Report by the Director of Commerce and Industry for the year 1955/56.	
Pensions Ordinance.	
Pensionable Offices Order, 1956 .....	A. 112.
Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance.	
Film Censorship (Amendment) Regulations, 1956 .....	A. 113.
Stamp Ordinance.	
Stamp (Amendment of Schedule) Regulations, 1956 .....	A. 114.
Stamp Ordinance.	
Stamp (Bank Authorization) (No. 4) Order, 1956 .....	A. 115.
Emergency (Detention Orders) Regulations, 1956.	
Emergency (Review of Detention Orders) (Amendment) Rules, 1956 .....	A. 116.
Dutiable Commodities Ordinance.	
Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956 .....	A. 119.
Wild Birds and Wild Mammals Protection Ordinance, 1954.	
Wild Birds and Wild Mammals Protection Ordinance (Amendment of First Schedule) Order, 1956 .....	A. 120.

**ILLEGAL STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS ORDINANCE,  
CHAPTER 61.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution: —

Resolved, pursuant to section 8 of the Illegal Strikes and Lock-Outs Ordinance, Chapter 61, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from the 1st January, 1957.

He said: Sir, the purpose of this Resolution is to extend the life of the Illegal Strikes and Lock-outs Ordinance for a further year, that is to say, until 31st December, 1957. This Ordinance, Sir, has no effect in relation to any strike or lock-out resulting from a genuine trade dispute, but is a measure designed to prevent strikes and lock-outs calculated to coerce the Government, either directly or by inflicting hardship upon the community, and it also provides for the punishment of persons who instigate, incite others to take part in, or otherwise act in furtherance of, any such strike or lock-out. Sir, the Government considers it essential to have adequate power in this behalf, and therefore invites this Council to pass this Resolution.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**SOCIETIES ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 151.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL move the following resolution: —

Resolved, pursuant to section 26 of the Societies Ordinance, Chapter 151, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from the 1st January, 1957.

He said: Sir, the purpose of this resolution is to extend the life of the Societies Ordinance until 31st December, 1957. Honourable members well know that undesirable organizations abound in the Colony, and in the recent riots we had examples of their lawlessness. This Ordinance does give the Commissioner of Police a measure of help in curbing the activities of such organizations, and it is Government's view that this extension is necessary for the preservation of law and order.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**DIVORCE RULES, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Divorce Rules, 1956, made by the Chief Justice on the 17th day of November, 1956, under section 48 of the Divorce Ordinance, be approved.

He said: Sir, this resolution seeks the approval of this Council to a completely new set of rules made by the Chief Justice under section 48 of the Divorce Ordinance (Cap. 179). These rules make provision for the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court in the exercise of its divorce jurisdiction, and also for Court fees. They have been adapted from the United Kingdom Matrimonial Causes Rules, 1950, and replace the existing divorce rules which in many respects are inadequate by reason of the extensive amendments to the Divorce Ordinance effected by the Divorce (Amendment) Ordinance, 1956.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**DISTRICT COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the District Court Ordinance, 1953."

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 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the District Court (Amendment) Bill, 1956 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.

### **PILOTAGE DUES (VALIDATION) BILL, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to validate the payment and receipt of pilotage dues in excess of the scale in force prior to the coming into operation of the Pilots (Amendment) Regulations, 1956."

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 the Preamble were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Pilotage Dues (Validation) Bill, 1956 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.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1955-56) BILL, 1956.**

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to authorize a supplementary appropriation to defray the charges of the financial year ended the 31st day of March, 1956."

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, the Schedule and the Preamble were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY reported that the Supplementary Appropriation (1955-56) Bill, 1956 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.

## **DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2)**

### **BILL, 1956.**

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, Chapter 109."

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 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY reported that the Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1956 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.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —May I suggest this day three weeks.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —Council will adjourn to this day three weeks, and may I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas.

HON. MEMBERS: —Thank you.