

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.****Meeting of 16th October, 1957.****PRESENT:**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)  
SIR ALEXANDER WILLIAM GEORGE HERDER GRANTHAM, G.C.M.G.  
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. JOHN CRICHTON McDOUALL.  
THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
MR. JOHN JAMES COWPERTHWAITTE (*Acting*).  
THE HONOURABLE DAVID CLIVE CROSBIE TRENCH, M.C.  
(*Commissioner of Labour*).  
THE HONOURABLE EDMUND BRINSLEY TEESDALE, M.C.  
(*Director of Urban Services*).  
THE HONOURABLE ALLAN INGLIS  
(*Director of Public Works*).  
DR. THE HONOURABLE GEORGE GRAHAM-CUMMING  
(*Acting Director of Medical and Health Services*).  
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 DHUN JEHANGIR RUTTONJEE, O.B.E.  
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. MAURICE DEREK SARGANT (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).

**ABSENT:**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES  
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR EDRIC MONTAGUE BASTYAN, K.B.E., C.B.  
THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN, O.B.E.

**MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th September, 1957, 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, 1957: —	
No. 32—Annual Report by the Public Relations Officer for the year 1956/57.	
No. 33—Annual Report by the Controller of Broadcasting for the year 1956/57.	
No. 34—Annual Report by the Director of Marine for the year 1956/57.	
No. 35—Annual Report by the Registrar of Trade Unions for the year 1956/57.	
No. 36—Annual Report by the General Manager, Railway for the year 1956/57.	
Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance.	
Vehicle and Road Traffic (Road Crossing) Regulations, 1957	A. 77.
Tramway Ordinance.	
Tramway Working (Amendment) Rules, 1957 .....	A. 78.
Supreme Court Ordinance.	
Crown Proceedings Ordinance, 1957.	
Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment (Crown Proceedings)) Rules, 1957 .....	A. 82.
Pensions Ordinance.	
Pensionable Offices (Amendment) Order, 1957 .....	A. 83.
Distribution of German Enemy Property Ordinance, 1956.	
Distribution of German Enemy Property Regulations, 1957 ....	A. 84.
Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance.	
Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment of First Schedule) (No. 2) Regulations, 1957 .....	A. 85.

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (SUMMARY OFFENCES)  
ORDINANCE, 1955.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution: —

Resolved, pursuant to section 11 of the Administration of Justice (Summary Offences) Ordinance, 1955, that the duration of the said Ordinance be extended for the term of one year with effect from the 28th October, 1957.

He said: Sir, I rise to move the resolution standing in my name, which is designed to extend the life of the Administration of Justice (Summary Offences) Ordinance, 1955, for a further year. This Ordinance provides that in the case of certain minor offences a person upon whom a summons in a specified form has been served may plead guilty and pay the fine stipulated by the Ordinance, without appearing before a magistrate. The public continue to avail themselves of the facilities afforded by the Ordinance and it is considered desirable to keep it in force.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**FRANKED INSTRUMENTS (VALIDATION) BILL, 1957.**

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to validate the stamping by franking machines of certain instruments chargeable with stamp duty."

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 Franked Instruments (Validation) Bill, 1957 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 for today, 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.