

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.**Meeting of 3rd September, 1958.**

PRESENT:HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)

SIR ROBERT BROWN BLACK, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

MR. CLAUDE BRAMALL BURGESS, C.M.G., O.B.E.

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. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE, C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE PATRICK CARDINALL MASON SEDGWICK

(Commissioner of Labour).

THE HONOURABLE ALLAN INGLIS

(Director of Public Works).

DR. THE HONOURABLE DAVID JAMES MASTERTON MACKENZIE, C.M.G., O.B.E.

(Director of Medical and Health Services).

THE HONOURABLE COLIN GEORGE MERVYN MORRISON

(Director of Urban Services).

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

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

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

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

THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE JOHN DOUGLAS CLAGUE, C.B.E., M.C., T.D.

THE HONOURABLE DHUN JEHANGIR RUTTONJEE, O.B.E.

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.

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20th August, 1958, 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, 1958: —	

No. 14—Annual Report by the Director, Royal Observatory
for the year 1957/58.

No. 15—Annual Report by the Postmaster General for the
year 1957/58.

Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance.

Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment of First Schedule) Regulations, 1958	A. 55.
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**SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS FOR THE
QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1958.**

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Supplementary Provisions for the quarter ended 30th
June, 1958, as set out in Schedule No. 1 of 1958/59, be approved.

He said: Sir, the first schedule of Supplementary Expenditure for the present financial year contains little of general interest, a number of the items being revotes of funds which lapsed on the 31st March last. There is perhaps one exception; that is, the provision of \$417,000 for reprovisioning the Tung Tau Wan Training Centre. Government has acquired from the military authorities the camp at Cape Collinson, to which the offenders now housed in the existing very cramped quarters at Stanley will be transferred. The sum provided represents the cost of purchase and rehabilitation.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION
(1957-58) BILL, 1958.**

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the First 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, 1958".

He said: Sir, members are already aware from the published accounts that the authorized expenditure of \$561 millions for the financial year 1957/58 was underspent by \$28½ millions. Nevertheless twelve separate Heads of Expenditure, which are detailed in the Schedule to this Bill, were overspent by just over \$33½ millions. It is accordingly necessary, Sir, for this over-expenditure to be authorized formally by legislation. This is the purpose of this Bill, which represents the final stage in disposing of the accounts for the past financial year.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

**MISCELLANEOUS MAP REFERENCES AND PLACE NAMES
AMENDMENT BILL, 1958.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend certain enactments in relation to map references and place names contained therein and to delete therefrom certain references to places and further to cancel certain orders and a declaration made in relation to certain places."

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.

Clause 1.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —Clause 1, Sir, I beg to move the amendment standing in my name which has been circulated to honourable Members. The explanation of the amendment, Sir, is this, that it has not yet been decided when the Ordinance should be brought into operation and it is therefore desirable to give power to bring it into operation by Proclamation.

Proposed Amendment.

Leave out the full stop and add the following—

", and shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in the *Gazette*."

Clause 1, as amended, was agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 and the Schedule were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Miscellaneous Map References and Place Names Amendment Bill, 1958 had passed through Committee with one 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.

MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.

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 14 and the Schedule were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Magistrates (Amendment) Bill, 1958 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.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, Chapter 221."

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 ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1958 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.

**MEDICAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)
(NO. 2) BILL, 1958.**

DR. D. J. M. MACKENZIE moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1957".

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.

DR. D. J. M. MACKENZIE reported that the Medical Registration (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1958 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.

**THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
IN CHINA INCORPORATION BILL, 1958.**

DR. CHAU SIK NIN moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China".

MR. KWOK CHAN 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 10 and the Schedule were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

DR. CHAU SIK NIN reported that The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China Incorporation Bill, 1958 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

MR. KWOK CHAN seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —May I suggest this day two weeks, Sir?

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —Council stands adjourned to this day two weeks.