

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.**Meeting of 16th December, 1959.**

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 HOOTON, Q.C. (*Acting*).

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS

MR. PATRICK CARDINALL MASON SEDGWICK (*Acting*).

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE, C.M.G.

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).

THE HONOURABLE KENNETH STRATHMORE KINGHORN

(Commissioner of Labour).

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.

THE HONOURABLE FUNG PING FAN, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE RICHARD CHARLES LEE, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE KWAN CHO YIU, O.B.E.

MR. ANDREW McDONALD CHAPMAN (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).**ABSENT:**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR EDRIC MONTAGUE BASTYAN, K.B.E., C.B.

THE HONOURABLE HUGH DAVID MacEWEN BARTON, M.B.E.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th December, 1959 were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

Sessional Paper, 1959: —

No. 33—Annual Report by the Controller of Stores and Sand Monopoly for the year 1958/59.

**HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY
(SERVICES) ORDINANCE, 1951.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the following resolution: —

WHEREAS—

- (a) Section 4 of the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company (Services) Ordinance, 1951 (hereinafter referred to as the Ordinance) provides that the ferry services authorized by the Ordinance shall be maintained and operated upon the terms and conditions specified in the Schedule thereto;
- (b) Section 5 of the Ordinance provides that the Schedule thereto may be varied at any time, with the consent of the Company, by Resolution of the Legislative Council;
- (c) It is now desired to vary the Schedule to provide for a temporary service for the conveyance of vehicles, goods carried in vehicles and persons travelling in vehicles between Rumsey Street, Victoria, and Jordan Road, Kowloon;
- (d) For the purpose of such service the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company, Limited, hereinbefore and hereinafter referred to as the Company, will at Rumsey Street, aforesaid, and at Jordan Road aforesaid provide, use and maintain, on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government and the Company, such pontoons or landing-stages, as may be necessary, to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works and the Director of Marine;
- (e) The Company has consented to the variation of the Schedule until a date to be decided by the Governor and notified by him in writing to the Company, by the addition immediately after paragraph 20 thereof of a new paragraph in order to provide for the matters aforesaid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the consent of the Company, that, as from the 16th day of December, 1959, until a date to be decided by the Governor and notified by him to the Company, the Schedule to the Ordinance be varied by the addition immediately after paragraph 20 thereof of the following new paragraph—

“21. The Company shall commence as soon as is conveniently possible and operate until a date to be notified to the Company in writing by the Governor, a temporary ferry service for the conveyance of vehicles, goods carried in vehicles and persons travelling in vehicles subject to all the terms and conditions of the Ordinance and this Schedule between the landing-stage at Rumsey Street, Victoria, and Jordan Road, Kowloon, at such times as the Company may consider necessary or advisable at the fares and charges specified in Appendix II under the heading—

‘1. ACROSS THE HARBOUR SERVICES’.”.

He said: Sir, this resolution proposes that the schedule to the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company (Services) Ordinance, 1951 should be varied to provide for a temporary vehicular ferry service between Rumsey Street, Victoria, and Jordan Road, Kowloon.

This temporary service will be used principally for commercial vehicles. It is hoped that it will assist in reducing the periods spent by them in waiting to across the harbour in the interval occurring before the introduction of the second permanent ferry service which, it is hoped, will come into operation about the middle of 1961.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

CEMETERIES (AMENDMENT) BY-LAWS, 1959.

MR. C. G. M. MORRISON moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Cemeteries (Amendment) By-laws, 1959, made by the Urban Council on the 1st day of December, 1959, under section 4 of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, be approved.

He said: Sir, the fees for grave spaces in the Colonial Cemetery at Happy Valley have remained unaltered for well over a decade and do not reflect subsequent changes in values.

The effect of the present resolution will be to raise the fees for adult spaces to \$200 and for children's spaces to \$100. There will be no additional charge for grave digging. At the same time, the Director

of Urban Services will have discretion to reduce or waive fees in cases of hardship.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

FERRIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Ferries Ordinance, Chapter 104."

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 Ferries (Amendment) Bill, 1959 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.

SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, Chapter 228."

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 Summary Offences (Amendment) Bill, 1959 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: —Gentlemen, that concludes the business for today. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again?

ATTORNEY GENERAL: —Sir, I suggest this day three weeks.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —Council stands adjourned until this day three weeks.