

OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.**Meeting of 4th January, 1961.****PRESENT:**

HIS HONOUR THE GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY (*PRESIDENT*) (and COLONIAL SECRETARY),

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

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES,

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR RODERICK WILLIAM McLEOD, K.C.B., C.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 HECTOR WILLIAM FORSYTH

(*Acting Director of Public Works*)

DR. THE HONOURABLE TENG PIN-HUI

(*Acting Director of Medical and Health Services*)

THE HONOURABLE KENNETH STRATHMORE KINGHORN

(*Director of Urban Services*)

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

THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN, O.B.E.

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

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.

THE HONOURABLE GEORGE MACDONALD GOLDSACK

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

MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st December, 1960, were confirmed.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

HIS HONOUR THE GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY: —Gentlemen, as Colonial Secretary I rise to announce the appointment of the Standing Law Committee for 1961. The following Members have been appointed and have agreed to serve: —

The Attorney General, the Honourable Arthur RIDEHALGH, who will be Chairman.

The Honourable Hugh BARTON.

The Honourable Dhun RUTTONJEE.

The Honourable C. Y. KWAN.

The Honourable George GOLDSACK.

PAPERS.

HIS HONOUR THE GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY: —Gentlemen, as Colonial Secretary I lay on the table certain papers copies of which are already in the hands of honourable Members.

<i>Subject.</i>	<i>G.N. No.</i>
Sessional Paper, 1961: —	
No. 1—Annual Report by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the year 1959/60.	
Public Health and Urban Services Ordinance, 1960.	
Public Health and Urban Services (Amendment of Fifth Schedule) Order, 1960	A. 152.
Summary Offences Ordinance.	
Summary Offences (Licences and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1960	A. 153.
Diplomatic Privileges Ordinance.	
Notification under section 2	A. 158.
Tax Reserve Certificates Ordinance, 1955.	
Tax Reserve Certificates (Schedule Amendment) Order, 1960	A. 159.
Tax Reserve Certificates Ordinance, 1955.	
Tax Reserve Certificates (Third Series) Rules, 1960	A. 160.
Stamp Ordinance.	
Stamp (Bank Authorization) (No. 5) Order, 1960	A. 161.

**FOREIGN JUDGMENTS (RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT)
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance, 1960."

He said: Sir, this Bill is of a purely formal character and the purpose of the Bill is clearly set out in the Objects and Reasons already in the hands of honourable Members.

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

Objects and Reasons.

The purpose of this measure is to substitute the expression "country in the British Commonwealth" for the expression "Her Majesty's Dominions and territories" in section 9 of the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance, 1960, in order to enable the provisions of that Ordinance to be extended to countries which have become independent members of the Commonwealth.

FIRE BRIGADE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance further to amend the Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1954."

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS 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 11 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Fire Brigade (Amendment) Bill, 1960, had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

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

**DEMOLISHED BUILDINGS (RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SITES)
BILL, 1960**

and

RESETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.

MR. H. W. FORSYTH: —Your Honour, I rise to move that the two Bills standing in my name as Items 3 and 4 on the Order Paper before honourable Members, be withdrawn.

Sir, it will be recalled that after the First reading of the Demolished Buildings (Re-development of Sites) Bill certain honourable Members expressed strong views on some of its aspects. This led to consultations first with those Members and later between their representative, the Honourable C. Y. KWAN, and the Attorney General.

As a result I am now pleased to report that a new Bill has been drafted which I am advised will meet the various points raised when it comes before honourable Members in due course.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

HIS HONOUR THE GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY: —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 two weeks, Sir?

HIS HONOUR THE GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY: —Council stands adjourned until this day two weeks.