

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 27.

MONDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

ABSENT:

The Honourable JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 3rd November, 1890, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table Reports respecting Public Works Estimates for 1890 and statements concerning the Government Loan of £200,000.

The Acting Colonial Secretary also laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee held respectively on the 3rd and 8th days of November, 1890, and moved that the following Vote referred to in the Report of the 3rd November be passed, viz.:—

Gratuity to the Widow of Mr. ARTHUR WAGNER, late Assistant Marine Surveyor, and Assistant Superintendent and Engineer of the Fire Brigade, in consideration of her husband's service,	\$ 480.00
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The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move the following resolution:—

That a special committee, consisting of the un-official members and the Colonial Secretary, be appointed to examine into the details of the Estimates for next year; mainly with a view to a full consideration of the salaries question, the public works, and the military contribution, with full powers to call for papers and information, and to furnish the Council with a report.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would ask the following question:—

Will the Government lay on the table a full report of the proceedings of the Law Revision Commission appointed on 12th August, 1882,—“to prepare and report upon Drafts for a “revised edition of the Ordinances, and for amendments of the same, incorporating the “results of such recent Imperial legislation as appears applicable to the circumstances “of the Colony, and providing for improved procedure in the administration of Justice,” and a statement shewing the total cost of the Commission since the date of its appointment until the present time, how and in what way the money has been spent, the work accomplished, and about the time when the edition of the Ordinances now being printed will be published, also the cost of the edition being printed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHINESE EMIGRATION CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1889."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ARMS ORDINANCE OF 1889."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until Monday, the 17th instant, which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1889."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO APPLY A SUM NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE YEAR 1891."—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned, which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until the 17th instant which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Thursday, the 13th November, at 3.30 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 13th day of November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.