

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 33.

MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 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.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 8th December, 1890, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table further despatches respecting the increased Military Contribution.

The confirmation by Her Majesty of the appointment of the Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD as a Member of the Council having been received he was duly sworn and took his seat.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 8th December, (No. 24), and moved that the following vote referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C. O. Desp. 212 of 1890. Compassionate allowance for the benefit of the children of the late Colonial Treasurer and

Postmaster General, Mr. ALFRED LISTER, ..... \$ 2,880.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

*In view of the danger to life caused by small vessels carrying in outside waters large number of passengers whether it is the intention of the Government to apply to steam-launches and small vessels of under 50 tons, trading between Hongkong and Canton and/or Macao, the same rules and regulations as govern the ordinary river steamers, and if so, when?*

The Acting Attorney General replied.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

1. *Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing how the Superannuation Fund which existed in the Colony previous and up to 1857 was disposed of, what was the total amount to credit of the Fund at the time of its suppression. Why and by whose order was it put an end to, and how much of the fund was repaid to the Subscribers of it.*
2. *Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing the cost in Hongkong Currency Dollars of all articles, goods, and stores purchased and forwarded to Hongkong by the Crown Agents for use in connection with the various Public Works during 1890, the cost laid down here to include all commissions shipping and other charges.*

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAI SIU TONG."—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 FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF CHOI WAI OTHERWISE CHOI TSUN."—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 REPEAL ORDINANCE No. 13 OF 1860, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL LIST."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of the "THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, 1890" and "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY" be postponed which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Saturday, the 20th December, at 11 A.M.

F. FLEMING,  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 20th day of December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*