

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1902.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(Major-General Sir WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.)

„ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN, K.C.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

„ ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

„ WEI YUK.

„ JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

„ JOHN THURBURN.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 11th March, 1902, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following papers:—

1. Report on the Police and on Crime, for the year 1901.
2. Report of the Director of the Observatory, for the year 1901.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minute, (No. 9) and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee:—

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
617 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Seven thousand and five hundred Dollars (\$7,500) in aid of the vote of \$2,400, "Watering Streets", Sanitary Department.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th March, 1902.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee dated the 11th March, 1902, (No. 2), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Public Works Committee dated the 27th February, 1902, (No. 1).

HIS MAJESTY'S THE KING'S CORONATION.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government informed the Council that he had received from the Secretary of State a telegram expressing the hope to see the Colonies represented by local forces at the Coronation; and addressed the Council on the subject of sending a contingent of the Hongkong Volunteers.

RESOLUTION.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the following Resolution:—

Whereas by section 5 of "The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899," (No. 40 of 1899) it was enacted that the said Ordinance should only continue in operation for the period of two years from the coming into operation of the said Ordinance and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by Resolution of the Legislative Council, and whereas such operation has been continued by Resolution of this Council till the 30th day of March, 1902, (inclusive):

It is hereby resolved by this Council that "The Summoning of Chinese Ordinance, 1899," shall be further continued in operation for the further period of two years from the 31st day of March, 1902, (inclusive).

Mr. BREWIN seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NATURALIZATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHÜ SHIP CHÜN, alias CHÜ LE, alias CHÜ MAN T'IN, alias CHÜ KAU MEI.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and agreed to.
Bill read a second time.
Council in Committee on the Bill.
Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.
The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.
The 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 *sine die*.

Read and confirmed, this 10th day of April, 1902.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

W. J. GASCOIGNE,
Officer Administering the Government.