

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

24TH FEBRUARY, 1910.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

HON. SIR F. H. MAY, K.C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

HON. MR. F. A. HAZELAND (Attorney-General).

HON. MR. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

HON. MR. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

HON. MR. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

HON. MR. F. J. BADELEY (Capt. Superintendent of Police).

HON. DR. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

HON. MR. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

HON. MR. E. A. HEWETT.

HON. MR. W. J. GRESSON.

MR. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Councils).

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Financial Minutes

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos. 1 to 5), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Financial

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 21 of 1909), and moved its adoption.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Paper

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H. E. the Governor, laid on the table the following paper:—"Report on Opium: its nature, composition, preparation and methods of consumption," by Mr. F. Browne, Government Analyst.

Bye-laws

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, I beg to move the approval by this honourable Council of a bye-law under the Public Health and Buildings' Ordinances, 1903-09; amendment of the "Slaughter-House and Slaughter of Animals Bye-laws." The bye-law speaks for itself.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, I beg to move the resolution standing in my name. This resolution is rendered necessary by the bye-law which has been approved. The bye-law repealed simply makes provision for ascertaining the weight of animals.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the resolution was agreed to.

The resolution was as follows:—

"That bye-law No. 3 contained in Part I. of the Slaughter-Houses and Slaughter of Animals Bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board under the Public Health and Buildings' Ordinance, 1903, on the 26th October, 1909, and approved by the Legislative Council on the 11th November, 1909, be repealed."

The King's Birthday Celebrations

HIS EXCELLENCY—I propose to read to the Council a despatch which I have received from the Secretary of State dated 13th January, 1910:—

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 25th of November and of your despatch No. 368 of the 30th of November, in which you enclosed accounts of the celebration of the birthday of His Majesty the King and of the unveiling of the statues of Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

2. Your telegram and despatch have been laid before His Majesty, who has commanded me to convey to you an expression of his appreciation of the message of congratulation and good wishes, which you sent on behalf of the Colony, and to state that he has learnt with much interest of the unveiling of the statues of Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on the day set apart for the celebration of the anniversary of His Majesty's Birthday.—I have, etc.

(Sd.) CREWE.

Pension Amendment Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Pension Ordinance, 1862."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Liquors Ordinance Amendment Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to further amend the Liquors Ordinance, 1909."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Magistrates' and Criminal Law Further Amendment Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance further to amend the Magistrates' and Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1909."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Oaths Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the Law as to Oaths."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Official Signatures Fees Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Jury List

The Council then considered the Jury List for 1910 *in camera*.

Council then adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Colonial Secretary presiding. The following votes were passed:—

Miscellaneous Services

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred Dollars (\$500) in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Honorarium to Mr. L. C. Rees, Secretary to the Squatters' Board.

Harbour Master's Department

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and eighty-five Dollars (\$485) in aid of the vote, Harbour Master's Department, A.—Harbour Office, Other Charges, Repairs to Fairway Buoy and "Stanley's" moorings.

Public Works

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and seventy-four Dollars (\$174) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Public Works Department, Other Charges, Conveyance Allowance to 1 Land Surveyor.

Treasury Vote

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred and forty-three Dollars (\$343) in aid of the vote, Treasury, B.—Office of Assessor of Rates, Personal Emoluments, Personal Allowance with Exchange Compensation to Assessor of Rates.

Judicial and Legal

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and seventy-five Dollars (\$275) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Department, E.—Land Registry Office, Personal Emoluments, New Territories, Allowance to five Police Officers acting as Land Bailiffs, etc., at \$60 each.