

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 21.

THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER, 1914.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir FRANCIS HENRY MAY, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANCIS HENRY KELLY, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (CLAUD SEVERN).

„ the Attorney General, (JOSEPH HORSFORD KEMP).
„ the Colonial Treasurer, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).
„ the Director of Public Works, (ALEC FLEMING CHURCHILL).
„ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX).
„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER).
„ Mr. WEI YUK, C.M.G.
„ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
„ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT, C.M.G.
„ Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK.

ABSENT:

„ Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM.

„ Mr. DAVID LANDALE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 27th October, 1914, were confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers:—

Abstract shewing Differences between the Estimates of Expenditure for 1914 and 1915.

Investigations by the Imperial Institute for Private Individuals and Firms.

Return of Excesses on Sub-Heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure for the 3rd Quarter, 1914.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 67 to 72, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

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| No. 67.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Works, Maintenance of City and Hill District, | \$ 23,500.00 |
| No. 68.—Supreme Court, Special Expenditure, New Furniture, | 40.73 |
| No. 69.—Volunteers, Capitation Grant,..... | 3,240.00 |
| No. 70.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Compensation for resumption of Lot No. 33, Ho Mun Tin, | 148.50 |
| No. 71.—War Department Expenditure,..... | 50,000.00 |
| No. 72.—Governor, Furniture, | 1,118.00 |

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ALIEN ENEMIES (WINDING UP) AMENDMENT BILL.—The First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Alien Enemies (Winding up) Ordinance, 1914, was not proceeded with.

MEDICAL REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1915.—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Nine million five hundred and fifteen thousand six hundred and ninety-two Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1915.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. HEWETT, Mr. POLLOCK, the Director of Public Works, the Colonial Treasurer, the Colonial Secretary and His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Mr. POLLOCK moved the suspension of Standing Order No. 26.

Mr. WEI YUK seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Mr. HEWETT again addressed the Council.

The motion that the Bill be read a second time was then put to the meeting and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Mr. HEWETT moved the vote "Harbour Master's Department, A.—Harbour Office, Other Charges. Raising of moorings for inspection, and repairs and renewals of moorings, \$10,000" in page 31 of the Draft Estimates be deleted.

Mr. POLLOCK seconded.

On the motion being put to the vote it was declared lost, seven members voting against and four—Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK, Mr. HEWETT, Mr. POLLOCK and Mr. WEI YUK—for the motion.

Mr. HEWETT then moved the postponement of the Estimates for a fortnight.

Mr. WEI YUK seconded.

On the motion being put to the vote it was declared lost, seven members voting against and four—Mr. LAU CHÜ PAK, Mr. HEWETT, Mr. POLLOCK, and Mr. WEI YUK—for the motion.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee without amendment and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

F.H. MAY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 3rd day of December, 1914.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.