

16TH MARCH, 1922.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR
REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.

HON. MR. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.
(Colonial Secretary).

HON. MR. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-
General).

HON. MR. C. McI. MESSER, O.B.E. (Colonial
Treasurer).

HON. MR. E. R. HALLIFAX, O.B.E.
(Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

HON. MR. E. A. IRVING (Director of
Education).

HON. MR. T. L. PERKINS (Director of
Public Works).

HON. MR. LAU CHU PAK

HON. MR. E. V. D. PARR.

HON. MR. A. G. STEPHEN.

HON. MR. A. O. LANG.

HON. MR. CHOW SHOU-SON

MR. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.B.E. (Clerk of
Councils).

ABSENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER
COMMANDING THE TROOPS, MAJOR-GENERAL SIR
JOHN FOLWER, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

HON. MR. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on
February 23rd and February 28th were
confirmed and signed by the President.

Papers

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by
command of H.E. the Governor laid on the
table Regulations under Section 4 of the Stamp
Ordinance, 1921, dated 23rd February;
Regulations under Section 2 of the Emergency
Regulations Ordinance, 1922, dated 28th
February; an Order under Section 10 of the

Travellers' Restriction Ordinance 1915, dated
28th February; additional regulations under
section 2 of the Emergency Regulations
Ordinance, 1922, dated 2nd March; an Order
under the Societies Ordinance, 1920, dated 6th
March; an Order under the same Ordinance,
dated 7th March; an Order under Section 10 of
the Travellers Restriction Ordinance, 1915,
dated 7th March; an Order under sub-section 3
of section 2 of the Emergency Regulations
Ordinance, 1922, dated 9th March and an
Order under Section 4 of the Importation and
Exportation Ordinance, 1915, dated 9th March;
and the Jurors List for 1922.

Finance

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY also laid on
the table Financial Minutes Nos. 14 to 17 and
moved that they be referred to the Finance
Committee.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER seconded,
and it was agreed to.

**Supreme Court (Original Jurisdiction)
Emergency Ordinance**

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the
first reading of a Bill intituled, An Ordinance
to make temporary provision for the
appointment of solicitors to appear in the
Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in
certain emergencies.

He said: The ranks of the Bar have,
unfortunately, lately been reduced by death.
Other members of the Bar, I understand, expect
to leave the Colony shortly for a temporary
period, and the result will be that for part, at
least, of this year there will be a serious dearth
of practising barristers. If steps are not taken to
deal with this emergency suitors will be unable
to bring their cases on for trial and considerable
public inconvenience must be caused. This Bill
proposes, therefore, to give the Chief Justice
power to authorise any duly enrolled solicitor to
appear and act as a barrister in any case in
which he thinks it desirable to do so. The
Ordinance is intended to meet a special
emergency and it is therefore made

temporary, and clause 5 proposes that it shall come to an end on the 31st December. this year. I beg to move the first reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—I beg to second.

The motion was carried and the Bill was read a first time accordingly.

Merchant Shipping (Aliens Employment) Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled, An Ordinance to restrict the employment of aliens and of former enemy aliens on certain British ships registered in the Colony of Hongkong.

He said: This Bill proposes to restrict the employment of aliens on British ships of over 60 tons net register tonnage, registered in the Colony, and to prohibit the employment of former enemy aliens on all British ships registered in the Colony. The position with regard to aliens not former enemy aliens is that no such alien shall act as master, chief officer or chief engineer of a British ship of over 60 tons net register tonnage. Power is given to the Governor-in-Council to grant certificates of exemption from the provisions of that particular section and it also is not to apply to any alien who during the war, has acted as master, chief officer, or chief engineer of a British ship and has a certificate by the Admiralty that he performed good and faithful service in that capacity. The provision with regard to former enemy aliens—which, of course, means, shortly, persons of German, Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian or Turkish nationality—is that no such alien shall act as master, officer or member of a crew of any British ship whatsoever registered in the Colony. This Bill is simply to carry out in Hongkong the Imperial policy contained in the Aliens Restriction Amendment Act, 1919. I beg to move the first reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The motion was carried, and the Bill was read a first time accordingly.

Opium Amendment Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill intituled, An

Ordinance to amend further the Opium Ordinance, 1914.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR—The third reading of this Bill was postponed on the last occasion while we were discussing a question raised on section 3, I think. I understand Mr. Lau Chu-pak raised some objection and is now quite satisfied.

HON. MR. LAU CHU-PAK indicated his assent.

The third reading was approved, and the Bill passed accordingly.

Business not proceeded with

H.E. THE GOVERNOR announced that it was not proposed to proceed with the second reading of the Bill intituled, An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1921, and the second reading of the Bill intituled, An Ordinance to restrict the taking of legal proceedings in respect of certain acts and matters done during the war and to provide in certain cases remedies in substitution therefor.

Adjournment

H.E. THE GOVERNOR—The Council will adjourn until this day week at 2.30 o'clock.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding:

Salary of a Deputy

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,500 in aid of the vote, Harbour Master's Department, Personal Emoluments.

THE CHAIRMAN—This sum of \$3,500 is required for the salary of an acting assistant marine surveyor during the absence of the permanent holder of the post. It represents ten months' salary at \$350 a month.

Approved.

Charitable Gratuity

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,180 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Other Charitable Allowances.

THE CHAIRMAN—This sum is required for a charitable gratuity to the widow of a Government servant who was on the temporary establishment and it represents one month's salary for every three years' service.

Approved.

Assistant Crown Solicitor's Salary

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$3,560 in aid of the vote Crown Solicitor's Office, Personal Emoluments.

THE CHAIRMAN—This sum is required to pay an increase of salary to the Assistant Crown Solicitor from the 1st January, 1921, to the 31st December 1922. It has been approved by the Secretary of State.

Approved.

Care of the Insane

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$850 on account of Miscellaneous Services, Transport and Subsistence of Lunatics.

THE CHAIRMAN—This sum is required to supplement the vote for transport and subsistence of lunatics, which was insufficient. One such charge at present appears under "Charitable Services" but in future estimates it will be brought under the general vote above-mentioned.