

***27th June, 1940.***

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**PRESENT:—**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT (MR. N. L. SMITH, C.M.G.).

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS, (MAJOR GENERAL A. E. GRASETT, D.S.O., M.C.).

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. R. A. C. NORTH, *Acting*).

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (HON. MR. C. G. ALABASTER, O.B.E., K.C.).

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS (HON. MR. W. J. CARRIE, *Acting*).

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. H. R. BUTTERS).

HON. COMMANDER G. F. HOLE, R.N. (Retired), (Harbour Master).

HON. MR. T. H. KING (Commissioner of Police).

HON. DR. P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE, M.C., (Director of Medical Services).

HON. MR. H. J. PEARCE, M.C. (Director of Public Works, *Acting*).

HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK, KT., K.C., LL.D.

HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON.

HON. MR. LO MAN-KAM.

HON. MR. S. H. DODWELL.

HON. DR. LI SHU-FAN.

HON. MR. A. L. SHIELDS.

HON. MR. W. N. T. TAM.

MR. C. B. BURGESS (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

**ABSENT:—**

HON. MR. LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, JNR.

**MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Council were confirmed.

**PAPERS.**

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. The Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following papers:—

Order made by the Controller of Trade under regulation 50 of the Defence Regulations, 1939, with the consent of the Officer Administering the Government, prohibiting the export, except by licence, of rice, dated 19th June, 1940.

Amendments made by the Governor in Council under section 7 (2) (a) of the Telecommunication Ordinance, 1936, Ordinance No. 18 of 1936, dated 14th June, 1940.

Order made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, prohibiting the importation, except by licence, of certain merchandise from Macao, dated 14th June, 1940.

Amendments made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the Essential Commodities Reserve Ordinance, 1939, Ordinance No. 38 of 1939, to the Essential Commodities Reserves Regulations, 1939, dated 19th June, 1940.

Amendments made by the Governor in Council under section 7 of the Cremation Ordinance, 1934, Ordinance No. 40 of 1934, to the Cremation Regulations, Part I, dated 19th June, 1940.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. The Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 5), dated 20th June, 1940, and moved that it be adopted.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY seconded, and this was agreed to.

**IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORTS AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Immigration and Passports Ordinance, 1934."

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

**WAR REVENUE AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the War Revenue Ordinance, 1940."

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

**POST OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1926."

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

**COMPULSORY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Compulsory Service Ordinance, 1939."

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

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, Council then went into Committee to consider the following Bills clause by clause:—

IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORTS AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.

WAR REVENUE AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.

POST OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.

COMPULSORY SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL, 1940.

Upon Council resuming,

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Immigration and Passports Amendment Bill had passed through Committee without amendment, and moved the third reading.

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

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the War Revenue Amendment Bill had passed through Committee without amendment, and moved the third reading.

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

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Post Office Amendment Bill had passed through Committee without amendment, and moved the third reading.

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

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Compulsory Service Amendment Bill had passed through Committee without amendment, and moved the third reading.

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

### MOTION.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS moved: Resolved that the approval of the Governor in Council of permission to the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, to construct one additional crossover track in King's Road, to connect the east-bound with the west-bound tramway track between Quarry Bay Marine Lot No. 4 and Quarry Bay Inland Lot No. 4, as shown in Enclosure (104)2 in C.S.O. 9365/04, be confirmed.

He said: Sir,—At your instruction I rise to move the resolution standing in my name. The resolution is made necessary because of a proposal by the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd. to construct an additional crossover track in King's Road.

Under Section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance, No. 10 of 1902, the approval of this Council is required for this additional crossover, and previous notification is also required to be given in the public press by the Company stating that it is their intention to apply for such approval.

This public advertisement has been duly given.

The proposed crossover will connect the east-bound with the west-bound tramway track between Quarry Bay Marine Lot No. 4 and Quarry Bay Inland Lot No. 4.

There is no objection from the Traffic point of view nor from the Public Works Department.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the resolution was approved.

### ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.—Council stands adjourned *sine die*.