

27th March, 1941.

PRESENT: —

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (SIR G. A. S. NORTHCOTE, K.C.M.G.).

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. N. L. SMITH, C.M.G.)

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

THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS (HON. MR. R. A. C. NORTH).

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. R. R. TODD, *Acting*).

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

HON. MR. A. B. PURVES (Director of Public Works).

HON. MR. W. J. CARRIE (Chairman of the Urban Council).

HON. MR. J. J. PATERSON.

HON. MR. S. H. DODWELL

HON. MR. LO MAN-KAM.

HON. MR. A. L. SHIELDS.

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

HON. MR. T. E. PEARCE.

HON. MR. LI TSE-FONG.

MR. T. MEGARRY (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT: —

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

HON. MR. C. G. PERDUE (Commissioner of Police, *Acting*).

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 Your Excellency, I lay upon the table certain papers, copies of which are in the hands of Honourable Members, except for Item No. 9 on the list, namely the Annual Abstract Account for 1939, with a report of the Director of Colonial Audit, which are too bulky to print, but these are available for Honourable Members to scrutinize if they desire: —

Amendments made by the Governor in Council under section 3 of the Vehicles and Traffic Regulation Ordinance, 1912, Ordinance No. 40 of 1912, to the regulations, dated 7th March, 1941.

Resolution made and passed by the Legislative Council under sections 3 and 5 of the Entertainments Tax Ordinance, 1930, Ordinance No. 28 of 1930, as amended by the Entertainments Tax Amendment Ordinance, 1941, Ordinance No. 3 of 1941, on the 6th March, 1941.

Order made by the Officer Administering the Government under regulation 55 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, dated 7th March, 1941.

Regulation made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, dated 14th March, 1941.

Amendment made by the General Officer Commanding the Troops under section 10 of the Volunteer Ordinance, 1933, Ordinance No. 10 of 1933, with the approval of the Governor after consultation with the Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, to the Regulations, dated 8th March, 1941.

The Hong Kong Defence Regulations, etc., (Collection and Proof) Regulations, 1941, made by the Governor under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, as applied to the Colony by the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Orders in Council, 1939 and 1940, dated 14th March, 1941.

Order made by the Officer Administering the Government under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940, as applied to the Colony by the Emergency Powers (Colonial Defence) Orders in Council, 1939 and 1940, dated 11th March, 1941.

Order made by the Controller of Trade under regulation 50 of the Defence Regulations, 1940, with the consent of the Governor prohibiting the export except by licence of optical glass and all equipment for the manufacture of optical instruments, dated 14th March, 1941.

Annual Abstract Account for 1939, with a report of the Director of Colonial Audit.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), dated 20th March, 1941, and moved that it be adopted.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY seconded, and this was agreed to.

#### **ESTATE DUTY AMENDMENT BILL, 1941.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend further the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1932, as amended by the Estate Duty Amendment Ordinance, 1936."

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

Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill clause by clause.

Upon Council resuming,

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Estate Duty 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.

#### **ADJOURNMENT.**

H.E. THE GOVERNOR. —Council stands adjourned *sine die*.