

17th September, 1952.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT

MR. ROBERT BROWN BLACK, O.B.E.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR TERENCE AIREY, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

MR. BRIAN CHARLES KEITH HAWKINS, C.M.G., O.B.E., *Acting*.

THE HONOURABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MR. GEORGE EDWARD STRICKLAND, Q.C., *Acting*.

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS

MR. JOHN CRICHTON MCDOUALL, *Acting*.

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE.

THE HONOURABLE THEODORE LOUIS BOWRING, O.B.E.

(Director of Public Works).

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG

(Director of Medical and Health Services)

THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS JAMES SMYTH CROZIER.

(Director of Education).

THE HONOURABLE KENNETH MYER ARTHUR BARNETT, E.D.

(Chairman, Urban Council).

THE HONOURABLE LEO D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Q.C.

THE HONOURABLE MAURICE MURRAY WATSON.

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY.

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN

THE HONOURABLE HUBERT JOHN COLLAR, C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN.

MR. RONALD THOMPSON *(Deputy Clerk of Councils)*

ABSENT: —

THE HONOURABLE CHAU TSUN-NIN, C.B.E.

DR. THE HONOURABLE CHAU SIK-NIN, C.B.E.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd September, 1952, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following papers:—

<i>Subject</i>	<i>G.N. No.</i>	
Sessional Papers, 1952 ;—		
No. 15—Annual Report by the District Commissioner, New Territories for the year 1951-52.		
Report of the Committee on Higher Education in Hong Kong.		
The Pleasure Grounds and Bathing Places Ordinance, Chapter 173.		
The Bathing Places (Amendment) Regulations, 1952.	A. 145	
The Dogs and Cats Ordinance, Chapter 167.		
Notification under regulation 6(2) of the Dogs and Cats Regulations	A. 147	
Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against		
Haiphong on account of smallpox	A. 148	
Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against		
Calcutta on account of plague	A. 149	
Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against		
Karachi on account of smallpox	A. 150	
Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against		
Taiwan on account of smallpox	A. 151	
Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against		
Chittagong (Pakistan) on account of smallpox	A. 152	
The Supreme Court Ordinance, Chapter 4.		
The Code of Civil Procedure (Official Shorthand Notes) (Amendment) Rules, 1952		A. 154

<i>Subject.</i>	<i>G.N. No.</i>
The Agricultural Products (Marketing) Ordinance, 1952.	
A wholesale vegetable market on M.L. 87, Yaumati, Kowloon	A. 155
The Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, Chapter 141.	
Declaration under Section 18	A. 156

He said: Sir, I take this opportunity of inviting reference to the Report of the Committee on Higher Education in Hong Kong. This Committee was appointed in October, 1951 by His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham with the terms of reference which were set out in the Preamble to the Report. This work forms an integral part of the inquiry into local education which Government has been pursuing during the last three years. The Report is a comprehensive survey of existing conditions in Hong Kong as regards higher education and it contains a great number of recommendations for the extension and improvement of our present system. It is too early to say, Sir, how far Government will be able to accept and to implement these recommendations, but I am able to inform Honourable Members that the University authorities have been asked to study and comment on these recommendations which impinge upon functions of the University in this field, while the Director of Education has set up a working party to examine all the aspects of the remainder of the Report.

I am sure that Honourable Members would wish to be associated with Government in expressing to Mr. John Keswick and all members of his Committee their thanks and appreciation for the hard work and thoughtful care which has gone to the production of this scholarly and informative Report. (Applause).

COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 32".

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

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

Clause 3.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: Sir, I have tabled four amendments to clause 3 and I suggest that unless any member wishes to speak on any of the amendments that I formally move those amendments and we take them together. I have given the reasons, Sir, for the amendments and they are, as you will see, of a formal nature.

This was agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 1952 had passed through Committee without material amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR (VESTING OF LANDS)

BILL, 1952.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to provide for vesting all lands and interests in land and the benefit and burden of contracts and covenants concerning land or such interests therein in successive holders of the office of Secretary of State for Air on behalf of the Crown and for other related matters."

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

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

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Secretary of State for Air (Vesting of Lands) Bill, 1952 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 into law.

SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL, 1952.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Societies Ordinance, Chapter 151".

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

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

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Societies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 1952 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 into law.

GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG BRANCH)**(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952.**

HON. C. E. M. TERRY moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Girl Guides Association (Hong Kong Branch) Ordinance, Chapter 283."

HON. KWOK CHAN seconded, and the Bill was read a Second time.

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

Council then resumed.

HON. C. E. M. TERRY reported that the Girl Guides Association (Hong Kong Branch) (Amendment) Bill, 1952 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

HON. KWOK CHAN seconded, and the Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

ADJOURNMENT.

H.E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT:— That concludes the business for today, Gentlemen. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:— Today fortnight, Sir.

H.E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT:— Council will adjourn to this day fortnight.
