19th November, 1952.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

SIR ALEXANDER WILLIAM GEORGE HERDER GRANTHAM, G.C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

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

THE HONOURABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

MR. ARTHUR RIDEHALGH, Q.C.

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS

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

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. ARTHUR GRENPELL CLARKE.

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

(Director of Public Workls).

THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS JAMES SMYTH CROZIER

(Director of Education).

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG

(Director of Medical and Health Services).

THE HONOURABLE KENNETH MYER ARTHUR BARNETT, E.D.

(Chairman, Urban Council).

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

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

THE HONOURABLE MAURICE MURRAY WATSON

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY.

THE HONOURABLE LO MAN WAI, O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN.

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

MR. RONALD THOMPSON (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR TERENCE AIREY, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5th November, 1952, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency he Governor, laid upon the table the following papers:—

Subject.	G.N. No.
The Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, Chapter 138.	
The Pharmacists Holding Diplomas (Registration)	
(Amendment) Regulations, 1952	. A. 186
The Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, Chapter 138.	
The Course of Training, Study and Examination for	
Applicants for Registration as Pharmacists	
(Amendment) Regulations, 1952	A. 187
Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against	
Chittagong (Pakistan) on account of Cholera	A. 188
Removal of quarantine restrictions imposed against	
Bombay on account of plague	A. 189
The Defence Regulations, 1940.	
The Price Control Order, 1946—Amendment to the	
Schedule	. A. 190
The Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1940.	
The Possession of Gold (Goldsmiths) (Amendment)	
(No. 5) Order, 1952	A. 193

JAPANESE TREATY OF PEACE ORDER, 1952,

(APPLICATION TO HONG KONG) BILL, 1952.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make provision for adapting the Japanese Treaty of Peace Order, 1952, to the Circumstances of the Colony." He said: Sir, the Order of Her Majesty in Council referred to in this Bill gives legal effect to certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace with Japan, and, in particular,

makes provision for the collection and realization of Japanese property, rights and interests to which Article 14 of the Treaty relates. The Order is drawn in terms applicable to the United Kingdom, but it is applied to other territories including Hong Kong with modifications. Some, of a general character, are expressed in the Order itself; others, which could not be conveniently so made, are left to be provided for by local legislation.

The object of this Bill is to make those further modifications necessary to render the Order applicable to local circumstances. The modifications are all purely formal.

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

Objects and Reasons.

The "Objects and Reasons" for the Bill were stated as follows:—

The main object appears from the preamble. The modifications proposed to Articles 10 and 19 are self-explanatory. Paragraph (2) of Article 5 has been modified because the only provisions of a similar nature in force in Hong Kong are contained in the Trustee Ordinance (Chapter 29 of the Revised Edition, 1950).

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Procedure Ordinance and to make consequential amendment to the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance."

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 Criminal Procedure (Amendment) 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.

PUBLIC RECLAMATIONS AND WORKS

(KENNEDY TOWN) BILL, 1952.

HON. T. L. BOWRING, O.B.E., moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to authorize, provisionally and subject to the definitive approval of the Governor in Council, an undertaking for reclamation and other works of a public nature over and upon unleased Crown foreshore and sea bed situate at Kennedy Town."

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.

HON. T. L. BOWRING, O.B.E., reported that the Public Reclamations and Works (Kennedy Town) Bill, 1952 had passed though Committee without amendment, and moved the Third reading.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR:— That concludes the business, Gentlemen. When is it your pleasure that we should meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:— I suggest this day fornight, Sir.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR:— Council will adjourn to this day fortnight.