

Meeting of 29th December, 1954

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)
SIR ALEXANDER WILLIAM GEORGE HERDER GRANTHAM, G.C.M.G.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL CECIL STANWAY SUGDEN, C.B., C.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY
MR. ROBERT BROWN BLACK, C.M.G., O.B.E.

THE HONOURABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. ARTHUR RIDEHALGH, Q.C.

THE HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS
MR. RONALD RUSKIN TODD.

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY
MR. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE, C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE THEODORE LOUIS BOWRING, O.B.E.
(*Director of Public Works*).

THE HONOURABLE DOUGLAS JAMES SMYTH CROZIER
(*Director of Education*).

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG
(*Director of Medical and Health Services*).

THE HONOURABLE HAROLD GILES RICHARDS, O.B.E.
(*Director of Urban Services*).

DR. THE HONOURABLE CHAU SIK NIN, C.B.E.
THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY.
THE HONOURABLE LO MAN WAI, O.B.E.
THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN.
THE HONOURABLE DHUN JEHangIR RUTTONJEE.
THE HONOURABLE CEDRIC BLAKER, M.C., E.D.
THE HONOURABLE KWOK CHAN O.B.E.
DR. THE HONOURABLE ALBERTO MARIA RODRIGUES, M.B.E., E.D.
MR. ROBERT WILLIAM PRIMROSE (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15th December, 1954, were confirmed.

PAPERS.

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

<i>Subject.</i>	<i>G.N. No.</i>
Sessional Papers, 1954: —	
No. 33—Annual Report by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Director of Marketing for the year 1953/54.	
No. 34—Annual Report by the Accountant General for the year 1953/54.	
No. 35—Annual Report by the Director of Audit for the year 1953/54 (together with copy of the despatch No. 1755 Of 17th November, 1954.)	
Dogs and Cats Ordinance, Chapter 167, Dogs and Cats (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.....	A. 158
Nurses Registration Ordinance, Chapter 164. Nurses Registration (Amendment) Regulations, 1954.....	A. 159
Judgments (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, Chapter 9. Judgments (Facilities for Enforcement) (Sarawak, North Borneo and Brunei) Order 1954	A. 163
Emergency (Requisition) Regulations, 1949. Emergency (Requisition) (Use of Land by Her Majesty's Military Forces) (Tai Lam) Order, 1954.....	A. 165
Emergency (Requisition) Regulations, 1949. Emergency (Requisition) (Use of Land by Her Majesty's Military Forces) (Tau Pass) Order, 1954.....	A. 166

Emergency (Requisition) Regulations, 1949.	
Emergency (Requisition) (Use of Land by Her Majesty's Military Forces) (Queen's Hill)	
Order, 1954.....	A. 167
New Territories Ordinance, Chapter 97.	
Markets and Market Areas (N.T.) (Amendment)	
(No. 2) Rules, 1954.....	A. 168

**SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS FOR THE QUARTER
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1954.**

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Supplementary Provisions for the quarter ended 30th September, 1954, as set out in Schedule No. 2 of 1954/55, be approved.

He said: —Your Excellency The main feature of the schedule for which approval is now sought is the amount of money that has to be provided once again to deal with the squatter and resettlement problem. It will be noted that the Tsun Wan fire requires another \$33,000; the Kowloon Tong fire is estimated to cost \$8 millions; the Urban Services Department requires a further \$190,000 to control conditions in squatter areas, and the Resettlement Department needs \$37,000 to deal with the squatter and resettlement problems at Tsun Wan.

Another feature of the schedule is the amount of money being provided once again for education. It will be observed that \$42,000 has been provided for maintenance grants for students, and \$165,000 for bursaries. These sums provide for the commencement of a scheme designed to encourage promising students to enter the teaching profession, and it is expected that when the scheme is in full operation, the amount required annually will be \$144,000 for grants and \$441,000 for bursaries, a total approaching \$600,000 a year for teacher training. Provision is made for a loan of \$1 million for the building of a new Chung Chi College at Ma Liu Shui, and \$225,000 is provided for a railway station to be built at that point to provide convenient access.

All the items have already been approved by Finance Committee, and the approval of this Council is now required.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**RECONSTITUTED MILK AND CREAM (AMENDMENT)
BY-LAWS, 1954.**

MR. H. G. RICHARDS moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Reconstituted Milk and Cream (Amendment) By-laws, 1954, made by the Urban Council on the 21st day of December, 1954, under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, Chapter 140, be approved.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

**MILK AND DAIRIES (AMENDMENT)
(NO. 3) BY-LAWS, 1954.**

MR. H. G. RICHARDS moved the following resolution: —

Resolved that the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) (No. 3) By-laws, 1954, made by the Urban Council on the 21st day of December, 1954, under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, Chapter 140, be approved.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

TALLYCLERKS (LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Tallyclerks (Licensing) Ordinance, Chapter 85."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 7 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Tallyclerks (Licensing) (Amendment) Bill, 1954 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

TRAINING CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Training Centres Ordinance, 1953."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

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

Clauses 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Training Centres (Amendment) Bill, 1954 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

**WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION (ARCHIBALD
GRASSON FREEBAIRN (EXEMPTION) BILL, 1954.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to make special provision to exempt Archibald Grass on Freebairn from the obligation to be a contributor under the Widows and Orphans Pension Ordinance and to refund to the said Archibald Grass on Freebairn contributions made by him under the said Ordinance."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Widows and Orphans Pension (Archibald Grass on Freebairn) (Exemption) Bill 1954 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Third time and passed into law.

AIR ARMAMENT PRACTICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Air Armament Practice Ordinance, Chapter 194."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a Second time.

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

Clauses 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Council then resumed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL reported that the Air Armament Practice (Amendment) Bill, 1954 had passed through Committee without amendment and moved the Third reading,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

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 shall meet again?

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: —May I suggest this day fortnight, Sir?

H. E. THE GOVERNOR: —Council will adjourn to this day fortnight. May I wish you all a very happy New Year.
