

**OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS****Meeting of 7th November, 1956.**

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**PRESENT:**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (*PRESIDENT*)

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

THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

MR. EDGEWORTH BERESFORD DAVID, C.M.G.

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.

THE HONOURABLE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

MR. ARTHUR GRENFELL CLARKE, C.M.G.

THE HONOURABLE THEODORE LOUIS BOWRING, C.M.G., O.B.E.

*(Director of Public Works).*

DR. THE HONOURABLE YEO KOK CHEANG, C.M.G.

*(Director of Medical and Health Services).*

THE HONOURABLE DAVID RONALD HOLMES, M.B.E., M.C., E.D.

*(Director of Urban Services).*

THE HONOURABLE PATRICK CARDINALL MASON SEDGWICK

*(Commissioner of Labour).*

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

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES EDWARD MICHAEL TERRY, O.B.E.

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

THE HONOURABLE NGAN SHING-KWAN, O.B.E.

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. RONALD THOMPSON (*Deputy Clerk of Councils*).**ABSENT:**

HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL WILLIAM HENRY STRATTON, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O.

**MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th October, 1956, 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>
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Sessional Papers, 1956: —

No. 24 — Annual Report by the Director of Public Works  
for the year 1955/56.

No. 25 — Annual Report by the Commissioner of Rating  
and Valuation for the year 1955/56.

Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance.

Miscellaneous Licences (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1956 .....	A. 101.
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Co-operative Societies Ordinance.

Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Rules, 1956 .....	A. 102.
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**CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT)****BILL, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the First reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Co-operative Societies Ordinance, Chapter 33."

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The question was put and agreed to.

The Bill was read a First time.

*Objects and Reasons.*

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

The Co-operative Societies Ordinance, Chapter 33, does not give a specific right to an officer of a co-operative society to lodge a complaint before the courts where an appropriate official of such a society is unable or otherwise disinclined to produce cash as shown in the books of a society. Such an omission would mean that cases of peculation and fraud could go unpunished.

2. It is considered desirable that the defect should be remedied by the insertion in the Ordinance of an appropriate provision similar to section 64 of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893 (56 & 57 Vict. C. 39). This is achieved by clause 2.

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1956.**

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the Second reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, Chapter 221."

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 Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 1956 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.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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

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