

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 471.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

THURSDAY, 31ST MAY, 1906.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General VILLIERS HATTON, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).

" the Attorney General, (Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.).

" the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

" the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

" the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

" the Harbour Master, (Captain LIONEL AUBREY WALTER BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N.).

" Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

" Mr. WEI YUK.

" Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

" Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.

ABSENT :

The Honourable Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 17th May, 1906, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 28 to 33), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

M. NATHAN.

No. 343 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars (\$350) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Buildings, 12.—Quarters for Signalmen, Green Island.

Government House, Hongkong, 16th May, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 3058 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Buildings, Re-arrangement of Outbuildings at the Supreme Court.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th May, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 6787 of
1905, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Seven thousand eight hundred Dollars (\$7,800) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Buildings, —Time Ball Tower on Blackhead's Hill, Kowloon.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th May, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 2521 of
1905, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-eight thousand two hundred and seventy-five Dollars and thirty-six Cents (\$28,275.36) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, Re-construction of Government Piers.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th May, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 3489 of
1905, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and seventeen Dollars and eighty Cents (\$217.80) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Buildings, 10. School, Yaumati.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th May, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4499 of
1905, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred Dollars (\$100) in aid of the vote, Education, Department of Inspector of Schools—Other Charges, Remuneration to Assistant Examiners of Grant Schools.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th May, 1906.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 17th May, 1906, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Two hundred and seventy-eight thousand four hundred and twelve Dollars and eight Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1905.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Property of Married Women.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

DENTISTS REGISTRATION BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council, and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to regulate the qualifications and to provide for the Registration of Dentists.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be referred to the Law Committee.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SUMMARY OFFENCES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Summary Offences (Amendment) Ordinance, 1905.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance further to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

LUNACY BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court with respect to the care and commitment of the custody of the persons and estates of Lunatics.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 7th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of June, 1906.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 472.—The following Bill was read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 7th June, 1906:—