

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 798.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

THURSDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

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

The Honourable the Officer Commanding the Troops, (Colonel CHARLES HENRY DARLING, R.E.).

- „ the Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).
- „ the Attorney General, (SIR HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
- „ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).
- „ the Harbour Master, (Captain LIONEL AUBREY WALTER BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N.).
- „ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY).
- „ Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.
- „ Mr. WEI YUK.
- „ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.
- „ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.
- „ Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

ABSENT :

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

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 6th September, 1906, were read and confirmed.

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 6th September, 1906, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers :—

Draft Estimates, for the year 1907.

Abstract showing differences between the Estimates of Expenditure for 1906 and 1907.

Financial Statements in connection with Estimates for 1907.

Details of Contents of Reservoirs, etc., arranged according to the rain-year 1905-1906.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million two hundred and two thousand one hundred and thirty-five Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1907.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

PREPARED OPIUM (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General addressed the Council and moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Code of Civil Procedure.

The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and seconded the motion.

Mr. HEWETT addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

LUNACY (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Lunacy Ordinance, 1906.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

MERCHANT SHIPPING (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance further to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, and for other purposes.

The Harbour Master addressed the Council and seconded the motion.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and progress reported.

NEW TERRITORIES LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the New Territories Land Ordinance, 1905.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

PRAYA RECLAMATION FUND TRANSFER BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to transfer to the General Revenue certain sums forming part of the Praya Reclamation Fund.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

REGULATION OF CHINESE (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council on the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 20th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 20th day of September, 1906.

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

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 799.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognize, provisionally and pending the receipt of His Majesty's Exequatur, FREDERICO DEMÉE BARRETTO as Consul for Mexico in this Colony.

20th September, 1906.