

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 854.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

THURSDAY, 27TH 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 Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY).
- „ Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.
- „ Mr. WEI YUK.
- „ Mr. EDBERT ANSGAR HEWETT.
- „ Mr. WILLIAM JARDINE GRESSON.

ABSENT :

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

- „ Mr. HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.
- „ Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 20th September, 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. 65 to 72), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee :—

M. NATHAN.

No. 7152 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four thousand four hundred Dollars (\$4,400) in aid of the vote, Sanitary Department—Other Charges, for the following items :—

Cemetery Incidental Expenses,	\$1,500
Cemetery Expenses—Disinterment of Dead Bodies,	900
Plague Corpses—Cost of Burial,	2,000

Total,.....	\$4,400
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Government House, Hongkong, 12th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 7107 of
1906, C.C.D.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand one hundred and seventy Dollars (\$1,170) in aid of the vote, Post Office, B.—Postal Agencies in China, Tientsin—Other Charges, for the following items:—

Fittings,	\$1,000
Incidental Expenses,	50
Rent,	60
Uniforms for Postmen,	60
Total,	<u>\$1,170</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 13th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5936 of
1905, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand one hundred Dollars (\$1,100) in aid of the vote, Observatory—Other Charges, Printing and distribution of Meteorological Register.

Government House, Hongkong, 18th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty thousand Dollars (\$20,000) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Typhoon Damages.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 7186 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Ten thousand Dollars in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, for the following items:—

Other Miscellaneous Services,	\$ 3,000
Refunds of Revenue,	7,000
	<u>\$10,000</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 19th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5612 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars (\$250) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, A.—Supreme Court—Other Charges, Electric Lighting and Fans.

Government House, Hongkong, 24th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 6826 of
1905, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and twenty-three Dollars and forty-seven Cents (\$123.47) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Buildings:—Post Office, Kowloon.

Government House, Hongkong, 25th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 7186 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Forty Dollars (\$40) in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Travelling Allowances in the New Territory.

Government House, Hongkong, 25th September, 1906.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

TRADE MARKS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Trade Marks.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

CRIMINAL EVIDENCE BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Law of Evidence.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the 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.

Various Members addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with one amendment.

LUNACY (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

NEW TERRITORIES LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

PRAYA RECLAMATION FUND TRANSFER BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

REGULATION OF CHINESE (AMENDMENT) BILL.—The Attorney General moved the third 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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPROPRIATION BILL.—On Council resuming, the Colonial Secretary reported that the Appropriation Bill was considered clause by clause in the presence of the members of the Standing Committee and that in the opinion of the Finance Committee the Bill might be dealt with in the same manner as a Bill reported on by a Committee of the whole Council.

The Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

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 27th September, 1906, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 11th October, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of October, 1906.

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

No. 855.—His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the KING, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 14 of 1906.—An Ordinance to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases.