

No. 428.—It is hereby notified that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in Council has given directions for the rescission of the Order of the 24th July, 1919, published in the *Gazette* of the 25th July, 1919, as Government Notification No. 337, proclaiming Foochow to be a place at which an infectious or contagious disease prevailed, and the same is hereby rescinded.

No. 429.

Order made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 4 of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 32 of 1915, on the 18th day of September, 1919.

1. Government Notification No. 403 of the 4th day of September, 1919, published in the *Gazette* of the 5th day of September, 1919, is hereby repealed.

2. No person shall, without the permission of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, export or attempt to export from the Colony any Hongkong silver subsidiary coins, unless he is a bona fide traveller leaving the Colony in which case he shall be entitled to take with him out of the Colony Hongkong silver subsidiary coins of the total face value of not more than three dollars.

No. 430.

Order made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council under section 9 of the Post Office Ordinance, 1900, Ordinance No. 6 of 1900, on the 18th September, 1919.

It is hereby notified that on and after the 1st of October, 1919, the Union Rate of Postage will be charged on all letters and postcards sent from Hongkong to all places in Sinkiang, Mongolia, and Tibet.

J. A. E. BULLOCK,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
18th September, 1919.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 431.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. II.

THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1919.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.).

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General FRANCIS VENTRIS, C.B.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER, C.B.E.).

„ the Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (CHARLES McILVAINE MESSER, O.B.E.).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM, C.M.G.).

„ the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (EDWIN RICHARD HALLIFAX, O.B.E.).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (EDWARD DUDLEY CORSCADEN WOLFE).

The Honourable Mr. LAU CHÜ-PAK.
 „ Mr. HO FOOK.
 „ Mr. STANLEY HUDSON DODWELL.
 „ Mr. CHALONER GRENVILLE ALABASTER, O.B.E.
 „ Mr. EDWARD VICTOR DAVID PARR.

ABSENT:

„ Mr. JOHN JOHNSTONE.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the Meeting, held on the 28th August, 1919, were confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 82 to 88, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

No. 82.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (23) Boundary Stones,	\$300.00
No. 83.—Prison Department:—	
Subsistence of Prisoners,	\$14,000.00
Light,	2,400.00
	16,400.00
No. 84.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, (38) Compensation and Resumption,	40,500.00
No. 85.—Fire Brigade:—	
Repairs to Engines and Plant, ...\$	1,500.00
Stores,	1,500.00
	3,000.00
No. 86.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Communications, (41) Roads: (c) Metalling and tarring portion of Fanling to Castle Peak Road (8 miles),	26,000.00
No. 87.—Harbour Master's Department, Raising and renewing moorings of Ocean Steamships,	4,300.00
No. 88.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Conversion of Berlin Mission Foundling House into Married Police Quarters,	3,250.00

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 8), dated the 28th August, 1919, and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SUGAR CONVENTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to repeal the Sugar Convention Ordinance, 1904.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

INDICTMENTS BILL.—The Attorney General moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Indictments in Criminal Cases, and matters incidental or similar thereto.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the motion of Mr. ALABASTER, the following amendments were agreed to:—

The words after “injustice” in Clause 6 sub-section 1, and the words “as to costs and” in sub-section 5 (c) were deleted.

On the motion of the Attorney General it was agreed that the 12th October should be inserted in sub-section 2 of Clause 8 as the date upon which the Ordinance would come into operation.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary it was also agreed that sub-section 2 of Clause 8 should be re-numbered Clause 9.

On Council resuming, the Attorney General reported that the Bill had passed through Committee with amendments and moved that it be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

RICE BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance for the acquisition and disposal of Rice by the Hongkong Government, and for validating acts previously done.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill, when Clause 4 and Clause 7 were amended, as printed in italics, and, in Clause 13 “not exceeding” was substituted for “of not less than”.

The Bill was then left in Committee, for the amendments to Clauses 2, 3 and 14 to be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL.—The Colonial Secretary moved the Third reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five million four hundred and sixty-six thousand three hundred and twenty-seven Dollars and sixty-three Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1918.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT REGULATION BILL.—The Bill intituled An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to Places of Public Entertainment, was not proceeded with.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

CLAUD SEVERN,
Officer Administering the Government.

Confirmed this 18th day of September, 1919.

J A. E. BULLOCK,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 432.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government 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. 19 of 1919.—An Ordinance to repeal the Sugar Convention Ordinance, 1904.

Ordinance No. 20 of 1919.—An Ordinance for the acquisition and disposal of Rice by the Hongkong Government, and for validating acts previously done.