

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COLONY OF NIGERIA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PUBLIC OFFICES, AT 2.30 O'CLOCK P.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 14th JUNE, 1921.

## PRESENT:

- His Excellency the Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief, D. C. Cameron, Esq., C.M.G.,  
 His Honour the Administrator, Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Moorhouse, C.M.G., D.S.O., etc.,  
 The Honourable the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, Major C. T. Lawrence,  
 The Honourable the Acting Principal Medical Officer, Southern Provinces and Colony, Dr. W. H. A. Gordon-Hall,  
 The Honourable the Assistant Treasurer, A. H. Hodges, Esq.,  
 The Honourable the Acting Commissioner of Lands, F. E. Knapp, Esq.,  
 The Honourable Mr. S. H. Pearce,  
 The Honourable Mr. A. M. Harvey,  
 The Honourable Mr. S. Waring,  
 The Honourable the Attorney-General, D. Kingdon, Esq. (Extraordinary Member).

## ABSENT:

- The Honourable Mr. E. O. Moore.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 25th April, 1921, as circulated to Members, were confirmed.

## OATHS.

Mr. Felix Eustace Knapp, on appointment as Acting Commissioner of Lands, and Mr. Alexander Morrison Harvey, on provisional re-appointment as an Unofficial Member, subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance and took their seats as Members of the Council.

## PAPERS.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, laid the following paper on the table:—

- No. 5 of 1921.—Annual Report of the Police Magistrates, Lagos and Calabar, for the year 1920.

## QUESTIONS.

Pursuant to notice, the Honourable Mr. S. H. Pearce asked the following question:—

“Whether the Government can give information on the present state of the Mohammedan trouble in the Town.”

His Honour the Administrator replied as follows:—

“Government have recently taken steps to bring the two parties together and a meeting has been arranged, but it is not considered desirable, or likely to assist any settlement, to make any further statement at the moment.”

## BILLS.

His Excellency:—The Bill entitled, “An Ordinance to amend the Immigration Restriction Ordinance, 1917,” still stands over pending the receipt of a reply to a Despatch addressed to the Secretary of State on the subject.

Title settled: "An Ordinance for raising the sum of £3,000,000."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Acting Principal Medical Officer, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for raising the sum of £3,000,000," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Acting Principal Medical Officer seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put "that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass."

Agreed to.

His Excellency:—I am very much obliged to you, Gentlemen, for your attendance here to-day, and I am specially obliged to you for allowing the Loan Ordinance to be taken through all its stages at this meeting. I declare the Council adjourned *sine die*.

His Excellency :—There is a further Bill entitled "An Ordinance for raising the sum of £3,000,000" which does not appear on the Agenda and copies of which it has not been possible to circulate to Honourable Members before this meeting. It is an urgent Bill and I am going to ask the Acting Secretary of the Southern Provinces and Colony to be so kind as to move the suspension of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council to the extent necessary to take the Bill through all its stages. After he has done that, I will, on the second reading, explain the circumstances which have necessitated the introduction of the Bill, and ask the indulgence of Honourable Members to allow it to be passed at this meeting.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move that the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council be suspended to the extent necessary to deal with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for raising the sum of £3,000,000" as an urgent one.

The Acting Principal Medical Officer seconded.

Motion put and carried. Standing Rules and Orders suspended accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance for raising the sum of £3,000,000," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Acting Principal Medical Officer seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for raising the sum of £3,000,000," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Acting Principal Medical Officer seconded.

His Excellency :—I must crave the indulgence of Honourable Members in regard to this Bill, in that it is not in their possession, but it is the ordinary form of Loan Bill which has been passed here over and over again. The circumstances are these. At the last meeting of the Council in August, when the question of increased taxation was before the Council, I explained that, in a very short time, we should have to raise money to carry on the large programme of Public Works to which we were committed, the cost of which amounts, in the aggregate, to between £12,000,000 and £13,000,000. Those are loan works. I said that the expenditure on these works during the current financial year was estimated at about £3,000,000, that it had been hoped to meet it, to a very large extent, from reserves, but that, owing to the falling off in revenue since the beginning of the year, it had not been possible to do this. I added that, so far as I could see then, we should have to borrow money to carry on the works until the end of the financial year.

I have been in communication with the Secretary of State with regard to the raising of that money, and a few days ago I received a cablegram from him to the effect that the present was a favourable opportunity to go into the market to raise a loan, and, as far as I understand, this course is being adopted at the present time by several Colonies. The Secretary of State thought that it would be in the interests of this country if the necessary Ordinance were passed to enable the Crown Agents to raise a loan of £3,000,000. That amount will only take us, as I said, to the end of March next, and sometime during 1922 it will be necessary to issue a further instalment of the total borrowings which will eventually amount to £13,000,000.

If the Council will be so good as to let me read the Bill to them and allow it to be taken through all its stages at this meeting, I shall be very much obliged. As I said, it is the ordinary form of Loan Ordinance which has been passed in this Council from time to time. I will now read the Bill. (His Excellency reads the Bill.)

The third section is an interesting one : it is taken from the Southern Nigeria Loan Ordinance, 1911. Under the Loan Ordinance, 1919, we were required to begin the contributions to the Sinking Fund six months from the date of the first issue of Stock. Now we go back to the old principle that we do not commence contributions to the Sinking Fund until three years from the date of the first issue of Stock, the Sinking Fund being so calculated and appropriated that the full sum required for the repayment of the loan will be available at the end of 50 years which I presume is to be the term of the loan.

The fourth section is also an old one, and is taken from the Southern Nigeria Loan Ordinance, 1911.

The Schedule is arranged so that the works which are in progress now may be financed until the end of this financial year, that is, until the 31st of March next.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Acting Principal Medical Officer, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 4, the schedule, preamble, and enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE COLONY OF NIGERIA, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, PUBLIC OFFICES, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 27th SEPTEMBER, 1921.

## PRESENT :

His Excellency the Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief, D. C. Cameron, Esq., C.M.G.,

The Honourable the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, Major C. T. Lawrence,

The Honourable the Acting Principal Medical Officer, Southern Provinces and Colony, Dr. H. B. S. Montgomery,

The Honourable the Assistant Treasurer, A. H. Hodges, Esq.,

The Honourable the Acting Commissioner of Lands, F. E. Knapp, Esq.,

The Honourable Mr. S. Waring,

The Honourable Mr. L. A. Archer.

## ABSENT :

His Honour the Administrator, Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Moorhouse, C.M.G., D.S.O., etc.,

The Honourable the Legal Adviser, Southern Provinces and Colony,

The Honourable Mr. E. O. Moore,

The Honourable Dr. O. Ohasa.

## MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 24th August, 1921, as circulated to Members, were confirmed.

## PAPERS.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, laid the following paper on the table :—

No. 8 of 1921.—Financial Returns for the year ended 31st December, 1920.

## BILLS.

His Excellency :—With the consent of Honourable Members, I propose not to proceed with the further stages of the Interpretation (Amendment) and the Prisons (Amendment) Bills, as the Attorney-General is, I regret to say, unwell and could not, therefore, attend.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony. The object of this Bill is to alter the annual sum to be appropriated to the Sinking Fund.

The Acting Principal Medical Officer seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance further to amend the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony. The objects and reasons for the introduction of the Bill are given in the copy now with Honourable Members.

The Acting Principal Medical Officer seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

His Excellency :—We will leave the Bill at that stage until the next meeting. It has an interesting provision with regard to the totalizator, but since it is probable that we shall have another meeting within the next few weeks, there will be ample time to pass the Bill before the December Race Meeting takes place.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 4 and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance further to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1915."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance further to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

His Excellency:—I declare the Council adjourned *sine die*.

2. "The European Officers' Pensions Ordinance, 1921."

3. "The Widows' and Orphans' Pension (Further Amendment) Ordinance, 1921."

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the West African Frontier Force (Nigeria Regiment) Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the West African Frontier Force (Nigeria Regiment) Ordinance, 1916."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the West African Frontier Force (Nigeria Regiment) Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for regulating Pensions, Gratuities and other Allowances to be granted to European Officers in respect of offices held by them in His Majesty's Service in Nigeria," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 18, the schedules, the preamble, and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance for regulating Pensions, Gratuities and other Allowances to be granted to European Officers in respect of offices held by them in His Majesty's Service in Nigeria."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for regulating Pensions, Gratuities and other Allowances to be granted to European Officers in respect of offices held by them in His Majesty's Service in Nigeria," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance further to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

His Excellency:—This Order in Council reproduces the first schedule to the Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1916, as substituted by Order in Council No. 28 of 1919 and amended by subsequent Orders in Council. It is not easy to make a comparison between the new duties in this Order in Council and those now in force, without having before one both the present and amended schedules. I will therefore enumerate the principal changes.

Section 2, sub-section (4).—It is proposed to raise the duty on gunpowder from 1s. to 1s. 3d. a lb.

Section 3.—It is proposed to raise the duty on beads, the importation of which has largely increased of late, from 2d. to 6d. the lb. gross. This represents an *ad valorem* duty of 15% which is justified in view of the growing importations to which I have alluded.

Section 11.—It is proposed to raise the duty on kerosene and fuel oils from 3d. to 6d. the Imperial gallon. The new duty is the same as that which has been in force on the Gold Coast for the past four or five months.

Section 14.—It is proposed to raise the duty on matches from 2s. to 2s. 6d. a gross of boxes, and the additional duty from 1s. to 1s. 3d. a gross.

Section 17.—It is proposed to raise the duty on soap from 3s. to 4s. a cwt. which represents an *ad valorem* duty of 7%; and on perfumed or medicated spirits from 30s. to 35s. an Imperial gallon. This follows the increased duty on spirits introduced last June. There has been a large increase in the importation of medicated spirits and at the beginning of 1920 it was thought that medicated spirits were taking the place of trade spirits with the people, especially in the old Eastern and Central Provinces.

Section 20.—Tobacco. It is proposed to raise the duty on cigars from 4s. to 5s. a 100, a comparatively small duty; and on cigarettes from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. a 100, which is the duty now in force on the Gold Coast; on manufactured tobacco from 1s. 6d. to 2s. a lb. and on unmanufactured tobacco from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. a lb., or half the duty now in force on the Gold Coast.

Honourable Members are aware that a large programme of Public Works is now in progress. Work on the Eastern Railway extension has been re-started and on a branch from that section to Bukuru. The cost of these two extensions is estimated at £8,631,000, exclusive of the cost of the bridge which is to be built across the Benue at or near Abinsi. The final designs and estimates of the bridge are not yet complete, but the magnitude of the work of construction is such that it will not be possible to finish the bridge until 1928. It is hoped to reach the Benue by the middle of next year. While the bridge is under construction, it is proposed to employ the train ferry formerly used for transporting the trains across the Niger at Jebba. For this purpose it may be necessary to duplicate the ferry. I have recently inspected the Eastern Railway extension from Udi northwards. It is advancing rapidly under the able direction of Mr. Graham, the Engineer-in-Chief, who, although handicapped by having very few trained officers lent from open lines, and dependent on new engineers sent out from home, has made very satisfactory progress with the work. Mr. Graham hopes to have the embankment completed as far as the Benue early next year.

An expensive scheme for the re-laying of the main line from Iddo to Ibadan, at an estimated cost of £1,107,000, is in hand, and re-laying from Minna to Kaduna (with re-construction of bridges from Minna to Zungeru), at an estimated cost of £885,000, has been forced on the Government to enable the heaviest locomotives to run over the entire section from Lagos to Kaduna.

The estimated cost of carrying out the new wharfage scheme at Apapa is £800,000 in round figures. The contract has been let to Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth & Co. The railway line has to be doubled from the new junction station to Apapa at a cost of £102,000, a new railway yard has to be laid out at Apapa, and will cost £57,000. The new workshops at Ebute Metta will cost £600,000. Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth & Co. have been given the contract for the workshops also. A light and power station under construction on Iddo Island, for the improvement of the lighting of Lagos and the supply of power to the railway workshops, will involve an expenditure of £240,000; and the coal and petroleum wharf, Iddo, £247,000. Another light and power station is being erected at Enugu for the railway and working the colliery, at a cost of £125,000. For the new dredger for Lagos Harbour, £327,000 will be required. Our total commitments on the whole programme amount to between £12,000,000 and £13,000,000. Of this sum, £3,000,000 is estimated to be spent during the current financial year. It was hoped to finance some of these works from revenue, but owing to the grave shrinkage of revenue, unless marked improvement is shown in the near future, we shall, at a very early date, require a refund from loans of any sums lent from the balances for these works.

A period is approaching when we shall have to have between £50,000 and £60,000 to pay for the money obtained by the Crown Agents, whether as an advance or otherwise, to carry on these works until the end of the financial year. The expected

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

His Excellency:—I am very much obliged to you, Gentlemen, for your attendance here to-day, and declare the Council adjourned *sine die*.



The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council were suspended to the extent necessary in order to deal with the two Bills entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1916," and "An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in Nigeria of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and *vice versa*."

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

The schedule was read. On the motion of the Attorney-General, the full stop after the word "evidence" in the fifth line of the amendment to section 133(6) of the Criminal Code was deleted and a semicolon and the word "or" were substituted therefor. The Schedule was passed as amended, so far as it related to the Colony.

The enacting clause was read and passed, so far as it related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1916."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in Nigeria of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and *vice versa*," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Acting Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 10 and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in Nigeria of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and *vice versa*."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in Nigeria of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and *vice versa*," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Customs Tariff (Export) Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony. The objects and reasons are given in the Bill.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Customs Tariff (Export) Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

The Honourable Mr. Pearse :—Before the motion is put, I would like to ask whether the word "goods," appearing in clause 2 of the Bill, includes produce in transit.

The Attorney-General :—Yes, it does include produce in transit.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

His Excellency remarked that the commercial Unofficial Members of the Council would, he was sure, be glad to see this Bill introduced. Palm Kernels in transit were exempt from the differential export duty and the Association of West African Merchants had strongly represented that all other produce in transit should also be treated in the same way.

Clauses 1 and 2 and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the Customs Tariff (Export) Ordinance, 1916."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Customs Tariff (Export) Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony. The objects and reasons are set forth in the copy of the Bill now with Honourable Members.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony :—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 6, Schedules A and B, the preamble, and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1915."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

relate to the Colony. The objects and reasons are sufficiently indicated in the title of the Bill.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Change of Titles Ordinance, 1920," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Change of Titles Ordinance, 1920," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the Change of Titles Ordinance, 1920."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Change of Titles Ordinance, 1920," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to legalise the payment of a pension to Julio Andre Luna," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony. The necessity for this Bill is stated very fully in the "Objects and Reasons" appended.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to legalise the payment of a pension to Julio Andre Luna," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to legalise the payment of a pension to Julio Andre Luna."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to legalise the payment of a pension to Julio Andre Luna," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

validate any minutes of the meetings of trustees which have not been signed in the manner prescribed by the said Ordinance."

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 4, the preamble and the enacting clause were read and passed.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the Queen's Gardens and Glover Hall Ordinance, and to validate acts and proceedings of persons who have at any time since the 31st day of December, 1900, acted as trustees under the said Ordinance, and to validate any minutes of the meetings of trustees which have not been signed in the manner prescribed by the said Ordinance."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Queen's Gardens and Glover Hall Ordinance, and to validate acts and proceedings of persons who have at any time since the 31st day of December, 1900, acted as trustees under the said Ordinance, and to validate any minutes of the meetings of trustees which have not been signed in the manner prescribed by the said Ordinance."

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, Fees Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony. The objects and reasons are stated in the Bill.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, Fees Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2, the schedule, and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, Fees Ordinance, 1916."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, Fees Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in Nigeria of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and *vice versa*," so far as the provisions thereof

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council were suspended to the extent necessary to deal with the following Bills as urgent ones:—

1. The Dogs (Amendment) Ordinance, 1921.
2. The Queen's Gardens and Glover Hall (Amendment) Ordinance, 1921.
3. The British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, Fees (Amendment) Ordinance, 1921.
4. The Change of Titles (Amendment) Ordinance, 1921.
5. The Luna Pension Ordinance, 1921.
6. The Customs Tariff (Export) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1921.
7. The Widows' and Orphans' Pension (Amendment) Ordinance, 1921.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Dogs Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony. The objects and reasons for the introduction of this Bill are given in the copy now with Honourable Members.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Dogs Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a second time accordingly.

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resolved itself into Committee and proceeded to the consideration and discussion of the Bill, clause by clause.

Clauses 1 and 2 and the enacting clause were read and passed, so far as they related to the Colony.

Title settled: "An Ordinance to amend the Dogs Ordinance, 1915."

On the motion of the Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony, seconded by the Attorney-General, the Council resumed.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Dogs Ordinance, 1915," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a third time accordingly.

Question put that the Bill, so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony, do now pass.

Agreed to.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Criminal Code Ordinance, 1916," so far as the provisions thereof relate to the Colony.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the first reading of a Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Queen's Gardens and Glover Hall Ordinance, and to validate acts and proceedings of persons who have at any time since the 31st day of December, 1900, acted as trustees under the said Ordinance, and to validate any minutes of the meetings of trustees which have not been signed in the manner prescribed by the said Ordinance." The objects and reasons are stated in the copy of the Bill now with Honourable Members and are largely due to the destruction of the Hall in 1919.

The Attorney-General seconded.

Motion put and carried. Bill read a first time accordingly.

The Acting Secretary, Southern Provinces and Colony:—I move the second reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Queen's Gardens and Glover Hall Ordinance, and to validate acts and proceedings of persons who have at any time since the 31st day of December, 1900, acted as trustees under the said Ordinance, and to