

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 774.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

THURSDAY, 6TH 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., K.C.).

„ 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 28th June, 1906, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.—Colonel CHARLES HENRY DARLING and Mr. FRANCIS JOSEPH BADELEY took the Oath and assumed their seats as Members of the Council.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

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

Report of the Director of Public Works, for the year 1905.

Report on the Assessment for the year 1906-1907.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 44 to 64), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

M. NATHAN.

No. 6004 of
1904, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and seventy Dollars (\$170) in aid of the vote, Medical Departments, *B.*—Hospitals and Asylums, Infectious Hospitals—Other Charges, Hospital Hulk *Hygeia*:—Shifting, towing and mooring *Hygeia*.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4932 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred Dollars (\$100) in aid of the vote, Medical Departments, *B.*—Hospitals and Asylums, Lunatic Asylums—Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th June, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 3192 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Nine hundred Dollars (\$900) in aid of the vote, Education, *B.*—Queen's College—Other Charges, Allowance to Mr. R. E. O. BIRD, Senior Assistant English Master, who has passed the examination in Cantonese, Colloquial and Written.

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4238 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Eight thousand Dollars (\$8,000) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903 :—31.—Compensation.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4739 of
1906, C.S.O.,
Confidential

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) in aid of the vote, Treasury, *A.*—Treasurer's Office, New Territory—Other Charges, Gratuity to Police Sergeant GERRARD for examining accounts.

Government House, Hongkong, 13th July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5235 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000) in aid of the vote, Education, *A.*—Department of Inspector of Schools—Other Charges, Evening Continuation Classes.

Government House, Hongkong, 16th July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5333 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-five thousand Dollars (\$25,000) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Communications :—15. Railway to Canton,—Survey and Preliminary Work.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

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

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred Dollars (\$300) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, *A.*—Supreme Court,—Other Charges, Fees to Counsel for Prisoners in Capital Cases.

Government House, Hongkong, 21st July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5701 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000) in aid of the vote, Miscellaneous Services, Printing and Binding Blue Book, &c., &c.

Government House, Hongkong, 24th July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5592 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, Public Works Recurrent, Communications, 8.—Maintenance of Telegraphs.

Government House, Hongkong, 27th July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 1624 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, *D.*—Land Registry Office—Other Charges for New Territories, Incidental Expenses.

Government House, Hongkong, 27th July, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4666 of 1904, C.S.O. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and eighty Dollars (\$280) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Green Island Light Improvement.

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5985 of 1906, C.S.O. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five thousand and twenty-four Dollars (\$5,024) in aid of the vote, Sanitary Department—Other Charges, Scavenging City, Villages and Hill District.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 4658 of 1906, C.S.O. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand and seventy-three Dollars (\$1,073) in aid of the vote, Harbour Master's Department—Other Charges, Fittings for New Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 8th August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 6424 of 1906, C.S.O. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and twenty-five Dollars (\$125) in aid of the vote, Post Office, A.—Hongkong Post Office—Other Charges, Coals, Stores, &c., for Steam Launch.

Government House, Hongkong, 17th August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 7290 of 1905, Extension. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) in aid of the vote, Education, Ping Shan (New Territories) Anglo-Chinese School—Other Charges for the following items:—

Furniture,	\$ 25
Incidental Expenses,	25
Total,	\$ 50

Government House, Hongkong, 18th August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 5487 of 1906, C.S.O. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand and sixty-seven Dollars and fifty Cents (\$2,067.50) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary,—Filling in Pool on Crown Land, Kowloon.

Government House, Hongkong, 23rd August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 2831 of 1906, C.S.O. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand and nine Dollars and seventy-four Cents (\$2,009.74) in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, Repairs to Gap Rock Cable.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 1309 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand five hundred Dollars (\$3,500) in aid of the vote, Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police—Other Charges, for the following items :—

Coal, Oil, &c., for Launches,	\$2,000
Repairs of Launches & Boats,	1,500

Total,	\$3,500

Government House, Hongkong, 28th August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 1336 of
1901, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred and forty Dollars (\$540) in aid of the vote, Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police—Other Charges, for the following items :—

Language Allowance to Captain Superintendent,.....	\$450
Teacher Allowance to Captain Superintendent,	90

Total,	\$540

Government House, Hongkong, 30th August, 1906.

M. NATHAN.

No. 3079 of
1906, C.S.O.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars (\$150) in aid of the vote, Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature—Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd September, 1906.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Harbour Master seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 13th September, 1906.

M. NATHAN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 13th day of September, 1906.

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

No. 775.—The following Bills were read a first time at a Meeting of the Council held on the 13th September, 1906:—