

No. 1.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 15th January, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (A. LISTER), Chairman.
 " the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
 " the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 " the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 " the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 " PRINEAS RYRIE.
 " WONG SHING.
 " ALEXANDER PALMER MACÉWEN.
 " CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 " JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Committee meet at the invitation of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

(1.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor:—

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
2987 of 1889.
\$2,187.

The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Two thousand one hundred and Eighty-seven Dollars, being the balance remaining on the vote of 1889 for *Roads in Kowloon*.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1890.

After explanation by the Surveyor General, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(2.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor:—

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
500 of 1889.
\$390.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars, being a grant to Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD for the compilation and printing of an Index to Streets numbers of Houses and Description of Leased Lots of the City of Victoria.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, deliberation ensues, when Mr. RYRIE proposes and Mr. MACÉWEN seconds, that in addition to the above vote a gratuity of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars be recommended for Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD for this extra work.

The Committee unanimously recommend accordingly.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

F. FLEMING,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 12th February, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 12th February, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 12th February, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
 „ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ WONG SHING.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Committee meet at the request of the Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 15th ultimo, having been taken as read, are confirmed.

(1.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor :—

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
2433 of 1889.
\$766.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Seven hundred and Sixty-six Dollars for general overhaul and repairs to Health Officer's Steam-launch *Blanche*, and additional repairs to boiler, and providing a launch while the repairs are being executed.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd February, 1890.

After explanation by the Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(2.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor :—

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
379 of 1890.
\$27,000.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Twenty-seven thousand Dollars for supplying the Peak District with water, viz.:—Laying pipes, Steam engine, Hydraulic Motor and Pumps, Buildings, &c.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th February, 1890.

After explanation by Mr. OSBERT CHADWICK, C.M.G., who is present by special invitation, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(3.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor :—

(3.)

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C. O. Desp.
General
25th Nov.,
1889.
\$12,000.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Twelve thousand Dollars for illuminating the Public buildings, arranging for the visit to Canton, entertainment at Government House, and other incidental expenses connected with the visit to the Colony of Their Royal Highnesses THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th February, 1890.

After explanation by the Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(4.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor:—

(4.)

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
2463 of 1889.
\$37,275.48.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Thirty-seven thousand Two hundred and Seventy-five Dollars, and Forty-eight cents for the purchase of twelve Maxim Nordenfeldt Guns, and Ammunition, for the Volunteers.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th February, 1890.

After explanation by the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 5th March, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 5th March, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 5th March, 1890.

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, *vice* the Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 12th ultimo, having been taken as read, are confirmed.

(1.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

Mis. Serv.
 \$209.
 C.S.O.
 365 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Nine Dollars, as a gratuity to the daughter of the late Mr. J. CARNEIRO, in consideration of his 15 years' good service as Wardmaster in the Civil and Small-pox Hospitals.

Mr. CARNEIRO was invalided and applied for pension, but did not live to enjoy it, as he died a few days after it was sanctioned.

The above sum is equivalent to One year's pension of the deceased.

Government House, Hongkong, 25th February, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(2.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

Mis. Serv.
 C.S.O.
 453 of 1890.
 £50.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling as remuneration to Colonel BEAUMONT for his report on the proposed removal of the Bokhara rocks,

also

§100. One hundred dollars for the cost of his stay in Hongkong.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th February, 1890.

After deliberation, the Committee recommend that the papers be circulated for the perusal of Honourable Members.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
 Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 12th March, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 12th March, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
 Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 12th March, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, *vice* the Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 5th instant, having been taken as read, are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
542 of 1890.
\$90.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Ninety Dollars, as an allowance for a Chinese teacher to the Head Mistress of the Central School for Girls at \$10 per month from 1st April to 31st December, 1890.

Government House, Hongkong, 11th March, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
2 of 1890.
\$3,000.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Three thousand Dollars, being an increase to the salary of the Attorney General, from \$4,800 to \$7,800 per annum, who will not be allowed private practice or receive fees in connection with the Registration of Trade Marks or fees for any other service, these fees will revert to the Treasury.

Government House, Hongkong, 11th March, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
295 of 1890.
\$735.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Seven hundred and Thirty-five Dollars, for the employment of an Inspector of Nuisances for Kowloon district. From 1st April to 31st December, 1890, viz. :—

Salary at \$60 per month,.....	\$	540.00
Lodging allowance at \$15 per month,.....		135.00
Chair Coolies at \$12 per month, for 5 months in summer,		60.00
	\$	<u>735.00</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 11th March, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 19th March, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 19th March, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 19th March, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, *vice* the Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 12th instant, having been taken as read, are confirmed.

(1.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
519 of 1888.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Eight thousand and Five hundred Dollars to complete the sum of \$58,500, the cost of building an Epidemic Hospital Hulk.

Amount of Contract,	\$58,500
Voted as Extraordinary Expenditure for 1890,	50,000

To be voted,.....	<u>\$ 8,500</u>
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Government House, Hongkong, 13th March, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(2.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

C.O. Desp.
744 of 1888,
and
226 of 1889.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Seven hundred and Twenty Dollars being additional Salary to the Assistant Harbour Master, from \$1,920 to \$2,640, who will not draw any pay as Collector of Light Dues, while any fees for examination of Masters and Mates in the Mercantile Marine, will be paid into the Treasury.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th March, 1890.

After deliberation, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(3.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

Mis. Serv.
C.S.O.
452 of 1890.
250.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling as remuneration to Colonel BEAUMONT for his report on the proposed removal of the Bokhara rocks,

also

\$100. One hundred dollars for the cost of his stay in Hongkong.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th February, 1890.

After deliberation the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

(4.) Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
19 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Thirty-four thousand Dollars for the purchase of Inland Lot No. 598 with the premises erected thereon, for use as a Police Station in lieu of No. 8 Station at Taipingshan.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th March, 1890.

After deliberation the Committee recommend that the papers be circulated for the perusal of Honourable Members.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 26th March, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 9th April, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 9th April, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, *vice* the Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 19th March, were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
294 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Nine hundred and Ninety-one Dollars, and Fifty-seven Cents (\$991.57) being cost of repairing the Telegraph Cable between North Point and Kowloon—damaged by some vessel's anchor dragging various cables together and entangling them.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
611 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand Nine hundred and Two Dollars, and Twenty-seven Cents (\$1,902.27) to enable the Sanitary Board to pay the expenses incurred in suppressing the recent Cattle Epidemic.

The sum asked for is thus made up:—

Compensation for Cattle and Fodder destroyed,	\$1,820.50
Slaughtering and disposal of carcasses,	51.77
Disinfecting and cleansing sheds,	30.00
	\$1,902.27

Government House, Hongkong, 8th April, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
19 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Thirty-four thousand Dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of Inland Lot No. 598 with the premises erected thereon, for use as a Police Station in lieu of No. 8 Station at Taipingshan.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th March, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted, and the purchase money in the Minute No. 3 be defrayed from premia on land sales.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 29th April, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 29th April, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 29th April, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th April, were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government :—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
628 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred Dollars, (\$200), for an additional Clerk, and Interpreter of Indian and Malay languages, at the Harbour Department, from 1st May next, at a salary of \$25 per month.

Government House, Hongkong, 14th April, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
33 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One hundred and Twenty Dollars, (\$120), for House Allowance to the Compradore of the General Post Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 14th April, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
649 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Twenty-one Dollars and Seventy Cents, (\$21.70), for the refund of the overcharged Municipal Rates at the erroneous valuation on two Tenements, Nos. 69 and 70, in the Village of Hok-Ün, in the Kaulung Peninsula.

Government House, Hongkong, 11th April, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
878 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One hundred and Sixty Dollars, (\$160), for the salary of a Shroff in the Money Order Office, from 1st of May, at \$20 per month.

Government House, Hongkong; 14th April, 1890.

(5.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
654 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars, (\$228), as a gratuity to the Children of the late SOOPPRAMANI SOONDERAM, in consideration of his 25 years' service as Police Officer, Clerk and Interpreter in the Harbour Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 18th April, 1890.

(6.)

F. FLEMING.

G.S.O.
969 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand Three hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Seventy-three Cents (\$1,329.73) for new Moorings of the Bokhara Buoy, to be supplied from the stores of the Royal Naval Yard, (£205 @ 3/1=\$1,329.73).

Government House, Hongkong, 24th April, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts in Minutes Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 be voted, and that the consideration of Minute No. 2 be adjourned.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 9th May, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 9th May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 9th May, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER), on account of sickness.
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 29th April, were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
29 39 of 1889.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Six thousand Dollars, (\$6,000) for the improvement of the piece of land known as the "Chinese Recreation Ground," Possession Point, viz.:—

For the clearing, levelling and surfacing of the ground, and constructing stalls and side channels.

Government House, Hongkong, 1st May, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
5 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Three hundred Dollars, (\$300), to provide for furniture and fittings for the Local delivery branch of the General Post Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 8th May, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2935 of 1889.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Three thousand Six hundred and Seventy Dollars, (\$3,670) for relaying of the lead roof over the Central Hall, and the two staircases of Victoria College, which was found in a very bad state, and constantly leaking in several places.

Government House, Hongkong, 8th May, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
38 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One hundred and Twenty Dollars, (\$120), for House Allowance to the Compradore of the General Post Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 14th April, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts in the above Minutes be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 16th May, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 16th May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

No. 9.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
 AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 16th May, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th May, were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
589 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two thousand Three hundred and Thirty-four Dollars and One Cent, (\$2,334.01), as an additional sum to the vote of \$12,000 passed by the Council on the 12th March, last, to meet expenses connected with the visit to the Colony of Their Royal Highnesses THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.

Government House, Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount in the above Minute be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 30th May, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 30th May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 30th May, 1890.

PRESENT :

- The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
- „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
- „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
- „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
- „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

- The Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
- „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th May, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government :—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
476 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Eight thousand Dollars, (\$8,000), for works in the Wongneichung Valley, inside the Race Course.

Government House, Hongkong, 20th May, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Five hundred and Thirty-four Dollars, (\$534), being additional sum required to defray the salaries and rations of Nursing Staff for the Civil Hospital, for six months of 1890, viz. :—

Additional Salaries :—

1 Head Nurse, 6 months,	\$ 60.00
5 Nurses, (one new), 6 months,	360.00
1 Amah, 6 months,	24.00
	\$ 444.00
Rations—for one more Nurse, 6 months,	90.00
	\$ 534.00

Government House, Hongkong, 20th May, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1833 of 1889.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Thirty Dollars, and Eighty Cents, (\$230.80), being expenses incurred in carrying out an experiment as to the possibility of successfully and economically cultivating in the Colony bovine vaccine lymph.

Government House, Hongkong, 21st May, 1890.

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
986 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Eight hundred and Seventy-five Dollars, (\$875), for a compassionate allowance to Mrs. MAC-BEAN, widow of the late Bailiff and Hindustani Interpreter in the Supreme Court, being the equivalent of 7 months' salary of her late husband, who was in the service of the Colony for Twenty-three years, and gave great satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

Government House, Hongkong, 27th May, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 9th June, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 9th June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 9th June, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MACÉWEN.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th May, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government :—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1247 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and Twenty Dollars and Sixty-seven cents, (\$420.67), for the salary of Musketry Instructor and Storekeeper of Police.

Half pay during the voyage, and full pay from the date of his arrival at \$60 per month.

From 10th April to 22nd May half pay.

From 23rd May to end of the year full pay.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th May, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred dollars, (\$500), for improving the drainage of Italian Convent.

Government House, Hongkong, 31st May, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Sixty-three Dollars, (\$63), as a compassionate allowance to the mother of the late Chinese Police Constable No. 265, KEUNG TIM, who served in the Police Force for upwards of 14 years.

The allowance to be equal to one month's pay for every three years of service.

Government House, Hongkong, 4th June, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Sixty Dollars, (\$60), being additional salary to First Wardmaster in the Government Civil Hospital at \$10 per month, for Six months of 1890.

The agreement being \$70 per month for the first year, \$80 per month for the second year, and \$90 per month for the third year.

Government House, Hongkong, 5th June, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 16th June, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 16th June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 16th June, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th June, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
31 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Dollars, (\$3,000), to cover the probable expenses of this year in connection with the proposed trigonometrical survey of Hongkong by Officers of the Royal Engineers.

The total probable cost will be about £3,000.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th June, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1306 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Dollars, (\$3,000), being amount required to be expended in this year for the printing and binding of 200 copies of the new edition of Ordinances of Hongkong.

The total cost will be about \$6,000.

Government House, Hongkong, 9th June, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 23rd June, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 23rd June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG;
On the 23rd June, 1890.

PRESENT :

- The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
- „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
- „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
- „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
- „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
- „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
- „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th June, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1368 and 173
of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five thousand Eight hundred and Forty-four Dollars and Twelve Cents, (\$5,844.12), for the construction of a telegraph line between the Observatory at Kowloon and the Office of the Telegraph Company at Hongkong.

Also a separate line from Victoria Peak to Central Police Station to transmit meteorological telegrams six times a day.

Cost of line, including submarine cable to Kowloon, (£900),	\$ 5,383.18
Cost of Instruments for Kowloon,	260.94
	\$ 5,644.12
Line from Peak to Police Station,	200.00
	\$5,844.12

Government House, Hongkong, 14th June, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1165 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Eighty-two Dollars and Sixty-six cents, (\$82.66), for rent of 1st floor of a Chinese house occupied by Scavengers of the Central Market.

From 23rd March to 30th November, 1890, at \$10 per month.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th June, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 30th June, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 30th June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 30th June, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 23rd June, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1511 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Three hundred and Forty-five Dollars and sixty cents, (\$3,345.60), being amount required to pay the balance of a claim, and Court fees, in connection with Mr. M. J. STEPHENS' claim against the Government for compensation and damages for loss of area in respect of Marine Lot 184, \$5,000.

Amount Deposited in Court in December, 1888,	\$1,700.00
Balance now claimed,	3,300.00
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Fees of Court,	45.60
	<u>\$5,045.60</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-six thousand Six hundred and Sixty-four Dollars, and Forty-nine cents, (\$26,664.49), to defray the Salaries, Allowances and Office Contingencies of the Water and Drainage Department for the current year. Out of this amount, the sum of \$7,868 is a re-vote, as it is included in the Estimates under Surveyor General's Establishment, and since transferred to the Water and Drainage Department.

Establishment of W. & D. Department,	\$26,664.49
Transferred from Surveyor General's Department,	7,868.00
	<u>\$18,796.49</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 26th June, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Nine hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$950), being amount expended for the Kowloon well.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th June, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Forty-four thousand One hundred and Seventeen Dollars, and Sixty-seven cents, (\$44,117.67), being the unexpended balance of the vote for New Water Mains in 1889.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th June, 1890.

(5.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2935 of 1889. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand Nine hundred and Seventy-six Dollars, and Forty-three cents, (\$1,976.43), being amount due on some outstanding accounts in connection with the construction of Victoria College.

Government House, Hongkong, 24th June, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts in Minutes Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 be voted, and that the papers in connection with Minute No. 5 be circulated.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 7th July, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 7th July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

No. 15.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 7th July, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Treasurer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th June, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1879 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Nine hundred Dollars, (\$900), for the purchase of 200 Brass Padlocks from CHUBB & SONS for Victoria Gaol.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 14th July, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 14th July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 14th July, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th July, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1592 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and Seven thousand One hundred and Eighty-six Dollars, and Seventy-four Cents, (\$107,186.74), for repairs to damages caused by the Rain-storm of 29th and 30th May, 1889.

Amount paid in 1889,	\$ 70,038.00
Do. in 1890,	37,148.74
	\$107,186.74

To be charged to *Extraordinary Public Works.*

Government House, Hongkong, 4th July, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1499 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-four Dollars, (\$24), as a compassionate allowance to the widow of IM CHAN, late Head Messenger at the Magistracy.

Government House, Hongkong, 8th July, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 21st July, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 21st July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 21st July, 1890.

PRESENT :

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MACLEWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 14th July, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government :—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2171 of 1889.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and Forty Dollars, (\$240), to Mr. SYDNEY HAYWARD, who was appointed Student Interpreter, under Section II of the Scheme published in Government Notification No. 209 of the 4th May, 1889.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th June, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2171 of 1889.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and Eighty Dollars, (\$480), to Mr. HENRY G. WAGGOTT, who was appointed Student Interpreter, under Section II of the Scheme published in Government Notification No. 209 of the 4th May, 1889.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th June, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1602 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred and Sixty Dollars, (\$360), being half salary for the Acting Chief Inspector of Police.

\$60 per month for 6 months.

Government House, Hongkong, 11th July, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
445 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Fifteen thousand Dollars, (\$15,000), being amount required to be expended in this year, as part of \$38,000 estimated, for training Albany and adjoining Nullahs, and opening up the land now available as building sites between the Bowen and Kennedy Roads.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th July, 1890.

(5.)

F. FLEMING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred Dollars, (\$200), for publishing in a separate volume the proceedings of the Legislative Council during one year.

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 1890.

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1617 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred Dollars, (\$200), for making a new set of storm signals, iron frame and lanterns to signal at night, for the use of the Observatory.

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 1890.

(7.)

F. FLEMING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars and Fifty Cents, (\$178.50), being the taxed costs of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited, of their appeal under *The Rating Ordinance, 1888.*

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 1890.

(8.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
11 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Seven hundred and Twenty Dollars, (\$720), for additional Staff in the Observatory, viz. :—

Additional salary to the 2nd Assistant, as Telegraphist, at \$20 per month,...	\$ 240.00
2 Telegraph Clerks, at \$20 per month, each,	480.00
	\$ 720.00

Government House, Hongkong, 18th July, 1890.

(9.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
97 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and Four Dollars and Eighty-four Cents, (\$104.84), being half pay of the First Assistant at the Observatory, from 1st June to 19th July, inclusive, to be given to the Substitute, during Mr. FIGG's vacation leave on full pay. (Sanctioned by the Secretary of State.)

Government House, Hongkong, 18th July, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 21st July, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 6th October, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 6th October, 1890.

PRESENT:

- The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
- „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)
- „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
- „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
- „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
- „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
- „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
- „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st July, having been taken as read are confirmed.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
43 of 17th
March, 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred and Fifty-five Dollars, (\$355), being a Building-grant to the Diocesan Home and Orphanage, to defray half the cost of an improvement in the building.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1915 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Thirty Dollars, (\$30), as a Supplementary Vote for Office Contingencies of the Attorney General.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1751 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Fifty-six Dollars and Forty-five Cents, (\$56.45), being an stipulated increment to the salary of the Veterinary Surgeon, viz.:—\$2,400 on appointment, \$2,700 after 3 years, and \$3,000 after 6 years.

Increase from the 24th October to the end of the year,\$ 56.45

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1513 & 2030
of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Ninety-four Dollars and Seventy-two Cents, (\$94.72), being amount required to complete the sum due for Kowloon well.

Amount expended,\$1,044.72
Vote of 7th July, 1890, 950.00

\$ 94.72

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(5.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2060 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$150), as a supplementary vote for Office Contingencies for the Magistracy.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(6.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1308 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Nine hundred and Sixty-three Dollars, and Twenty-five Cents, (\$963.25), being the amount of the judgment debt and costs, in the matter of a Writ of Execution issued by A-TACK against A. G. APCAR, misappropriated by a Bailiff of Supreme Court.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(7.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1061 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred and Thirteen Dollars, and Seventy-five Cents, (\$313.75), being amount of prisoners' property embezzled by Turnkey Ng' KAM-FUK, employed as Receiving Officer in Victoria Gaol.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(8.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1983 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand and Seven hundred Dollars, (\$1,700), as supplementary Vote for Police exclusive of Establishments, viz. :—

Oil and Gas for Barracks,.....	\$	900.00
Incidental expenses,		800.00
		<u>1,700.00</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 10th September, 1890.

(9.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2229 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$250), as a Supplementary Vote for Office Contingencies of the Treasury, to cover expenses in collecting Village Rates.

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd October, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 20th October, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 20th October, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 20th October, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th October were confirmed on the 13th instant.

Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
176 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars, (\$1,878), being the equivalent of £313 at the exchange of 3/4 per Dollar, as an excess over the amount estimated for 12 Maxim Guns and Ammunition about to be supplied. The excess is due to the additions made on the recommendation of General BEVAN EDWARDS, R.E., and Major CLARK, R.E.

Government House, Hongkong, 11th October, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1333 & 2397
of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Six thousand Three hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars, (\$6,328), for the re-construction of the landing Pier at Stone Cutters' Island.

Government House, Hongkong, 11th October, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1957 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Sixty Dollars, (\$60), as an allowance to the Hospital Steward for collecting Hospital bills, at the rate of \$20 per month, for October, November and December of the present year.

This work was formerly performed by one of the Treasury Shroffs who received \$10 per month, so there will be a saving of \$30 in the Treasury.

Government House, Hongkong, 14th October, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amounts be voted.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table a copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State on the proposed reduction of postage.

After discussion it was agreed that the matter should be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for their observations.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 27th October, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 27th October, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 27th October, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th October having been taken as read are confirmed.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.—The Committee consider the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Three hundred and Forty-nine thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Dollars and Eighty-five Cents to defray the Charges of the Year 1889.*

The Committee recommend that the Bill be reported without amendment.

ESTIMATES, 1891.—Laid before the Committee the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding One Million Six hundred and Seventy-four thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Dollars to the Public Service of Year 1891.*

Items 1, 2, 3, agreed to.

Honourable J. J. KESWICK moved the following resolution:—

“That the Government lay on the table a list of those Officers who have not received an increase under the new scale of pay and at the same time state the grounds of refusal in the case of those Officers who are not satisfied.”

Honourable HO KAI seconded.

Discussion followed.

Honourable C. P. CHATER moved the adjournment of the Committee.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD seconded.

Discussion followed.

Honourable C. P. CHATER withdrew his amendment.

The Chairman moved as an amendment that this Committee do now adjourn and that the Legislative Council be reformed so that this question may be considered in Council and not in Finance Committee.

Honourable the Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question put.

Committee divided.

For.

Honourable Surveyor General.
 Honourable Acting Colonial Treasurer.
 Honourable Acting Attorney General.
 Honourable Acting Colonial Secretary.

Against.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD.
 Honourable HO KAI.
 Honourable J. J. KESWICK.
 Honourable C. P. CHATER.
 Honourable P. RYRIE.

Honourable Acting Registrar General did not vote.

Motion lost by a majority of one.

The original resolution was then put and carried.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 3rd November, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 3rd November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 3rd November, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

ABSENT:

The Honourable JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th October were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minute under the hand of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and Eighty Dollars, (\$480), as a Gratuity to the Widow of Mr. ARTHUR WAGNER, late Assistant Marine Surveyor, and Assistant Superintendent and Engineer of the Fire Brigade, in consideration of her husband's service.

Government House, Hongkong, 18th October, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

ESTIMATES, 1891.—Laid before the Committee the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding One Million Six hundred and Seventy-four thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Dollars to the Public Service of Year 1891.*

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, were agreed to without amendment or division.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD moved, as an amendment, that item 5 (Audit Department) be reduced by the amount not disbursed in the Colony.

Honourable Ho KAI seconded.

Question put.

Committee divided.

For.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD.
 Honourable Ho KAI.
 Honourable C. P. CHATER.

Against.

Honourable Acting Registrar General.
 Honourable Surveyor General.
 Honourable Acting Colonial Treasurer.
 Honourable Acting Attorney General.
 Honourable Acting Colonial Secretary.

The amendment was lost by a majority of two.

The original motion that \$10,000 be voted was put and carried.

The Chairman moved that in item No. 6 (Treasury) the salary of the Colonial Treasurer be raised to \$4,800 in accordance with the instruction of the Secretary of State and that the item "Shroff for collecting Civil Hospital Bills" be struck out of the Estimates.

The motion was agreed to.

The Committee then agreed to report progress.

The Committee is then adjourned until Saturday, the 8th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 10th November, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 8th November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

No. 22.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 8th November, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Committee met at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd November were read and confirmed.

The Committee were proceeding to consider the Appropriation Bill, 1891, when the Honourable P. RYRIE moved the following resolution:—

That the Un-Official Members be appointed to consider the Estimates as has been done in Singapore.

The Chairman ruled that the motion was out of order.

Honourable P. RYRIE moved that this Committee be adjourned until after the Meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 10th instant.

Motion put and agreed to without a division.

The Committee is then adjourned until Monday, the 10th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 10th November, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 24th November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

No. 23.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 24th November, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th November were read and confirmed on the 10th November.

Read the following Minute under the hand of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

G. O. Desp.
213 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred Dollars, (\$400), for the salaries of two new Cadets to arrive from England, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum each.

Government House, Hongkong, 15th November, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 8th December, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 5th December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

No. 24.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 8th December, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 24th November were read and confirmed.

Read the following Minute under the hand of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
212 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Eight hundred and Eighty Dollars, (\$2,880), as a compassionate allowance for the benefit of the children of the late Colonial Treasurer and Postmaster General, Mr. ALFRED LISTER.

Government House, Hongkong, 27th November, 1890.

After explanation by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Committee recommend that the amount be voted.

The Committee is then adjourned to Thursday, 11th December.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 15th December, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 15th December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

No. 24a.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE,
AT MEETINGS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,
On the 5th and 11th December, 1890.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a telegram had been received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State urging the adoption early next January of a reduced rate of postage, and stated that the matter would be brought forward for consideration at the Meeting of Legislative Council to be held on Monday, 15th instant.

ESTIMATES, 1891.—Item No. 29. Public Works Extraordinary.—Considered and agreed to with the exception that sub-item 9, Gaol Extensions, was disallowed by a majority of one; and sub-item 29, Government Offices Extension and New Law Courts, was not considered as no vote was asked for.

Sub-items 32 to 38 being postponed.

The Committee is then adjourned to Monday, 15th December, 1890.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 22nd December, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 20th December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

No. 24b.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE,

AT A MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,

On the 16th December, 1890.

PRESENT:

- The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.), Chairman.
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
 „ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Committee meet at the request of the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Committee unanimously recommend the adoption of a reduced rate of postage and that the amount be fixed at 7 cents per half ounce for the present.

ESTIMATES 1891.—Item 29. Public Works Extraordinary.—Sub-items 32 to 38 were considered and agreed to unanimously.

The Committee is then adjourned *sine die*.

W. M. DEANE,
Chairman.

Laid before the Legislative Council on the 22nd December, 1890.

Read and confirmed on the 20th December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.