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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (A. LISTER).

„ 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).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 18th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Governor :—

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
2937 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.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
500 of 1889.
\$250.

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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Votes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

OBSERVATORY.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

When is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commission to enquire into the working of the Observatory.

The Governor replied.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER ON THE SANITARY BOARD.—

The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Standing Orders being suspended, the Acting Attorney General moved that the bill be read a second time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 1 of 1890.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE PROCUREUR GÉNÉRAL, IN HONG-KONG, OF THE SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONS ÉTRANGÈRES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

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

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of February, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 MACÉWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

ABSENT :

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

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 15th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G., was sworn in and took his seat as Colonial Secretary.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes 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.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

C.S.O.
370 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.

(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.

(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.

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

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 15th ultimo, (No. 1), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

<small>C.S.O. 2887 of 1889. \$2,187.</small>	Balance remaining on the vote of 1889 for Roads in Kowloon,	\$ 2,187.00
<small>C.S.O. 300 of 1889. \$500.</small>	To Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD for compiling and printing Index to Streets,	\$ 500.00

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

The Governor addressed the Council on the additional sum of \$250 suggested by the Finance Committee to be paid to Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD.

Question—put and passed.

GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked:—

What progress is being made with the Gap Rock Lighthouse?

The Surveyor General replied.

NEW CENTRAL MARKET.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked:—

When will the work connected with the New Central Market be commenced?

The Surveyor General replied.

The Governor addressed the Council.

EXTENSION OF THE RECREATION GROUND AT THE HAPPY VALLEY.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, moved the following resolution, and addressed the Council:—

That in view of the increased popularity of the Race Course for the purposes of recreation and the limited space that is available, the Government take into consideration the desirability of further extension, by removing the trees and turfing the piece of ground now known as the Public Gardens and lying immediately to the north of the road from the monument to the Gardeners' Cottage.

Mr. CHATER seconded, and addressed the Council.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council in support of the motion.

The Governor addressed the Council.

The Surveyor General addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE PROCUREUR GÉNÉRAL, IN HONG-KONG, OF THE SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONS ÉTRANGÈRES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General then moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 2 of 1890.

APPROACHING DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR.—Mr. RYRIE addressed the Governor at length on His Excellency's departure, expressing the extreme regret of the Un-official Members that His Excellency's health compels him to leave the Colony for a time.

His Excellency replied.

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

F. FLEMING,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 5th day of March, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

JURY LIST, 1890.—There being no strangers present, the Council proceeded to consider the Jury List for 1890.

The List was duly revised, corrected, and Special Jurors designated in terms of Section 8 of Ordinance 18 of 1887.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 5th proximo, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 5th day of March, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

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).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ 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).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meetings, held on the 12th and 24th ultimo, respectively, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.—His Excellency addressed the Council respecting the appointment of the following gentlemen, who were duly sworn in and took their respective seats, viz.:—

Mr. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Acting Registrar General, *vice* Mr. W. M. DEANE, appointed Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. P. RYRIE, on the expiration of 6 years for which his former seat was retained.

Dr. HO KAI, on the expiration of 6 years for which Mr. WONG SHING held his seat.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

Mis. Serv.
\$200.
C.S.O.
338 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this Vote be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and passed.

(2.)

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

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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this vote be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

BALL ROOM, &C., GOVERNMENT HOUSE.—His Excellency, referring to the vote for \$25,000 which appears on the Estimates for this year, informed the Council that plans and estimates had been received for this service, showing the total cost to be \$40,000, but that the current year's expenditure on this account is not likely to exceed the amount already voted.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 12th ultimo, (No. 2), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C.S.O. 2433 of 1889.	(1.) General overhaul, &c. to Health Officer's Steam-launch <i>Blanche</i> ,	\$ 766.00
C.S.O. 270 of 1890.	(2.) Laying pipes, Steam Engine, &c., for supplying the Peak District with water,	\$27,000.00
C. O. Desp. General, 25th Nov., 1889.	(3.) Illuminations, &c. on the approaching arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught,	\$12,000.00
C.S.O. 2463 of 1889.	(4.) Purchase of 12 Maxim Nordenfeldt Guns and Ammunition for Volunteers,...	\$37,275.98

The Acting Attorney General seconded.
Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAM LEUNG SING *otherwise* LAM YUK PAU.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be referred to a Special Committee consisting of the

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY,
ATTORNEY GENERAL, and
Dr. HO KAI.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of March, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 5.

WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

- The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
- „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.
The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 5th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government :—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
512 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Votes be referred to the Finance Committee.
The Treasurer seconded.
His Excellency addressed the Council on the vote for the increase to the Attorney General's salary.
Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 5th instant, (No. 3), and moved that the following vote referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

Mis. Serv.
C.S.O.
363 of 1890. Gratuity to the daughter of the late Mr. J. CARNEIRO, Wardmaster in the Civil and Small-pox Hospitals,

\$ 209.00

The Treasurer seconded.
Question—put and passed.

^{Eastern.}
^{49 of 1890.} DEFENCES.—The Officer Administering the Government laid on the table a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the question of the contemplated demand on the Colony for an increased Military Contribution; and addressed the Council.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAM LEUNG SING *otherwise* LAM YUK PAU.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with a verbal amendment.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Honourable Mr. MACEWEN moved that the third reading be postponed, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 19th day of March, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 12th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government :—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
519 of 1889.

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.

(2.)

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.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
144 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Votes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the votes for the purchase of Inland Lot No. 598, and the increase to the salary of the Assistant Harbour Master.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 12th instant, (No. 4), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

(1.)

C.S.O.
542 of 1890.

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,	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
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(2.)

C. O. Desp. Increase to the salary of the Attorney General, from \$4,800 to \$7,800 per annum, ... \$3,000.00
 2 of 1890.

(3.)

C.S.O. Employment of an Inspector of Nuisances for Kowloon district. From 1st April
 205 of 1890. 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
	\$ 735.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

REPORT.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Acting Postmaster General's Report for 1889.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN having been appointed Attorney General was duly sworn and took his seat as a Member of the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council expressing his acknowledgment for the services rendered to the Council by Mr. A. J. LEACH the late Acting Attorney General.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO INFANT VACCINATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS VACCINATED BY A PUBLIC VACCINATOR.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that as the Special Committee had not completed their labours, the consideration of this Bill be postponed which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

The Honourable Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the third reading be postponed which was agreed to.

His Excellency addressed the Council and stated that at the next meeting, the Council would be moved to vote the increased military contribution as proposed by the Secretary of State. His Excellency further informed the Council that at the next meeting, the Council would be moved to agree to the appointment of a Special Committee to frame New Standing Orders and Rules under the present Royal Instructions.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 26th day of March, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

" 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Queen's Warrant for the appointment of the Honourable SAMUEL BROWN, Surveyor General, to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council having been received, he was duly sworn and took his seat as a Member of the Council.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 19th instant, (No. 5), and moved that the following vote referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O. 519 of 1889.	To complete the cost of building an Epidemic Hospital Hulk,.....	\$ 8,500.00
C. O. Desp. 144 of 1888, and 226 of 1889.	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,	\$ 720.00
Mis. Serv. C.S.O. 453 of 1890. £50.	Remuneration to Colonel BEAUMONT for his report on the proposed removal of the Bokhara rocks,	£ 50. 0. 0
	also,	
\$100.	For the cost of his stay in Hongkong,	\$ 100.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary then moved the following :—

That a Special Committee of this Council be appointed for the purpose of framing new Standing Rules and Orders for the regulation of the Council's Proceedings in pursuance of Article XIX. of the Royal Instructions of the 19th of January, 1888.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and motion agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the following Members form the Special Committee to frame the new Standing Rules and Orders, viz. :—

Hon. Attorney General.

Hon. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES.

Hon. A. P. MAC EWEN.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and motion agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the following :—

That the Revenue of the Colony shall be charged in respect of the year 1890, with the equivalent of £40,000 or \$266,666, including the sum of £20,000 or \$133,333 voted in the Appropriation Ordinance, No. 34 of 1889, in order to meet the claims of Her Majesty's Government for Military Contribution.

The Surveyor General seconded.

Honourable P. RYRIE addressed the Council.

Question—put and motion agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and motion agreed to.

The Honourable P. RYRIE then moved the following resolutions :—

- 1.—That this Council, while recognising the justice and fairness of the demand made upon the Colony for an addition to the Military Contribution, desires to place upon record the fact that the vote authorising the additional payment has been passed by the unanimous voice of the Members, Official and Un-Official, in the belief that the proposed increase in the strength of the troops stationed here is essentially necessary for the safety of the Colony and with the full assurance that the force mentioned in the appendix to the Secretary of State's despatch of the 20th January, 1890, 3,018 men of all ranks, of whom 2,525 are to be Europeans, will be present in the Colony within the year, and will be retained here.
- 2.—It is the unanimous hope of this Council that as the additional moneys voted have been asked for and granted as the Colony's contribution to an increased garrison *and principally, if not entirely* because of the proposed increase, no demand will be made by the Imperial Government for the payment thereof until the strength of the garrison has actually been raised to the full extent of the figures in the Secretary of State's despatch, *and that, if any additional payment is demanded before that point has been reached, it should be proportional to such increase as shall from time to time be made in the force stationed in the Colony.*
- 3.—That in the opinion of this Council the attention of the Secretary of State should be directed to the fact to which no reference is made in Lord KNUTSFORD's despatch of the 20th January, 1890, that the Military Departments are in the occupation of rather more than 337 acres of land in this Colony, of which 84 acres are in the City of Victoria; that these 84 acres are situate in the very centre of the town and are, at the very lowest, of the value of Three millions of Dollars representing a revenue in the shape of Crown Rents and Taxes of \$50,000 a year lost to the Colony, and that this being so it is *earnestly hoped* that no further demand will be made on the Colony in respect of Barrack Expenditure, referred to in paras. 20, 21 and 22 of the despatch above-mentioned, at all events unless the land in the centre of the town be given up by the Military Authorities, as has been suggested, in exchange for other sites nearer the batteries.
- 4.—That His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the Secretary of State with a view to their being laid before Her Majesty's Government.

The Honourable A. P. MAC EWEN seconded.

The following Members addressed the Council:—Honourable P. RYRIE, Honourable A. P. MAC EWEN, and the Treasurer.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and resolutions agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED ORDINANCE 1890.—Honourable C. P. CHATER moved the first reading of the Bill.

Honourable A. P. MAC EWEN seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO INFANT VACCINATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS VACCINATED BY A PUBLIC VACCINATOR.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of this Bill.

Honourable Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be re-committed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee accordingly.

After discussion debate adjourned.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 9th April, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 9th day of April, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 26th March, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency informed the Council that His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT desired him to inform the Council and the public generally that he and Her Royal Highness the DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT were both much gratified with the kind welcome accorded to them during their late visit to the Colony.

REPORTS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Superintendent of the Gaol for 1889, and a Statement of Treasury receipts and payments for 1889.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Votes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the vote for compensation in connection with the recent Cattle Epidemic.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED ORDINANCE, 1890.—Honourable J. J. KESWICK moved the second reading of the Bill.

Honourable C. P. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with verbal amendments.

Council resumed.

Honourable J. J. KESWICK moved the third reading of the Bill.

Honourable C. P. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO INFANT VACCINATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS VACCINATED BY A PUBLIC VACCINATOR.—The Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be postponed which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The report of the Select Committee to report on the Bill was read.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

His Excellency addressed the Council and referred to the Letters Patent and Royal Instructions of the 19th January, 1888, and stated that a copy of the Clause of the Royal Instructions enabling the Council to make Standing Rules and Orders would be sent to each member of the Select Committee appointed for that purpose.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 16th instant, at 2 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 16th day of April, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 9.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

,, 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).

,, HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE, (on sick leave).

,, ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

,, CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

,, JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

His Excellency informed the Council that he desired to correct a statement which he made at the last Meeting with reference to the publication of the Letters Patent of the 19th January, 1888, inasmuch as these will be found to have been published in the *Government Gazette* of the 5th May, 1888.

BILL ENTITLED 'THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,

Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 29th day of April, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ 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 MACÉWEN.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE, (on account of sickness).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th instant, were read and confirmed.

The QUEEN'S Warrant for the appointment of the Honourable N. G. MITCHELL-INNES to be a Member of the Legislative Council so long as he performs the duties of Registrar General in this Colony having been received, he was duly sworn and took his seat as a Member of the Council.

REPORTS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Blue Book for 1889, the Police Report for 1889, the Report of the Botanical and Afforestation Department for 1889, Registrar General's Returns of Births and Deaths for 1889, Mortality Statistics for 1889, Report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for 1889, and also the Report of the Observatory Commission.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—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.
88 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.
664 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.

C.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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Votes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 9th instant, (No. 6), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O.
294 of 1890.

Cost of repairing the Telegraph Cable between North Point and Kowloon—damaged by some vessel's anchor dragging various cables together and entangling them, ...\$ 991.57

C.S.O.
611 of 1890.

Expenses and compensation incurred in suppressing the recent Cattle Epidemic, ...\$1,902.27

C.S.O.
19 of 1890.

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, the purchase money to be defrayed from premia on land sales,\$34,000.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HONGKONG CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO INFANT VACCINATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS VACCINATED BY A PUBLIC VACCINATOR.—Council in Committee on the Bill. The several clauses of the Bill having been considered and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

His Excellency informed the Council that he proposed for the present to have two meetings of the Council a week, one meeting entirely reserved for the consideration of the Magistrates' Bill, and the other meeting for such other business as may come before the Council. His Excellency further stated that meetings would be held on Mondays to consider the Magistrates' Bill and that the Council would deal with the other business on such other day of the week as will be most convenient having regard to the departure of the Mail.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 5th May, 1890, at 2 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 5th day of May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 11.

MONDAY, 5TH MAY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).

„ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).

„ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).

„ Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.
Progress reported.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Friday, the 9th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 9th day of May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

FRIDAY, 9TH MAY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ 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), on account of sickness.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 5th instant, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.—His Excellency addressed the Council respecting the appointment of Mr. J. J. KESWICK as a Member of the Council in the place of Mr. JOHN BELL-IRVING who has resigned his seat. Mr. J. J. KESWICK was then duly sworn in and took his seat as a Member of the Council.

REPORTS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following reports:—Return of Superior and Subordinate Courts for 1889, and Annual Report of the Head Master of the Victoria College for 1889.

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

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2939 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 1889.

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.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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes, with the exception of the Minute recommending that an additional sum be voted in connection with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT, which was allowed to stand over for further consideration, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council in connection with the votes for improvement of the Chinese Recreation Ground, and for the new lead roof over the Central Hall of the Victoria College.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 29th ultimo, (No. 7), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O. 628 of 1890.	Additional Clerk and Interpreter of Indian and Malay languages, at the Harbour Department, from 1st May next, at a salary of \$25 per month,	\$ 200.00
C.S.O. 649 of 1890.	Refund of the overcharged Municipal Rates at the erroneous valuation on two Tenements, Nos. 69 and 70, in the Village of Hok-Ūn, in the Kaulung Peninsula, ...	\$ 21.70
C.S.O. 878 of 1890.	Salary of a Shroff in the Money Order Office, from 1st of May, at \$20 per month, \$	160.00
C.S.O. 654 of 1890.	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,	\$ 228.00
C.S.O. 909 of 1890.	New Mooring of the Bokhara Buoy, to be supplied from the stores of the Royal Naval Yard, (£205 @ 3/1),	\$ 1,329.73

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 32 OF 1889 AND AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 1862, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS WITHIN THIS COLONY.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW WITH REFERENCE TO THE FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE HONGKONG CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE."—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO INFANT VACCINATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS VACCINATED IN THE COLONY.—The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 12th instant, at 2 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 16th day of May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 13.

FRIDAY, 16TH MAY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

,, 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), on account of sickness.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table a copy of a letter from Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in reply to a telegram sent by His Excellency expressing regret at the news of the death of the Marquis TSENG.

Read the following Minute under the hand of 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency informed the Council that he had given instructions that in future, except in cases of emergency, a copy of every financial minute should be supplied to all Members of Council three days previous to the vote being asked for in order that they may have a reasonable opportunity of knowing the circumstances under which they are asked to vote the money.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 9th instant, (No. 8), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O.
2959 of 1889.

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,\$ 6,000.00

C. O. Desp.
5 of 1890.

Furniture and fittings for the Local delivery branch of the General Post Office,\$ 300.00

C.S.O.
2935 of 1889.

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,\$ 3,670.00

C. O. Desp.
36 of 1890.

Allowance for House Rent to the Compradore of the General Post Office,\$ 120.00

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council in connection with the vote for the new lead roof over the Central Hall of the Victoria College.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Honourable the Attorney General laid on the table the report of the Special Committee appointed to frame New Standing Rules and Orders, and gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would move the adoption of the report.

Honourable P. RYRIE gave notice that at the next meeting he would ask the following questions :—

- (1.) *If the Executive will furnish the Council with any information in regard to the reported defalcation in the Money Order Department of the Colony.*
- (2.) *If it is the intention of Government to take any steps in regard to the celebration of the Jubilee Day of the foundation of the Colony.*

His Excellency stated, in reference to the question of the defalcation in the Money Order Office, that enquiries were being made and he hoped that by the next meeting he would be in possession of such facts as would enable him to answer the question which would then be put.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 32 OF 1889 AND AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 1862, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS WITHIN THIS COLONY.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW WITH REFERENCE TO THE FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE HONGKONG CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE."—The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Friday, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 14.

FRIDAY, 30TH MAY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th instant, were read and confirmed.

Her Majesty's approval of the appointment of the Honourable P. RYRIE and the Honourable HO KAI as Un-official Members of the Council having been received, they were duly sworn and took their seats as Members of the Council.

REPORTS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Harbour Master's Report for 1889 and Reports by Honourable O. CHADWICK on the Water supply of Kowloon, the Sewerage of the Hill District, and the proposed distributary system of the water supply for the city of Victoria.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of 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.
1863 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.

(4.)

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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the Minutes in connection with the works in the Wong-neichung Valley, the Nursing Staff for the Civil Hospital, and the cultivation of vaccine lymph.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 16th instant, (No. 9), and moved that the following Vote referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O.
589 of 1890.

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,\$ 2,334.01

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Council then went into Committee to consider the Report of the Special Committee to frame New Standing Rules and Orders.

The Attorney General moved and the Acting Colonial Secretary seconded that the word "Wednesday" be struck out of Clause I and "Monday" be inserted in lieu thereof.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE moved and the Honourable C. P. CHATER seconded that the following words be added to Rule 28 :—"Provided that if a Bill has been considered and reported on by a Special Committee it shall suffice if instead of reading the whole of each clause the marginal notes alone be read by the Clerk in Committee of the whole Council."

After some discussion the Honourable P. RYRIE withdrew his amendment.

The Attorney General moved that at the end of Section 28 the following be added "Provided that if a Bill has been considered and reported on by a Standing Committee it shall, with the assent of the President, suffice if instead of reading the whole of each clause, the marginal notes alone be read by the Clerk in Committee of the whole Council."

After discussion it was agreed to postpone the matter to allow the Attorney General to frame a clause on this principle. After further discussion it was agreed that Section 53 be amended by inserting after word "Colony" in the 4th line the words "and in one Chinese Newspaper."

The Council then resumed.

Honourable P. RYRIE, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

If the Executive will furnish the Council with any information in regard to the reported defalcation in the Money Order Department of the Colony.

His Excellency replied—Honourable Members are aware, as indeed we are all aware, that an official connected with the Post Office Department named BARRADAS disappeared from the Colony some time since. Shortly after he left I considered it my duty to cause an enquiry to be made into the alleged defalcations. Such enquiry has been made, and from the report that I received up to the present time, I regret to say that these defalcations do amount approximately to the sum that has been mentioned in the local newspapers, about \$46,000. Steps were taken to arrest Mr. BARRADAS and he has actually been arrested, and I trust that before long he will be brought back to this Colony. In these circumstances, I feel sure that Honourable Members will not expect me now to enter into details connected with this matter. It would not be fair towards one who, if he comes back here, will in all probability be proceeded against for a criminal offence. I may say this, however, that those whom I appointed to enquire into this matter have made certain suggestions in regard to the Post Office which will have my most careful consideration. So soon as I am able to arrive at a conclusion as to what should be done in connection with this matter, and I am at liberty to make further statements, I shall be happy to answer any further questions that may be put.

Honourable P. RYRIE, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

If it is the intention of the Government to take any steps in regard to the celebration of the Jubilee Day of the foundation of the Colony.

His Excellency replied—In answer to this question I may say that the Government consider that if any celebration takes place in this Colony in connection with its Jubilee that such should take place next year. There can be no doubt that this Colony became a British possession in 1841. In the year 1842 a treaty was passed which confirmed what had previously taken place, and in the year 1843 a charter was granted establishing this possession as a British Colony, but there can be no doubt that this Colony really became English territory when it was taken, in 1841. Now as regards the question whether any celebration should take place, I consider myself that it is not one with regard to which suggestions should come from the Government. If the public in this Colony consider that the occasion is one upon which any festivities should take place, I am quite sure that the Government would be only too happy to receive any suggestions that may be made in that direction. We know perfectly well that for all such festivities a great deal of public money is necessarily expended, and it is rather for the public to move that such expenditure should take place than for the Government to propose it. If any Honourable Member can ascertain what are the wishes of the public in this matter and forwards any conclusion he may arrive at to the Government, I am quite sure that the Government will be most happy to consider any suggestion that may be made on the part of those through whose enterprise and industry the Colony has become as prosperous as it is to-day.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 9th June, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 9th day of June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 15.

MONDAY, 9TH JUNE, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

" 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), on account of sickness.

" ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th May, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency addressed the Council and stated that he had received a letter from certain merchants in the Colony drawing his attention to the fact that the Viceroy of Canton contemplated raising the duty on opium contrary to what was considered the terms of the Chefoo Convention. Mr. ALABASTER, the Consul at Canton, had been communicated with and he had done everything in his power in connection with the subject. His Excellency further stated that he had telegraphed to Her Majesty's Minister at Peking on the subject. The reply which had been received was to the effect that representations had been made to the Chinese Government on the subject of the contemplated increased duties and that information had been received through the Yamên that the project had been abandoned.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table a despatch from the Secretary of State regarding the Estimates for 1890.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the Minutes in connection with the salary of the Musketry Instructor and Storekeeper of Police, the drainage of the Italian Convent, and the additional salary to the First Wardmaster to the Government Civil Hospital.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 30th ultimo, (No. 10), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O.
476 of 1890. Works in the Wongneichung Valley, inside the Race Course,\$ 8,000.00

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

C.S.O.
1833 of 1889. Expenses incurred in carrying out an experiment as to the possibility of successfully and economically cultivating in the Colony bovine vaccine lymph,.....\$ 230.80

C.S.O.
286 of 1890. Compassionate allowance to Mrs. MACBEAN, 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,\$ 875.00

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Council then went into Committee to consider the Report of the Special Committee to frame New Standing Rules and Orders.

The Attorney General moved and the Acting Colonial Secretary seconded that the four last paragraphs in Rule 28 be struck out.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved and the Acting Colonial Secretary seconded that at the end of Rule 40 the following words be added :—“ unless at this stage of the proceedings the Bill be referred to a Special or Standing Committee.”

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved and the Acting Colonial Secretary seconded that the following additional Rule be inserted after Rule 40 :—

“ When a Bill shall have been referred to, and reported on by, one of the Standing Committees appointed under Rule 48, and it shall be certified by the Chairman of such Standing Committee that such Bill has been considered clause by clause in the presence of all the Members of such Standing Committee at least and that, in the opinion of the Committee, such Bill may be dealt with by the Council in the same manner as a Bill reported on by a Committee of the whole Council, such Bill may be dealt with accordingly if no Member object, but if any Member object the Bill shall be dealt with in the same manner as a Bill reported on by a Special Committee.”

Question—put and agreed to.

The Council then resumed.

The Attorney General moved and the Acting Colonial Secretary seconded that the report of the Special Committee appointed to frame New Standing Rules and Orders as amended be adopted.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 1865 RELATING TO OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 16th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,

Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 16th day of June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 16.

MONDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

,, 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), on account of sickness.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Read the following Minutes under the hand of 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the Minute in connection with the proposed trigonometrical survey of the Colony.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 9th June, (No. 11), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O.
1247 of 1890.

For the salary of Musketry Instructor and Storekeeper of Police,\$ 420.67

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.

Improving the drainage of the Italian Convent,.....\$ 500.00

Compassionate allowance to the mother of the late Chinese Police Constable No. 265,

KEUNG TIM,\$ 63.00

Additional salary to First Wardmaster in the Government Civil Hospital at \$10 per month, for Six months of 1890,\$ 60.00

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee to consider the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Honourable C. P. CHATER moved as an amendment, that the Bill be referred to a Special Committee which was agreed to without a division.

The Attorney General moved that the following Members form the Special Committee:—

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
THE COLONIAL TREASURER.
THE ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL.
HON. A. P. MAC EWEN.
HON. C. P. CHATER.
HON. HO KAI.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 1865 RELATING TO OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

Honourable P. RYRIE gave notice that at the next Meeting of the Council he would move for the following:—

- (a.) *A return of the cost of the completed Lighthouses of the Colony.*
- (b.) *The yearly expenditure for upkeep, wages and material, from the date of their completion to the 31st December, 1889.*
- (c.) *A return showing the receipts, yearly, from "Light dues" from the time of their imposition to the 31st December, 1889.*

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 23rd day of June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 17.

MONDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th June, were read and confirmed.

HON. HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G., having been appointed Acting Colonial Treasurer during the absence on sick leave of the Hon. A. LISTER, took the usual oath and his seat as a Member of the Council.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Director of the Observatory for 1889 and a report by the Hon. O. CHADWICK on the drainage of the Lower Western and Central District of Victoria.

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

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1366 and 1173
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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 16th June, (No. 12), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C. O. Desp.
31 of 1890. Probable expenses of this year in connection with the proposed trigonometrical survey of Hongkong by Officers of the Royal Engineers,\$ 3,000.00

C.S.O.
1306 of 1890. Amount required to be expended in this year for the printing and binding of 200 copies of the new edition of Ordinances of Hongkong,\$ 3,000.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Hon. P. RYRIE, pursuant to notice, moved for the following :—

(a.) *A return of the cost of the completed Lighthouses of the Colony.*

(b.) *The yearly expenditure for upkeep, wages and material, from the date of their completion to the 31st December, 1889.*

(c.) *A return showing the receipts, yearly, from "Light dues" from the time of their imposition to the 31st December, 1889.*

Hon. A. P. MACEWEN seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

The Acting Colonial Secretary then laid on the table returns giving the required information.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

After debate, question put.

Council divided.

Ayes.

HON. J. J. KESWICK.
HON. C. P. CHATER.
HON. THE ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL.
HON. THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.
HON. THE ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER.
HON. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
HON. THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Noes.

HON. HO KAI.
HON. A. P. MACEWEN.
HON. P. RYRIE.

Motion carried by a majority of four.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of June, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

MONDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 23rd June, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Educational report for 1889.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of 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 1889. 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.
2235 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 23rd June, (No. 13), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O.
1366 and 173
of 1890. 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,\$5,844.12

C.S.O.
1165 of 1890. Rent of 1st floor of a Chinese house occupied by Scavengers of the Central Market, \$ 82.66

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE OF 1887.”—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED “THE MAGISTRATES’ ORDINANCE, 1890.”—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee.

The Honourable A. P. MAC EWEN moved and the Honourable J. J. KESWICK seconded that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned, which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 7th July, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

MONDAY, 7TH JULY, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable 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.

" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

" HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).

" PHINEAS RYRIE.

" JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th June, were read and confirmed.

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

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1579 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.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved that this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Treasurer, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 30th June, (No. 14), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O.
1511 of 1890.

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
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Balance now claimed,	3,300.00
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	\$5,000.00
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Fees of Court,	45.60
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	\$5,045.60
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C.S.O.
1513 of 1890.

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, \$26,664.49

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890.

Amount expended for the Kowloon well,	\$ 950.00
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C.S.O.
1513 of 1890.

Unexpended balance of the vote for New Water Mains in 1889,	\$44,117.67
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The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved as follows:—

“The Council, having considered the following statement from the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department concerning the planting and rearing of trees in the years 1891 and 1892, resolves that it is expedient that the liability for this work be incurred.”

Statement of works which it is necessary that contracts should now be made for:—

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| 1. For planting, during the year 1891, trees which are now being reared under contract No. 4, 1889, | \$1,600 |
| 2. For seeds to be collected during the present year and supplied in January, 1891, | 200 |
| To be disbursed in 1891,..... | |
| | <u>\$1,800</u> |
| 3. For rearing trees which it may be desirable to plant in 1892, | \$1,400 |
| 4. If the above named work (No. 3) be now contracted for it will involve the making of contracts next year for getting the trees planted when ready in 1892; this would cost | 2,400 |
| To be disbursed in 1892,..... | |
| | <u>\$3,800</u> |
| 5. The <i>quantity</i> of trees which may be reared and planted under Nos. 3 and 4 is roughly estimated on the assumption that not less than \$6,000 or \$7,000 will be voted next year for forestry works in 1892. The annual vote is now \$10,000. | |
| 6. The execution of the proposed contracts would extend from the date of order in the case of the two first until the early part of next year, and in the two latter until the middle of the year 1892. | |

C. FORD,
Superintendent,
Botanical and Afforestation Department.

26th June, 1890.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR.”—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 16 OF 1886, ENTITLED THE STAMP ORDINANCE.”—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO FRAUDULENT MARKS ON MERCHANDISE.”—The Attorney General moved that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended in order that the Bill might be read a first time the same not having been inserted in the Orders of the Day.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendments.

Council resumed.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 14th July, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 14th day of July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 20.

MONDAY, 14TH JULY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 MAC EWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th July, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.—Honourable EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD having been appointed Acting Attorney General during the absence on leave of the Honourable W. M. GOODMAN took the usual oath and his seat as a Member of the Council.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of 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
	<u>\$107,186.74</u>

To be charged to *Extraordinary Public Works*.

Government House, Hongkong, 4th July, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1579 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.
 The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.
 Question—put and agreed to.

VOTE PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 7th July, (No. 15), and moved that the following Vote referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C.S.O. 1579 of 1890. Purchase of 200 Brass Padlocks from CHUBB & SONS for Victoria Gaol,	\$ 900.00
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The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.
 Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 16 OF 1886, ENTITLED THE STAMP ORDINANCE."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO FRAUDULENT MARKS ON MERCHANDISE."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with verbal amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 21st July, at 2.30 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 21.

MONDAY, 21ST JULY, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 ,, 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 MAC EWEN.
 ,, CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 ,, JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 ,, HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT :

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 14th July, were read and confirmed.

The confirmation by Her Majesty of the appointment of the Honourable J. J. KESWICK as a Member of the Council having been received he was duly sworn and took his seat.

His Excellency informed the Council that he thought it would only be in accordance with the wishes of the Members that they should record their regret at the death of the late Postmaster General and Colonial Treasurer. There were few public servants who worked with so much zeal as Mr. LISTER. His varied experience of this Colony and his intimate knowledge of all matters connected with it were of very considerable use to any one connected with the service.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table a Report on Public Works by the Surveyor General, Despatches respecting the Adjutancy of the Police Force, and the Report of the Colonial Surgeon for 1889.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of 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.
1802 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.

(6.)

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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the Minutes in connection with the salary of the Acting Chief Inspector, the training of the Albany Nullah, the new set of storm signals, the publication of the proceedings of the Legislative Council and the Staff at the Hongkong Observatory.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 14th July, (No. 16), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

(1.)

C.S.O.
1592 of 1890.

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*.

(2.)

C.S.O.
1499 of 1890.

Compassionate allowance to the widow of IM CHAN, late Head Messenger at the Magistracy,

.....\$ 24.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW IN RESPECT OF THE SALE OF SHARES IN COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1865 TO 1886 AND IN OTHER JOINT STOCK COMPANIES."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended in order that this Bill might be read a first time the same not having been inserted in the Orders of the Day.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable J. J. KESWICK addressed the Council and moved the first reading of the Bill.

Honourable C. P. CHATER seconded.

Honourable the Acting Attorney General addressed the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO FRAUDULENT MARKS ON MERCHANDISE."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

The Council then resolved itself into a meeting of the Finance Committee to consider the Financial Minutes which had been referred for its consideration.

On the Council resuming, the Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the following votes which had been considered by the Finance Committee be passed, viz.:—

C.S.O. 2171 of 1889.	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,.....	\$ 240.00
C.S.O. 2171 of 1889.	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,.....	\$ 480.00
C.S.O. 1602 of 1890.	Half salary for the Acting Chief Inspector of Police, for 6 months at \$50 per month, \$	360.00
C.S.O. 445 of 1890.	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,	\$15,000.00
	Publishing in a separate volume the proceedings of the Legislative Council during one year,	\$ 200.00
C.S.O. 1617 of 1890.	New set of storm signals, iron frame and lanterns to signal at night, for the use of the Observatory,	\$ 200.00
	Taxed costs of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited, of their appeal under <i>The Rating Ordinance, 1888</i> ,	\$ 178.50
C.S.O. 11 of 1890.	Additional Staff in the Observatory, viz.:— Additional salary to the 2nd Assistant, as Telegraphist, at \$20 per month, \$ 2 Telegraph Clerks, at \$20 per month, each,	240.00 480.00
		\$ 720.00
C. O. Desp. 97 of 1890.	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),	\$ 104.84

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency then addressed the Council as follows:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN,

Before we adjourn to indulge in a short recess from our Legislative duties it may be of interest to have brought before you a short retrospect of the work we have accomplished during the last few months and to be informed, in so far as I can inform you, of the position of the Colony at the present time.

It was with regret that we learnt from Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX, towards the beginning of this year, that ill-health compelled him to leave us for a while, but we trust that when he returns in December next he will do so with renewed vigour so that he may be enabled to take in the future that same active interest in the welfare of this Colony as he has taken in the past.

A few months ago we welcomed in our midst a Son and a Daughter-in-law of Our Gracious Sovereign, and we have the gratification of feeling that Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Connaught were well pleased with the brief visit they paid to this the most Eastern Point of Her Majesty's Colonial Empire.

The number of Ordinances which we have passed during the present session has not been very great and I was in hopes that we might have been able to deal with several other matters, more or less ripe for our consideration.

We have, however, enacted some laws of importance. I may refer to "The Magistrates' Ordinance"—a very lengthy measure; "The Waterworks Ordinance;" "The Vaccination Ordinance;" "An Ordinance relating to the Falsification of Accounts;" besides others of less significance.

There are several matters which I trust will engage our attention when we meet again—such as a new law on Bankruptcy, the modification of our Emigration laws, the amendment of our laws concerning Opium, &c.

But the enacting of Ordinances is not the only work we have got through. We have adopted a new Code of Standing Rules and Orders for the regulation of our proceedings, more in accordance with the procedure we now follow and more in conformity with the Royal Instructions under which this Council is constituted.

The Finance Committee have had under their consideration many matters of importance to carry out which it was necessary to apply for public moneys. It will always be my endeavour to consult this Council previous to undertaking measures which involve that cost which it is necessary for this Council to sanction. I do not hesitate to say that there are few Colonies in which Members of the Legislature are prepared to vote moneys so readily as here for what they consider essential in the public interest. But the more the Members of a Legislative body put trust in the proposals made for public expenditure, the less they regard with suspicion suggestions made in this direction, the more careful should a Government be in bringing such proposals before them and the more anxious should it be to see that the money is legitimately expended towards the purpose for which it was asked.

In addition to such questions as have actually been submitted to you, many matters have occupied my attention.

I am very desirous that the many Chinese who must necessarily die during the course of the year in this Colony should be buried elsewhere than in the limited area we possess. I feel confident that if burials continue to take place as they do now the time will come when we shall have cause to regret it. I have been in communication with Her Majesty's Consul at Canton on the subject and although the Chinese authorities are not prepared to meet the suggestions I made, I have not abandoned hopes of being able to carry out in some way what I venture to think would tend towards the sanitary condition of this Island, while, I believe it would be more in harmony with the feelings and wishes of the Chinese themselves.

Another matter of almost equal importance which has attracted my notice is the system of squatting which has long existed here and in regard to which several recommendations were made in the report of the Land Commission which was appointed to enquire into this and other kindred questions in the year 1886. I am about to appoint a Commission to deal with this particular subject, and although there are no doubt many difficult and complicated points involved in it, I trust that those who have expressed their readiness to serve on the Commission will be able to surmount them.

I am desirous, Gentlemen, of seeing the profession of Brokers in this Colony placed on a better footing than it stands to-day, but I would much prefer that any steps in this direction should come from the Members of that body themselves rather than be taken by the Government. I may state that on one or two occasions I have received deputations with whom I have discussed the question and who have mentioned to me proposals worthy of careful consideration. I trust that at the end of this year, if not before, circumstances will allow of those, who I believe are anxious to move in the matter, to follow up these proposals. If, however, such is not the case it will become necessary for the Government to seriously consider whether it should not take the initiative.

The Secretary of State, Gentlemen, has drawn my attention to the absence of any vote in the Estimates for this year for the erection of a New Gaol and it cannot be doubted that the present prison accommodation is insufficient for the numbers confined. The question of constructing a New Gaol is one that has been mooted for some years past and a site has been selected and reserved for such a building. But, bearing in mind the many important works now on hand and the considerable expenditure that will be incurred thereon, I am not disposed to commence a new prison, the estimated cost of which is between \$400,000 and \$500,000 if such can be avoided. But recognizing, as I do, the strong necessity of further prison accommodation I have lately been considering a scheme by which I trust this may be obtained without having recourse to a new and costly construction.

Some time since we were called upon by the Imperial Government to increase our Military Contribution from £20,000 to £40,000 a year on the understanding that our garrison would be increased. This Council, on the ground that it begrudged not the expenditure of money for an efficient defence of the Colony, voted, without opposition, the amount asked for while stating what it expected as a return for the additional cost involved. I forwarded the conclusions at which the Council arrived, together with a copy of the Resolutions it passed, to the Secretary of State. I have not yet received a reply from him, but when I do so I trust there will be no objection to my laying on this table a copy of the despatch I wrote so that Honourable Members may see the views I expressed.

I may add, concerning certain rumours that have been lately afloat, that no intimation has been made to me in regard to the organization of any Chinese troops in this Colony, nor have I any reason to believe that there is any foundation for the reports to which I have alluded.

There is no Department, Gentlemen, which the people in this Colony naturally take a deeper interest in, nor which is of greater importance than that of the Public Works.

I consequently requested the Surveyor General to prepare, so that I might lay the same before you, a Memorandum of such public works as had been proceeded with this year, or were in course of construction. This he has done and the report has been submitted to you. It is gratifying to find that the work connected with the Gap Rock Lighthouse is proceeding so satisfactorily, also that a real commencement has been made in the work of the long talked of Central Market and in that of the Lunatic Asylum for Chinese. A new Pier has been opened at Kowloon Point and orders have been given that the District School, for which provision was made in the Estimates for this year, should be proceeded with as soon as possible. A site at Kennedytown has been selected for a new Slaughter-House and Depôt for pigs and sheep. It has been decided to commence, without further delay, the erection of new Police Stations at Aberdeen and Quarry Bay. The additions to Government House are being rapidly gone on with, while plans are nearly completed for a new house, offices, &c. for the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department. The Council is aware that during the course of last year an agreement was entered into for lighting the City of Victoria with electric light, and I trust that in a short time hence we shall see this work completed. It may hereafter be found possible to extend this system of lighting to another and more lofty part of this Island which is daily becoming more popular and more populated.

Instructions have lately been given to carry out some of the recommendations made by those Gentlemen who were appointed to enquire into the working of the Observatory and when the Estimates for next year are submitted to you proposals will be made for some addition to the staff of that Department. I am far from wishing to suggest increased expenditure, but if such an institution as an Observatory is to be of any real good it must be efficiently maintained, or it would be sounder economy to do away with it altogether.

Much good work has of late been done, under the supervision of Mr. CHADWICK, in connection with our drainage and waterworks. It is to be hoped that these important undertakings on which much money has been, and has still to be, expended, will prove satisfactory to the community.

There is nothing more necessary than from time to time to ascertain the financial condition of a country, and I will inform you, Gentlemen, in so far as I can, what the financial condition of this Colony was on the 30th of June last.

The balance of assets in hand on 1st January, 1890, was \$505,109, and the Revenue at the end of June was \$1,073,079, making a total at end of June of \$1,578,188.

The expenditure in the Colony up to the end of June was \$720,658. The actual expenditure in England up to end of May, and that estimated for June, amounted to \$254,619. To this must be added a sum of \$34,127 for premia on Land Sales, making a total (partly estimated) expenditure for the first six months of the year, of \$1,009,404 and shewing a probable balance of assets on 30th June of \$568,784.

Within the last twelve months, Gentlemen, there have been many changes among the Members of this Council. Most of these have fortunately been caused through the necessity of making temporary arrangements. But there have been a few of a permanent nature.

In October last death prematurely and unexpectedly deprived this Colony of the services of the late Colonial Secretary, Mr. STEWART. I had not the advantage of personal acquaintance with this officer, but no one could be long in this Island without hearing how much he was respected and of the great good he rendered to this country, more especially in the all-important cause of Education. Another who was but a short time since among us we shall see no more. I refer to Mr. LISTER, our late Postmaster General and Colonial Treasurer, who during a quarter of a century begrudged neither time nor labour in the performance of his duties and whose reluctance to take rest when rest was needed may have gone far to hasten his end.

I am happy to say that among the un-official Members only one change has occurred during the time I have alluded to. I refer to Mr. WONG SHING, whose period of service expired during the present year, and who desired, by reason of advancing age and the necessity of attending to business elsewhere, to be relieved from further duty at this Board. I recommended for Her Majesty's approval as his successor Dr. HO KAI of whom we have already seen sufficient to know the deep concern he takes in the work brought before us and to feel how efficiently he will strive for the welfare of those whose interests he is here to represent.

I have endeavoured, Gentlemen, to lay before you such information as I considered might interest you at the present moment. It will not be very long before we meet again when we shall take up as it were the threads of the work we are quitting for a while to-day.

In conclusion let me thank you for the consideration you have shown me since I have been presiding over this Council, let me wish you a pleasant recess, and let me express the hope that we may all join once more in working, with increased strength, for the benefit of a Colony to which many have been indebted for good fortune in the past and to which may many be indebted for success and happiness in the future.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 6th October, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 6th day of October, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 22.

MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

His Excellency then addressed the Council as follows :—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN,

In meeting again together for the resumption of our Legislative duties I believe I may congratulate you on the satisfactory condition, on the whole, of the Colony at the present time. I am willing to admit that those clouds of depression which have for some time past been hanging over it have not altogether passed away, but I think there are reasonable prospects of their doing so and I sincerely hope that a no distant future has in store times as prosperous as have been witnessed in the past. The health of the Island during that portion of the year which has now elapsed has been exceptionally good and we have happily escaped visitations from any epidemic or other serious malady.

As regards our finances the following is their present condition in so far as I am able to inform you.

The balance of assets on the 1st of January this year was, as I have previously stated, \$505,109, but from this sum I regret to say that a no less amount than \$58,502 must be deducted for the unfortunate defalcations which have taken place in connection with the Post Office Department, papers on which subject will be laid before you.

The local revenue received up to the 30th of September was \$1,415,894. The amount received in England as far as can be estimated, (the Crown Agents' accounts having been received up to the 31st of July only) was \$1,798.

The premiums on land sales amounted to \$12,463 making a total up to the 30th September of \$1,876,762.

The Ordinary Expenditure for the first nine months of the year was \$865,467. The approximate expenditure in England was \$116,369, making a total of \$981,836.

The Extraordinary Local Expenditure during the same period was \$215,695; the extraordinary expenses in England were about \$100,000, making a total of \$315,695.

A sum of \$34,226 was expended on the purchase of Baxter House for the purpose of a Police Station.

This total expenditure therefore amounts to \$1,331,757, leaving an approximate balance on the 30th September of \$545,005.

The Estimates for the coming year have been prepared and will be laid before you without delay.

The Estimated Revenue up to the end of the present year is \$1,884,943; to this may be added the balance of assets at the beginning of this year—less the amount to be deducted for the defalcations I have mentioned—which is therefore \$446,607 and \$50,000 may be put down as a possible sum to be realized on land sales before the year comes to a close. The total revenue therefore amounts to \$2,381,550.

The Estimated Ordinary Expenditure is \$1,470,221; the extraordinary expenditure \$449,700, making a total of \$1,919,921. The probable balance on hand therefore on the 31st of December next, presuming all the amount estimated for extraordinary expenditure to be spent which is somewhat improbable, will be \$461,629.

The Estimated Revenue for 1891, is \$1,952,098 while the premiums on land sales can be put down at \$100,000 making a total of \$2,513,727.

The Estimated Ordinary Expenditure is \$1,663,420, Extraordinary \$804,279 leaving a probable balance on hand on the 31st of December, 1891, of \$46,028.

Among the principal items causing further expenditure for next year I may mention the increased Military Contribution from £20,000 to £40,000, which taking the dollar as representing $3/6d.$ would amount to \$228,572.

The additions to salaries authorized by the Secretary of State amounting to about \$47,000.

The increased cost entailed by the new system of Audit which will involve a yearly increase of about \$7,500.

The introduction of the Electric Light causing an increase of \$13,500.

The most serious addition, however, to Extraordinary Expenditure results from the amount estimated as necessary for Public Works. We know how essential it is, Gentlemen, that such public works as are in course of construction should be completed without delay and that such others as may be really needful should be commenced, while the water and drainage system, which the Colony has undertaken, cannot be allowed to stand still. But I do think that it is a question for serious consideration whether it is just towards the present tax-payers that the entire cost of such works as are destined for the good of future generations should entirely fall upon us.

It seems to me that the comparatively small debt of £200,000, which is gradually becoming less every year, might fairly be added to so as to enable the Colony to construct such works as are absolutely necessary without undue pressure on its finances or over-taxation of its people.

Several Ordinances are in course of preparation and many are ready for your immediate consideration.

Among them is an Ordinance to amend the Laws relating to the Police Force which is rendered desirable in consequence of certain changes that have lately taken place among the Officers of that Department and which I have already had occasion to explain to you.

The Secretary of State has made it a condition, as regards many of those who will under the proposed scheme for the re-adjustment of salaries receive additional pay, that they should join a Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund. A similar measure to that proposed some months back, but which was not then proceeded with, will therefore be submitted to you. I may state that such a law exists in many other Colonies, and although it is impossible to say how far the measure will prove a success in a Colony where the number of Civil Servants is comparatively small, it must be admitted that its object, in providing for those who may otherwise be left in want and destitution, is a good one.

The Squatters' Ordinance has been drafted with the view of giving the necessary powers to those who have been already appointed to consider how the irregular occupation of Crown lands in this Colony can be discontinued.

An Ordinance to give further powers to Companies with respect to the alteration of their Memoranda of Association will be submitted to you.

Honourable Members will recollect that during the course of the present year a Private Bill was introduced with the object of enabling the Hongkong Land Investment Company to transact business elsewhere than in this Colony, and to extend its powers of investments which under its present Articles of Association it is unable to do. The Ordinance passed through its different stages, but before my assent was given to it objections were raised against it and I was requested to submit the matter for the decision of the Secretary of State. This I did and the Secretary of State in reply forwarded copy of a Public Bill which was then passing through the Imperial Parliament on the subject, stating that he had no objection to a similar measure being passed here. The Ordinance which will be laid before you is therefore *mutatis mutandis* a copy of the English Act.

Bills to amend the Public Health Ordinance of 1887; to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Merchant Shipping, &c.; to amend the Opium Ordinances; to consolidate the Law relating to Chinese Passenger Ships and the conveyance of Chinese emigrants; to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy; to amend our Laws in regard to Gambling and to provide against the Adulteration of Food are all in course of preparation and will be brought before you very shortly.

It will be remembered that at our last meeting previous to the recess a Bill was introduced by an Honourable Member to amend the Law respecting the sale of Shares in

Companies registered under the Companies Ordinances. This measure is undoubtedly one of considerable importance and in order to save time it was proposed that I should, during the recess, send a copy of it to the Secretary of State for his consideration. I did so and so soon as I receive a reply I will inform the Council accordingly.

I have already mentioned to you, Gentlemen, my desire to find further space than exists in this Island for the interment of such Chinese who die here and whose relatives are not in a position to remove their remains for burial elsewhere. This, as is the case with most questions of difficulty and importance, requires some time for solution, but I have good reason to hope, although my original idea may not be carried out, that I shall soon be able to attain in some way the object I have in view.

The question of Gaol extension has not ceased to occupy my attention since we last met as I am fully convinced of the necessity of providing in some way or another, further prison accommodation. I have addressed the Secretary of State on the subject and although there are no doubt arguments in favour of building a new Prison which it would not have been right of me to have concealed from him I have expressed an opinion, in order to avoid so large an expenditure as would be involved in the erection of a new building, that the existing Gaol should be added to on its present site by the Magistracy being removed to a piece of ground which I believe has long been lying idle in the vicinity of the quarters occupied by the Captain Superintendent and Police Inspectors.

Until I hear what the Secretary of State's views are in the matter the question cannot be definitely settled. But in the meantime such a sum has been inserted in the Estimates as is likely to be required next year either for one work or the other. If the present Gaol is enlarged in the manner I have suggested, the cost, including the erection of a new Magistracy, &c., is estimated at \$170,000.

The correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary of State and myself respecting the increase of our Military Contribution will be laid on the table. To comment on it is unnecessary on my part. Honourable Members will see the views I expressed and the replies that have been received and they can judge for themselves in the matter.

The question of the Naval and Military Establishments being removed from the Town of Victoria is engaging the consideration of the home Authorities and I believe that before very long it will be ripe for a decision.

I may inform the Council that Lord KNUTSFORD has approved of the formation in this Colony of a Volunteer Machine Gun Corps and a Volunteer Mounted Rifle Corps as recommended by the Committee appointed to consider this question in 1889, and that the Maxim guns, the cost of which was voted in March last, have been ordered.

My attention was drawn some time ago to the fact that a certain amount of over-pressure existed in the Schools of this Island more especially as regards Chinese children. Honourable Members will have observed that enquiry is now being made into this point. Whether over-pressure exists in the Schools or not the result of the investigation will probably show, but I may inform the Council that I discovered that the number of attendances required in the Aided Schools here was greater than that demanded in other Colonies. For this I could see no sufficient reason and I recommended to the Colonial Authorities that it should be reduced. To this proposal the Secretary of State has acceded and the same number of attendances will hereafter be required here as are required at the Schools in the Straits Settlements.

Papers will be submitted to you respecting a proposed reduction in Postage Rates with a view of obtaining a uniform postage for all the different Colonies and thus to do away with certain anomalies which now exist. The estimated loss to the Imperial Revenue, should the scheme be carried out, is about £105,000 a year and Her Majesty's Government desire to know whether the various Colonies are disposed to contribute towards reducing this amount. In the interests of the world generally the idea is no doubt a good one and one to which I feel sure this Council will give every consideration. But it will be seen from the Report of the Acting Assistant Postmaster General that the Colony will lose a no inconsiderable sum by the scheme being adopted and I am therefore desirous of taking the sense of the Council on the question before sending a reply.

A short time ago I had the satisfaction of taking part, in what I may allude to as the gratifying function of laying the foundation stone of the Gap Rock Lighthouse. To join in the erection of a beacon, the object of which is to save from danger and to guide through difficulties, must at all times be a pleasurable duty, but I venture to say that there are few spots where the existence of a lighthouse will prove of more true value to navigation than that from which this light will shine over many a distant mile.

I may mention, in connection with this subject that I have lately enquired what steps are being taken to place a lighthouse on Waglan Island in lieu of that on Cape D'Aguilar

and I am glad to be able to inform you that the Chinese Authorities are at the present moment seriously considering this question and that engineers and others are about to be sent, if they have not left already, to make all necessary arrangements for carrying out the work.

The Secretary of State's Despatch regarding the Increase of Salaries to Civil Servants and the conditions under which such are to be granted will be laid on this table. It will be seen that Lord KNUTSFORD has felt unable to consent to the scheme proposed by Sir WILLIAM DES VŒUX that salaries should be paid at sterling rate, but he has sanctioned an increase, with certain exceptions, on the conditions however that those who accept the increases proposed shall forego the privilege of sending money home in the shape of family remittances as heretofore; that when on leave they shall be paid at the rate of 4/- the dollar and that their pensions shall be at the rate of 3/8*d.* only.

Since we last met, Gentlemen, the services of one who had been a Member of this Council for some years past have not only been lost to us but to this Colony generally.

There is no one who took a deeper interest in his work as a Member of the Legislature; who without speaking for display or for any factious object was nevertheless prepared to take such action and to ask for such information as he considered the public interest demanded—than Mr. MACEWEN. His absence from this Board will necessarily be felt, but I am sure that the one who has been selected to replace him will do all in his power to make up for the loss we have sustained.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, let me ask of you to join your efforts in working for the future welfare of a Colony which by reason of increased facilities in communication is yearly becoming of more importance in a political and Imperial point of view while I trust of more value to those whose interests are interwoven with its interests and whose fortunes and whose happiness may be said to be proportionate to its success and its prosperity.

At an early period of the coming year the Colony will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary as a possession of the British Crown, and it is an interesting coincidence that in 1891 it will witness the same span of life as will the Heir to the English Throne.

That Hongkong may advance and prosper during the fifty years that are next to come as it has advanced and prospered during the fifty years that are about to pass away is I am sure the earnest wish of one and all of us.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st July, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD who had been appointed, provisionally and subject to Her Majesty's confirmation, an Un-official Member of the Legislative Council on the nomination of the Chamber of Commerce was duly sworn and took his seat.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following papers:—Acting Colonial Secretary's Report on the Blue Book for 1889; Assessor's Report on the Assessment for 1890 and 1891; Despatches respecting the increased Military Contribution; Papers respecting the Defalcations of Z. M. BARRADAS; Despatch respecting increase of salaries of Public Officers; Despatch approving of the new Standing Rules and Orders; and Despatch in connection with Companies altering their Memoranda of Association.

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

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.
43 of 7th
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.
1015 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.
1303 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

\$1,700.00

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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.
The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the Minutes in connection with the Kowloon well, and the amount misappropriated by a Bailiff of the Supreme Court.

Question—put and agreed to.

His Excellency informed the Council that by Clause 48 of the Standing Rules and Orders it is provided that at the first Meeting of the Council after the 1st of October the President might appoint the following Committees:—Finance Committee, Law Committee, and Public Works Committee. He would at this sitting appoint the Finance Committee and would consider between this and the next Meeting who should be appointed on the other two Committees.

His Excellency then appointed all the Members of the Council except the Governor as the Finance Committee, the Colonial Secretary to be Chairman.

Honourable Ho KAI gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would ask the following question:—

What steps have been or are to be taken by the Government

1. *To suppress or diminish public gambling in the Colony.*
2. *To regulate, register or suppress the hundreds of gambling clubs that have sprung into existence during the last few years.*

His Excellency informed the Council that it was the intention of Government to introduce a Bill as soon as possible in connection with the suppression of gambling. His Excellency further informed the Council that if in any way the question of the Honourable Member could be answered at the next Meeting he would be happy to do so.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 1873, ENTITLED THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, 1873."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 1888 ENTITLED THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 1888 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 1886 ENTITLED THE PEACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1886."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLICE FORCE CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE A PENSION FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE COLONY."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 13th October, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 13th day of October, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 23.

MONDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).

,, 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 6th October, 1890, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency appointed the following Members under Section 48 of the Standing Rules and Orders as the Law and the Public Works Committees :—

Law Committee.—Attorney General, Chairman.

Colonial Secretary.

Honourable N. G. MITCHELL-INNES.

Honourable J. J. KESWICK.

Honourable HO KAI.

Public Works Committee.—Surveyor General, Chairman.

Colonial Secretary.

Honourable C. P. CHATER.

Honourable J. J. KESWICK.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the papers respecting the proposed reduction of postage and gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would lay on the table the papers relating to the Estimates for the year 1891, and would move that they be considered that day week.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council and gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move the following resolution :—

That the Government be requested to formulate and lay before the Council proposals for defraying the extraordinary expenditure on Public Works by means of a loan.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD further gave notice that at the next Meeting he would also put the following question :—

Have the Government received a report from the Honourable E. J. Ackroyd and Mr. Nicolle on the recent defalcations in the Money Order Office and on the causes which led to them, if so, will they lay it on the table, together with a statement of the measures which have been taken to prevent such defalcations in future?

His Excellency addressed the Council and stated that in connection with the resolution of the Honourable Member he would desire to consult the Executive Council between this and the next meeting when the resolution would be brought forward. As to the question in connection with the defalcations in the Money Order Department, a report had been received regarding the proposed amendments of keeping the accounts. He had not had an opportunity of looking through the report, but would shortly do so, and as soon as all the papers in connection with the matter could possibly be laid on the table, he would certainly lay them. His Excellency further stated that he had replied to the Despatch the Secretary of State wrote in answer to his first despatch in connection with the increased Military Contribution. There had however not yet been time to receive a reply. When the despatch was answered and he was in a position to know what the Secretary of State said it would be his desire to give the fullest information in regard to the matter to this Council and to the public generally.

Honourable HO KAI, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

What steps have been or are to be taken by the Government

1. *To suppress or diminish public gambling in the Colony.*

2. *To regulate, register or suppress the hundreds of gambling clubs that have sprung into existence during the last few years.*

The Acting Attorney General stated in reply that a draft Ordinance dealing with the question of gambling has been prepared and is at present under the consideration of the Government, and that the question of the so called Clubs has not been lost sight of.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 1873, ENTITLED THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, 1873."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 1888 ENTITLED THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 1888 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 1886 ENTITLED THE PEACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1886."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLICE FORCE CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE A PENSION FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE COLONY."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that certain bye-laws made by the Sanitary Board under sub-section 1 of section 13 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1887 (Public Health) and which have been submitted to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government be approved by the Council.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 20th October, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,

Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 20th day of October, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 24.

MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 13th October, 1890, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency addressed the Council and stated that, with respect to the Bill which has been read a first time in connection with the sale of shares in Companies registered under the Companies' Ordinance, a telegram had been received from the Secretary of State to the effect that he had no objection to the Bill being proceeded with if the Un-Official Members agree. His Excellency further stated that he would therefore leave it to the Honourable Member who introduced the Bill to take such further steps in connection with it as he might deem desirable.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of 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.
1383 & 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council in connection with the increased costs of the Maxim Guns and the Pier at Stone Cutters' Island.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council, and, pursuant to notice, moved,—

That the Government be requested to formulate and lay before the Council proposals for defraying the extraordinary expenditure on Public Works by means of a loan.

Honourable P. RYRIE addressed the Council and seconded the resolution.

Honourable J. J. KESWICK addressed the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following:—

Have the Government received a report from the Honourable E. J. Ackroyd and Mr. Nicolle on the recent defalcations in the Money Order Office and on the causes which led to them, if so, will they lay it on the table, together with a statement of the measures which have been taken to prevent such defalcations in future?

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee of the 6th instant, (No. 18), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

(1.)

C. O. Desp. 43 of 17th March, 1890. Building-grant to the Diocesan Home and Orphanage, to defray half the cost of an improvement in the building,\$ 355.00

(2.)

C.S.O. 1915 of 1890. Supplementary Vote for Office Contingencies of the Attorney General,\$ 30.00

(3.)

C.S.O. 1751 of 1890. Stipulated increment to the salary of the Veterinary Surgeon, Increase from the 24th October to the end of the year,\$ 56.45

(4.)

C.S.O. 1513 & 2030 of 1890. Amount required to complete the sum due for Kowloon well,\$ 94.72

(5.)

C.S.O. 2060 of 1890. Supplementary vote for Office Contingencies for the Magistracy,\$ 150.00

(6.)

C.S.O. 1308 of 1890. 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,\$ 963.25

(7.)

C.S.O. 1061 of 1890. Amount of prisoners' property embezzled by Turnkey Ng' KAM-FUK, employed as Receiving Officer in Victoria Gaol,\$ 313.75

(8.)

C.S.O. 1988 of 1890. Supplementary Vote for Police exclusive of Establishments,\$ 1,700.00

(9.)

C.S.O. 2229 of 1890. Supplementary Vote for Office Contingencies of the Treasury, to cover expenses in collecting Village Rates,\$ 250.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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 SEVENTY-NINE CENTS TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1889."—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

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 THE YEAR 1891."—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the First Reading of the Bill and laid on the table the Estimates for 1891.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following Minute by His Excellency with reference to the Estimates for 1891:—

The Officer Administering the Government has the honour to submit for the consideration of the Legislative Council the Estimated Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony for the year 1891.

2. The Estimates have been carefully prepared by the Acting Colonial Secretary. The work connected with them has been rendered more onerous than usual this year by reason of the re-adjustments of salaries in accordance with the Secretary of State's instructions. Every endeavour has been made to carry out the principles enunciated in the Despatch on the subject which has already been laid before this Council. In a matter of this kind, where certain exceptions have been made to the increases proposed, it is impossible that every one concerned should be perfectly satisfied. If, however, in some cases the intentions of the Secretary of State have not been carried out, or if there are others which would seem to deserve more indulgence than has been granted to them it will doubtless be competent to effect rectifications hereafter.

3. The Estimated Revenue for 1891 exclusive of any balance on hand at the end of this year, and exclusive of premiums on Land Sales, is \$1,952,098.

The Estimated Revenue for this year was \$1,884,943. The amount estimated for 1891 therefore exceeds this by \$67,155. But it should be borne in mind that the estimated amount to be realized from Land Sales next year has been put down as only \$100,000 whereas that for this year was mentioned as \$300,000. The commercial depression which has existed for some time past has necessarily affected the sale of Government property, and it would have been undesirable to have sold at a time when, as a matter of certainty, but poor prices would have been obtained. The amount realized by the sale of lands this year instead of exceeding \$300,000 will, in all probability, not amount to \$50,000. It is to be hoped, however, that an improved condition of affairs will enable the Estimate under this head to be reached during 1891.

4. The Officer Administering the Government informed the Council a short time since that the probable balance on hand at the end of this year would be \$461,629, but since this announcement was made the Colony has been called upon to pay a larger amount than was anticipated as representing the sum of £116,000 voted for Defence Works. About \$20,000 will therefore have to be deducted from the \$461,629. But on the other hand the improbability of all the amount estimated for Extraordinary Expenditure being spent will more than likely make up for this deficiency.

5. The Council is aware that one of our principal items of Revenue arises from the Opium Monopoly which according to present arrangements is to produce \$477,600 a year. But an item of this nature being actually realized must necessarily depend upon certain contingencies and it is therefore our duty not to rely too implicitly upon such a source of income.

6. The estimated increases and decreases on the different items of revenue for next year are principally the following.

There is an estimated increase in assessed taxes of \$50,000 due to the increase in rateable tenements and to the gross receipt being estimated for 1891 without deduction for unoccupied houses, but this deduction has to be made good from expenditure.

There is also an estimated increase of \$1,000 on carriage and chair licences an amount of over \$10,000 having been received on this account during the first half of this year.

There is an increase of \$3,000 estimated for spirit licences. The sum estimated under this heading last year was \$41,000 whereas that obtained was \$48,794.

There is also an estimated increase of \$4,000 of fees from scholars at the Victoria College—the amount estimated last year under this head having been \$10,000.

An increase from \$65,000 to \$75,000 is also contemplated for rents derived from market stalls and shops.

The estimated decreases are chiefly in the following items:—Boat licences from \$5,700 to \$5,000; Cargo boat licences from \$7,500 to \$7,200; Fines from \$16,000 to \$14,500; Hawkers' licences from \$5,300 to \$5,000; Emigration, which is on the decrease owing to the unwillingness of certain countries to receive Chinese, from \$18,000 to \$15,000; Lands other than those leased, but including Stone Quarries, from \$30,000 to \$28,000.

7. The revised estimated ordinary expenditure for 1891 is \$1,674,780. The estimated extraordinary expenditure \$920,279 instead of \$804,279 as stated by the Officer Administering the Government a short time ago, some omissions having been made in the draft estimates as originally prepared. This makes a total expenditure of \$2,595,059 instead therefore of having a balance of \$46,000 on hand at the end of 1891 there is an estimated deficit of about \$100,000.

The Council has already been informed that the principal causes of additional ordinary expenditure are the increased Military Contribution from £20,000 to £40,000 a year, the additions to salaries amounting to about \$47,000, the introduction of the Electric Light and the changes effected in the Audit Department.

Provision has been made for a Chief Assistant to the Observatory at a salary of \$1,800 in accordance with the recommendation of the Commission.

A sum of \$2,000 has been provided for the upkeep of the Epidemic Hulk now in course of construction.

The expenses of the Police Department have been somewhat increased in consequence of the recent changes which have been made in connection with it, while some additional cost has been proposed for the Gaol Department with a view of obtaining men from England to do duty as Turnkeys.

But the greatest increase on expenditure is caused by that estimated as necessary for Public Works.

As a proof of the continued increase of expenditure under this head it is worthy of remark that in the year 1875 the amount expended on the Surveyor General's Department, on Public Works and Buildings, Roads, Streets and Bridges amounted to \$169,642 whereas for 1891 the estimated sum for the Surveyor General's, the Water and Drainage and the Sanitary Departments amounts to no less than \$920,279 while the total amount estimated for the construction of such Public Buildings as have actually been commenced or are in contemplation is \$2,540,237, which will have to be further increased should a new gaol be constructed.

8. The Officer Administering the Government is fully sensible of effecting economy in so far as is possible. It is at all times difficult to lay down any hard-and-fast line as to how this is to be done, but there are many little ways in which those who are entrusted with the expenditure of public moneys can guard against needless expenditure.

The financial condition of the Colony may be regarded on the whole as satisfactory, the revenue being quite sufficient to meet any ordinary expenditure but while this is so and while not begrudging what is necessary for its development and general good the Officer Administering the Government entirely concurs that every prudence should be exercised in dealing with public moneys.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Government House, Hongkong, 20th October, 1890.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 8 OF 1873, ENTITLED THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, 1873."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 15 OF 1888 ENTITLED THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 1888 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 1886 ENTITLED THE PEACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1886."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLICE FORCE CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1887."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendment.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 27th October, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of October, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 25.

MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 20th October, 1890, 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 20th October, (No. 19), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

(1.)

C.O. Desp. 176 of 1890. 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.,\$ 1,878.00

(2.)

C.S.O. 1383 & 2337 of 1890. Re-construction of the landing Pier at Stone Cutters' Island,\$ 6,328.00

(3.)

C.S.O. 1987 of 1890. 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,\$ 60.00

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the question of the proposed reduction of postage be referred to the Chamber of Commerce be carried into effect.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move the following resolution :—

That the Government lay upon the table a complete and detailed statement shewing,—

- 1.—*The total amount in dollars received by this Colony on account of the loan for £200,000.*
- 2.—*The total amount of interest paid, principal and rate to be mentioned, on the loan annually from the date of borrowing until now, or to 30th June last, or any more convenient date of this year.*

- 3.—*The total amount of commission paid to the Crown Agents or others in connection with the loan.*
- 4.—*The total amount of charges, advertising, and all others incurred and paid in respect of the loan.*
- 5.—*The profit or loss in exchange on each of the amounts of the loan repaid annually.*
- 6.—*The rate per cent. per annum the loan has cost annually—the rate to include interest, commission, and all other charges from date of borrowing up to the most convenient date of this year.*
- 7.—*The amounts to be stated in Pounds Sterling as well as in dollars, also the rate or rates of exchange at which each conversion has been made.*

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD also gave notice of the following motion for the next meeting,—

That the Council postpone consideration of the Estimates for 1891 for Public Works Extraordinary No. 29 on the Abstract List—in so far as regards the following numbers under that heading—Nos. 1, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 25, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36 and 37, until Government lay on the table detailed and complete statements of the proposed works shewing what is to be done in each case and the necessity for the works, together with estimates and plans, including a definite statement of their intentions with reference to Drainage and Water-works, so that the Council and the Public may know precisely what it is the Council are asked to sanction and for what purposes the money to be voted is to be used. Further, that the Government lay on the table a copy of the Despatch and Statement sent to Lord Knutsford in reply to his Despatch of 18th April last, also a fresh report from the Surveyor General as to what works he can now reasonably undertake to do during the ensuing year, and also a report detailing the Public Works to which the Colony is already actually committed.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions:—

1. *Will the Government lay on the table, before proceeding with the Estimates for 1891, the Sanitary Board's letter of the 11th August, 1890, containing certain recommendations on the subject of the Water and Drainage Works?*
2. *Will the Government, before proceeding with the Estimates for 1891, lay upon the table detailed and complete statements of the proposed Works not already sanctioned by the Legislative Council together with plans and estimates in detail including a complete statement of the new drainage scheme and of the arrangements proposed by Government for carrying it out promptly and effectively?*

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

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 SEVENTY-NINE CENTS TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1889."—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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 THE YEAR 1891."—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 1873, ENTITLED THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, 1873."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLICE FORCE CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE A PENSION FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE COLONY."—The Acting Attorney General moved that this Bill be referred to the Law Committee.

Honourable P. RYRIE addressed the Council.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded the motion.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Council then resolved itself into a meeting of the Finance Committee.

On the Council resuming the Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following resolution passed by the Finance Committee:—

"That the Government do 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 on which these officers are not satisfied."

The adoption of this resolution was moved by the Honourable J. J. KESWICK and seconded by the Honourable P. RYRIE.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of the above resolution be adjourned for a week.

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 3rd November, at 2.30 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 3rd day of November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 26.

MONDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).

" 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 27th October, 1890, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency informed the Council that the Secretary of State had made some changes in regard to the appointments of Postmaster General and Colonial Treasurer. The present Assistant Postmaster General has been appointed Postmaster General at a salary of \$3,600 a year besides which he is to have free quarters, and Mr. MITCHELL-INNES has been appointed Colonial Treasurer and Collector of Stamp Revenue at a salary of \$4,800 a year.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table a letter from the Sanitary Board in connection with Main Sewerage.

The Acting Colonial Secretary also laid on the table the Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 27th October, 1890:

Honourable C. P. CHATER, in the absence of the Honourable J. J. KESWICK, supported the following resolution which was contained in a report of the Finance Committee, and which had been proposed and seconded at the last meeting of the Council :—

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.

The Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD spoke in favour of the motion.

The Acting Colonial Secretary addressed the Council and by direction of His Excellency laid on the table a list of Offices in regard to which applications had been made for a reconsideration of salaries and also the reasons why some among such applications had not been acceded to by the Government.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Honourable P. RYRIE addressed the Council.

After some discussion it was agreed, on the proposal of the Acting Colonial Secretary, that the non-contentious work should be proceeded with by the Finance Committee.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council and moved the following resolution :—

That the Government lay upon the table a complete and detailed statement shewing,—

- 1.—*The total amount in dollars received by this Colony on account of the loan for £200,000.*
- 2.—*The total amount of interest paid, principal and rate to be mentioned, on the loan annually from the date of borrowing until now, or to 30th June last, or any more convenient date of this year.*
- 3.—*The total amount of commission paid to the Crown Agents or others in connection with the loan.*
- 4.—*The total amount of charges, advertising, and all others incurred and paid in respect of the loan.*
- 5.—*The profit or loss in exchange on each of the amounts of the loan repaid annually.*
- 6.—*The rate per cent. per annum the loan has cost annually—the rate to include interest, commission, and all other charges from date of borrowing up to the most convenient date of this year.*
- 7.—*The amounts to be stated in Pounds Sterling as well as in dollars, also the rate or rates of exchange at which each conversion has been made.*

Honourable P. RYRIE seconded.

The Acting Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

The motion was agreed to.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council and moved,—

That the Council postpone consideration of the Estimates for 1891 for Public Works Extraordinary No. 29 on the Abstract List—in so far as regards the following numbers under that heading—Nos. 1, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 25, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36 and 37, until Government lay on the table detailed and complete statements of the proposed works shewing what is to be done in each case and the necessity for the works, together with estimates and plans, including a definite statement of their intentions with reference to Drainage and Water-works, so that the Council and the Public may know precisely what it is the Council are asked to sanction and for what purposes the money to be voted is to be used. Further, that the Government lay on the table a copy of the Despatch and Statement sent to Lord Knutsford in reply to his Despatch of 18th April last, also a fresh report from the Surveyor General as to what works he can now reasonably undertake to do during the ensuing year, and also a report detailing the Public Works to which the Colony is already actually committed.

Honourable P. RYRIE seconded.

The Acting Colonial Secretary addressed the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

After discussion the Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, on the suggestion of the Acting Attorney General, agreed to substitute the following motion in lieu of that originally proposed by him:—

That the Council postpone consideration of the Estimates for 1891 for Public Works Extraordinary No. 29 on the Abstract List—in so far as regards the following numbers under that heading—Nos. 1, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 25, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, and 37, until Government lay on the table a general statement of the proposed works, including a definite statement of their intentions with reference to Drainage and Water-works, so that the Council and the Public may know precisely what it is the Council are asked to sanction and for what purposes the money to be voted is to be used. Further, that the Government lay on the table a copy of the Despatch and Statement sent to Lord Knutsford in reply to his Despatch of 18th April last, also a fresh report from the Surveyor General as to what works he can now reasonably undertake to do during the ensuing year, and also a report detailing the Public Works to which the Colony is already actually committed.

After discussion the amended motion was put and agreed to.

The Council then resolved itself into a meeting of the Finance Committee.

On the Council resuming, the Acting Colonial Secretary reported progress.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 10th November, at 2.30 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 10th day of November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 27.

MONDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 3rd November, 1890, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table Reports respecting Public Works Estimates for 1890 and statements concerning the Government Loan of £200,000.

The Acting Colonial Secretary also laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee held respectively on the 3rd and 8th days of November, 1890, and moved that the following Vote referred to in the Report of the 3rd November be passed, viz. :—

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,\$ 480.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE gave notice that at the next Meeting he would move the following resolution :—

That a special committee, consisting of the un-official members and the Colonial Secretary, be appointed to examine into the details of the Estimates for next year, mainly with a view to a full consideration of the salaries question, the public works, and the military contribution, with full powers to call for papers and information, and to furnish the Council with a report.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would ask the following question :—

Will the Government lay on the table a full report of the proceedings of the Law Revision Commission appointed on 12th August, 1882,—“to prepare and report upon Drafts for a revised edition of the Ordinances, and for amendments of the same, incorporating the results of such recent Imperial legislation as appears applicable to the circumstances of the Colony, and providing for improved procedure in the administration of Justice,” and a statement shewing the total cost of the Commission since the date of its appointment until the present time, how and in what way the money has been spent, the work accomplished, and about the time when the edition of the Ordinances now being printed will be published, also the cost of the edition being printed.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHINESE EMIGRATION CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1889."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ARMS ORDINANCE OF 1889."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until Monday, the 17th instant, which was agreed to.

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."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

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 THE YEAR 1891."—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned, which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until the 17th instant which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Thursday, the 13th November, at 3.30 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 13th day of November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 28.

THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 10th November, 1890, were read and confirmed.

Honourable P. RYRIE moved the following amended resolution in lieu of the one in the Orders of the Day :—

That a special committee, consisting of the un-official members, the Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Surveyor General be appointed to examine into the details of the Estimates for next year, with a view to a consideration of the salaries question, the public works, and the military contribution.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council and seconded the motion.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

Will the Government lay on the table a full report of the proceedings of the Law Revision Commission appointed on 12th August, 1882,—“to prepare and report upon Drafts for a “revised edition of the Ordinances, and for amendments of the same, incorporating the “results of such recent Imperial legislation as appears applicable to the circumstances of the “Colony, and providing for improved procedure in the administration of Justice,” and a statement showing the total cost of the Commission since the date of its appointment until the present time, how and in what way the money has been spent, the work accomplished, and about the time when the edition of the Ordinances now being printed will be published, also the cost of the edition being printed.

The Honourable Acting Attorney General and Honourable Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHINESE EMIGRATION CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1889.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ARMS ORDINANCE OF 1889.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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 Acting Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 17th November, at 2.30 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 17th day of November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 29.

MONDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 13th November, 1890, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table a statement concerning cost of Law Revision Commission, and cost of the new edition of the Hongkong Ordinances.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would ask the following questions :—

1. *Is the Government aware that the water supply to the Robinson Road district was cut off for several days last week, and that no notice whatever was given of the fact so as to allow the inhabitants to make provision to obtain water from some other source? Will the Government issue the necessary instructions so that the public may have some notice in future of when and for how long it is proposed to cut off the water supply?*
2. *Is the Government aware that there is a very great scarcity of water in the Western district at the Peak, and will the Government state what measures they are taking, or propose to take, to meet the emergency?*

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.”—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHINESE EMIGRATION CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1889.”—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

Council resumed.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887.”—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendment.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ARMS ORDINANCE OF 1889."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendment.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until Monday, the 24th instant, which was agreed to.

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 THE YEAR 1891."—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned, which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until the 24th instant which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 24th November, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 24th day of November, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 30.

MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 17th November, 1890, were read and confirmed.

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

F. FLEMING.

C. 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. *Is the Government aware that the water supply to the Robinson Road district was cut off for several days last week, and that no notice whatever was given of the fact so as to allow the inhabitants to make provision to obtain water from some other source? Will the Government issue the necessary instructions so that the public may have some notice in future of when and for how long it is proposed to cut off the water supply?*
2. *Is the Government aware that there is a very great scarcity of water in the Western district at the Peak, and will the Government state what measures they are taking, or propose to take, to meet the emergency?*

Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887.”—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be recommitted.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ARMS ORDINANCE OF 1889."—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of the following Bills, viz.:—

"THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1891,"

"THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890," and

"AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION"

be adjourned until this day week.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 1st December, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 1st day of December, 1890.

A. M. THOMSON,
for Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 31.

MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 24th November, 1890, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine into the details of the Estimates for 1891; with addenda by the Un-Official Members.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, moved the following resolutions:—

1. *That in re-adjusting the salaries of Government officials in Hongkong, all personal allowances, special grants, fees of office and other payments of a like nature should be abolished, and the salary in local currency of each officer be a fixed sum to include, where possible, all allowances.*
2. *That with a view to get rid entirely of personal allowances for length of service or special merit, there should be for each office a minimum and maximum salary with a periodical rate of increase, and that no more than the maximum salary should under any circumstances be paid.*
3. *That within the limits so fixed the salaries of the present occupants of the various appointments be settled by the Committee of Council, with regard to length of service and personal merits of the officers, subject of course to the approval of the Secretary of State.*
4. *That to prevent the evil effects constantly arising in certain departments from frequent changes of officers, it be laid down as the rule that, unless under very exceptional circumstances, the occupants of the undermentioned offices are not entitled to and are not to look for any promotion, acting or permanent, out of their own departments. The offices are: Registrar and Deputy Registrars Supreme Court, the Police Magistrates, the Land Officer, and the Chief Clerk at the Magistracy; the occupants of these offices to be legally qualified when fresh appointments are made to them in the future, the Interpreters of the Supreme Court, and the Clerk of Councils and Chief Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office.*
5. *That in fixing the maximum salary for the offices above mentioned the rule of irremovability be borne in mind and the maximum salary made equivalent to any promotion the occupant of the office might reasonably hope to obtain, if the rule had not been made.*

The Honourable P. RYRIE seconded.

His Excellency having addressed the Council, the motion was withdrawn.

BILL ENTITLED "THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the consideration of the following Bills, viz.:—

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887,

be postponed until next Meeting of Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the discharge of the Order that the Appropriation Bill, 1891, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Order discharged.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1891.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

On the vote of \$10,000 for the Audit Department, Item No. 5, Honourable P. RYRIE moved as an amendment that the amount be struck out on the ground that it is inexpedient to have one side of the accounts audited in England and the other side in the Colony.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD seconded.

A division was taken when there voted:—

For the Amendment.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

„ J. J. KESWICK.

„ HO KAI.

„ C. P. CHATER.

„ P. RYRIE.

Against the Amendment.

Hon. Acting Registrar General.

„ Surveyor General.

„ Acting Colonial Treasurer.

„ Attorney General.

„ Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

Amendment lost.

Vote—put and agreed to.

On the vote of \$233,572 for Military Expenditure, Item No. 27, Hon. C. P. CHATER moved as an amendment that the vote be reduced to £20,000 on the ground that the War Department had not fulfilled the promise to increase the garrison.

Honourable P. RYRIE seconded.

A division was taken when there voted:—

For the Amendment.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

„ HO KAI.

„ J. J. KESWICK.

„ C. P. CHATER.

„ P. RYRIE.

Against the Amendment.

Hon. Acting Registrar General.

„ Surveyor General.

„ Acting Colonial Treasurer.

„ Acting Attorney General.

„ Acting Colonial Secretary.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

Amendment lost.

Vote—put and agreed to.

The Bill was reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the discharge of the Order appointing the Select Committee to examine into the details of the Estimates for 1891, and that the expenditure connected with the Public Works be considered by the Finance Committee.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED “THE SQUATTERS’ ORDINANCE, 1890.”—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION.”—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be recommitted.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 8th December, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,

Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 8th day of December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 32.

MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 1st December, 1890, 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.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 24th November, (No. 23), and moved that the following Vote referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C. O. Desp.
213 of 1890.

Salaries of two new Cadets, at the rate of \$1,500 per annum each,.....\$ 400.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would ask the following question:—

In view of the danger to life caused by small vessels carrying in outside waters large number of passengers whether it is the intention of the Government to apply to steam-launches and small vessels of under 50 tons, trading between Hongkong and Canton and/or Macao, the same rules and regulations as govern the ordinary river steamers, and if so, when?

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE No. 13 OF 1860, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL LIST.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED “THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, 1890.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned until this day week, which was agreed to.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1891.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Bill be recommitted.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendment.

Council resumed.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "THE SQUATTERS' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE FURTHER POWERS TO COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERATION OF THEIR MEMORANDA OF ASSOCIATION."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 15th December, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 15th day of December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 33.

MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).

,, 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 8th December, 1890, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table further despatches respecting the increased Military Contribution.

The confirmation by Her Majesty of the appointment of the Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD as a Member of the Council having been received he was duly sworn and took his seat.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 8th December, (No. 24), and moved that the following vote referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

C. O. Desp.
212 of 1890.

Compassionate allowance for the benefit of the children of the late Colonial Treasurer and Postmaster General, Mr. ALFRED LISTER,.....\$ 2,880.00

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

In view of the danger to life caused by small vessels carrying in outside waters large number of passengers whether it is the intention of the Government to apply to steam-launches and small vessels of under 50 tons, trading between Hongkong and Canton ^{and}/_{or} Macao, the same rules and regulations as govern the ordinary river steamers, and if so, when?

The Acting Attorney General replied.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD, pursuant to notice, asked the following questions :—

1. *Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing how the Superannuation Fund which existed in the Colony previous and up to 1857 was disposed of, what was the total amount to credit of the Fund at the time of its suppression. Why and by whose order was it put an end to, and how much of the fund was repaid to the Subscribers of it.*
2. *Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing the cost in Hongkong Currency Dollars of all articles, goods, and stores purchased and forwarded to Hongkong by the Crown Agents for use in connection with the various Public Works during 1890, the cost laid down here to include all commissions shipping and other charges.*

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAI SIU TONG."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF CHOI WAI OTHERWISE CHOI TSUN."—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 13 OF 1860, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL LIST."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of the "THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, 1890" and "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY" be postponed which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Saturday, the 20th December, at 11 A.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 20th day of December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 34.

SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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 Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 15th December, 1890, were read and confirmed.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Reports of the Finance Committee held on the 5th, 11th and 16th days of December, 1890.

Honourable C. P. CHATER moved that an addendum drawn up by the un-official members of the Council be added to the said Reports.

After discussion it was decided that the reports be referred back to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Attorney General laid on the table the Report of the Law Committee on AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE A PENSION FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE COLONY.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD pursuant to notice asked the following question :—

Will the Government lay on the table a statement shewing the aggregate amount of Light Dues collected from 1st January to 31st March last, both days inclusive, and from 1st April to 30th November last, also both days inclusive.

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAI SIU TONG.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF CHOI WAI OTHERWISE CHOI TSUN.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE No. 13 OF 1860, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL LIST.”—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of the “THE GAMBLING ORDINANCE, 1890” and “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO BANKRUPTCY” be postponed which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE A PENSION FUND FOR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE COLONY."—The Acting Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 22nd December, at 11 A.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 22nd day of December, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 35.

MONDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1890.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ 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.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 20th December, 1890, were read and confirmed.

Honourable P. RYRIE laid on the table a memorandum by the Un-official Members relating to the Estimates for Public Works for 1891 and asked that it might be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the discharge of the order referring back to the Finance Committee the Reports of that Committee dated the 5th, 11th and 16th days of December, 1890.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the following report of the Finance Committee be adopted :—

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 were considered and agreed to unanimously.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following question:—

Will Government state the reasons for the apparent delay in the despatch of Her Majesty's Gun-boat from Hongkong to search for the "Namoa" pirates?

His Excellency replied.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of the following Ordinances be adjourned, viz.:—

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAI SIU TONG.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF CHOI WAI OTHERWISE CHOI TSUN.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE addressed the Council and referred to the able manner in which His Excellency had presided over them; and, on behalf of the Members, begged to thank him for the very kind consideration which he had always shown.

His Excellency, in reply, thanked the Honourable Member for the kind words he had spoken in his regard and also the Members of Council for their kindness and co-operation while he presided over this Board. He would further desire to publicly express his appreciation of the assistance rendered to him by the Members of the Civil Service. His Excellency then referred to the very valuable information he had at all times received from the Major-General Commanding.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Monday, the 5th January, 1891, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
President.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of January, 1891.

A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.