

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 24.

FRIDAY, 15TH MAY, 1885.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.)

„ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ the Registrar General (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ THOMAS JACKSON.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.), (on leave).

The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, (on leave).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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

G. F. BOWEN.

C. O. Desp.
67 of 1885.

Referring to the despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 67, of 1885, the Governor requests the Legislative Council to consider the amount of the personal allowance to be paid to Dr. AYRES and to Dr. ADAMS, respectively, in lieu of the fees received by them for issuing Bills of Health.

It is proposed that henceforward Bills of Health shall be issued by the Health Officer *ex-officio* for a fee of \$3 (three dollars), to be paid into the Colonial Treasury. It will be necessary to recoup the amount of the personal allowances to Dr. AYRES and Dr. ADAMS; but when this object has been attained, it is proposed to reduce the fees to a still lower amount, covering only the necessary expense to the Government.

Government House, Hongkong, 11th May, 1885.

G. F. BOWEN,

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the following sums:—

C.S.O. 1089 of 1885.	Re-construction of Hospital Matsheds at Stone Cutters' Island for Quarantine purposes,.....	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
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C.S.O. 1099 of 1885.	Supplementary vote for renewing the decayed portions of Murray Pier, and for extending it out into deep water, so that it may be approached by Steam-launches when the tide is ebbing,	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
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This is the Pier at which nearly all strangers of distinction and Officers of the Army and Navy land.

C.S.O. 1113 of 1885.	For fitting a Nordenfeldt Gun on board the Police Steam-launch <i>Charles May</i> ,	<u>£58.5.10 @ 3/61/2 = \$ 329.18</u>
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The Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCE CONTINUATION ORDINANCE, 1885.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

The Honourable P. RYRIE observed that a very great privilege was conferred by this Ordinance on the French Mail Steamers, and that some assurance should be received from the French Government that they will not interfere with vessels carrying Her Majesty's Mails coming to this port.

His Excellency the Governor said that, in sending home the Bill, he would ask the Home Government to take this question into consideration.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Attorney General gave notice that, at the next Meeting of Council, he would move that the Council go into Committee on the Bill.

BILL ENTITLED THE PRESERVATION OF WILD BIRDS AND GAME ORDINANCE.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General gave notice that, at the next Meeting of Council, he would move the second reading of this Bill.

The Council adjourned until Friday, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 22nd day of May, 1885.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.