

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 10.

WEDNESDAY, 23RD APRIL, 1884.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.)

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

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)

„ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY.)
„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)
„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)
„ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.
„ PHINEAS RYRIE.
„ WILLIAM KESWICK.
„ THOMAS JACKSON.
„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.
„ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

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

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

NEW MEMBER.—The Honourable HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, having taken and subscribed before His Excellency the Governor, the usual oath of allegiance, took his place at the Council Table.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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

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

- C.S.O.
910 of 1884. (1.) A sum not exceeding \$1,200 for the purchase in England, and erection *in situ*, of 12 force-pumps, to be placed over public drinking wells.
- C.S.O.
912 of 1884. (2.) A vote of \$7,225 for the Crown resumption of the remaining portion of Inland Lot 418, at Lápsápwan, in order that the ground which it occupies may be parcelled out into new Marine Lots.
- C.S.O.
902 of 1884. (3.) A vote of \$1,155 for the salary of Mr. MITCHELL-INNES, A Passed Cadet, from 10th April to 30th November, 1884, at \$1,800 per annum.

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

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the following Votes passed by the Finance Committee:—

(Finance Committee, 10th April, 1884.)

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Works and Buildings.

C.S.O.
593 of 1884. New Water Police Station,—revote, \$10,933.35

Roads, Streets and Bridges.

C.S.O.
520 of 1884. Repairs to the road to Cape d'Aguilar Lighthouse, \$ 2,500.00

Land and Houses Purchased.

C.S.O.
451 of 1884. For resumption by the Crown of a strip of land near Causeway Bay, \$ 2,000.00

Seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Question—put and passed.

THE STAMP ORDINANCE, 1884.—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Bill entitled *The Stamp Ordinance*, 1884, was committed.

The Attorney General gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council, he would move that the Bill be read a third time.

BILLS READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a third time:—

A Bill entitled *The Post Office Ordinance*, 1884.

" " *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 3 of 1871.*

" " *The Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1879, Amendment Ordinance, 1884.*

Question put—that these Bills do pass.

Bills passed.

The Attorney General pursuant to notice moved:—

"That it is expedient that the Justices of the Peace who are also Officials of Government, should abstain from taking part in the nomination of any Member of this Council, who is to be nominated by the Justices of the Peace."

The Honourable P. RYRIE seconded.

The Honourable F. D. SASSOON addressed the Council.

His Excellency the Governor addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Honourable W. KESWICK, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary the following Bill was read a first time:—

A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 17 of 1883.*

On the motion of the Honourable W. KESWICK, seconded by the Surveyor General, the following Bill was read a first time:—

A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 4 of 1884.*

The Honourable W. KESWICK gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would move that these Bills be read a second time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Council be adjourned until Wednesday, the 30th instant, at 4 PM.

Question—put and passed.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of April, 1884.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Clerk of Councils.