

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 13.

THURSDAY, 15TH MAY, 1884.

PRESENT:

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

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL.)
 The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART.)
 „ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY.)
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)
 „ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ WILLIAM KESWICK.
 „ THOMAS JACKSON.
 „ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.
 „ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.), on leave.
 The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.), on leave.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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

(Finance Committee, 8th May, 1884.)

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Colonial Secretary.

C.S.O. 902 of 1884.	Salary of Mr. MITCHELL-INNES, a Passed Cadet, from 10th April to 30th November, 1884, at \$1,800 per annum,	\$ 1,155.00
C.S.O. 1005 of 1884.	Allowance to Passed Cadet for Chinese Teacher, from 1st April to 30th November, 1884, at \$10 per month,	80.00
		<u>\$ 1,235.00</u>

Stamp Office.

C.S.O. 806 of 1884.	Allowance to the Shroff, for selling Stamps at all hours, and on holidays, &c., \$10 per month, from 1st May to 30th November, 1884,	\$ 70.00
		<u>\$ 70.00</u>

Police.

C.S.O. 993 of 1884.	Salary of a Coxswain for the Launch <i>Charles May</i> ; 8 months, at \$10 per month,	\$ 80.00
		<u>\$ 80.00</u>

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Works and Buildings.

Mis. Doc. 331 of 1884.	Conversion of the upper floor of the Post Office building into Offices for Colonial Treasury,	\$ 1,650.00
C.S.O. 910 of 1884.	Purchase in England, and erection <i>in situ</i> , of 12 force pumps, to be placed over public drinking wells,	1,200.00
		<u>\$ 2,850.00</u>

Land and Houses Purchased.

C.S.O. 912 of 1884.	Compensation for resumption by the Crown, of the remaining portion of Inland Lot 418, at Lap-sap Wan, in order that the ground which it occupies may be parcelled out into new Marine Lots,	\$ 7,225.00
		<u>\$ 7,225.00</u>

The Honourable W. KESWICK seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PRIVATE BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.—The Honourable W. KESWICK, pursuant to notice, moved the first reading of the following Bills:—

A Bill entitled—*An Ordinance to authorise The Honourable FRANCIS BULKELEY JOHNSON to construct piers and wharves in the harbour of Victoria, and to confer upon the said FRANCIS BULKELEY JOHNSON certain other powers and privileges.*

A Bill entitled—*An Ordinance to authorise CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, Esq., to construct piers and wharves in the harbour of Victoria, and to confer upon the said CATCHICK PAUL CHATER certain other powers and privileges.*

The Surveyor General seconded.

The Bills were read a first time.

On the motion of the Acting Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Honourable W. KESWICK, the report of the Harbour Master on these Bills was read and ordered to be printed.

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

On the motion of the Honourable P. RYRIE, seconded by the Honourable F. D. SASSOON, the Bill entitled *A Bill to enable the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to mortgage and sell certain property in Hongkong*, was read a second time.

The Attorney General moved that this Bill be referred to the Law Committee.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, a Bill entitled *An Ordinance to make provision for certain duties formerly attaching to the Office of Sheriff*, was read a first time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the adjournment of the Council until Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 4 PM.

Question—put and passed.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 22nd day of May, 1884.

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