

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1885.

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 Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

,, the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

,, PHINEAS RYRIE.

,, THOMAS JACKSON.

,, FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

,, WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

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

,, WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st June last, and of the Meeting held on the 7th instant, were read and confirmed.

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

G. F. BOWEN.

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

C.S.O. 2021 of 1885.	(1.) For general overhaul and repairs to Health Officer's Steam-launch <i>Blanche</i>	\$ 210.00
	Hire of Steam-launch while the above repairs are being executed, 10 days, at \$5 per day,	50.00
		<u>\$ 260.00</u>
C.S.O. 2090 of 1885.	(2.) For converting house No. 47, Wyndham Street, into a Gaol for female prisoners,	\$ 500.00
C.S.O. 2421 of 1885.	(3.) For rent of a house in Wyndham Street to be used as a female prison, at \$40 per month, for 2 months, (October and November),	\$ 80.00
Mis. Doc 692 of 1885.	(4.) For converting a portion of the east wing of the old Gaol at Stone Cutters' Island into a temporary Magazine for Gunpowder,	\$ 1,300.00
C.S.O. 1691 of 1885.	(5.) For fitting up the Hungghòm Police Station with guard-beds, shelves, pegs, baths, &c.,	\$ 245.00
C.S.O. 2012 of 1885.	(6.) For compensation to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, for removal of their pier in 1878, when constructing the Praya-wall. (Re-vote,—see Legislative Council, 20th July, 1883),	\$ 800.00
C.S.O. 1255 of 1885.	(7.) For cost of 7,680 rounds of Ammunition for the Nordenfeldt Gun on board the <i>Charles May</i> ,.....£378.16.11 $\frac{1}{2}$ @ 3/8=	\$ 2,066.44
C.S.O. 1665 of 1885.	(8.) For fitting Nordenfeldt Guns into the boats of the Hongkong Auxiliary Flotilla Corps,	£165.5.0 @ 3/6 $\frac{1}{8}$ = \$ 941.48
C.S.O. 1795 of 1885.	(9.) For making 3 Trollies for the conveyance of Nordenfeldt Guns from Steam-launches to store,	\$ 120.00

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C.S.O. 1874 of 1885.	(10.) For repairs to damages caused by the Rainstorms of the 8th and 12th June, 1885,	\$ 9,695.35
C.S.O. 2369 of 1885.	(11.) For building of a Retaining wall to prevent landslip at the rear of Inland Lot, 696, East of the Government Civil Hospital,	\$ 945.00
C.S.O. 1725 of 1885.	(12.) For resumption by the Crown of Marine Lots 192,230, and Sections A and B of Lot 193, in connection with the proposed New Central Market,	\$ 37,000.00

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

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the appointment of the following Committees to be empowered to sit during any prorogation or adjournment of Council:—

1. *Finance*, to consist of the whole of the Members of the Legislative Council, with the Colonial Secretary as Chairman.
2. *Law*, to consist of the Honourable the Attorney General, (Chairman), the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable P. RYRIE, the Honourable F. D. SASSOON, and the Honourable WONG SHING.
3. *Public Works*, to consist of the Honourable the Surveyor General, (Chairman), the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, the Honourable the Registrar General, the Honourable W. KESWICK, and the Honourable T. JACKSON.

Seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Question—put and passed.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Acting Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, the following Bills were read a first time:—

- (1.) *The Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1884.*
- (2.) *The Appropriation Bill for 1886.*

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a first time:—

- (1.) A Bill entitled *The Loan Ordinance, 1885.*
- (2.) „ „ *The Spirits Ordinance, 1885.*
- (3.) „ „ *The Prison Ordinance, 1885.*
- (4.) „ „ *The Merchant Shipping Ordinance, Amendment Ordinance, 1885.*
- (5.) „ „ *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 8 of 1860.*

NOTICES OF SECOND READING.—The Acting Colonial Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the Second reading of the two Bills proposed by him.

The Attorney General likewise gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the second reading of some of the Bills proposed by him.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 4 PM.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 14th day of October, 1885.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.