

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 7.

FRIDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1886.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.,

Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency 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.)

„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)
 „ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)
 „ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.
 „ WONG SHING.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN, (*vice* the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).
 „ JOHN BELL-IRVING, (*vice* the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

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

(1.)

W. H. MARSH.

Mis. Doc.
1249 of 1886.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a transfer of the sum of \$253 from the Registrar General's Department to the Treasury, to defray the expenses of collecting Municipal Rates at Villages.

This service which has hitherto been performed by the Registrar General's Department is now carried on by the Treasury; therefore a transfer vote is required, viz.:—

Allowance to Collector,	\$120.00
Salary of a Coolie,	108.00
Petty expenses,	25.00
	<u>\$ 253.00</u>

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(2.)

W. H. MARSH.

C.S.O.
2672 of 1886.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$12,176 to pay the expenses incurred in making good the damages caused by the rain-storm of the 15th of July last, to roads, streets, bridges, and sewers.

In former years the practice has been to assess the damages at the time, and apply for a supplementary vote. This year, however, this practice has been deviated from, and the alternative adopted of seeing how far the ordinary votes for Public Works could be made to meet this extraordinary demand, leaving the balance only, which could not be met from ordinary sources, to be voted as *Extraordinary Expenditure*.

The detailed List of these Storm damages is annexed:—

Schedule of expenses incurred in making good the damages caused by the rain-storm of 15th July, 1886.

Repairing damages to Peel Street,			\$ 141.16
Do. do. Albert Road,			73.33
Do. do. Centre Street,			177.08
Do. do. New East Street,			268.00
Do. do. Robinson Road,			290.26
Do. do. Square Street,			35.75
Do. do. Gap Street,			54.16
Do. do. Tank Lane,			59.80
Do. do. Po Yan Street,			61.66
Do. do. Castle Road,			164.67
Do. do. Hospital Road,			106.66
Do. do. Arbutnot Road,			33.33
Do. do. Glenealy Path,			25.00
Do. do. Western Street,			66.00
Do. do. Third Street,			82.16
Do. do. Lower Albert Road,			94.16
Do. do. First Street,			96.33
Do. do. Queen's Road,			99.00
Do. do. Elgin and Staunton Streets,			141.66
Do. do. Triangle Street,			154.00
Do. do. Western Nullah Road,			231.24
Do. do. Belcher's and Davis Streets,			229.63
Do. do. Retaining wall near Rope Works,			315.92
Do. do. Road adjoining Glass Works,			99.00
Do. do. Centre Street Sewer,			331.16
Do. do. Drains Pokfulam Road,			171.28
Do. do. a portion of Peak Road,			28.65
Do. do. Caroline Hill Road,			143.00
Do. do. Causeway Bay Road,			468.00
Do. do. Smithfield Street Sewer,			455.80
Do. do. Catchwaters at Kennedy Town,			138.66
Removing landslips along Robinson Road,			150.00
Do. do. Garden Road,			84.66
Do. do. Peak Roads,			190.00
Do. do. Kennedy Road,			160.33
Do. do. Sháukiwán Road,			1,179.33
Do. do. Stanley Road,			45.84
Do. do. Aberdeen Road,			275.00
Do. do. Mount Gough Roads,			8.33
Do. do. Pokfulam Road,			10.00
Do. do. Magazine Gap Road,			149.08
Clearing sewer choked with debris in Jervois Street,			79.36
Do. do. Hillier Street,			131.46
Do. do. Central District,			96.00
Do. do. Davis Street,			83.93
Do. do. Ship Street,			62.29
Do. do. Albany Street,			90.75
Do. do. Wántsai Road,			98.40
Do. do. Bonham Strand,			293.44
Repairing damages and clearing silt Bowington Canal (upper portion),			129.40
Do. do. do. (lower portion),			343.00
Sewers choked with rocks and debris, burst and destroyed,			1,228.60
Clearing sewer-inlets of rocks and debris throughout the city,			73.11
Do. do. at Kennedy Town,			67.98
Rebuilding damaged portions of Nullah at Causeway Bay,			614.00
Rebuilding No. 1 Bridge at Sháukiwán Road,			588.00
Rebuilding wall and removing landslip above Richmond Road,			1,011.00
Clearing Hunghóm Nullah of debris,			59.46
Repairing damages to Happy Valley Road,			36.50
TOTAL,			\$ 12,175.76

J. M. PRICE,
Surveyor General

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

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked:—

For a Return of the number of deaths registered as occurring in the French and It Convents since January, 1880.

The Return to shew the cause of death, numbers under 1 year of age, under 10 years, and over 10 years; and to call papers on the subject.

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked:—

The reason for the delay in appointing the promised Commission to enquire into the subject of Interpretation, and when such Commission will be appointed.

The Acting Attorney General replied.

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

- (a.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend the Companies Ordinances 1865 to 1886.*
- (b.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance for preserving an authentic record of the Ordinances of the Colony and for other purposes.*

BILL ENTITLED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITNESSES ORDINANCE, 1886.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of the Bill.

BILL ENTITLED THE COMMISSIONERS POWERS ORDINANCE, 1886.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of the Bill.

BILL ENTITLED THE WILLS ACT AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1886.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendment.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of the Bill.

BILL ENTITLED THE BILLS OF LADING ORDINANCE 1886.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of the Bill.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 3rd proximo.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 3rd day of December, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.