

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 41.

MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM GORDON CAMERON, C.B.,

Administering the Government.

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL), *vice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on leave.

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

- „ the Acting Attorney General (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD), *vice* the Honourable EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY, on leave.
- „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
- „ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
- „ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ WONG SHING.
- „ JOHN BELL-IRVING, (*vice* the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave).
- „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave).
- „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. A. P. MAC EWEN having, on the nomination of the Chamber of Commerce, been appointed a Member of the Council in the room of Mr. T. JACKSON, resigned, took his seat at the table, the usual Oath having previously been tendered to him by the Acting Governor.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 9th instant, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government read the following Despatches from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies:—

- (1.) Despatch respecting the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. (No.  $\frac{33}{87}$ ).
- (2.) Despatch respecting the appointment of Sir GEORGE WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G. to be Governor and Commander-in-chief of Hongkong. (No.  $\frac{34}{87}$ ).

Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

W. G. CAMERON.

C.S.O.  
2054 of 1887.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$25,000 towards the Jubilee Fund, to enable this Colony worthily to celebrate and commemorate the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty's glorious and beneficent reign—so especially memorable for the marvellous progress and prosperity of our Colonial Empire (Hongkong, a notable example)—and the loyalty and attachment of the Colonists towards the throne. The Honorary Treasurer to the Jubilee Committee reports that a similar sum will be raised among the British and Foreign Communities, exclusive of the Chinese subscriptions. It is proposed to erect a statue of the Queen on the Praya, or most conspicuous site that can be chosen, not only as an emblem of England's sovereignty, and the devoted loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony, English and Chinese, but as a token of the affectionate regard evinced towards our beloved Queen on this memorable occasion by our foreign friends who live among us, and have so generously contributed to the Jubilee Fund. The statue of the Queen will thus also commemorate the good-will which exists among all classes of the Community in the year 1887, and which it is hoped may ever continue; and the Government feel sure that in asking for this vote, it is merely giving expression to the wishes of the public.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th September, 1887.

The Acting Colonial Secretary gave notice that, at the next Meeting, he would move that the Council approve of the Vote of \$25,000 towards the Jubilee Fund.

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

W. G. CAMERON.

C.S.O.  
2090 of 1887. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$1,500 for the purchase of a small corner of Inland Lot 24, in Queen's Road West, immediately below the hill whereon stands the Civil Hospital. The thoroughfare makes a sharp angle in skirting round the hill; and, as the traffic through Queen's Road West is incessant, it would be for the safety of riders in chairs and jinrickshas to shave off the small corner, and thus avoid the accidents which are always taking place at this spot.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th September, 1887.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that this vote be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES OF MONEY PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, dated the 9th instant, (No.  $\frac{16}{87}$ ), and moved that the following sum referred to therein be voted, viz.:—

C.S.O. 1709 of 1887.	Remuneration to Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD, for services rendered in connection with the Land Commission, .....	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
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BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council resumed consideration in Committee of this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

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

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council adjourned until Friday, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

W. G. CAMERON, *Major-general,*  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 23rd day of September, 1887.

J. M. GUTIERREZ,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*