

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 16.

MONDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1888.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.)

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL, C.M.G.), *rice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on leave.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

„ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY).

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ BENDYSHE LAYTON, (*vice* the Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN), on leave.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

SWEARING IN OF MEMBER.—Mr. BENDYSHE LAYTON, having been nominated by the Chamber of Commerce to fill the vacancy caused by the temporary absence of Mr. MAC EWEN, was duly sworn in and admitted a Member of the Council.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.—His Excellency replied to the question put by Mr. MAC EWEN at the last Meeting.

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

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
932 of 1888. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Four hundred Dollars, for building a room over the two cells at the Magistracy to keep scales, balances, &c. for testing weights and measures.

The room used for this purpose at the Central Market will shortly be pulled down.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th May, 1888.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
1810 of 1887. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred Dollars, for the erection of a Telegraphic line between the Gap and Mount Gough Police Stations.

Government House, Hongkong, 4th June, 1888.

(3.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
2610 of 1887. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Eight hundred and Forty Dollars and Forty-one Cents, being compensation to Mr. EDMUND SHARTP. for deficiency in area of Inland Lot No. 670 at Belcher's Bay, \$782.22
Overcharge of Crown Rent,..... 58.19

\$ 840.41

Government House, Hongkong, 4th June, 1888.

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

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, (No. 23), held on the 7th ultimo, and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed:—

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Postmaster General.

C.S.O. 1046 of 1888.	Additional Clerks for 6 months from June 1st 1888,.....	<u>\$ 720.00</u>
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SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Fire Brigade.

C.S.O. 1045 of 1888.	Bonus to Members of the Fire Brigade, at the rate of 30% of their yearly salary,.....	<u>\$2,595.60</u>
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The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR CHINESE.—Referring to Mr. MACEWEN'S remarks at the last meeting, His Excellency addressed the Council in favour of the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum for Chinese.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Superintendent of Fire Brigade for 1887. (No. 11/88).
- (2.) Returns of Superior and Subordinate Courts for 1887. (No. 12/88).

BILL ENTITLED THE FIRE ENQUIRY ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE CORONER'S ABOLITION ORDINANCE, 1888.—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 17 of 1888.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Tuesday, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of August, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.