

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 16.

MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 1889.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary (FREDERICK STEWART).

- " the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
- " the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
- " the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
- " PHINEAS RYRIE.
- " WONG SHING.
- " BENDYSHE LAYTON, (*vice* the Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN).
- " JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th instant, were read and confirmed.

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

## G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.  
588 of 1889.  
\$1,772. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-two Dollars for the undermentioned expenses in connexion with the Fire Brigade:—

		ESTABLISHMENT.		
1 Assistant Engine Driver	@ \$ 12.00	per	8	..... = \$ 96.00
		month,	months,	
1 Stoker	@ " 10.00	"	"	..... " 80.00
1 Do.	@ " 8.00	"	"	..... " 64.00
1 Foreman	@ " 16.00	"	"	..... " 128.00
5 Firemen, European	@ " 9.00	"	"	..... " 360.00
2 Do. Chinese	@ " 1.50	"	"	..... " 24.00
				<u>\$ 752.00</u>

Less amounts that will lapse in consequence of the above re-arrangement:—

30 Chinese Firemen	@ \$ 1.00 per month, 8 months,	.....	\$ 240.00
6 Chinese Contingent	@ \$ 2.50 " " .....	"	<u>120.00</u>
			<u>360.00</u>
	Net increase, .....		\$ <u>392.00</u>

EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENT.

Purchase of Steam Fire Engine belonging to the Volunteer Fire Brigade, .....	\$ 1,200.00
Do. of 2 Hose Reels, .....	180.00
	<u>Total amount to be voted, .....</u>
	<u>\$ 1,772.00</u>

Owing to the disbandment of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, it is deemed expedient to purchase the engine and appliances which belonged to that body, and to appoint an additional staff to work it.

The Governor has approved a proposal of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for a reduction in the Chinese portion of the force which somewhat reduces the cost which would otherwise be incurred for this additional service.

Government House, Hongkong, 27th May, 1889.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTE PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee (No. 7), dated the 16th instant, and moved that the following Vote referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES FOR 1889.

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

*Roads, Streets and Bridges.*

C.S.O. 1170 of 1889. \$3,400.	For repairing damage caused to roads outside the City of Victoria by the rainstorm of the 29th ultimo, .....	\$3,400.00
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The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LI MAN HI *otherwise* POKSHAN.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

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

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 20 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 17 OF 1887.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

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

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 21 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

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

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 22 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

BILL ENTITLED THE CHINESE EXTRADITION ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council, and moved that the Bill be laid on the table this day six months.

Mr. LAYTON seconded, and addressed the Council.

Mr. KESWICK addressed the Council.

The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council.

Question put.

Council divided,—

*For*

Mr. KESWICK.  
Mr. LAYTON.  
Mr. WONG SHING.  
Mr. RYRIE.

*Against*

THE ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL.  
THE ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER.  
THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Motion lost.

Original motion carried by a majority of one.

Bill read a second time.

*ADJOURNMENT.*—The Governor then adjourned the Council till Friday, the 7th proximo, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 18th day of June, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*