

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, *vice* the Honourable
 WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MACÉWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meetings, held on the 12th and 24th ultimo, respectively, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.—His Excellency addressed the Council respecting the appointment of the following gentlemen, who were duly sworn in and took their respective seats, viz:—

Mr. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES, Acting Registrar General, *vice* Mr. W. M. DEANE, appointed Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. P. RYRIE, on the expiration of 6 years for which his former seat was retained.

Dr. HO KAI, on the expiration of 6 years for which Mr. WONG SHING held his seat.

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

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

Mis. Serv. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and
\$209. C.S.O. Nine Dollars, as a gratuity to the daughter of the late Mr. J. CARNEIRO, in consideration of his 15 years' good
363 of 1890. service as Wardmaster in the Civil and Small-pox Hospitals.

Mr. CARNEIRO was invalided and applied for pension, but did not live to enjoy it, as he died a few days after it was sanctioned.

The above sum is equivalent to One year's pension of the deceased.

Government House, Hongkong, 25th February, 1890.

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

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and passed.

(2.)

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

F. FLEMING.

Mis. Serv. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Fifty Pounds
C.S.O. Sterling as remuneration to Colonel BEAUMONT for his report on the proposed removal of the Bokhara rocks,
453 of 1890. £50.

also

\$100. One hundred dollars for the cost of his stay in Hongkong.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th February, 1890.

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

The Acting Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and passed.

BALL ROOM, &C., GOVERNMENT HOUSE.—His Excellency, referring to the vote for \$25,000 which appears on the Estimates for this year, informed the Council that plans and estimates had been received for this service, showing the total cost to be \$40,000, but that the current year's expenditure on this account is not likely to exceed the amount already voted.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 12th ultimo, (No. 2), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C.S.O. 2433 of 1889.	(1.) General overhaul, &c. to Health Officer's Steam-launch <i>Blanche</i> ,	\$ 766.00
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C.S.O. 370 of 1890.	(2.) Laying pipes, Steam Engine, &c., for supplying the Peak District with water,	\$27,000.00
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C.O. Desp. General, 25th Nov., 1889.	(3.) Illuminations, &c. on the approaching arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught,	\$12,000.00
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C.S.O. 2463 of 1889.	(4.) Purchase of 12 Maxim Nordenfeldt Guns and Ammunition for Volunteers,	\$37,275.98
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The Acting Attorney General seconded.
Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAM LEUNG SING *otherwise* LAM YUK PAU.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.
Question—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be referred to a Special Committee consisting of the

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY,
ATTORNEY GENERAL, and
Dr. HO KAI.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of March, 1890.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.