

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> 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 Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).  
„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).  
„ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).  
„ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, *vice* the Honourable  
WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).  
„ PHINEAS RYRIE.  
„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.  
„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.  
„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).  
„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 12th instant, were read and confirmed.

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

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
519 of 1889. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Eight thousand and Five hundred Dollars to complete the sum of \$58,500, the cost of building an Epidemic Hospital Hulk.

Amount of Contract, .....	\$ 58,500
Voted as Extraordinary Expenditure for 1890, .....	50,000
To be voted, .....	<u>\$ 8,500</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 13th March, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
19 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Thirty-four thousand Dollars for the purchase of Inland Lot No. 598 with the premises erected thereon, for use as a Police Station in lieu of No. 8 Station at Taipingshan.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th March, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C. O. Desp.  
144 of 1888,  
and  
226 of 1889. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Seven hundred and Twenty Dollars being additional Salary to the Assistant Harbour Master, from \$1,920 to \$2,640, who will not draw any pay as Collector of Light Dues, while any fees for examination of Masters and Mates in the Mercantile Marine, will be paid into the Treasury.

Government House, Hongkong, 19th March, 1890.

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

The Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council on the votes for the purchase of Inland Lot No. 598, and the increase to the salary of the Assistant Harbour Master.

Question—put and passed.

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 instant, (No. 4), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

(1.)

C.S.O.  
542 of 1890. Allowance for a Chinese teacher to the Head Mistress of the Central School for Girls at \$10 per month from 1st April to 31st December, 1890, ..... \$ 90,000

(2.)  
 C. O. Desp. Increase to the salary of the Attorney General, from \$4,800 to \$7,800 per annum, ..... \$3,000.00  
 2 of 1890.                     

(3.)  
 C.S.O. Employment of an Inspector of Nuisances for Kowloon district. From 1st April to 31st  
 295 of 1890. December, 1890, viz.:—  
     Salary at \$60 per month, ..... \$ 540.00  
     Lodging allowance at \$15 per month, ..... 135.00  
     Chair Coolies at \$12 per month, for 5 months in summer, ..... 60.00  
                      
                      
 \$ 735.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

REPORT.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Acting Postmaster General's Report for 1889.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN having been appointed Attorney General was duly sworn and took his seat as a Member of the Council.

His Excellency addressed the Council expressing his acknowledgment for the services rendered to the Council by Mr. A. J. LEACH the late Acting Attorney General.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO INFANT VACCINATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS VACCINATED BY A PUBLIC VACCINATOR.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that as the Special Committee had not completed their labours, the consideration of this Bill be postponed which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

The Honourable Dr. HO KAI addressed the Council.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the third reading be postponed which was agreed to.

His Excellency addressed the Council and stated that at the next meeting, the Council would be moved to vote the increased military contribution as proposed by the Secretary of State. His Excellency further informed the Council that at the next meeting, the Council would be moved to agree to the appointment of a Special Committee to frame New Standing Orders and Rules under the present Royal Instructions.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 26th day of March, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*