

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH APRIL, 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).
„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 26th March, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency informed the Council that His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT desired him to inform the Council and the public generally that he and Her Royal Highness the DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT were both much gratified with the kind welcome accorded to them during their late visit to the Colony.

REPORTS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Superintendent of the Gaol for 1889, and a Statement of Treasury receipts and payments for 1889.

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

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
294 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Nine hundred and Ninety-one Dollars, and Fifty-seven Cents (\$991.57) being cost of repairing the Telegraph Cable between North Point and Kowloon—damaged by some vessel's anchor dragging various cables together and entangling them.

Government House, Hongkong, 28th March, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
611 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand Nine hundred and Two Dollars, and Twenty-seven Cents (\$1,902.27) to enable the Sanitary Board to pay the expenses incurred in suppressing the recent Cattle Epidemic.

The sum asked for is thus made up:—

Compensation for Cattle and Fodder destroyed,	\$1,820.50
Slaughtering and disposal of carcasses,	51.77
Disinfecting and cleansing sheds,	30.00
	\$1,902.27

Government House, Hongkong, 8th April, 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 vote for compensation in connection with the recent Cattle Epidemic.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED ORDINANCE, 1890.—Honourable J. J. KESWICK moved the second reading of the Bill.

Honourable C. P. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with verbal amendments.

Council resumed.

Honourable J. J. KESWICK moved the third reading of the Bill.

Honourable C. P. CHATER seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill passed.

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 Attorney General moved that the consideration of this Bill be postponed which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

BILL ENTITLED THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890.—The report of the Select Committee to report on the Bill was read.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

His Excellency addressed the Council and referred to the Letters Patent and Royal Instructions of the 19th January, 1888, and stated that a copy of the Clause of the Royal Instructions enabling the Council to make Standing Rules and Orders would be sent to each member of the Select Committee appointed for that purpose.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 16th instant, at 2 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 16th day of April, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.