

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

MONDAY, 30TH JUNE, 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, C.M.G.).

„ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).
 „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.
 „ 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 23rd June, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Educational report for 1889.

Read the following Minutes under the hand of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1511 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Three hundred and Forty-five Dollars and sixty cents, (\$3,345.60), being amount required to pay the balance of a claim, and Court fees, in connection with Mr. M. J. STEPHENS' claim against the Government for compensation and damages for loss of area in respect of Marine Lot 184, \$5,000.

Amount Deposited in Court in December, 1888,	\$ 1,700.00
Balance now claimed,	3,300.00
	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Fees of Court,	45.60
	<u>\$ 5,045.60</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 23rd June, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-six thousand Six hundred and Sixty-four Dollars, and Forty-nine cents, (\$26,664.49), to defray the Salaries, Allowances and Office Contingencies of the Water and Drainage Department for the current year. Out of this amount, the sum of \$7,868 is a-re-vote, as it is included in the Estimates under Surveyor General's Establishment, and since transferred to the Water and Drainage Department.

Establishment of W. & D. Department,	\$ 26,664.49
Transferred from Surveyor General's Department,	7,868.00
	<u>\$ 18,796.49</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 26th June, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Nine hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$950), being amount expended for the Kowloon well.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th June, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Forty-four thousand One hundred and Seventeen Dollars, and Sixty-seven cents, (\$44,117.67), being the unexpended balance of the vote for New Water Mains in 1889.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th June, 1890.

(5.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
2935 of 1889.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand Nine hundred and Seventy-six Dollars, and Forty-three cents, (\$1,976.43), being amount due on some outstanding accounts in connection with the construction of Victoria College.

Government House, Hongkong, 24th June, 1890.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

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 23rd June, (No. 13), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C.S.O.
1366 and 173
of 1890.

Construction of a telegraph line between the Observatory at Kowloon and the Office of the Telegraph Company at Hongkong.

Also a separate line from Victoria Peak to Central Police Station to transmit meteorological telegrams, \$ 5,844.12

C.S.O.
1165 of 1890.

Rent of 1st floor of a Chinese house occupied by Scavengers of the Central Market, \$ 82.66

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE OF 1887."—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "THE MAGISTRATES' ORDINANCE, 1890."—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE SUPPLY OF WATER IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORKS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resolve itself into Committee.

The Honourable A. P. MAC EWEN moved and the Honourable J. J. KESWICK seconded that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned, which was agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 7th July, at 3 PM.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.