

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

MONDAY, 7TH JULY, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable 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.
 „ Ho KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE, C.M.G.).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th June, were read and confirmed.

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

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.
1579 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Nine hundred Dollars, (\$900), for the purchase of 200 Brass Padlocks from CHUBB & SONS for Victoria Gaol.
 Government House, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved that this Minute be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Treasurer, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 30th June, (No. 14), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C.S.O.
1511 of 1890. 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>

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890. 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,

\$ 26,664.49

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890. Amount expended for the Kowloon well,

\$ 950.00

C.S.O.
1513 of 1890. Unexpended balance of the vote for New Water Mains in 1889

\$ 44,117.67

The Attorney General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved as follows:—

"The Council, having considered the following statement from the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department concerning the planting and rearing of trees in the years 1891 and 1892, resolves that it is expedient that the liability for this work be incurred."

Statement of works which it is necessary that contracts should now be made for:—

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| 1. For planting, during the year 1891, trees which are now being reared under contract No. 4, 1889, | \$1,600 |
| 2. For seeds to be collected during the present year and supplied in January, 1891, | 200 |
| To be disbursed in 1891, | <u>\$1,800</u> |
| 3. For rearing trees which it may be desirable to plant in 1892, | \$1,400 |
| 4. If the above named work (No. 3) be now contracted for it will involve the making of contracts next year for getting the trees planted when ready in 1892; this would cost | 2,400 |
| To be disbursed in 1892, | <u>\$3,800</u> |
| 5. The <i>quantity</i> of trees which may be reared and planted under Nos. 3 and 4 is roughly estimated on the assumption that not less than \$6,000 or \$7,000 will be voted next year for forestry works in 1892. The annual vote is now \$10,000. | |
| 6. The execution of the proposed contracts would extend from the date of order in the case of the two first until the early part of next year, and in the two latter until the middle of the year 1892. | |

C. FORD,
Superintendent,
Botanical and Afforestation Department.

26th June, 1890.

The Attorney General seconded.

His Excellency addressed the Council.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR."—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 16 OF 1886, ENTITLED THE STAMP ORDINANCE."—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO FRAUDULENT MARKS ON MERCHANDISE."—The Attorney General moved that the Standing Rules and Orders be suspended in order that the Bill might be read a first time the same not having been inserted in the Orders of the Day.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer 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.—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

Council resumed.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported without amendments.

Council resumed.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 14th July, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 14th day of July, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,
Acting Clerk of Councils.