

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1896.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary and Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART).

„ the Acting Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK).
„ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
„ the Director of Public Works, (FRANCIS ALFRED COOPER).
„ the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).
„ the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, (WILLIAM CHARLES HOLLAND HASTINGS, R.N.).
„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
„ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.
„ EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS, C.M.G.
„ JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 22nd July, 1896, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

1. Report of Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to enquire into and report on the best organization for a College of Medicine for Hongkong.
2. Papers on the question of providing New Government Offices.
3. The Assessor's Report on the Assessment for 1896-97.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

WILLIAM ROBINSON.

C.S.O.
1798 of 1896. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Ten thousand Dollars, (\$10,000), to cover the expenditure of the Tytam Water Works extension during the current year.
Government House, Hongkong, 31st July, 1896.

WILLIAM ROBINSON.

C.S.O.
1677 of 1896. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the following sums to meet certain expenses in the Sanitary Department:—

For Incidental Expenses,	\$1,000
For Scavenging the City and Villages,	4,200
For the Maintenance of Markets,	375
Total,	<u>\$5,575</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896.

WILLIAM ROBINSON.

C.S.O.
748 of 1896. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five thousand Dollars, (\$5,000), to cover the amount under-estimated in respect of Refunds of Revenue.
Government House, Hongkong, 4th August, 1896.

WILLIAM ROBINSON.

C.S.O.
1807 of 1896. The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of Four hundred and Fifty-four Dollars and Thirty-seven Cents, (\$454.37), for the purchase of Conservancy Buckets.
(The above is the unexpended balance of the sum previously voted.)
Government House, Hongkong, 4th August, 1896.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee dated the 22nd July, 1896, (No. 3), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works laid on the table the report of the Public Works Finance Committee, dated the 22nd July, 1896, (No. 3), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.—Mr. WHITEHEAD gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would ask the following question:—

Will the Government inform the Council whether the Police Department continues to furnish the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs with information concerning permits issued for the export from the Colony of arms and ammunition?

BILL ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF ONE MILLION TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVEN CENTS TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1895."—Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer moved the third reading of the Bill.

The 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 MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS IN A PURE STATE."—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed and Bill reported with amendments.

The Acting Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Rules and Orders.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

His Excellency then retired and a meeting of the Finance Committee was held to consider Financial Minutes Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Council resumed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee dated the 5th August, 1896, (No. 4), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM ROBINSON,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 3rd day of December, 1896.

F. J. BADELEY,
Acting Clerk of Councils.