

1ST OCTOBER, 1898.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY the ACTING GOVERNOR, Major-General
BLACK, C.B. (Officer Commanding the Troops).

Hon. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (Acting Colonial Secretary).

Mr. H. E. POLLOCK (Acting Attorney-General).

Hon. R. MURRAY RUMSEY (Harbour Master).

Hon. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of
Police).

Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Acting Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. R. D. ORMSBY (Director of Public Works).

Hon. C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI.

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING.

Hon. WEI A YUK.

Mr. J. G. T. BUCKLE (Clerk of Councils).

THE ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Mr. H. E. Pollock, Acting Attorney-General,

in the absence of the Hon. W. M. Goodman, was duly
sworn.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
adopted as a correct record.

THE ESTIMATES.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY—I have the honour to
propose the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to
apply a sum not exceeding \$2,587,898.80 to the public
service of the year 1899. I may mention, sir, that the first
reading of this Bill is brought on earlier this year than usual,
to enable us to follow out our instructions and to allow of
the Secretary of State for the Colonies sending out a written
approval of the estimates before the end of the year.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the
motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council then adjourned until 3 p.m. on the 10th
inst.
