

21ST OCTOBER, 1901.

PRESENT:—

His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR (Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Commander R. M. RUMSEY, R.N. (Harbour Master).

Hon. C. MCL. MESSER (Acting Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. W. CHATHAM (Acting Director of Public Works).

Hon. A. W. BREWIN (Registrar-General).

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

Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.

Hon. J. THURBURN.

Hon. J. J. BELL IRVING.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI.

Hon. WEI A YUK.

Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Acting Clerk of Councils).

REGISTRATION OF CHINESE PARTNERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the question of the Registration of Chinese Partners and a Memorandum by the Colonial Secretary on the subject.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Financial Minute No. 63, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee. He said— I wish to point out that the minute has been increased by \$600, and that the total now is \$3,300 instead of \$2,700.

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

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 12), and moved its adoption.

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

REVISION OF STATUTE LAW.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, in the unavoidable absence of the Hon. the Attorney-General, I beg to move the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance for promoting the Revision of the Statute Law by repealing Enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary and by making Amendments in various Ordinances.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE LAW RELATING TO BUILDINGS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, in the absence of the

Hon. the Attorney-General, I beg to move the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Law relating to Buildings.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, in the absence of the Hon. the Attorney-General. I beg to move the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1899 (Ordinance 36 of 1899).

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Three million Seven hundred and Thirty-nine thousand Seven hundred and Sixty-two Dollars and Twenty-six Cents to the Public Service of the Year 1902. He said—I would point out that the figures have not been corrected in the orders of the day, but those I have just read are the corrected figures.

The ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council, the COLONIAL SECRETARY in the Chair.

There was only one minute before the Council, in which the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$2,700 in aid of the following votes:—

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Incidental Expenses,	\$1,500.00
Watering Streets,	1,800.00
Total,	<u>\$3,300.00</u>

The CHAIRMAN said the reasons for the vote and for the increase in the vote were explained in two letters, dated respectively the 11th and 19th of October, from the Secretary of the Sanitary Board.

The vote was agreed to.
