

19th DECEMBER, 1907.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR
FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G.,
C.B., D.S.O.

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL R. G.
BROADWOOD, C.B., A.C.D., General Officer
Commanding the Troops.

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. W. REES DAVIES (Attorney-General)

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

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of
Public Works).

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

Hon. Commander BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R. N.
(Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWETT.

Hon. Mr. H. KESWICK.

Hon. Mr. WEI YUK.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read, and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of
His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table
Financial Minutes Nos. 63 to 65 and moved that
they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the
motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of
His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table
the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 11),
and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the
motion was agreed to.

CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BYELAWS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—Sir, I have the
honour to move the approval by this honourable
Council of a byelaw under section 16 of the
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903,

to amend No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation Byelaws contained in schedule B of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. The object of this Byelaw, Sir, is to limit the cleansing and limewashing of tenement buildings to once a year instead of twice, as under the byelaw as it now exists, and also to eliminate from the provisions of the byelaw certain domestic buildings, including Chinese shops.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS seconded the motion, which was agreed to.

THE HARBOUR OF REFUGE AND STATUTES.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK asked the following questions standing in his name:—

1. Will the Government state what steps it is taking in connection with the proposed construction of an additional harbour of refuge?

2. Will the Government consider the advisability of introducing legislation, as to the proof in this Colony of the statutes of British possessions and protectorates, framed upon similar terms to the Evidence (Colonial Statutes) Act, 1907?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied:—

1. A scheme for the construction of a new shelter has been prepared and awaits consideration by the Public Works Committee to whom it has been again referred as it involves much greater expenditure than was originally estimated.

2. The Government is prepared to consider the matter with a view to introducing legislation.

FIRE BRIGADE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY -GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1868."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Council stands adjourned until after the meeting of the Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Colonial Secretary presiding. The following votes were passed:—

POLICE AND PRISON VOTE.

The GOVERNOR recommended the Council to vote a sum of two hundred and forty-five dollars (\$245) in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, A.—Police, Other Charges, Secret Services.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The GOVERNOR recommended the Council to vote a sum of one hundred and ninety-three dollars (\$193) in aid of the vote Medical Departments, B.—Hospitals and Asylums for the following items:—

Other Charges.

Lunatic Asylums—Incidental Expenses	\$17.60
Hospital hulk <i>Hygeia</i> —Provisions, &c.	24.18
Victoria Hospital for Women and Children—Provisions.....	151.22
Total.....	\$193.00

POLICE AND PRISON DEPARTMENTS.

The GOVERNOR recommended the Council to vote a sum of One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four Dollars (\$1,834) in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments, B. — Fire Brigade, Other Charges, Typhoon Damages.

On Council resuming, the COLONIAL SECRETARY reported that Financial Minutes Nos. 63, 64 and 65 had been considered by the Finance Committee, who had unanimously recommended their adoption. He moved, therefore, that the minutes be now adopted.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Council stands adjourned *sine die*.