

15TH OCTOBER, 1908.

PRESENT:—

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

COLONEL DARLING (General Officer Commanding).

HON. MR. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

HON. MR. W. REES DAVIES, K.C. (Attorney-General).

HON. MR. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

HON. MR. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

HON. MR. E. A. IRVING (Registrar-General).

HON. F. J. BADELEY (Captain Superintendent of Police).

HON. DR. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

HON. MR. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

HON. MR. H. A. W. SLADE.

HON. MR. W. J. GRESSON.

MR. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Councils).

Minutes

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

Financial Minutes

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of H. E. the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minute No. 60, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Financial

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by direction of H. E. the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee No. 17 and moved its adoption. In connection with the report he also laid on the table a certificate certifying that the Appropriation Ordinance of 1909 was considered clause by clause and approved by the Finance Committee, and the Committee recommended that the Bill might be dealt with by the Council as a Bill reported on by

Committee of the whole Council.

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

The Estimates

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—In view of the certificate I have just laid on the table, and no member objecting, I beg to move the third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million five hundred and seventy thousand four hundred and twenty-seven Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1909.

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

Regulation of Theatres Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY -GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for Regulating Theatres and other Places of Public Resort.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time, and passed.

Standing Committees

HIS EXCELLENCY—I appoint the following Committees for the session 1908-09:—

Finance Committee — All the members excepting the Governor.

Law Committee — The Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. F. J. Badeley—Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, and Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock.

Public Works Committee—Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Hon. W. J. Gresson, Hon. Mr. H. W. Slade.

HIS EXCELLENCY—The Council stands adjourned *sine die*.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

Judicial and Legal

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and eighty-nine Dollars and forty seven Cents (\$489.47) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, D.— Land Registry Office, Personal Emoluments; for the following items:—

New Territories

Allowance to Passed Cadet acting as Assistant Land Officer, (from 3rd April to 1st July, 1908),.....	\$296.55
Exchange Compensation,.....	192.92

Total.....	\$489.47