

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 2 OF 1881.

MONDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1881.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY, K.C.M.G.

The Honourable the Chief Justice,—Sir JOHN SMALE.

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary,—FREDERICK STEWART.

The Honourable the Attorney General,—EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY.

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Treasurer,—MALCOLM STRUAN TONNOCHY.

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK.

The Honourable NG CHOY.

The Council meets this day by Special Summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of Council, held on the 28th ultimo, are read and confirmed.

His Excellency the Governor expresses his regret at the news received since the last Meeting of Council, of the death of one of the ablest and most energetic of his predecessors, Sir RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL.

The following Bills are read a second time:—

1. "*The Macao Extradition Ordinance*, 1881."
2. "*The Census Ordinance*, 1881."

The Bills having been committed and passed, with a few alterations, are entitled respectively:—

1. An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled "*The Macao Extradition Ordinance*, 1881."
2. An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, entitled "*The Census Ordinance*, 1881."

The following Votes, which had already been passed by the Finance Committee, are submitted to the Council for approval:—

PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED IN EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES OF 1880, REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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Colonial Secretary.

C.S.O. Nos 2097 & 2222 of 1880.	2 Temporary Clerks at \$40 per month each, 3 months,	\$	240.00
No. 1297 of 1880.	Extra Copying Clerk at \$5 per month, 6 months,		30.00
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			\$270.00

Medical Establishment.

C.S.O. No. 2583 of 1880.	Apothecary and Analyst in the Civil Hospital, annual increase of \$96 per annum, from 23rd September to 30th November, 1880,.....	\$ 18.13
No. 2005 of 1880.	Allowance to Indian Interpreter at the Civil Hospital, at \$2 per month, 4 months,	8.00
		\$26.13

Fire Brigade Establishment.

C.S.O. No. 1495 of 1880.	2 Chinese Engineers for the two Steam Fire Engines, at \$20 each per month, from 1st July to 30th November,.....	\$ 200.00
No. 823 of 1880.	2 Chinese Watchmen at Clock Tower, at \$6 each per month, 8 months,.....	96.00
		\$ 296.00

Revenue Service.

C.S.O. No. 2707 of 1880.	For assistance of two Chinese Interpreters and Notice Writer to the Valuators,	\$ 60.00
		\$ 60.00

Works and Buildings.

C.S.O. No. 2174 of 1880.	Rebuilding the Mortuary Chapel at the Protestant Cemetery,	\$ 1,000.00
		\$ 1,000.00

Roads, Streets and Bridges.

C.S.O. No. 2569 of 1880.	Repairs to the Praya Roadway and Praya East, damaged by storm,	\$ 1,459.43
Do. C.S.O. No. 2227 of 1880.	Repairs to Roads and Bridges out of Victoria, damaged by storm,	1,876.00
	Reconstruction of Bowrington Bridge (part payment in 1880 for constructing a temporary Bamboo bridge, taking down the stones of the bridge, and removing main pipe),.....	235.00
		\$ 3,570.43

Miscellaneous Services.

C.S.O. No. 477 of 1880.	Colonial Defences.—Honorarium to Assistant Commissary General MOORE, for his services as Secretary to the Secret and Confidential Committee on the Defence of Hongkong,..	\$ 490.00
C.S.O. No. 102 of 1880. and S. of S. Desp. of Mar. 19th, 1880. (General.)	Amount paid to the Military Department for work necessary to put the nearly finished batteries at this station in such state as to be considered safe from rain—£220 at 3/9¾,	\$ 1,154.10
		\$ 1,644.10

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Harbour Master's Establishment.

C.S.O. No 467 of 1880.	Increase of Salary to Head Boatman at \$2 per month, from 1st December, 1880,	\$ 24.00
	Increase of Salary to Coxswain of Steam Launch at \$1 per month, from 1st December, 1880,	12.00
		\$36.00

Roads, Streets and Bridges.

C.S.O. No 2227 of 1880.	Reconstruction of Bowrington Bridge,	\$ 1,500.00
No 2859 of 1880.	Repairs to Murray Wharf,	1,069.00
		\$2,569.00

Miscellaneous Services.

S. of S. Desp. No. 98 of 31st Dec., 1880.	Remuneration to the widow of Mr. WARD PRESTAGE, for extra services rendered by her husband in the Survey Department,.....	\$ 2,000.00
S. of S. Desp. No. 91 of 22nd Dec., 1880.	Allowance to the City Hall, for salary of Librarian and Curator of the Museum, from 1st July, 1879, to 31st December, 1880,	1,800.00
		\$3,800.00

LOCK HOSPITAL.
(*Estimate for 1881.*)

RECEIPTS.	\$	c.	EXPENDITURE.	\$	c.
RECEIPTS UNDER ORDINANCE No. 10 OF 1867:—			SALARIES:—		
Estimate for the year 1881,	6,000.00		Surgeon,.....	864.00	
			Do., Wán-tsai,.....	360.00	
			Dispenser,.....	1,000.00	
			3 Inspectors of Brothels,.....	2,040.00	
			Matron,	360.00	
			Chinese Interpreters,.....	180.00	
			Cook,	72.00	
			Gate Keeper,.....	72.00	
			4 Coolies,.....	288.00	
			Nurse,	96.00	
				5,332.00	
			HOSPITALS, EXCLUSIVE OF		
			ESTABLISHMENTS:—		
			Provisions for Patients,.....	500.00	
			Light, Fuel and Incidental,	400.00	
			Bedding and Clothing,.....	100.00	
			Medicines,	150.00	
				1,150.00	
			RENT:—		
			Wán-tsai Examination Room,	72.00	
			Quarters for Inspectors,	660.00	
			Do. for Dispenser,.....	180.00	
				912.00	
				\$7,394.00	
	\$6,000.00				

SPECIAL ACCOUNT
UNDER ORDINANCE No. 10 OF 1867.

<i>Dr.</i>		\$	c.			\$	c.	<i>Cr.</i>
1879. Dec. 31	To Amount Paid St. Joseph's Hospitium, from 1st June, 1878, to 30th November, 1879, at \$25,.....	450	00	1878. Dec. 31	By Amount Received from the Registrar General from 1st June to 31st December, 1878,.....	3,880	10	
" 31	" Balance,.....	9,435	40	1879. Dec. 31	" Amount Received from the Registrar General from 1st January to 31st December, 1879,.....	6,005	30	
		\$9,885	40			\$9,885	40	
1880. Dec. 31	To Amount Paid St. Joseph's Hospitium, during the year,	300	00	1880. Jan. 1	By Balance,	9,435	40	
" 31	" Amount Transferred to the General Revenue of the Colony in aid of Lock Hospital,	6,072	00	Dec. 31	" Amount Received from the Registrar General from 1st January to 31st December, 1880,.....	5,563	00	
" 31	" Amount Paid for Sundry Alterations in the Lock Hospital—(C.S.O. No. 3132),	1,167	80	" 31	" Amount Received from the Magistracy for Fines during the year,	190	00	
" 31	" Balance,.....	7,649	10			\$15,188	40	
		15,188	40					

M. S. TONNOCHY,
Acting Colonial Treasurer.

Colonial Treasury, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1881.

With reference to the vote for \$1,459.43 for "Repairs to the Praya Roadway and Praya East, damaged by storm," His Excellency remarks that it was absolutely necessary for him to sanction the expenditure; but inasmuch as it was the destruction of a roadway built so recently as last year, he has ordered some enquiry into the cause of the damage.

Some conversation ensues on the subject of gratuities to widows of Officers.

Adverting to the vote for \$1,800 for the City Hall, His Excellency takes the opportunity of saying, that he hopes before long to have the satisfaction of renewing the annual grant of \$1,200 per annum for the salary of the Curator of the Museum, because he has very little doubt the views of Her Majesty's Government will shortly be met, and all race and class distinctions abolished in the notice of admission to the Museum. His Excellency also speaks of the state of some of the Books in the City Hall Library, and says that he is disposed to ask the Council to vote a sum of money towards the purchase of some new books, and the re-binding of the old ones.

His Excellency adjourns the Council *sine die*.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this Third day of June, 1881.

ARATHOON SETH,
Acting Clerk of Councils.