

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 3 OF 1881.

FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1881.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY, K.C.M.G.
The Honourable the Acting Chief Justice,—FRANCIS SNOWDEN.
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 NG CHOY.
The Honourable F. BULKELEY JOHNSON.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE, on leave.
The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave.
The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE, on leave.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of Council, held on the 14th March last, are read and confirmed.

The Governor lays upon the table the Census Returns for 1881, and makes a statement on the progress of the Colony since the preceding Census of 1876.

On the motion of the Governor, it is agreed that the Census papers be printed.

His Excellency moves for leave to introduce a Bill entitled "The Penal Ordinances Amendment Ordinance, 1881," accompanying his motion with some explanatory remarks, and laying on the table Copies or Extracts of Despatches and other Papers relating to Remission of Sentences, Illegal branding and flogging, and the Penal Legislation in Hongkong.

The motion is carried and the Bill is then read a first time.

Second reading to be taken at the next meeting.

Read a first time a Bill entitled "Banishment and Conditional Pardons Ordinance 1881."

The following papers are also laid upon the table:—

Returns relating to sales of property registered in the Land Office between January, 1880, and May, 1881.

Copies of Correspondence relating to Chinese Emigration to Australia, 1878 to 1880.

Surveyor General's (Mr. PRICE'S) letter of the 30th June 1880, and subsequent correspondence, relating to Water Supply and Sanitation in Hongkong.

Copies and Extracts of Despatches of 1877, relating to Opium Smuggling from Hongkong to China.

SERVICES, EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Judicial.

Administration of Justice,—Fees to Counsels and Solicitors for prisoners in Capital cases,—excess,	\$ 250.00
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Hospital.

Bedding for patients,—excess,	\$ 436.85
Medicines,—excess,	1,842.58
Surgical instruments,—excess,	729.26
	<u>\$ 3,008.69</u>

Works and Building.

Repairs to Buildings, — Crown Agents' accounts for stores, hardware, &c.,	\$ 827.54
Sinking-Fund for Praya Works Loan,—excess,	754.37
	<u>\$ 1,581.91</u>

Miscellaneous Services.

C.S.O. Nos. 2683, 2757 & 3273	Supplying and laying a telegraph cable from Whitfeild Station, Hongkong, to Battery Point, Kau-lung,	\$ 1631.50
	Furniture for Government House and Monuntain Lodge,	1,802.95
		<u>\$ 3,434.45</u>

Military Contribution.

Excess over the amount estimated on account of low rate of exchange,	<u>\$ 1,007.14</u>
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PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED IN EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES OF 1881,
REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Harbour Master.

Salary of the Engineer Surveyor, at \$160 per month, from 1st December, 1880, to 4th April, 1881,	\$ 661.33
Salary of the 2 Shipwright Surveyors, at \$100 each per month, from 1st December, 1880, to 4th April, 1881,	826.66
Salary of Government Surveyor (Mr. BREWER), at \$3,000 per annum, from 1st March to 4th April, 1881,—half pay,	141.66
From 5th April, to 30th November, 1881,—full pay,	<u>1,966.67</u>

\$ 3,596.32

Surveyor General.

C.S.O. No. 1411. Increase of Salary to Chinese Tracer (Sing Qua), at \$10 per month,
from 1st June, \$ 60.00

SERVICES, EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Miscellaneous Services.

C.S.O. No. 3383 of 1880. Furniture for the North and South Pavilions, and the East and West
Villas, at the Peak, \$ 200.00
C.S.O. No. 1110 of 1881. Remuneration to Mr. SANGSTER for performing the duties of the
Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court—being half of the
undrawn salary of the office (\$90 per month), from 14th August
to 17th December, 1878, 368.70
\$ 568.70

Transport.

C.S.O. No. 1175. Passage money of the late Mr. PLUNKET and family—as prayed for
in an influentially signed Petition, supported by two of the
un-official members of the Legislative Council, \$ 646.00

His Excellency adjourns the Council at 4.45 P.M. *sine die*.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor,

Read and confirmed this 13th day of June, 1881.

ARATHOON SETH,
Acting Clerk of Councils.