

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 2.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1884.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.)

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.)

„ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ the Registrar General (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WILLIAM KESWICK.

„ THOMAS JACKSON.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary moved the following Vote passed by the Finance Committee:—

C.S.O. Repairs to damages caused by the typhoon of the 10th September, \$19,180
2320 of 1884.

Seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES OF MONEY REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Governor:—

The Council are recommended to vote the sum of £55,625 required for the erection of the additional Colonial defences as explained in the despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies which has already been laid on the table.

In anticipation of a Vote of Council, the Governor has already authorised an expenditure of \$1,255.73 on this account during the month of November. A further sum of about \$2,200 will probably be required during the present month, and, as far as can be foreseen, about \$200,000 will be expended during the course of next year. The remainder of the sum will not be required till 1886.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the following sums:—

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Colonial Secretary.

C.S.O. Travelling expenses of Cadet (Mr. SERCOMBE SMITH) to Peking, \$ 159.70
1561 of 1884.

Treasurer.

Opium Revenue Service,—

C.S.O. Fitting the premises No. 223, Praya West, as an Opium boiling establishment, Rent, &c., \$ 508.10
1712 of 1884.

C.S.O. Storm damages and other expenses, 500.00
2644 of 1884.

\$ 1,008.10

Postmaster General.

C.S.O. Contingencies at the Ports, excess, \$ 300.00
1983 of 1884.

Registrar General.

C.S.O. Salary of 2 Scavengers for Yaumati Market, at \$5 per month each, from 1st September to
2164 of 1884. 30th November, 1884, \$ 30.00

Medical.

C.S.O. 2581 of 1884.	Apothecary and Analyst, annual increase of \$96 per annum, from 12th September to 30th November, 1884,.....	\$ 21.06
C.S.O. 2934 of 1884.	Care-taker of the Mortuary, salary at \$10 per month, 6 months,	60.00
		<u>\$ 81.06</u>

Police.

C.S.O. 2853 of 1884.	Allowance to Adjutant for 4 Chair Coolies, at \$24 per month, 1 month,	\$ 24.00
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SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Postmaster General.

C.S.O. 1983 of 1884.	Gratuities to Ship Masters for carrying Mails, excess,.....	\$ 1,000.00
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Ecclesiastical.

C. O. Desp. 150 of 1884.	Grant for the Services of a Roman Catholic Chaplain in the Gaol and the Civil Hospital,.....	\$ 720.00
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Police.

C.S.O. 2144 of 1884.	Repairs to Police Launch, No. 3,.....	\$ 550.00
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Works and Buildings.

C.S.O. 1706 of 1884.	Lazaretto, on Stone Cutters' Island, re-vote,	\$ 1,805.00
	Observatory and Time Ball,.....	3,000.00
C.S.O. 1518 of 1884.	Observatory, Turfing the Platform,.....	240.00
		<u>\$ 5,045.00</u>

Roads, Streets and Bridges.

C.S.O. 1414 of 1884.	New Roads near the old Mahomedan Cemetery, (1st instalment),.....	\$ 5,000.00
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Miscellaneous Services.

C. O. Desp. 188 of 1884.	Grant to the City Hall,	\$ 1,200.00
C.S.O. 1860 of 1884.	Furniture for Government House,.....	293.60
		<u>\$ 1,493.60</u>

EXTRAORDINARY WORKS.

C.S.O. 2997 of 1884.	Tytam Water Works, supplementary,.....	\$ 700.00
C.S.O. 1835 of 1884.	Sanitary Works, supplementary,.....	7,000.00
		<u>\$ 7,700.00</u>

COLONIAL DEFENCES.

Amount paid in 1884,	<u>\$ 3,464.64</u>
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The Colonial Secretary moved that these papers be referred to the Finance Committee.

Seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Question—put and passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.—The Colonial Secretary moved the appointment of the following Committees to be empowered to sit during any prorogation or adjournment of Council:—

1. *Finance*, to consist of the whole of the Members of the Legislative Council, with the Colonial Secretary as Chairman.
2. *Law*, to consist of the Honourable the Attorney General, (Chairman), the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable P. RYRIE, the Honourable F. D. SASSOON, and the Honourable WONG SHING.
3. *Public Works*, to consist of the Honourable the Surveyor General (Chairman), the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, the Honourable the Registrar General, the Honourable W. KESWICK, and the Honourable T. JACKSON.

Seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Question—put and passed.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary the following Bills were read a first time:—

- (1.) A Bill to amend *The Stamp Ordinance*, 1884.
- (2.) A Bill entitled *The Bankers' Books Evidence Ordinance*, 1884.
- (3.) A Bill entitled *The Weights and Measures Ordinance*, 1884.
- (4.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 7 of 1873*.
- (5.) A Bill entitled *The Merchant Shipping Ordinance, Amendment Ordinance*, 1884.
- (6.) A Bill entitled *The Unclaimed Balances Ordinance*, 1884.

NOTICE OF 2ND READING.—The Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the second reading of some of the above Bills.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 17th day of December, 1884.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Clerk of Councils.