

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 25.

FRIDAY, 22ND MAY, 1885.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

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

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.

„ THOMAS JACKSON.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

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

The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, (on leave).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

- (1.) Educational Reports for 1884. (No. 24).
- (2.) Report on the subject of Destitutes. (No. 25).

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

G. F. BOWEN.

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

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| C.S.O. 1125 of 1885. | Refund to the Police Fine Fund of the amount disbursed last year from that Fund for legal expenses incurred in the defence of Sergeant BUTLIN,..... | \$ 414.25 |
| C.S.O. 1166 of 1885. | Personal Allowances, in lieu of Fees for issuing Bills of Health, to the Colonial Surgeon, per annum, | \$ 200.00 |
| | Health Officer, per annum, | 1,200.00 |
| | | <u>\$ 1,400.00</u> |

Government House, Hongkong, 18th May, 1885.

The Colonial Secretary stated that these votes had already been approved by the Finance Committee.

PEDDERS WHARF.—Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor:—

G. F. BOWEN.

C.S.O.
1221 of 1885. The Governor informs the Council that a sum for the renewal and extension of Pedder's Wharf will be placed on the Estimates for 1886; and in the meantime he recommends that the Public Works Committee shall consider and report whether the new Wharf should be of wood, or iron, or stone.

Government House, Hongkong, 20th May, 1885.

The Colonial Secretary moved that this Minute be referred to the Public Works Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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

(Finance Committee, 18th May, 1885.)

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Medical.

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| S. of S. Desp. 67 of 1885. | Personal allowance to Colonial Surgeon in lieu of fees for issuing Bills of Health, at the rate of \$200 per annum, from 1st June to 30th November, 1885, 6 months,..... | \$ 100.00 |
| Do. | Personal allowance to Health Officer in lieu of fees for issuing Bills of Health, at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, from 1st June to 30th November, 1885, 6 months, | 600.00 |
| | | <u>\$ 700.00</u> |

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Works and Buildings.

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| C.S.O. 1089 of 1885. | Reconstruction and repairs of Hospital Matsheds at Stone 'Cutters' Island for Quarantine purposes,..... | \$ 500.00 |
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Roads, Streets and Bridges.

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| C.S.O. 1099 of 1885. | Renewing and extending Murray Pier, | \$ 3,500.00 |
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Miscellaneous Services.

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| C.S.O. 1125 of 1885. | Refund to the Police Fine Fund of the amount disbursed last year from that Fund for legal expenses incurred in the defence of Sergeant BUTLIN, | \$ 414.25 |
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Colonial Defences.

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| C.S.O. 1113 of 1885. | Expenses for fitting a Nordenfeldt Gun on board the Police Steam-launch <i>Charles May</i> , £58.5.10 @ 3/6 1/2, | \$ 329.18 |
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Seconded by the Colonial Treasurer.

Question—put and passed.

The Honourable P. RYRIE remarked with reference to the vote for Murray Pier, that Pedder's Wharf also needed repairs and extensions, and that the public were dissatisfied that the repairs and extensions of Murray Pier should take precedence of those to Pedder's Wharf.

The Honourable T. JACKSON addressed the Council in support of Mr. RYRIE'S remarks.

The Colonial Secretary replied that the question of Pedder's Wharf was under consideration as would appear by His Excellency the Governor's Minute just read; and that Murray Pier was in a dilapidated state, and needed immediate repairs.

BILL ENTITLED THE FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCE CONTINUATION ORDINANCE, 1885.—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Attorney General moved the postponement of the other Order of the Day.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned until Friday, the 29th instant, at 4 PM.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 29th day of May, 1885.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.