

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 12.

THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 1884.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

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

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART.)

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

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WILLIAM KESWICK.

„ THOMAS JACKSON.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

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

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

" the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER), by leave.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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

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

C.S.O. (1.) \$80 for the salary of a Coxswain for the Police Launch *Charles May*, at \$10 per month,
769 of 1884. 8 months.

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

(*Finance Committee, 30th April, 1884.*)

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Colonial Secretary.

C.S.O. 769 of 1884.	Salary of Cadet (Mr. SMITH), from 2nd January to 14th February, on half pay, and from 15th February to 30th November, 1884, on full pay, at \$1,200 per annum=	\$1,024.25
	Less amount estimated,	440.00
		————— \$ 584.25
	Allowance for Chinese Teacher from 26th February to 30th November, 1884, at \$14 per month,	127.94
C.S.O. 708 of 1884.	Allowance to Cadet at Peking for house rent, from April to December, 1884, at \$15 per month,	135.00
	Additional Allowance to Chinese Teacher at Peking, from 1st December, 1883 to 31st December, 1884, at \$1 per month,	13.00
		————— <u>\$ 860.19</u>

Police.

C.S.O. 609 of 1884.	Personal Allowance to the Chief Inspector, from 1st January to 31st December, 1884, at \$40 per month,	\$ 480.00
C.S.O. 828 of 1884.	Salary to Chinese Engineer for the Police Launch <i>Charles May</i> , 9 months at \$25 per month,	225.00
		<u>\$ 705.00</u>

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Registrar General.

C.S.O. 126 of 1884.	Rent:—Lodging Allowance in lieu of quarters to the Inspector of Markets, at the rate of \$30 per month, from 1st April to 31st December, 1884,	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
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Observatory.

C.S.O. 501 of 1884.	Purchase of a <i>Thomson's</i> Automatic Tide-gauge,	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
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Medical.

C.S.O. 681 of 1884.	For general overhaul and repairs to Health Officer's Launch, and hire of another Launch for service in the meantime,	<u>\$ 320.00</u>
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Works and Buildings.

Mis. Doc. 342 of 1884.	Erection of a Matshed Police Station on Mount Kellet and levelling the site,	\$ 2,500.00
C.S.O. 888 of 1884.	Repairs to the roof of T'ai-p'ing Shan Market,	650.00
C.S.O. 877 of 1884.	For the drainage and filling in of the unhealthy marsh in the centre of the Wong-nei Ch'ung Valley,	25,000.00
		<u>\$28,150.00</u>

Miscellaneous Services.

C.S.O. 756 of 1884.	Grant to the <i>Po Leung Kuk</i> Society in aid of its expenses,	1,000.00
C.S.O. 867 of 1884.	Provisional salary, at the rate of \$50 a month, for the Assistant to the Hon. Secretary to the Ordinances Commission, 8 months,	400.00
		<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>

Land and Houses Purchased.

C.S.O. 856 of 1884.	Compensation for resumption by the Crown, of a portion of Inland Lots 714 and 715 on Robinson Road, on account of the Pok-fu Lam Conduit being under it,	<u>\$ 950.00</u>
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Deposits not available.

C.S.O. 486 of 1884.	Increase to the salaries and allowance for quarters to Inspectors of Brothels,	<u>\$ 740.00</u>
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Sanctioned only on the understanding that they subscribe to certain conditions as to term of service for pension, and remittances to England.

The Honourable W. KESWICK seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *The Preservation of Birds Ordinance, 1870, Amendment Ordinance, 1884*, was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

PRIVATE BILL.—On the motion of the Honourable P. RYRIE, seconded by the Honourable F. D. SASSOON, a Bill entitled *A Bill to enable the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to mortgage and sell certain property in Hongkong*, was read a first time.

MOTION.—The Honourable W. KESWICK, pursuant to notice, moved that the correspondence presented to the Legislative Council on the subject of the issue of One Dollar Notes by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and full report.

The Honourable P. RYRIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the Council adjourn until that day week, at 4 P.M.

Question—put and passed.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 15th day of May, 1884.

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