

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

TUESDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1890.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
(The Honourable FRANCIS FLEMING, C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ the Attorney General, (WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN).  
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).  
 „ the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).  
 „ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, *vice* the Honourable  
 WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).  
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN.  
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.  
 „ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).  
 „ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

ABSENT:

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE, (on account of sickness).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th instant, were read and confirmed.

The QUEENS Warrant for the appointment of the Honourable N. G. MITCHELL-INNES to be a Member of the Legislative Council so long as he performs the duties of Registrar General in this Colony having been received, he was duly sworn and took his seat as a Member of the Council.

REPORTS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Blue Book for 1889, the Police Report for 1889, the Report of the Botanical and Afforestation Department for 1889, Registrar General's Returns of Births and Deaths for 1889, Mortality Statistics for 1889, Report of the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for 1889, and also the Report of the Observatory Commission.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

(1.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
628 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred Dollars, (\$200), for an additional Clerk, and Interpreter of Indian and Malay languages, at the Harbour Department, from 1st May next, at a salary of \$25 per month.  
Government House, Hongkong, 14th April, 1890.

(2.)

F. FLEMING.

C.O. Desp.  
38 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One hundred and Twenty Dollars, (\$120), for House Allowance to the Compradore of the General Post Office.  
Government House, Hongkong, 14th April, 1890.

(3.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
649 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Twenty-one Dollars and Seventy Cents, (\$21.70), for the refund of the overcharged Municipal Rates at the erroneous valuation on two Tenements, Nos. 69 and 70, in the Village of Hok-Ün, in the Kaulung Peninsula.  
Government House, Hongkong, 11th April, 1890.

(4.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
677 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One hundred and Sixty Dollars, (\$160), for the salary of a Shroff in the Money Order Office, from 1st of May, at \$20 per month.  
Government House, Hongkong, 14th April, 1890.

(5.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
654 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Twenty-eight Dollars, (\$228), as a gratuity to the Children of the late SOOPPRAMANI SOONDERAM, in consideration of his 25 years' service as Police Officer, Clerk and Interpreter in the Harbour Office.  
Government House, Hongkong, 18th April, 1890.

(6.)

F. FLEMING.

C.S.O.  
969 of 1890. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand Three hundred and Twenty-nine Dollars and Seventy-three Cents (\$1,329.73) for new Moorings of the Bokhara Buoy, to be supplied from the stores of the Royal Naval Yard, (£205@3/1=\$1,329.73).  
Government House, Hongkong, 24th April, 1890.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Votes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee, dated the 9th instant, (No. 6), and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

C.S.O. 294 of 1890.	Cost of repairing the Telegraph Cable between North Point and Kowloon—damaged by some vessel's anchor dragging various cables together and entangling them, .....	\$ 991.57
C.S.O. 611 of 1890.	Expenses and compensation incurred in suppressing the recent Cattle Epidemic, .....	\$ 1,902.27
C.S.O. 19 of 1890.	Purchase of Inland Lot No. 598 with the premises erected thereon, for use as a Police Station in lieu of No. 8 Station at Taipingshan, the purchase money to be defrayed from premia on land sales, .....	\$ 34,000.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HONGKONG CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887.—The Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO INFANT VACCINATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL PERSONS VACCINATED BY A PUBLIC VACCINATOR.—Council in Committee on the Bill. The several clauses of the Bill having been considered and agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments.

Council resumed.

His Excellency informed the Council that he proposed for the present to have two meetings of the Council a week, one meeting entirely reserved for the consideration of the Magistrates' Bill, and the other meeting for such other business as may come before the Council. His Excellency further stated that meetings would be held on Mondays to consider the Magistrates' Bill and that the Council would deal with the other business on such other day of the week as will be most convenient having regard to the departure of the Mail.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Monday, the 5th May, 1890, at 2 P.M.

F. FLEMING,

*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 5th day of May, 1890.

F. A. HAZELAND,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*