

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 35.

MONDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 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, C.M.G.).

„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD).

„ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).

„ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 20th December, 1890, were read and confirmed.

Honourable P. RYRIE laid on the table a memorandum by the Un-official Members relating to the Estimates for Public Works for 1891 and asked that it might be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the discharge of the order referring back to the Finance Committee the Reports of that Committee dated the 5th, 11th and 16th days of December, 1890.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that the following report of the Finance Committee be adopted:—

ESTIMATES, 1891.—Item No. 29. Public Works Extraordinary.—Considered and agreed to with the exception that sub-item 9, Gaol Extensions, was disallowed by a majority of one; and sub-item 29, Government Offices Extension and New Law Courts, was not considered as no vote was asked for.

Sub-items 32 to 38 were considered and agreed to unanimously.

Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD asked the following question:—

*Will Government state the reasons for the apparent delay in the despatch of Her Majesty's Gunboat from Hongkong to search for the "Namoa" pirates?*

His Excellency replied.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of the following Ordinances be adjourned, viz.:—

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LAI SIU TONG.

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF CHOI WAI OTHERWISE CHOI TSUN.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Honourable P. RYRIE addressed the Council and referred to the able manner in which His Excellency had presided over them; and, on behalf of the Members, begged to thank him for the very kind consideration which he had always shown.

His Excellency, in reply, thanked the Honourable Member for the kind words he had spoken in his regard and also the Members of Council for their kindness and co-operation while he presided over this Board. He would further desire to publicly express his appreciation of the assistance rendered to him by the Members of the Civil Service. His Excellency then referred to the very valuable information he had at all times received from the Major-General Commanding.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Monday, the 5th January, 1891, at 3 P.M.

F. FLEMING,  
*President.*

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of January, 1891.

A. M. THOMSON,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*