

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

MONDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1904.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT  
(FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.)

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General VILLIERS HATTON, C.B.).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Attorney General, (Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt.).

„ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (LEWIS AUDLEY MARSH JOHNSTON).

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

„ the Registrar General, (ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN).

„ the Harbour Master, (Capt. LIONEL AUBREY WALTER BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N.(ret'd)).

„ Sir C. P. CHATER, Kt., C.M.G.

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

„ WEI YUK.

„ CHARLES WEDDERBURN DICKSON.

„ GERSHOM STEWART.

ABSENT:

The Honourable HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, K.C.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 19th February, 1904, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.—Captain LIONEL AUBREY WALTER BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N. (retired), took the oath and his seat as an Official Member of the Council.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 13 to 18), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

F. H. MAY.

C.O.D. No.  
1298 of 1904.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for remuneration to the Honourable WILLIAM CHATHAM, Director of Public Works, on account of work done by him in connection with the Praya Reclamation.

Government House, Hongkong, 20th February, 1904.

F. H. MAY.

C.O.D. No.  
1298 of 1904.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for remuneration to Mr. BRUCE SHEPHERD, Land Officer, on account of work done by him in connection with the Praya Reclamation.

Government House, Hongkong, 20th February, 1904.

F. H. MAY.

C.S.O. No.  
568 of 1904.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Six thousand and fifty Dollars and fifty-five Cents (\$6,050.55) for compensation on the valuation of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, for the slaughter of Kennedy's cows and destruction of utensils, & c., necessitated by the recent outbreak of disease:—

32 sick Cows and Bulls @ \$100 each	=	\$	3,200.00
1 healthy Calf	=	\$	75
1 „ Cow	=		300
1 „ „	=		300
1 „ Calf	=		100
1 „ Cow	=		350
1 „ „	=		375
5 „ Calves	=		600
4 „ „	=		300
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Utensils, foodstuff, &c.,	=		450.55
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Total,.....		\$	<u>6,050.55</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 20th February, 1904.

F. H. MAY.

C.S.O.No.  
3116 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Six thousand five hundred Dollars (\$6,500) in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, being compensation to Mr. SEE KOK SHAN, Executor of SEE SANG KAI, deceased, for the resumption of Inland Lot No. 509.

Government House, Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904.

F. H. MAY.

C.S.O.No.  
244 of 1900.  
Extension.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, for filling in and draining the swamp near the Starling Inlet Police Station and forming a catchwater drain round the hill which borders the area.

Government House, Hongkong, 24th February, 1904.

F. H. MAY.

C.S.O.No.  
992 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three thousand six hundred Dollars (\$3,600) in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Lighthouses, under Other Charges, for the following:—

Value of the apparatus for converting fixed lights at Cape D'Aguilar and Green Island, £300 @ 1/8 =  
\$3,600.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th February, 1904.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee dated the 19th February, 1904, (No. 2), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following papers:—

1. Despatch from the Secretary of State relative to Governor Sir HENRY A. BLAKE'S services.
2. Report on the Tung Wah Hospital, for 1903.
3. Report on the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund, for 1903.
4. Report of the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, for 1903.
5. Report of the Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, for 1903.
6. Report of the Acting Superintendent of Fire Brigade, for 1903.
7. Report on the Queen's College, for 1903.
8. Sterling Salaries Scheme.
9. Report on the Plague Epidemic, in 1903.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Director of Public Works, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Public Works Committee dated the 19th February, 1904, (No. 1).

SANITARY BYE-LAWS (AMENDMENT).—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table an amendment by the Sanitary Board to No. 5 of the Bye-laws relating to Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation, and moved that it be approved.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SANITARY BYE-LAWS (REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION).—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table a repeal of, and substitution for, the Bye-laws as to Conservancy and Ventilation, and moved that they be approved.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

RESOLUTION.—The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved the following Resolution:—

*Whereas, by Section 6 of The New Territories Regulation Ordinance (No. 12 of 1899) it was enacted that the said Ordinance should remain in force for the period of one year from the date of its coming into operation, and for such further period or periods as might, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the Legislative Council:*

*And whereas, by previous resolutions of the Legislative Council the said Ordinance has been continued in force until the 18th day of April, 1904: and it is expedient that the said Ordinance should have permanent effect given to it:*

*It is hereby resolved that the New Territories Regulation Ordinance, 1899, shall remain in force until otherwise resolved by this Council.*

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

MOTIONS.—The motions standing in the name of Mr. POLLOCK were, by permission of His Excellency the

Officer Administering the Government, postponed.

PREPARED OPIUM AMENDMENT BILL.—The second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Prepared Opium Ordinance, 1891, was, on the motion of the Attorney General, postponed.

NEW TERRITORIES LAND COURT AMENDMENT BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, No. 18 of 1900.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

SUGAR CONVENTION BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to enable effect to be given in this Colony to the Convention signed the Fifth day of March Nineteen hundred and two in relation to Sugar.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council adjourned till Monday, the 21st March, 1904.

F. H. MAY,

*Officer Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of March, 1904.

R. F. JOHNSTON,  
*Acting Clerk of Councils.*