

26TH AUGUST, 1907.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (Attorney-general).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. F. J. BADELEY (Captain-superintendent of Police).

Hon. Dr. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. WEI YUK.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government laid on the table Financial minutes, Nos. 33 to 35, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 6), and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the

Government, laid on the table the Report on the Assessment for the year 1907-1908.

INSURANCE COMPANIES ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY -GENERAL moved the third reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance relating to Life Insurance Companies."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a third time, passed, and became law.

HIS EXCELLENCY — The Council stands adjourned *sine die*.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held—the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding. The following votes were passed:—

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and thirty Dollars (\$430) in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, *G*.—Lighthouses, Gap Rock Lighthouse, Other Charges, Gunpowder Charges and Tubes for Fog Signalling Guns.

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of Four thousand one hundred and twelve Dollars (\$4,112) in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Communications, New Roads in Victoria, Extension East and West of Conduit Road.

POSTAL VOTE.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and sixty-seven Dollars (\$467) in aid of the vote, Post Office, *B*. — Postal Agencies in China, Swatow, Other Charges, Incidental Expenses.