

13th May, 1927.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. SOUTHORN) presiding.

PRESENT:—

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY (HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHORN).

THE COLONIAL TREASURER (HON. MR. C. MCI. MESSER, O.B.E.).

HON. MR. H. T. JACKMAN (Acting Director of Public Works).

HON. MR. D. G. M. BERNARD.

ABSENT:—

HON. SIR HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK, KT, K.C.

HON. SIR SHOU-SON CHOW, KT.

HON. MR. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G., LL.D.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE.

H.E. the Governor's message No. 5, giving items of Supplementary Expenditure Nos. 42 to 46 of 1927, was considered.

The items totalled \$70,713 and all were approved.

With respect to item No. 45—Public Works Extraordinary: Reconstruction of Nullah on East side of Marine Lot No. 431, North Point—\$40,000, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard asked for further details.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS stated that under the sale conditions of Marine Lots Nos. 430 and 431 the lessee undertook to construct a nullah on the east side of Marine Lot No. 431, the Government being committed to defray the cost of the eastern half of this nullah. At the time these lots were sold it was expected that further areas would be sold to the east of this nullah. No such areas have been sold and the nullah wall will, therefore, be exposed to sea action which, as originally designed, it would not be strong enough to combat. The sum asked for is to strengthen this wall so that it will act effectively as a sea wall.
