

COMPARATIVE YEARLY STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURE.

Specify each separate Head of Expenditure according to the classification employed in the Estimates.	Expenditure, 1916.		Expenditure, 1917.		Increase.		Decrease.		Cause of Increase or Decrease.
	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	
Governor,	83,708.01		80,406.11		.....		3,301.90		Higher exchange.
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature,	73,688.42		67,399.98		.....		6,038.44		Do.
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs,	54,966.19		51,867.18		.....		3,099.01		Do.
Audit Department,	30,722.02		31,820.61		1,098.59		.....		Stipulated increments and two new posts
Treasury,	65,360.69		63,245.81		.....		2,114.88		Higher exchange.
Harbour Master's Department,	363,062.94		205,316.82		.....		157,746.12		Do.
Imports and Exports Department,	753,228.85		716,011.28		.....		37,217.57		Do.
Royal Observatory,	21,977.74		26,890.50		4,912.72		.....		Installation for receiving time signals by wireless.
Miscellaneous Services,	1,318,494.52		3,362,716.16		2,044,221.64		.....		Contribution to Imperial Government for war purposes.
Judicial and Legal Departments,	253,457.27		244,023.97		.....		9,433.30		Higher exchange.
Police and Prison Departments,	869,859.05		834,947.72		.....		34,911.33		Do.
Medical Departments,	224,653.30		229,490.13		4,836.83		.....	
Sanitary Department,	351,967.14		405,032.02		53,064.88		.....		Purchase of one motor refuse lighter and expenses in connection with planting near Fan Ling.
Botanical and Forestry Department,	47,325.89		51,314.81		3,988.92		.....	
Education,	321,101.68		331,471.15		10,369.47		.....	
Military Expenditure,	2,174,833.82		2,813,700.01		638,866.19		.....		Increase in revenue for 1916 on which Defence Contribution is payable.
Public Works Department,	401,205.44		402,772.20		1,566.76		.....	
Do., Recurrent,	624,872.51		609,308.45		.....		15,564.06		
Do., Extraordinary,	1,246,871.75		1,612,855.29		365,963.53		.....		Compensation and Resumptious under-estimated.
Post Office,	318,982.54		324,393.35		5,410.81		.....		Salaries of officers attached to Postal Agencies.
Kowloon-Canton Railway,	296,691.63		436,195.68		139,504.05		.....	
Do., Expenses of Construction, ..	198,718.49		.....		.....		198,718.49		No construction work.
Charge on account of Public Debt, ..	640,069.15		888,895.54		248,826.39		.....		Higher exchange and Sinking Fund and interest on new loan.
Pensions,	309,271.62		261,980.44		.....		47,291.18		Higher exchange.
Charitable Services,	34,874.12		38,592.89		3,718.77		.....		More charitable allowances granted.
Total,	11,079,914.82		14,090,828.09		3,526,349.55		515,486.28		