

15. With regard to Public Works, satisfactory progress continues to be made with the works for the extension of the public water-supply, and it is estimated—at the present rate of progress—that the tunnel intended to convey the waters from Tytam to this side of the Island, will be completed before the end of next year; whereupon the new supply will be made available for public use, and an important measure of relief obtained, without having to await the completion of the Reservoir in the following year.

16. A further large instalment of useful sanitary work has been effected during the past season in the reconstruction and extension of the main drainage and sewerage system of the town, principally in the Chinese quarters. Contracts have been entered into also, for the completion of the new Victoria College within eighteen months from the present date, and arrangements have been made for the further development of the western suburb of Kennedy Town by the formation of new streets and thoroughfares and the erection of an adequate Police Station for the protection of the growing interests of that rising locality. The new permanent Lazaretto Buildings at Stone Cutters' Island which were contracted to be finished by the 1st of July will be completed by that date, and will become available for occupation should occasion arise.

17. Among other measures for the better prevention of Cattle epidemics in the Colony, to which subject your attention was directed during last session, I have approved a large extension to the present Cattle market buildings at Kennedy Town, by which means all livestock imported into the Colony and intended for our markets, will be brought under close and continuous inspection, thus rendering feasible a more effective protection of the food supplies of the public.

18. I propose to construct, as soon as the hot season has terminated, a permanent Police Station at Mount Gough for the protection of the residents at the Peak, whose number is likely to be considerably extended.

19. In conclusion, Honourable Gentlemen, I desire to convey to you my acknowledgements for the loyal and valuable co-operation which you have afforded my Government during the labours of the session and for the supplies which you have so liberally voted for the Public service.

I now prorogue this Council to the 15th day of September next.

W. H. MARSH,  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of August, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 1.

FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1886.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.,

Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART.)

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN, (*vice* the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING, (*vice* the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st May last, were read and confirmed.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary by direction of the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following papers:—

- No. 1886<sup>34</sup> Report of the Commission appointed to consider the question of insufficient accommodation in Victoria Gaol.
- No. 1886<sup>35</sup> Correspondence respecting the German Mail Steamers.
- No. 1886<sup>36</sup> Despatch respecting the withdrawal of Ecclesiastical Grants in Hongkong.
- No. 1886<sup>37</sup> Despatch respecting Sir GEORGE BOWEN'S Departure from the Colony.

THE LATE MR. F. BULKELEY-JOHNSON.—Read Colonial Office Despatch, No. 33, of the 24th April 1886, containing letters to and from Mrs. JOHNSON regarding the death of her late husband.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 15th and 20th ultimo (Nos. 16 and 17) having reference to a motion made by Mr. MAC EWEN, that the meetings should be held with open doors.

Read also the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 22nd ultimo (No. 18) reporting on the following votes:—

(Finance Committee, 22nd July, 1886.)

PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES FOR 1886.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Cadets.

C.S.O. 1476 of 1886. Second moiety of an honorarium, sanctioned by the Secretary of State, to Mr. HILLIER, Acting Chinese Secretary at the British Legation, for superintending Chinese studies of Cadets in Peking, (Re-vote, 8th May, 1885),.....£50 @ 3/7=\$ 279.00

Medical.

C.S.O. 222 of 1886. Additional salary to the Caretaker at the Mortuary, to act also as *Postmortem* attendant, for 6 months, @ \$10 per month,.....\$ 60.00

C.S.O. 1694 of 1886. Lazaretto on Stone Cutters' Island.—Salary of the Staff, viz.: Wardmaster at \$40 a month, 5 Nurses at \$8 each a month, 1 Cook at \$8 a month,—in all \$88 per month, say for 3 months,.....\$ 264.00

C.S.O. 1690 of 1886. Salary of 2 Watchmen for the Lazaretto,—one at \$9, and one at \$8 per month, for 5½ months, .....\$ 93.50

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Sanitation.

C.S.O. 1372 of 1886. Compensation for Cattle destroyed during the recent Epidemic, being half of the assessed value,.....\$ 728.00

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these items be passed.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

With reference to the first item (Cadets), Mr. MAC EWEN gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would make a motion on the question of Student Interpreters.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked how many sittings of the *Law Committee* had taken place since the Committee was formed in 1883?

The Acting Attorney General replied.

Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked how many sittings of the *Public Works Committee* had taken place since the Committee was formed in 1883?

The Surveyor General replied.

MOTION.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, moved that in future all matters of Public and more particularly the voting of Public Funds, be discussed openly in Council, and not, as at private meetings of the Finance Committee.

Mr. MAC EWEN then addressed the Council.

Mr. RYRIE seconded the motion, and addressed the Council.

Mr. SASSOON addressed the Council.

The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council and moved, as an amendment, the following resolution :—

“That it is not necessary to interfere with the present practice of the Council which has been in existence for many years, and which was unanimously adopted by the Standing Rules and Orders of the Council dated the 10th April, 1884.”

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and addressed the Council.

The Chief Justice addressed the Council.

The Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council.

The Council divided.

*For.*  
 Mr. WONG SHING.  
 Capt. THOMSETT.  
 THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.  
 THE TREASURER.  
 THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
 THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
 THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

*Against.*  
 Mr. BELL-IRVING.  
 Mr. MAC EWEN.  
 Mr. SASSOON.  
 Mr. RYRIE.

Amendment carried by a majority of three.

BILL ENTITLED THE FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCE CONTINUATION ORDINANCE, 1886.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY PROVISION FOR SECURING THE STATUS OF GERMAN MAIL STEAMERS WITHIN THE PORTS OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a first time.

The Acting Attorney General moved, and the Acting Colonial Secretary seconded, that the Standing Orders be suspended.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, these Bills were read a second time, and committed.

Mr. RYRIE moved that a clause be added to the German Mail Steamers Bill embodying the terms of para. 4 of the Earl of ROSEBURY'S Despatch to Count HATZFELDT of the 26th April, 1886, (Paper  $\frac{3}{8}$ ).

The motion was not seconded.

Bills reported without amendment.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, these Bills were read a third time.

Question put—that these Bills do pass.

Bills passed, and numbered respectively as Ordinances 22 and 23 of 1886.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 1885.—On the motion of the Acting Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, this Bill was read a first time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the second reading of this Bill.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 17th proximo, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 17th day of September, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 361.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, is published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 18th September, 1886.