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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD) *vice* the Honourable EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY, on leave.

the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).

HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

WONG SHING.

ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

JOHN BELL-IRVING.

ABSENT:

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL), *vice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on leave.

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE, (on leave).

CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 16th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTES OF MONEY REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the Minutes of His Excellency the Governor recommending the following Votes in excess of the Estimates for 1887:—

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Surveyor General.

C.S.O.
1901 of 1887.

(1.) Salary and allowance to Land Surveyor in the Public Works Department,
viz.:—

Salary from 1st July to 30th November, 1887, at \$2,520 per annum,	\$1,050.00
Allowance for Chair hire from 1st July to 30th November, at \$24 per month,	120.00
	<u>\$1,170.00</u>

*Surveyor General.—Sanitary Sub-Department.**Inspector of Live Stock.*

C. O. Desp. 117 of 1887.	(2.) Salary from 8th September to 23rd October, 1887, (during voyage), at \$900 per annum,	\$ 113.15
	From 24th October to 30th November, at \$2,400 per annum,	251.61
	Allowance for Chair hire from 24th October to 30th November, at \$12 per month,.....	15.10
		<u>\$ 379.86</u>

Harbour Master.

C.S.O. 2008 of 1887.	(3.) Pay of Crew and other contingent expenses of the Steam-launch <i>Stanley</i> , (formerly <i>Victoria</i>), viz.:—	
	Engineer at \$30 per month for 10 months,.....	\$ 300.00
	Fireman at \$15 " " "	150.00
	Coxswain at \$10 " " "	100.00
	3 Sailors at \$ 7 each " " "	210.00
		<u>\$ 760.00</u>
	Coal, Oil, Water, &c. for 10 months,.....	3,130.00
	Moorings,	25.00
		<u>\$ 3,915.00</u>

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Medical.

C.S.O. 1526 of 1887.	(4.) General overhaul and repairs to Health Officer's Steam-launch <i>Blanche</i> , and hire of a Steam-launch while the repairs are being executed,	\$ 325.00
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Works and Buildings.

C.S.O. 2656 of 1887.	(5.) Additional vote for repairs to buildings,	\$2,200.00
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Roads, Streets and Bridges.

C.S.O. 2530 of 1887.	(6.) New posts and rails for the Garrison Parade Ground,	\$ 500.00
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Miscellaneous Services.

C.S.O. 1492 of 1887.	(7.) Expenses connected with the celebration of H. M. Jubilee, viz.:—	
	Jubilee Service held in the Cathedral,	} \$5,000.00
	Illuminations of Government buildings,.....	
	Employment of additional Police Constables,	
	Employment of Coolies at Fire Brigade Stations,.....	

Colonial Exhibition.

C.S.O. 1404 of 1887.	(8.) Re-vote of amounts voted in 1885 and 1886, as contributions towards the expenses connected with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, viz.:—	
	£500 voted in 1885 @ 3/5,	= \$2,926.82
	£275.11.0 out of £2,000 voted in 1886 @ 3/3,	= 1,695.94
		<u>\$4,622.76</u>

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES.

Extraordinary Works:

C.S.O.
2623 of 1887. (9.) Repairs to damages from land-slips, fall of walls, injuries to culverts, and other damages caused by the heavy rainstorms and freshets during the rainy season of the year,.....\$6,813.00

The Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 18) having reference to the Supplementary Estimates, 1886, and the Estimates 1887.

The Governor addressed the Council on the several suggestions made in the Report.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 1886.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, the Bill was then read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 25 of 1887.

PROPOSED FURTHER LOAN.—The Governor addressed the Council on the desirability of raising a further Loan to provide for remunerative Public Works.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1888.—On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

On the motion of the Colonial Secretary, seconded by the Treasurer, the Bill was then read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 26 of 1887.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 13th day of January, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 11.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, are published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 14th January, 1888.