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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

FRIDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1888.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.)

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

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.

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING.

ABSENT :

The Honourable 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 30th November last, were read and confirmed.

NOTES OF MONEY PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee (No. 19), held on the 30th November last, and moved that the following items referred to therein be passed:—

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
		\$ 379.86

Harbour Master.

C.S.O. 2098 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
		\$ 760.00
	Coal, Oil, Water, &c. for 10 months,.....	3,130.00
	Moorings,	25.00
		\$ 3,915.00

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. 2658 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,	}
	Illuminations of Government buildings,.....	
	Employment of additional Police Constables,	
	Employment of Coolies at Fire Brigade Stations,.....	
		\$5,000.00

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
		\$4,622.76

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
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The Treasurer seconded.
Question—put and passed.

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Honourable the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a first time:—

- (a.) *The Cathedral Ordinance, 1888.*
- (b.) *The Vagrancy Ordinance, 1888.*
- (c.) *An Ordinance to provide for the preservation of copies of Books printed in Hongkong, and for the registration of such Books.*
- (d.) *An Ordinance to amend the Reformatory Schools Ordinance, 1886.*
- (e.) *The Regulation of Chinese Ordinance, 1888.*
- (f.) *An Ordinance prohibiting the Enclosure of Verandahs erected over Crown Lands.*
- (g.) *An Ordinance for the Registration of Imports and Exports.*
- (h.) *The Trees Preservation Ordinance, 1888.*
- (i.) *The Unclaimed Balances Ordinance, 1888.*
- (j.) *An Ordinance to amend the Crown Remedies Ordinance, 1875.*
- (k.) *The Official Signatures Fees Ordinance, 1888.*
- (l.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of FRITZ ADOLPH FRICCIUS GROBIEN.*
- (m.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of HILLUNE LOO NGAWK alias LOO KIU FUNG.*
- (n.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of LAI SHANG alias LAI CHEK KÜN.*
- (o.) *An Ordinance for the naturalization of LAI KIT, alias LAI CHEUK.*
- (p.) *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No 15 of 1886.*

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 25th day of January, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 30.

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, 26th January, 1888.

A BILL

ENTITLED

The Defences Sketching Prevention Ordinance, 1888.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. From and after the passing of this Ordinance it shall not be lawful for any person whether a British subject or alien, to make any sketch, drawing, photograph, picture, or painting of any portion whatsoever of any battery, field-work, or fortification, or of any portion thereof within the Colony of Hongkong or the waters thereof without having previously obtained the permission in writing of the Governor. Such permission shall clearly and expressly state the nature of the sketches, drawings, photographs, or paintings which may be made by the person to whom such permission is given, and the place or places of which such sketches, drawings, photographs, or paintings may be made.

Sketching of Batteries, &c.

2. Any person offending against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction by a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding Five hundred dollars or at the discretion of the Magistrate to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding three calendar months; and all such sketches, drawings, photographs, and paintings shall, at the discretion of the Magistrate, be liable to forfeiture.

Penalty.

3. Any person found in the immediate vicinity of any battery or field-work in Hongkong and with sketching, drawing, photographic, or painting materials or apparatus in his possession, with the intention of evading the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be liable upon summary conviction by a Magistrate to a penalty not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding one month.

Possession of Sketching materials, &c., with intent.