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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 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 PHILIPPO, Knt., on leave.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

” the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O’MALLEY).

” the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

” the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).

” the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

” PHINEAS RYRIE.

” WONG SUING.

” ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.

” JOHN BELL-IRVING.

” CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 4th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTES 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. 21), held on the 4th instant, and moved that the following items referred to therein be passed:—

#### SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

##### *Government Gardens and Plantations.*

C.S.O. 707 of 1888. Rent:—Allowance in lieu of quarters to the Head Gardener, from 1st April to 31st  
December, 1888, nine months, at \$30 per month, .....\$ 270.00

##### *Education.*

C. O. Desp. No. 6 of 13th Jan., 1888. Grants-in-aid:—Building-grant to the Basil Mission Public School, .....\$ 300.00

##### *Works and Buildings.*

C.S.O. 2715 of 1887. Conversion of Boatmen’s quarters at the Harbour Office into Offices for the Imports  
and Exports Department, .....\$ 770.00

##### *Miscellaneous Services.*

C.S.O. 691 of 1888. Government contribution towards the celebration and commemoration of the 50th  
Anniversary of Her Majesty’s reign. (Re-vote of 1887), .....\$25,000.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following paper:—

The Educational Report for 1887. (No.  $\frac{8}{8}$ ).

INTERPRETATION.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice asked:—

*Whether it is the intention of the Government to act up to the recommendations contained in the Commissioners Report on the subject of Interpretation, forwarded in September last year, which condemned in general terms the system in force in the various Government Departments.*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

FIRE BRIGADE.—Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice moved:—

*That, in view of the rapid development and extension of the City of Victoria, and the necessity that exists for greater protection against fire, a Commission be appointed to test the advisability of a thorough re-organisation of the Brigade.*

Mr. RYRIE seconded and addressed the Council.

The Surveyor General addressed the Council.

The Treasurer addressed the Council.

The Governor addressed the Council.

The motion was allowed to stand.

BILL ENTITLED THE CORONER'S ABOLITION ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.—On the motion of the Treasurer, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

BILL ENTITLED THE EUROPEAN DISTRICT RESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1888.—On the motion of the Attorney General, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,  
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of April, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 172.

Information has been received from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at San Francisco that all vessels arriving there from Hongkong will be placed in quarantine for fourteen days.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th April, 1888.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 173.

It is hereby notified that the QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Honourable CATCHICK PAUL CHATER to be an Un-official Member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 27th April, 1888.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 174.

The following Returns from the Registrar General, are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th April, 1888.