

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 536.

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By Command,

ARATHOON SETH,  
for the Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th December, 1888.

**No. 18.**

Minutes of the Proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD at a meeting held on Thursday, the 29th of November, 1888:—

PRESENT:

The Colonial Surgeon, (DR. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.  
The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable WALTER MEREDITH DEANE), Vice-President.  
The Surveyor General, (The Honourable JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).  
The Registrar General, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, Esquire).  
The Honourable WONG SHING.  
DR. JAMES CANTLIE.  
NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.  
DR. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 15th and 17th instant were read and confirmed.

**Mortality Returns.**—Read minutes by Mr. FRANCIS and the Registrar General on the Returns for the weeks ended the 10th, 17th and 24th instant.

No. 1653,  
21st November,  
1888. **House-Drainage Bye-Laws.**—Read a letter from the Colonial Secretary stating that the Board's Bye-Laws, under Sub-section 1 of Section 13 of *The Public Health Ordinance, 1887*, had been approved by the Legislative Council.

No. 1694,  
29th November,  
1888. **Bèri-bèri.**—Read a letter from the Colonial Secretary conveying approval of the printing at public expense of the papers on the subject of the prevalence of Beri-beri in the Colony.

**Section 17.**—The draft forms under this section of *The Public Health Ordinance, 1887*, were considered and approved.

**Sanitary Contracts**—Read the papers in connection with the contemplated extension of the Night-soil, Latrine, and Conservancy contracts.

Resolved,—that the Board do approve of a recommendation that the period for these three services be extended to the end of July, 1889, and that the Conservancy Contractor do receive an additional fee of \$40 a month from the 1st of January next.

**Overcrowding.**—Mr. EDE, pursuant to notice, moved:—

*That a Committee be appointed to frame Bye-Laws under Sub-section 13 of Section 13 of "The Public Health Ordinance" and to report to the Board on the subject of overcrowding as early as possible.*

After deliberation, Mr. EDE substituted the following motion, which was seconded by the Surveyor General, and carried:—

*That a Committee consisting of Mr. Ede and the Registrar General be appointed to enquire into the question of overcrowding and to report to the Board as early as possible.*

**Public Latrines.**—Read the papers in connection with an application for a licence to keep a public latrine.

Resolved,—that the applicants be informed that the Board has no power to grant such a licence and that the Board do approve of a recommendation that the licensing of Public Latrines, under Section 10 of Ordinance No. 8 of 1856, be transferred from the Surveyor General to the Sanitary Board.

**Orders of the Day.**—It was resolved on the motion of the Captain Superintendent of Police that the consideration of the remaining Orders of the day be postponed.

**Motion.**—Dr. HO KAI moved:—

*That Dr. Cantlie be requested to report on the Beri-beri papers that had been sent in: that the said papers be sent to him at once, and that this motion be considered urgent.*

Mr. EDE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

**Adjournment.**—Resolved on the motion of the Captain Superintendent of Police that the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the Board do adjourn until Thursday, the 6th proximo, at 4 P.M.

The Board then adjourned.

PH. B. C. AYRES,  
President.

Read and confirmed this 6th day of December, 1888.

WM. EDWARD CROW,  
Acting Secretary.