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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 244.

It is hereby notified that the Queen's Exequatur, empowering Viscount GEORGES GASTON SERVAN DE BEZAURE, to act as Consul for France at Hongkong, received Her Majesty's signature on the 1st day of April, 1889.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th May, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 245.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, FRANCIS ALFRED COOPER, Esquire, to be Acting Assistant Surveyor General, combining, temporarily, with this Office the duties of Sanitary Surveyor under *The Public Health Ordinance, 1887*.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th May, 1889.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 246.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th May, 1889.

No. 11.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD at a Meeting held on Wednesday, the 8th of May, 1889:—

PRESENT :

The Colonial Surgeon, (Dr. PHILIP BERNARD CHENERY AYRES), President.
 The Acting Surveyor General, (FRANCIS ALFRED COOPER, Esquire).
 The Acting Registrar General, (The Honourable NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
 The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, (Major-General ALEXANDER HERMAN ADAM GORDON).
 JOHN JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C.

ABSENT :

The Honourable WONG SHING.
 JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, Esquire.
 Dr. JAMES CANTLIE.
 NATHANIEL JOSEPH EDE, Esquire.
 Dr. HO KAI.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of a Meeting held on the 24th April, 1889, were read and confirmed.

Appointment of a Sanitary Surveyor.—A letter from the Honourable Colonial Secretary, informing the Board that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to appoint Mr. JOHN THOMAS HORNSBY SAMPLE to be a Sanitary Surveyor, under the Public Health Ordinance, 1887, was read.

Mr. FRANCIS enquired whether the appointment had been made without any previous communication with the Board.

The Secretary stated that he had received no communication, except the letter just read, on the subject.

Mortality Returns.—The Secretary laid on the table the Returns for the weeks ended 20th April, 27th April, and 4th May.

Mr. FRANCIS addressed the Board on the expediency of these Returns being promptly circulated to the members.

The President replied.

Re-letting of Contracts.—The President addressed the Board and moved:—

That the report of the Sanitary Superintendent and the written promises of the Contractors on this subject,—be transmitted to the Government with a recommendation that the period of the present Contracts be extended to the 30th September, 1889.

The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Acting Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board on the subject of the insanitary condition of a latrine at the Magistracy situated near to his official residence.

Mr. FRANCIS spoke on the same subject, saying that steps should be taken under Sections 16 and 18 of *The Public Health Ordinance* to proceed against the person responsible for the existence and continuance of the nuisance complained of, that is, the Acting Surveyor General.

The Acting Surveyor General replied.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned until Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1889, at 4.15 P.M.

PH. B. C. AYRES,
President.

Read and confirmed this 22nd day of May, 1889.

HUGH MCCALLUM,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 241.

The following Lots of Crown Land at Rutter Street, (Taip'ingshan), and Bonham Road, (below No. 1 Tank), will be sold by Public Auction, on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1889, at 4 P.M.

Inland Lots Nos. 1,216 and 1,217.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale see page 459 of the *Government Gazette* for 1889.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th May, 1889.