

**Application for Permission to Erect Water Closets.**—An application for permission to erect water closets at a new building on Marine Lot 278 (Reclamation) was considered.

The Acting Director of Public Works moved—

*That the application be granted subject to the approval of the plans by the Board's Surveyor.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Application for a Licence to Keep Cattle.**—An application for a licence to keep cattle at Yaumati was considered.

The Vice-President moved—

*That the licence be granted.*

The Acting Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague Returns.**—Bubonic Plague returns for Bombay from July 5th to 10th, 1898, were laid on the table.

**Mortality Returns.**—The mortality returns for Macao for the weeks ending July 24th and 31st, 1898, and for the Colony of Hongkong for the weeks ending July 30th and August 6th, 1898, were laid on the table.

The Vice-President moved—

*That strangers be requested to withdraw.*

The Acting Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

A confidential meeting of the Board was then held.

**Adjournment.**—The Board then adjourned until Thursday, the 25th day of August, 1898.

F. H. MAY,  
*Acting President.*

Read and confirmed this 25th day of August, 1898.

F. W. CLARK,  
*Acting Secretary.*

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 376.

The following telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India is published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 25th August, 1898.

“SIMLA, 23rd August, 1898.

“Re your telegram of 20th August last, orders issued to withdraw regulations against Hongkong, Macao, Canton, and Swatow.”

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 377.

With reference to Government Notification No. 349 of the 6th instant, it is hereby notified that the Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY will resume the duties of Director of Public Works and Water Authority on Monday, the 29th instant.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 26th August, 1898.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 378.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of the QUEEN, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 7 of 1898.—An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHAU TUNG SHANG.

Ordinance No. 15 of 1898.—An Ordinance to provide for the reservation of certain land at Causeway Bay as a recreation ground and for the making of regulations as to its use.

Ordinance No. 18 of 1898.—An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Trade Marks.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th August, 1898.