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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

THURSDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 1898.

PRESENT :

His Excellency Major-General WILSONE BLACK, C.B.

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).
" the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).
" the Captain Superintendent of Police, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).
" the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
" the Director of Public Works, (ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, C.M.G.
" HO KAI, M.B., C.M.
" EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS, C.M.G.
" WEI YUK.

ABSENT :

His Excellency the Governor (Sir HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).
The Honourable the Acting Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK).
" THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.
" JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

In the absence of His Excellency the Governor through indisposition, His Excellency the Major-General Commanding presided.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 22nd November, 1898, were read and confirmed.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—His Excellency appointed the following Committees :—

(a) *Finance Committee*,—

— The Colonial Secretary, (Chairman).
All the Members of Council, except the Governor.

(b) *Law Committee*.—

The Attorney General, (Chairman).
Honourable J. J. BELL-IRVING.
Honourable HO KAI.
Honourable E. R. BELILIOS.
Honourable WEI YUK.

(c) *Public Works Committee*,—

The Director of Public Works, (Chairman).
The Colonial Treasurer.
Honourable C. P. CHATER.
Honourable E. R. BELILIOS.
Honourable T. H. WHITEHEAD.

PAPER.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following paper:—

Report on the Epidemic of Bubonic Plague in Hongkong in the Year 1898.

FINANCIAL MINUTE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minute, (No. 23), and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.
882 of 1898. The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Twenty-nine thousand One hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$29,150), to meet the expenses of the Post Office for 1898.

Government House, Hongkong, 30th November, 1898.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee dated the 22nd November, 1898, (No. 8), and moved its adoption.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATERWORKS ORDINANCES, 1890 TO 1897.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Director of Public Works seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF WONG SHU TONG alias WONG KA YAU alias WONG WING KWAN.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 30th day of December, 1898.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 598.

The following is published in substitution for Government Notification No. 593 of the 19th instant.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th December, 1898.

ORDER

Made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 8 of "The Post Office Ordinance, 1887," on the 21st day of December, 1898.

It is hereby directed that the Table hereto annexed shall be the Table of Rates of Postage for Letters and Parcels chargeable and to be charged at the General Post Office of this Colony or its Agencies on and after the 25th day of December, 1898, and until further notice.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

J. G. T. BUCKLE,
Clerk of Councils.