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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 1.

WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1899.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, G.C.M.G.).

His Excellency Major-General WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, C.M.G., General Officer Commanding.

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (THOMAS SERCOMBE SMITH).

” the Acting Attorney General, (HENRY EDWARD POLLOCK).

” 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.

” JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.

” WEI YUK.

ABSENT:

The Honourable THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 30th December, 1898, were read and confirmed.

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

1. Coroner's Returns for 1898.

2. Report on the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund for the Year 1898.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 1 to 4), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.O.D.  
307 of 1898.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Six hundred and Nine Dollars (\$2,609, equivalent to £250 @ 1/11), being contribution towards the proposed establishment of a School of Tropical Medicine in London and the institution of a travelling Commission to enquire into Tropical Diseases.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th January, 1899.

## HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
59 of 1899.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000) in aid of the vote "Repairs to Furniture at Government House."

Government House, Hongkong, 12th January, 1899.

## HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
2214 of 1897.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two thousand Four hundred and Thirty-eight Dollars and Sixty-seven cents (\$2,438.67) in aid of the vote "Road from Victoria Gap to Mount Kellett Road."

Government House, Hongkong, 12th January, 1899.

## HENRY A. BLAKE.

C.S.O.  
2265 of 1898.

The Governor recommends the Council to re-vote the following sums being unexpended balances of the votes for 1898 under the heading "Extraordinary Public Works":—

Water Supply, Kowloon .....	\$ 3,251
Extension of Station Street, North, Kowloon .....	3,902
City of Victoria and Hill District Waterworks .....	2,096
Forming and kerbing streets to provide for extensions of the City and Villages .....	429
Waterworks, Miscellaneous .....	3,873
Gaol Extension .....	2,507

Total.....\$16,058

Government House, Hongkong, 16th January, 1899.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF MAK NGÁN WAN, alias MAK CHIN K'I, alias MAK SUI NIN, alias MAK YAT WO, alias MAK SUN.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 5 OF 1866 AND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1882.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 8 OF 1870, (PUBLIC BUILDINGS).—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESERVATION OF CERTAIN LAND AT BRITISH KOWLOON KNOWN AS SUNG WONG T'OI OR SUNG WONG T'ONG.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DOGS ORDINANCE, 1893.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF VEHICLES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO SOLICITORS OF THE SUPREME COURT.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned till Wednesday, the 1st February, 1899, at 3 p.m.

HENRY A. BLAKE,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed this 1st day of February, 1899.

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

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 52.

The following Minutes are published.

By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th January, 1899.

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No. 2.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 19th day of January, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, (The Honourable FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.), Vice-President.

The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).

The Acting Registrar General, (JAMES DYER BALL, Esquire).

The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).

EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

**Minutes.**—The minutes of a meeting held on the 5th day of January, 1899, and of a confidential meeting held on the same date, were confirmed.

**Refuse Destructors.**—A letter was read from Mr. N. J. EDE, a late member of the Board, forwarding a copy of Maxwell's new work on "The removal and disposal of Town Refuse" for addition to the Board's Library.

The President moved—

*That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to Mr. N. J. Ede for his kindness in presenting this work.*

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Bubonic Plague at Calcutta.**—A telegram from the Home Secretary to the Government of India reporting the occurrence of six suspected cases of Bubonic Plague between the 1st and the 16th of January, 1899, was read and laid on the table.

**Report of Colonial Veterinary Surgeon.**—The Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for the year 1898 was submitted.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board on the subject of the proposed new Market at Taipingshan. Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

*That the consideration of the Report of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be adjourned until the next regular meeting of the Board.*

The Captain Superintendent of Police seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

**Proposed Washing Tanks at Tai Hang Village.**—A plan and report concerning the proposed Washing Tanks at Tai Hang Village was laid on the table.

**Foot and Mouth Disease.**—A letter from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, reporting that the East Point Dairy Farm Company's premises were now free from infection, was laid on the table.

**Applications for Water Closets.**—An application for permission to retain water closets at the Ice Factory, East Point, was considered.

The Captain Superintendent of Police addressed the Board and moved—

*That the application be refused.*

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board.