

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 382.

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J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

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No. 23.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 22nd day of June, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.
The Director of Public Works, (the Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Dr. JORDAN, Health Officer of the Port, was in attendance.

Minutes.—The minutes of a regular and of a confidential meeting held on the 8th June and of a confidential meeting held on the 15th June, and of a special meeting held on the 17th June, were confirmed.

Additional Public Latrines.—A minute from His Excellency the Governor authorizing the erection of four additional Government latrines was read.

The President moved—

That a Sub-Committee consisting of the Honourable Director of Public Works and the Medical Officer of Health be appointed to select sites and report to the Board as early as possible.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Four Cell Refuse Destructor.—A minute from His Excellency the Governor approving a vote of \$60,000 for insertion in the Estimates for 1900 for the purchase in England and erection in this Colony of a four cell Horsfall Refuse Destructor was read, and laid on the table.

Amended Standing Orders for Inspectors, Shroffs, Tallymen and Coolies at the Animal Depôts.—These Standing Orders were further considered, and

The President moved—

That the Medical Officer of Health as acting for the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be deputed to draft instructions for the Shroff and Tallyman and the Watchman at the Hung Hom Depôt and Slaughter-House, and to bring them up at an early date.

The Acting Registrar General seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Inspection Lairs for Cattle.—The reply from the Government to the Board's request for the early erection of Inspection Lairs for Cattle was laid on the table.

Plague.—A further report of cases of and deaths from Bubonic Plague in Bombay City from the 9th to the 17th June, 1899, and from Tainan, Formosa, and the population of the areas to which those returns refer, were laid

on the table.

Minutes of the Sanitary Board for the weeks ended 23rd May and 4th June, 1899, were laid

on the table.

Minutes of the Sanitary Board for the weeks ended 10th and 17th June, 1899, were laid on the

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No. 24.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Saturday, the 24th day of June, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.
The Director of Public Works, (The Honourable ROBERT DALY ORMSBY).
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).

Bubonic Plague at Amoy.—The President stated that by C.S.O. $\frac{1+10}{1899}$ H. B. M.'s Consul at Amoy reports that this disease is now epidemic at that place and moved—

That the Sanitary Board advises His Excellency the Governor in Council to proclaim, under the authority contained in Article 1 of the Quarantine Regulations made March 18th, 1897, under section 25 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1891, the port of Amoy to be a place at which Bubonic Plague prevails.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held the 6th day of July, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.

No. 25.

Minutes of the proceedings of the SANITARY BOARD, at a special meeting held on Friday, the 30th day of June, 1899.

PRESENT :

The Principal Civil Medical Officer, (Dr. JOHN MITFORD ATKINSON), President.
The Medical Officer of Health, (Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK).
The Acting Registrar General, (ARTHUR WIMBOLT BREWIN, Esquire).
EDWARD OSBORNE, Esquire.

Proposed Sites for Public Latrines.—The report of the Sub-Committee appointed at the meeting of the 22nd June to select sites for additional public latrines, was considered.

The President moved—

That the Board specify two sites, one at the junction of Pound Lane with Taipingshan Street for 40 persons and one at the back of the Harbour Office for 60 persons; in accordance with the provisions of section 3 Ordinance 8 of 1897.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Suspension of Standing Orders.—The President moved the suspension of the Standing Orders of the Board.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE seconded.

Question—put and agreed to unanimously.

Bubonic Plague on Kowloon Peninsula.—The President addressed the Board on the increased number of cases of plague in the Kowloon Peninsula, and moved—

That the Kowloon Peninsula (Health Ordinance Nos. 11 and 12) be declared to be a place where Bubonic Plague prevails.

The Northern boundary of this area is the former line of demarcation between English and Chinese territories.

The Eastern, Western, and Southern Boundaries are the waters of the Harbour.

The Medical Officer of Health seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Searching for Plague Cases.—A minute from His Excellency the Governor asking how the Board proposed to deal with the duty of searching for cases of plague, was read.

Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE addressed the Board and moved—

That His Excellency the Governor be requested to call for Volunteers (responsible Europeans, and also Chinese to act as Interpreters) to search for cases of plague in the houses of the Chinese; and should any Volunteers respond to the call, to then request the Military Authorities to allow a requisite number of Soldiers to be detailed for the assistance of these Volunteers.

The President addressed the Board and seconded.

The Board divided on the question.

Ayes.

The President.
The Medical Officer of Health.
Mr. EDWARD OSBORNE.

Noes.

The Acting Registrar General.

Motion carried.

Adjournment.—The Board then adjourned.

J. M. ATKINSON,
President.

Confirmed at a regular meeting held the 6th day of July, 1899.

C. W. DUGGAN,
Secretary.