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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 4.

THURSDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1902.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT (Major-General Sir William Julius Gascoigne, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, C.M.G.). the Acting Attorney General, (Alfred Gascoyne Wise).

- the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).
- the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.).
- the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).
- ARTHUR WINBOLT BREWIN.
- Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.
- THOMAS HENDERSON WHITEHEAD.
- WEI YUK.
- JAMES JARDINE BELL-IRVING.
- JOHN THURBURN.

The Honourable Catchick Paul Chater, C.M.G.

The Council, met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 26th March, 1902, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following papers:—

- 1. Report of the Public Works Commission.
- 2. Report of the Committee on Education.
- 3. Memoranda by Professor SIMPSON on Plague Prevention.
- 4. Report on the Sanitary Condition of Hongkong.
- 5. Papers regarding the New Post Office.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos 10, 11 and 12), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand five hundred and eighty-six Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,586.20) being a sum equal to the unexpended portion of the vote for 1901 for laying out Mountain Lodge grounds.

Government House, Hongkong, 21st March, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

One thousand and four hundred Dollars (\$1,400), being a sum equal to the unexpended vote for 1901 for the construction of locked private letter boxes for the use of the General Post Office.

Government House, Hongkong, 4th April, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

Four hundred and thirty-three Dollars and Thirty-two Cents (\$433.32) to meet the cost of the rent of "The Cliffs" for the two first months of the current year.

Government House, Hongkong, 7th April, 1902.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded. Question—put and agreed to.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee dated the 17th March, 1902, (No. 3), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

NEW POST OFFICE.—The Colonial Secretary addressed the Council, and moved that the Council approve of the expenditure of \$508,280 for the purchase of Marine Lots 99 and 100.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Mr. WHITEHEAD addressed the Council.

The Colonial Secretary replied.

Motion—put and agreed to unanimously.

BUILDINGS CONSOLIDATION BILL.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government addressed the Council, and stated that the Executive Council had agreed to further postpone the consideration of the Bill.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned sine die.

W. J. GASCOIGNE,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of April, 1902.

R. F. JOHNSTON, Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.--No. 263.

The following Bills which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published.

R. F. JOHNSTON,

Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 30th April, 1902.