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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 9.

MONDAY, 21ST JULY, 1902.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(Major-General Sir WILLIAM JULIUS GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G.).

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FRANCIS HENRY MAY, C.M.G.).

„ the Attorney General, (Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, Kt. B.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALEXANDER MACDONALD THOMSON).

„ the Harbour Master, (ROBERT MURRAY RUMSEY, R.N.)

„ the Director of Public Works, (WILLIAM CHATHAM).

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

„ HO KAI, M.B., C.M.

„ WEI YUK.

„ CHARLES STEWART SHARP.

„ CHARLES WEDDERBURN DICKSON.

„ GEORGE WILLIAM FORBES PLAYFAIR.

ABSENT :

The Honourable ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th July, 1902, were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.—Dr. FRANCIS WILLIAM CLARK, Medical Officer of Health, took the Oath as a Member of the Council.

THE CORONATION.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government informed the Council that the Coronation Committee had submitted to him certain proposals with regard to the Coronation celebrations in the Colony, and asked for the approval of the Council.

The proposals were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 32 to 35), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1662 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and twenty-five Dollars and sixty-one Cents (\$125.61) to meet, during the current year, the pay of a Chinese Laboratory Attendant and a Coolie for the Bacteriological Department.

ABSTRACT.

Pay for a Chinese Laboratory Attendant from 10th July to 31st December, 1902, at the rate of \$15 per mensem,.....	\$ 85.64
Pay for a Coolie for the Laboratory for the same period, at the rate of \$7 per mensem,.....	39.97
Total,.....	<u>\$ 125.71</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1690 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred and fifty Dollars and forty cents (\$550.40) to meet the estimated cost to be incurred for the hire of two boats and cost of lamp oil, to mark the position of the wreck of the S.S. *Pakshan*, from 3rd June to 31st August, 1902.

ABSTRACT.

July and August,—

Hire of two boats,.....	\$372.00
Oil,.....	7.20
	<u>379.20</u>
Expended to 30th June,	171.20
Total,.....	<u>\$550.40</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 11th July, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1691 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Fifty-seven thousand four hundred and thirty-five Dollars (\$57,435), in aid of the following votes:—

PUBLIC WORKS, ANNUALLY RECURRENT EXPENDITURE.

(1.) Maintenance of Buildings,	\$18,000.00
(2.) Do. do., in New Territory,.....	1,035.00
(3.) Dredging Foreshores,	4,000.00
(4.) Maintenance of Roads and Bridges outside City,	6,000.00
(5.) Do. do. in Kowloon,	3,000.00
(6.) Do. of Sewers,	4,000.00
(7.) Gas Lighting, City of Victoria,	2,400.00
(8.) Maintenance of Waterworks, City and Hill District,	19,000.00
Total,.....	<u>\$57,435.00</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1690 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Ninety-two thousand six hundred and seven Dollars and thirty Cents (\$92,607.30) in aid of the following votes:—

PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.

(1.) Governor's Peak Residence,.....	\$ 9,567.80
(2.) No. 7 Police Station,	6,502.20
(3.) Taipo Road,	14,648.86
(4.) Survey of New Territory,	5,000.00
(5.) Kowloon Waterworks Gravitation Scheme,.....	35,000.00
(6.) Police Station, Sheung Shui,	138.44
(7.) Widening Conduit Road,	3,700.00
(8.) New Shed, Sheep and Swine Depôts,	4,000.00
(9.) Storm Water Nullah, Mong Kok Tsui,	1,050.00
(10.) Public Bath House,	3,000.00
(11.) Government Offices, Extensions and Alterations,	10,000.00
	Total,.....\$92,607.30

Government House, Hongkong, 15th July, 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 7th July, 1902, (No. 8), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

SANITARY BYE-LAWS.—The Director of Public Works addressed the Council, and moved the adoption of the Sanitary Bye-laws regarding Depôts for Cattle, Pigs, Sheep and Goats.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

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

1. Statement of Water Account, for the year 1901.
2. Supreme Court Returns, for the year 1901.
3. Report on the Volunteer Corps, for the year 1901.
4. Despatch relative to the rate of exchange for payment of pensions under the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.—Mr. PLAYFAIR gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, he would ask the following question:—

Will the Honourable the Colonial Secretary state whether the Report of the Commission on the Public Works Department recommending an increase in the Staff had been carried out in its entirety or not? In view of Mr. Chadwick's Report that the Public Works Staff is much undermanned in every branch, both technical and clerical, and in view of the fact that the new Ordinances now before the Council will vastly increase the work and responsibilities of the Public Works Department far beyond the requirements advised by the Commission, are the Government making arrangements for a still further increase of the staff?

NATURALIZATION OF CHOY YAN AND OF SIU TIT SHANG BILLS.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of these Bills.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bills read a first time.

The Attorney General moved the Suspension of the Standing Orders, in order that the two Bills might pass through their remaining stages.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bills.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bills read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bills.

Council resumed, and Bills reported with verbal amendments.

The Attorney General moved the third reading of the Bills.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bills read a third time.

Question put in each case—that this Bill do pass.

Bills passed.

SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPLY FOR 1901 BILL.—The Colonial Treasurer moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five Dollars and seven Cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1901.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without amendment.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

WATER SUPPLY BILL.—The Attorney General moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for and regulate the Supply of Water in the Colony of Hongkong and for the Maintenance and Repair of the Works in connection therewith.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Council in Committee on the Bill, which was considered clause by clause, and several amendments made.

The Council then adjourned.

W. J. GASCOIGNE,
Officer Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of August, 1902.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 487.

The following Resolution is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 8th August, 1902.

RESOLUTION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

It is hereby resolved that all Pensions paid in England from the Widows and Orphans' Pension Fund be paid at the rate of three Shillings the Dollar, the difference between that rate and the rate of the day being made good out of the revenue of the Colony.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 7th August, 1902.