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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 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.)

„ 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.

„ ROBERT GORDON SHEWAN.

The Council met pursuant to summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 13th August, 1902, were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following Financial Minutes, (Nos. 39 to 50), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee:—

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1117 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred Dollars (\$200) to cover, during the current year, the salary of a Clerk for the Registrar General's Department, in connection with the Chinese Emigration (Amendment) Ordinance No. 37 of 1901, for 5 months at the rate of \$40 per mensem.

Government House, Hongkong, 12th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
788 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and seventy-eight Dollars and fifty-five Cents (\$478.55) in aid of the vote of \$700, "Furniture and Incidental Expenses," Registrar General's Department.

Government House, Hongkong, 15th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1994 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One hundred and seventy-five Dollars (\$175) in aid of the vote of \$240, "Repairs to Post Office at Shanghai".

Government House, Hongkong, 19th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
2012 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Three hundred Dollars (\$300) in aid of the vote of \$600, "Incidental Expenses, Treasury".

Government House, Hongkong, 19th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
2021 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of One thousand two hundred and thirty-nine Dollars and fifty-nine Cents (\$1,239.59) in aid of the vote of \$3,500, "Bedding and Clothing, Government Civil Hospital".

Government House, Hongkong, 19th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
2027 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and fifty Dollars (\$250), in aid of the vote of \$6,500, "Maintenance of Botanic Gardens, &c.", to cover the cost of repairing the damages done by the recent typhoons and rainstorms.

Government House, Hongkong, 20th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1034 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Eleven thousand and seven hundred Dollars (\$11,700) in aid of the Sanitary Department's Vote "Other Charges," to meet anticipated excesses on the sub-heads "Incidental Expenses," "Scavenging City, Villages and Hill Districts," and "Electric Lighting of Central Market."

Government House, Hongkong, 23rd August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1426 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred Dollars (\$500), being grant of a bonus to the Members of the Fire Brigade.

Government House, Hongkong, 25th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
59 of 1902. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Two hundred and ten Dollars (\$210) in aid of the cost of the Post Office at Liu Kung Tau, from 1st August to 31st December, 1902.

Government House, Hongkong, 26th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1932 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Eight thousand four hundred and seventy-eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents to cover the expenses, for the current year, of the Bacteriological Department.

ABSTRACT.

Personal Emoluments for Dr. HUNTER, 17th January to 26th February at half salary, and from 27th February to 31st December, 1902, full salary £500 per annum,	\$4,436.80
Allowance for Quarters at \$60 per month from 27th February to 31st December, 1902,	604.29
Cost of apparatus, £290 @ 1/8 $\frac{1}{4}$,	3,437.04
Total,.....	<u>\$8,478.13</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 26th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
1988 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a further sum of Sixty thousand Dollars (\$60,000) in aid of the vote of \$10,000 for "Plague Expenses" under the heading "Miscellaneous Services."

Government House, Hongkong, 27th August, 1902.

W. J. GASCOIGNE.

C.S.O.
2103 of 1902.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote a sum of Five hundred and fifty-six Dollars (\$556.00) in aid of the following votes:—

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Other Charges, Miscellaneous.

1. Mounting Plans and Charts, &c.,.....	\$ 56.00
2. Incidental Expenses,.....	500.00
Total,.....	<u>\$ 556.00</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 29th August, 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 13th August, 1902, (No. 11), and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer 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 showing action taken to give effect to the Recommendations in Mr. CHADWICK'S Report on Sanitation.
2. Extract from the City of Bombay Improvement Act, 1898.
3. Report by Mr. CHADWICK on the Sewerage and Drainage of Hongkong.
4. List of houses that collapsed from 1st January to 3rd August, 1902, and the Act itself.

QUESTION.—Mr. PLAYFAIR, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

With reference to the recent collapses of newly erected houses in both Hongkong and Kowloon and consequent deplorable loss of life, what steps have the Government taken to fix the responsibility?

Will the Government take steps to license Contractors under bond or otherwise?

Will the Government state what the regulations are as to public enquiries being held into accidents such as these?

Will the Government table a return showing the number of houses which have collapsed this year with fatal results and giving the owners' names, the architects' names, the contractors' names, and date of erection?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

QUESTION.—Mr. SHARP, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

Will the Honourable Colonial Secretary inform the Council—

- (1.) *Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the account of the hearing of an assault case before the Police Magistrate on 5th instant; and*
- (2.) *Whether the Government proposes to take any action with reference to certain allegations in the evidence given in the said case, which bear upon the question of the integrity of a public servant?*

The Colonial Secretary replied.

QUESTION.—Mr. SHEWAN, pursuant to notice, asked the following question :—

Can the Police not take measures to prevent chair coolies from deserting their chairs when most required on occasions such as the Coronation night for instance?

Are the chair coolies allowed to leave their chairs lying unprotected on the public street?

If not, can the Police not take the number of chairs so deserted and have the coolies belonging to such chairs punished by fine or the licensee punished by forfeiture of his licence?

If the Police have no power to do this, will the Government not bring in an Ordinance giving the Police such power?

In view of the present great scarcity of chairs, will the Government not license a further large number of chairs either direct or through a contractor and continue to do so until the supply fully equals the demand?

Can the Government not appoint stands for chairs and rickshas and instruct the Police to prevent the coolies from leaving the stands without sufficient reason?

If not will the Government farm out all the chairs and rickshas to a contractor who could deposit a sum of money as a guarantee for the good behaviour of the coolies?

The Colonial Secretary replied.

NATURALIZATION OF LEUNG NGAN PAN BILL.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance for the Naturalization of LEUNG NGAN PAN alias LEUNG WAI CHING.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to enable the Bill to pass through its remaining stages at this Meeting of the Council.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and agreed to.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. SHEWAN addressed the Council on the question of aliases.

A discussion ensued, in which the Colonial Secretary, Dr. HO KAI, the Attorney General, Mr. SHEWAN, the Colonial Treasurer and Mr. WEI YUK took part.

The Attorney General then moved that the word “alias” be struck out, and “otherwise known as” substituted.

The motion was carried.

Question—put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Council in Committee on the Bill.

Council resumed, and Bill reported without material amendment.

The Attorney General 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.

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

Is it a fact that the houses which have recently collapsed were built in accordance with the Building Ordinances in force in this Colony, and so certified by the Director of Public Works?

His Excellency addressed the Council, which then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY A. BLAKE,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 9th day of October, 1902.

C. CLEMENTI,
Acting Clerk of Councils.