

15TH OCTOBER, 1908.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY
LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

COLONEL DARLING (General Officer
Commanding).

HON. MR. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial
Secretary).

HON. MR. W. REES DAVIES, K.C.
(Attorney-General).

HON. MR. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial
Treasurer).

HON. MR. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G.
(Director of Public Works).

HON. MR. E. A. IRVING (Registrar-
General).

HON. F. J. BADELEY (Captain Super-
intendent of Police).

HON. DR. HO KAI, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

HON. MR. WEI YUK, C.M.G.

HON. MR. H. A. W. SLADE.

HON. MR. W. J. GRESSON.

MR. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Councils).

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read, and confirmed.

Financial Minutes

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by
direction of H. E. the Governor, laid on the
table Financial Minute No. 60, and
moved that it be referred to the Finance
Committee.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER
seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Financial

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, by
direction of H. E. the Governor, laid on the
table the report of the Finance Committee
No. 17 and moved its adoption. In connec-
tion with the report he also laid on the table
a certificate certifying that the Appropria-
tion Ordinance of 1909 was considered
clause by clause and approved by the
Finance Committee, and the Committee
recommended that the Bill might be dealt
with by the Council as a Bill reported on
by Committee of the whole Council.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER
seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The Estimates

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—
In view of the certificate I have just laid on
the table, and no member objecting, I beg
to move the third reading of the Bill en-
titled An Ordinance to apply a sum not ex-
ceeding Five million five hundred and seventy
thousand four hundred and twenty-seven
Dollars to the Public Service of the year
1909.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER
seconded, and the Bill was read a third
time, and passed.

Regulation of Theatres Ordinance

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved
the third reading of the Bill entitled an
Ordinance for Regulating Theatres and other
Places of Public Resort.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY
seconded, and the Bill was read a third time,
and passed.

Standing Committees

HIS EXCELLENCY—I appoint the
following Committees for the session
1908-09:—

Finance Committee—All the members
excepting the Governor.

Law Committee—The Attorney-General,
Hon. Mr. F. J. Badeley—Hon. Dr. Ho
Kai, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, and Hon. Mr.
H. E. Pollock.

Public Works Committee—Hon. Mr. A.
M. Thomson, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon.
Mr. E. A. Hewett, Hon. W. J. Gresson, Hon.
Mr. H. W. Slade.

HIS EXCELLENCY—The Council stands
adjourned *sine die*.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was
then held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.
The following votes were passed:—

Judicial and Legal

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Four hundred and eighty-nine Dollars and forty seven Cents (\$489.47) in aid of the vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, D.—Land Registry Office, Personal Emoluments; for the following items:—

New Territories

Allowance to Passed Cadet acting as Assistant Land Officer, (from 3rd April to 1st July, 1908), ...	\$296.55
Exchange Compensation,	192.92
	Total.....\$489.47

3RD DECEMBER, 1908.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR SIR FREDERICK JOHN DEALTRY LUGARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

HON. MR. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

HON. MR. W. REES DAVIES, K.C. (Attorney-General).

HON. MR. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

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HON. MR. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

HON. MR. E. A. HEWETT.

HON. MR. H. A. W. SLADE.

HON. MR. W. J. GRESSON.

MR. C. CLEMENTI (Clerk of Councils).

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and confirmed.

China's National Bereavement

HIS EXCELLENCY—I have caused to be inserted upon the notices of this meeting of Council a resolution which I now rise to

move. We in Hongkong are so closely connected with China that events in that Empire affect us in an exceptional degree, and it has always been our aim and object to maintain cordial and friendly relations with our great neighbour. The majority of the population of this British Colony are Chinese, and whether they are British subjects or merely temporary residents, they cannot but feel deeply the news we have lately heard from Peking. It is therefore fitting that this Council, as representing the people of this Colony, should express its condolences with the Chinese Government, and assure it of its sympathy and good wishes. So soon as I received the news of the death of the Dowager Empress and of the Emperor, I telegraphed in this sense through the Consul-General at Canton to the Governor General of the Two Kwang, and he has expressed himself as very grateful for the message, but I have awaited the meeting of Council before sending any similar message to Peking. If, as I am sure it will be, this resolution is unanimously carried, I propose to send a copy of it to our Minister at Peking for communication to the Chinese Government. I move:—"That the Legislative Council of Hongkong, at this its first meeting since the news of the deaths of the Emperor and the Dowager Empress of China was received, desires to record its sympathy with the Government of China on the loss it has sustained by death of its rulers, and to express its hope that the reign of the new Emperor may be successful and prosperous."

HON. DR. HO KAI—Sir, most respectfully and feelingly do I second the resolution