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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(1870—1871)

No 477

Council Room  
Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> January 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz  
Business.

Finance

1. Summons calling meeting
2. Sookho Bridge Agreement
3. ———— Commutation Ticket
4. Mr. Dier's Letter
5. Mr. Kingsmill's Letter
6. Brand Monroe's Letter
7. Report
8. Lamp post
9. Report

Works

Watch

Correspondence French Municipal Council  
And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem

advisable.

To the Members  
of the Council.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant  
Alex. Johnston  
Secretary

Municipal Council of Shanghai

Council Room

Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> January 1870.

At the General monthly meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January (mist) 1870 A.D. pursuant to notice.

Present.

J. I. Miller Esq. Chairman

M. D. Gubbay Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting was read.

Soochow Creek Bridge - Agreement with this Company - It was brought to the notice of the meeting that the Councils native staff.

Chinese Policemen, Local Post and other coolies were called upon to pay for crossing the Bridge since the 1<sup>st</sup> January. The Secretary asked if he should purchase a commutation ticket to free the Councils native staff. After consideration it was agreed that Messrs Miller and Gubbay would see Mr. E. J. Hogg with the view of effecting some arrangement by which the Councils native staff would be passed over free.

Note. It was ultimately arranged as follows. extract from Mr. J. I. Miller's letter of 6<sup>th</sup> January 1870 - "Mr. Gubbay and I saw Mr. Hogg this morning as to the freeing of the Soochow Bridge to the native Police

No 477  
Finance

Mr. Hugg agrees that all native Constables in uniform shall pass free and he will give a free ticket to a Coolie of the Local Post.

Taxation - Taxes due. Correspondence with Mr. Ferdinand Diers - Finance letters were read as follows - from Council no Finance and Mr. Diers reply no 653. The contents was noted by the meeting and the Secretary was instructed as to the form to reply in.

Land Tax to be charged on area of land as per title deed. A letter from Messrs Brand Hines and Co no Finance of 23<sup>rd</sup> December asking that the be rated for the purposes of taxation on the actual area of their land instead of the area as per title deed. Secretary to reply that the Council were unable to accede to the request (vide Council letter no Finance of 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1870 p 155).

Local Post Office - The Local Postmaster's report (no L.P.O dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 1870) detailing the working of his office during the month of December was read and contents noted. The Secretary informed the meeting that the arrangement with Messrs J. Hoes & Co approved at the meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> December (vide p 185 ante) was now in working order.

Revised Land Regulations. The form it was proposed to publish these in was shown to and approved by the meeting.

Fire in Municipal Godown. The Secretary mentioned to the meeting the services rendered by the Coolies in the <sup>supply of the</sup> North China Herald office upon the occasion of the fire in the Municipal Godown and suggested that some gratuity be given the coolies in recognition of their services.

Decided to award the coolies the sum of £20 among them.

Re-assessment of Land. A letter to him from Mr. Kingsmill was read stating that it was absolutely necessary to make a new set of boundaries



for Hong Sue" The cost would be from \$20 to 30 The Council authorized the tendings to be made.

Mr. Lloyd, Accountant and Assistant Secretary  
The Secretary informed the meeting - in pursuance of the conclusion arrived at on the 17<sup>th</sup> December (vide p 185 ante) that he had seen Mr. Lloyd on the subject of the title of his post to be inserted in his new agreement.

Mr. Lloyd was desirous that the title should remain as before viz "Accountant and Assistant Secretary". Agreed to.

A Report from the Public Works Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

20/1/78.

Report of the Public Works Committee  
Your Committee beg to lay before you the following report -

Bridges - An iron bridge to cross the Hong Sue Creek has been ordered from England. The Bridge at the south end of the Szechuen Road is being repaired under the direction of the French Municipal Council. The Bridges on the outside roads have been repaired as required.

Binding - Plans &c for reclaiming portion of the foreshore on the north side of the public garden are being prepared in order that the approaches to the new bridge may be formed.

The repair of the binding on the Dovehorn Creek between the Boat House and Mills bridge is being proceeded with.

Drainage - The banking road drain between the Lorian and Keangre Roads has been cleaned.

The Fokhsien Road drain &c is being proceeded with as quickly as possible. The Tsiping and Keechong Roads drains are in hand.  
Foreshore - Messrs H. Fogg and Co were visited

to, requesting them to remove the piles driven into the foreshore early in the past year. No notice has been taken of your Committee's communication.

It remains for you now to finally decide whether the matter is to be brought before the United States Consular Authorities, remembering the question of ownership of the foreshore will doubtless be advanced by Messrs Fogg & Co. in justification of their present action. ~~But~~ After consideration it was decided that no further action be taken towards the removal of the piles by the present Council.

Landing Accommodation. The filling in with mud behind the new landing stages has been completed.

Lighting. Extra lights will be erected in back parts of the English Settlement.

Roads. of both Settlements have been repaired where necessary. The raising of the South Well Road is still in hand, it has been bricked, sanded &c so far as raised. The work has been retarded by the late rainy weather. Laying of Kerb & side channel in Hongkue is still in hand.

An application from Mr. G. W. Cowie on behalf of the owners of the block of buildings at the north end of the Yuen-Sing-yuen and Woohing Roads to construct a verandah in front of his houses was considered. It was referred to the Engineer to report upon.

Public Garden. The dwarf wall has been completed.

} Members of  
Public Works  
Committee

Council Room

15-Hornum Road

(Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1870

It was moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Gabbey &  
Resolved.

N<sup>o</sup> 479

That the Report of the Public Works  
Committee be approved.  
sig. Mover  
" Secunder.

A Report from the Water Committee was  
received, read and ordered to be inserted in  
the Minutes.

N<sup>o</sup> 480.

Report of the Water Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure of sub-  
mitting the following report:

Brothels - The medical inspection of inmates  
continues - Agreeably with your in-

structions your Committee have called in and  
received from the Superintendent of Police  
the following report in regard to effective  
means of controlling brothels frequented by

foreigners - "In reference to Chinese Brothels  
frequented by foreigners I would recommend  
that the following regulations be carried into  
effect to check the spread of venereal disease.

"That no person shall open or keep a Brothel  
without having first obtained a license from  
the Municipal Council, such license to state  
the street and number of the house where  
such Brothel may be kept."

"That each prostitute kept in such Brothel  
shall be registered."

"Before granting a license for the opening  
or keeping a Brothel a deposit according to  
the following scale shall be made with the  
Municipal Council, such deposit to be returned  
on the Brothel being closed."

"For assessing the amount of deposit  
Brothels to be divided into two classes the first  
class to deposit ten dollars and the second  
class seven dollars for each prostitute kept in

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such Brothel.

Each prostitute to be examined once in seven days by a native doctor and any prostitute or inmate found suffering from venereal disease to be removed to a house provided for them by the Municipal Council.

The salary of the native doctor and all the expenses of the house provided for diseased prostitutes shall be paid by the owners or keepers of Brothels, for this purpose each first class Brothel shall pay two dollars monthly and each second class Brothel one dollar monthly.

Should the balance in hand after paying the monthly expenses exceed one hundred dollars then a less sum monthly to be collected until the balance in hand be reduced to twenty five dollars.

Any brothel may be visited by the Superintendent or Inspector of Police to see that the terms of the license are carried out and to see that no prostitute except those registered are kept therein.

The Medical Officer to the Council may visit any Brothel and inspect the prostitutes and inmates when and as often as he may think necessary.

Every prostitute or inmate of a Brothel suffering from venereal disease and admitted into the house provided for them shall be under the control of the medical officer to the Council and shall not leave until properly discharged by such medical officer.

The owner or manager of any Brothel who shall neglect to comply with these regulations or who shall keep or harbour any prostitute or other person suffering from venereal disease in any Brothel may be prosecuted by the Municipal Council for non-conforming to the above regulations.

"There are at present 18 Brothels in which are 42 prostitutes in the English Settlement and 23 Brothels with 62 prostitutes in Hong Kue"

"There has been a falling of in the number of this class of Brothels during the last six months caused by upwards of 100 girls having been sent to California from Hong Kue"

The suggestions advanced by Mr. Penfold appear all that can be desired and would be easy to put into force provided that certain land owners interested in native house property used as Brothels refrain from offering resistance to the Councils measures.

With these remarks your Committee place the proposed scheme before you for your instructions.

Decided to lay a copy of Mr. Penfold's report before the Consular Body and to defer further action in regard to the matter for the present municipal year.

Bejars - In accordance with your instructions bejars are now sent into the city to the Cheong's Hamon instead of being deported from the Settlement.

Chinese Sireny Stables - The Inspector reports as follows - "The animals kept for hire in the Sireny Stables are in a better state than they were a number of the worst and most unfit for work having been sent into the country"

Fire Department - Your Committee submit the names of the following gentlemen elected to the posts as below stated for your confirmation and approval.

It was moved by Mr. Muller seconded by Mr. Gubbay & Resolved

That the following gentlemen elected by the members of the Shanghai Fire Department as officers for the year 1878 are hereby confirmed in the respective posts to which they have been elected to serve -

Chief Engineer - C. P. Blethen Esq  
District Engineer No 1 - John Thomas Esq

B. 4-81.

District Engineer No 2. J. L. Green Esq.

do do do 3 - a. Faillot Esq.

of Honor

Secunder.

The French Municipal Council have courteously informed your Committee of the result of the election of officers of No 5 French Company to be as follows.

Gentlemen elected by the members of the French Engine Company No 5 as officers for the year 1875.

Mr. Charrier. Foreman Mr. Belle. Assistant Foreman

Mr. Maton 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant - Renaulti Section Engineer

Mr. Godaert 2<sup>nd</sup> do - Lepoand 1<sup>st</sup> do do

Mr. Martens Leading Workman - Baumeier - Secretary

Lighting - At your request your Committee have

written to the Manager of the Shanghai Gas

Company enquiring what reduction on the

present contract rate of 5 per cent.

the Company will be prepared to make during

next winter.

Markets and Slaughtering Houses - Your Inspector

in regard to these reports as follows - "during

the month the different markets have been fully

supplied and the provisions offered for sale

have been generally of fair quality. Fish

has been plentiful. Vegetables have been brought

in greater quantities and of better quality. Game

has been most abundant. The health of all

the beasts in the sheds has been good."

Fire Insurance Department - The Inspector reports

as follows - "that during the past month the

roads and alleys of the Anglo-American settle-

ment have been swept daily (Sundays excepted)

Police Force - Your Committee propose calling on

Mr. A. Stripling to at once conclude a formal

agreement prepared by Mr. Rennie at the instance

of your committee.

The Harbour Master has submitted

see below

of the 28<sup>th</sup> December in <sup>1893</sup> ~~1892~~) that his branch did not further require the services of Mr. Stripling.

French Municipal Council - The Secretary stated he had received a communication from the French Municipal Council dealing with many of the points referred to in this Council's letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> December in <sup>1895</sup> ~~1894~~ G.P. 210 (also vide p 12 ante). The Secretary was requested to circulate the dispatch from the French Municipal Council among the members of this Council.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 173 ante). Various subjects were discussed, correspondence referred to the notice of the different committees and it was Resolved.

That the Council do now adjourn.

Attest: J. Robertson  
Secretary

W. Miller  
Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 1870.

W. P. Adams

Miller

W. Hopping

omitted above

Members of  
Watch Committee

It was moved by Mr. Gubray seconded by Mr. Miller and Resolved.

no 482

That the report of the Watch Committee be approved.

sig. Brown  
" Bremner

N<sup>o</sup> 453.

Council Room  
Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> February 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Honan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman, and Report from Committees viz.

Business.

Summons calling meeting

Confirmation of Minutes.

Reports from Committees -

Watch

Works

Finance

} and points in connexion therewith

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Wm J. Johnston  
Secretary.

To the Members of  
the Council.

Municipal Council of Shanghai.

Council Room  
Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> February 1870.

At the General Monthly Meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No 15 Honan Road Shanghai on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February (inst) 1870 A.D. pursuant to notice.

Present.

F. C. Adams Esq. Chairman  
J. J. Miller Esq.



H. Hopson Esq.  
 Alex. J. Johnston. Secretary.

- No 483. The Summon calling the meeting was read.  
 No 484. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

A Report from the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

- No 485 Report of the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.  
 Your Committee have the pleasure to hand you the following report.

Cost of Lighting the Public Lamps. Your Committee have been in correspondence with the Directors of the Shanghai Gas Company on the subject of the reduction they will be prepared to make on the present rate charged for lighting the public lamps - viz. \$5 per lamp per month - upon the expiration of the current contract.

The Company state that it is their intention to make a reduction in the price charged at present but "regret that owing to the accounts of the Company for the past year not being made up they cannot at present give a more definite answer to the Council as to the amount of reduction intended to be made."

As it is absolutely necessary in order to frame the Municipal Budget for the ensuing year that the amount proposed to be charged for next year should be stated your Committee see no course now left open but, with your consent to address the French Gas Company enquiring at what rate per lamp per month they would light the Public lamps of this Municipality for. <sup>note -</sup> Decided to address the French Gas Company accordingly.

Chinese Government Ground Rent on Shanghai Public Garden. Your Committee forwarded to Mr. Medhurst H. B. Esq. Consul the amount of the ground rent due to the Chinese Government on the land used as the Garden.

Mr. Medhurst returned the cheque sent, stating

that the Factor persistently refuses to receive any tax on the land in question. As there exists some difference between Mr. Winchester and the Council in 1855 as to the terms upon which the land was accepted charge of by the Council your Committee recommend that the correspondence which passed at the time be published in the annual report so that the Community may know the terms upon which they have the use of the land.

Exemption from Taxation. Your Committee have received applications from Mr. Thos Hamburg. <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> For exemption from land tax of Lot 287 Registered 277 in British Consulate, registered in his name for the King Du Pou men Don Charity which administers to the wants of necessitous Chinese, providing cottages for deceased indigent natives and <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> that the tax amounting to £s 31<sup>6</sup>/<sub>2</sub> collected for the past years be refunded.

In regard to the first your Committee propose submitting to the forthcoming annual General Meeting of Rate Payers a proposition for the taxation of Churches, Charitable Institutions &c. As to the second your Committee regret they cannot in the face of the resolution passed at a meeting of the Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October last accede to Mr Hamburgs request for a refund of the rates already collected but so impressed are they with his representation they recommend your asking the sanction of the Land Renters to recoup him in the amount collected by the Council.

Your Committee have received an application from Mr. John De Carthy to have certain Rental Rates amounting to £s 20<sup>5</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (vide Finance Book p ) remitted on account of his inability to pay the same.

In referring this matter to you, your Committee cannot recommend such a request being acceded to - the precedent it would establish would be bad in the extreme. They however are of opinion that the case would be met by allowing Mr. De Carthy to pay the sum owing to the Municipality.

twelve monthly instalments - Note - Agreed to: the Secretary to obtain payment with the present year.

Purchase of Land. The purchase of the plot of Land in 59<sup>a</sup> adjoining the Central Police Station has been completed by your Committee and the representative of Mr. A. Thorne paid the sum of Rs 10,901<sup>4</sup> being the equivalent of £5000 sterling.

The Re-assessment of Land situated within Municipal limits, has been finished, the valuation schedules will be completed and open to inspection of Land Renters in a few days.

A Mem. proposing a General system of Registration of Land situated within Municipal limits has been prepared by Mr. Kingsmill and which your Committee commends to your attention. Note. Decided to circulate said Memorandum among the Members of the Assessment Committee.

The Revised Land Regulations and Bye Laws annexed to them have been printed a copy thereof will be delivered to every rate payer applying to the Secretary of the Council for the same without charge, such being in accordance with art XXII of the Municipal Act for the Municipal year 1889-90. Two applications for this post have been laid before your Committee viz from Mr. W. J. Limby and Mr. W. A. Lawrence. Your Committee leave the selection in your hands.

Stationery &c. Advice has been received of the shipment by your London Agent of a supply for the use of the various offices.

Wharfage Dues. The Tartan's commutation of Wharfage Dues has been paid to the end of 1889.

Local Post Office. The Postmaster's usual monthly

vide n<sup>o</sup> 650  
97. 7 Feb/90

Report was read approved and passed.

Rolling Stock. In regard to the rolling stock Mr. Heke reports as follows (vide n<sup>o</sup>  $\frac{1000}{44}$  of 31<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1889, 227). The Rolling stock generally requires an overhaul a great portion of it has been in use for years and seen a great deal of service. I would recommend that

what on examination is found to be past work should be disposed of, any practicable repairs be at once effected and an estimate obtained of the cost of what new stock may be required for the coming year, the stock of water carts in particular needs addition and repairs and should be commenced with forthwith so as to be ready for use when required.

See No 2012 28/6/70  
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Mr. Homes also says. The rolling stock such as Water Carts do require considerable repairs before they can be again used especially the two large ones which were built in 1852. Three pairs of new wheels required for the new Water Carts, the body of which are in the godown.

Note. Decided that an examination be made of the rolling stock by Mr. Steel the condition of it be reported on and an estimate of the cost of repair and what new additional stock may be required be furnished.

Soochow Creek Bridge. The formal Memorandum of Agreement dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1870 between the Soochow Creek Bridge Company and the Municipal Council, commencing the foreign tolls for a period of ten years was signed by the Acting Chairman of the Council at the meeting held this day.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase a Commutation ticket from the Soochow Creek Bridge Company for £20 to free all municipal coolies for the year 1870.

A letter from Mr. Ammeche was laid before the meeting stating that his Chinese servants were not allowed to pass across the Soochow Creek Bridge without paying the usual toll.

The meeting learned that Mr. Ammeche since writing to the Council had made arrangements with the Bridge Company as to his coolies passing over. It was therefore agreed that his letter called for no reply.

} Members of Finance  
Rate & Appeal Committee

Council Room

Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> February 1870.

No 486.

It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Miller and  
Resolved.

That the Report of the Finance Committee  
be approved

sig. mover.

Secunder.

No 487.

It was moved by Mr. Hopps seconded by Mr. Miller &  
Resolved.

That Mr. Laurence be appointed Auditor  
of Municipal Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 1870.

sig. mover

Secunder.

A Report from the Watch Committee was  
received read and ordered to be inserted  
on the Minutes.

No 488.

Report of the Watch Committee.

Your Committee beg to submit a report of  
proceedings during the past month.

Beggars continue to be sent into the City.

The Committee for the Relief of the Native Poor  
have asked that the Beggars collected during  
the day may be sent to their Refuge and  
that the Police may be permitted to distribute  
tickets to poor persons living within the Anglo-  
American Settlement.

Your Committee  
have referred the first point for the views  
of the Consular Body. As regards the second  
the matter is placed in your hands for decision.  
Note The Council decided they would not accede  
to the request as the imposition of extra duty on  
the Police force at present might tend to weaken  
its efficiency. The Secretary was instructed  
to write to the Consuls informing them that  
beggars sent into the City were released immedi-  
ately after delivery.

**REPORT**  
 OF THE  
**CHIEF ENGINEER**  
 OF  
**THE SHANGHAI FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
 TO THE  
**Municipal Councils of Shanghai.**

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The undersigned begs to report for the information of the French and Anglo-American Municipal Councils, as follows, in regard to the working of the Shanghai Fire Department.

The *Composition* and *Strength* of the Department are—

1 Chief Engineer  
 3 District Engineers

and six companies, viz:—

Hook and Ladder Company consisting of 45 members			
No. 1 Company	"	45	"
" 2 "	"	25	"
" 3 "	"	16	"
" 4 "	"	16	"
" 5 "	"	27	"

making a total strength of 174 members, exclusive of native auxiliaries.

The selection of the Chief, District and Company Officers, have been made by the Companies, and approved and confirmed by the French and Anglo-American Councils respectively.

*Fires.*—During the past year there were seven fires, as follows:—

1. April 10th.—Alarm at 11.30 A. M.—false—from workmen's fires at Old Dock.
2. May 16th.—Alarm at 1 A. M. Inside city walls. 60 Chinese houses burnt.
3. July 18th.—Alarm at 3 A. M. Shantung Road near Smith's Market. 22 Chinese houses burnt. 2 pulled down.
4. October 27th.—Alarm at 5.30 A. M. French Concession near the Port Montauban. 25 Chinese houses burnt. 1 pulled down.
5. November 17th.—Alarm at 11.45 P. M. Nantow, a few hundred yards beyond location of Oil fire in November 1867. 150 Chinese houses burnt.
6. December 3rd.—Alarm at 9 A. M. Near French Police Station, above Kin-lee-yune. 5 houses burnt.
7. December 28th.—Alarm at 5.30 A. M. Municipal Council's Godown. Trifling.

The value of property destroyed was not very great.

*The mode of alarm* at present is,—

1° By ringing the Bells of Trinity and St. Saviour's Churches.

2° By the Police Forces calling at the residences of the members of the department.

The first mode is defective, as from the present position of the Bells, they are only audible—when ringing—to those living in close proximity to them, and even then as a means of alarm, they depend considerably on the direction of the wind. The second system works well, but is open to extension.

In addition to these means of alarm, I would suggest—

1° That the Councils arrange with the respective Consuls for the Senior Man-of-War in port to fire *three* guns on an alarm of fire being given.

2° That a fire alarm bell,—to be hung, say in the neighbourhood of the Custom-house,—is much needed; the cost of it would not be more than Tls. 500. This suggestion I particularly commend to the attention of the Councils.

3° That pending the consideration of these recommendations, arrangements if possible be made between the Councils and the various Steam Boat Companies, by which the bells of their steamers would ring, say for a quarter of an hour, on an alarm of fire being given.

4° That it would be desirable,—as an experiment,—to obtain a small supply of “Fire Rockets.” A few “Fire Extinguishers” might be kept on hand.

*Firewells.*—There are at present 9 Firewells in the English Settlement, situated as follows:—

- |    |                                      |          |            |
|----|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| 1. | Junction of Foochow and Honan Roads. |          |            |
| 2. | ”                                    | ”        | Keangse ”  |
| 3. | ”                                    | ”        | Szechuen ” |
| 4. | ”                                    | Kiukiang | ” ” ”      |
| 5. | ”                                    | Pekin    | ” ” ”      |
| 6. | ”                                    | Keangse  | ” Nankin ” |
| 7. | ”                                    | Honan    | ” ” ”      |
| 8. | ”                                    | Shanse   | ” ” ”      |
| 9. | ”                                    | Fuhkien  | ” ” ”      |

There is a Fire Reservoir in the Hankow Road, at its junction with the Shantung Road. Another Reservoir is being constructed in the Ningpo Road. Additional ones are much required, especially at the junction of the Shanse and Ningpo Roads, the Canton and Shantung Roads, and the Hongque and Tien-dong Roads. Reservoirs might be formed for “Open Firewells” upon several of the vacant lots of land in various parts of the Settlements, the cost would be small, the benefit great. I would recommend to the French Municipal Council, the propriety of adopting a system of Firewells, somewhat after the type of those recently sunk in the English Settlement. There are Manholes in various parts of the Settlements, a list of which, with a description of their situation, I would thank the Councils to have made out by their Engineers, so that each member of the Department may be supplied with a copy. I would again urge upon the Councils the desirability of having Reservoirs, formed in the bed of the Yang-King-Pang and the City Moat.

The present means of reaching Firewells and Reservoirs needs improving. I would recommend iron plates be procured, with plugs, to let the suction hose down through to the water.

*Buildings.*—Foreign—I would recommend to the consideration of persons building Foreign Houses, the desirability of attention being given to the construction of chimnies, and that fire places, stove pipes &c., should be kept as far apart from the woodwork as possible, also that verandahs be made of as non-ignitable a material as can be obtained. The practice of laying on gas through lead pipes ought to be discontinued at once, iron piping should be substituted for lead, the latter melts as soon as fire reaches it.

*Buildings.*—Native—I would commend to the consideration of owners of Chinese house property a suggestion made to me last year, that a brick wall ought to separate every five or seven native houses. Firewalls, I am told are in use in most Chinese cities.

*Inflammable Material.*—I beg to call the attention of the Councils to the storage of this class of merchandize, which in my opinion ought not to exceed 40 (forty) gallons, to be kept within 50 yards of any dwelling house, or a building in which goods are stored, except in pursuance of a license granted upon certain conditions.

*Contribution from Insurance Offices.*—I submit that the Insurance Companies at this port ought to be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Department, such is the case in large western cities, take London for instance. I find that Insurance Companies, are compelled to pay at the rate of £35 per annum for every million pounds on the gross amount insured.

*Engines.*—No. 4, “Deluge.”—This Engine has been thoroughly overhauled and put in good order. It being difficult to obtain the services of a competent Foreign Engineer for the Steam Fire Engine “Deluge,” I have engaged the services of a Chinese Engineer who will devote his whole time to the Engine, and live in the house soaps to be at hand at any time he may be required. The recent trials of the Engine under his charge have been very satisfactory.

No. 5 (French Engine).—The new French Municipal Engine is a great acquisition to the Department.

The other Engines are in good condition.

*Hose.*—The Deluge has been supplied with three extra lengths of suction hose. It, as well as Nos. 1 and 2 Engines, will require additional delivery hose, during the present year. The cost of which will be about Tls. 1,200.

*An Engine House,* suitable for the purposes of housing the Machines, and Companies meeting in, is much needed on the English side.

*Badges.*—I would ask the Councils to authorize me to obtain a supply of badges for all members of the Department, such are very much required.

A Refreshment Cart and proper harness for Steam Engine are much wanted.

*Municipal.*—The attendance at fires of the Municipal Engineers of both Councils, or an officer from their branches, I consider would be of great advantage, to the efficiency of the Department. I would solicit the Councils, directing their Engineers, after fires to cause all damaged structures to be carefully surveyed, reported upon and temporarily secured and fenced in where necessary.

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To the Police of both Councils, the Department is under obligations for the ready assistance they have afforded on all occasions.

In conclusion, I have great pleasure in stating that the best results may be expected from the amendments of November last to the Constitutions of the Department, by which it was formally recognized by the Councils of both Municipalities, and its sphere of action extended to the different divisions of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai. The Department is in a very efficient state, all working in a harmonious and satisfactory manner, and has rendered good service during the past year.

C. P. BLETHEN,  
*Chief Engineer.*

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

SHANGHAI, 21st January, 1870.



Crime - Your Committee have great pleasure in stating that everything passed off well during the festivities held by the Chinese at the commencement of their new year. With the exception of a few very ordinary cases of larceny usual at this period the settlements may be said to possess almost an immunity from crime.

Census - It was decided to take an enumeration of residents within Municipal limits during the first week in March.

Chinese Livery Stables - Your Inspector reports as follows. The Livery Stables are frequently inspected and any animals unfit for work placed on the Sick List. For report vide No. 10<sup>1020</sup> of 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1907 p. 227

Fire Department - Your Committee submit the names of the following gentlemen members of No 1 Company elected to the offices set opposite their names for your confirmation and approval. For names vide Resolution on page 211. For also No. 10<sup>1020</sup> of 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1907 p. 227

The following report from the Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department has been received by your Committee. They commend it to your favorable consideration. See attached Report.

Firing off Crackers - Your Committee have withdrawn as is usual at the Chinese New Year time - for a period of three weeks the restriction to firing off Crackers.

Hard Labour Prisoners - Some time ago Your Committee drew the attention of the Foreign Consular Body to the fact that although all necessary stipulations imposed on the Council had been acceded to with respect to the care of Hard Labour prisoners, the Municipal Court had discontinued to sentence natives to hard labour punishment.

To Your Committee's communication Mr. Medhurst Chairman of the Foreign Consular Body replied "Hard Labour Prisoners - I fear there is no hope of carrying out this scheme now that it has been..."

practically abandoned. I saw the Justice yesterday in company with Chen the Mixed Court Magistrate when the latter entreated me not to press the question and the former positively refused to support even the qualified proposition advocated to by the late Justice.

It is with great regret that your Committee see this admirable system of punishment having so deterrent an effect upon a certain class of natives, having consequence of circumstances over which they have had no control, been allowed to be abandoned.

Inflammable Material. Your Committee have been for sometime in communication with the Foreign Consular Body on the subject of permanent and secure storage being provided for this description of merchandise. The issue of this correspondence will be gathered from the following extract from a letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> instant from Mr. Medhurst Chairman of the Foreign Consular Body. "The Justice informs me that he is for consultation with the Commissioner of Customs in respect to the arrangements for establishing a depot for inflammable material without the limits of the Settlement and that he is prepared to consent to any scheme approved of or recommended by the Commissioner."

In furtherance of the above your Committee addressed Mr. Dick Commissioner of Customs so citing to be informed as to the measures proposed to be taken by the Chinese Authorities to establish such a depot and at the same time pointing out that they have a large quantity of kerosine oil on its way to Shanghai and may shortly be expected to arrive. To this Mr. Dick's reply that he has advised the Justice that the storage of

inflammable articles should be limited to such  
Warehouses as should be duly licensed for that  
purpose after being found to fulfil all the ne-  
cessary conditions of safety."

Measures are now under consideration to  
this end.

Markets and Slaughter Houses. A report in  
regard to these from the Inspector has been  
received (vide no Wact no 20 p 27) and was read to the meeting  
Nuisance Department. The small supply of  
Domb's Earth Closets and Urinals directed by you  
to be obtained from England are now on their  
way to Shanghai.

An intimation  
has been received by your Committee from the  
Agent of the owner of 27 houses in the Fokkie  
Road that he has made arrangements for  
the removal of the Night soil by private con-  
tract from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

A Report  
has been received from the Inspector of Nuisance  
(vide no Wact of 2 Febry W. B p ).

The following letter has been received from  
Dr Henderson in explanation of his communica-  
tion of the 30<sup>th</sup> December last in regard to the  
"Inoculation of Small Pox among the Chinese in  
and around Shanghai."

GENTLEMEN,

SHANGHAI, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1870.

With reference to the despatch proposed to  
be addressed by the Consular Body to His Excellency  
the Viceroy on the subject of small-pox, and to obviate  
any misconception which may have arisen as to the scope  
and aim of my memorandum of the 30<sup>th</sup> of December  
last, I now beg to add the following as further explana-  
tory of the views therein expressed.

I have never thought of denying the power, which  
atmospheric or other conditions possess either of ori-  
ginating or of terminating an outbreak of small-pox,  
but have only contended that the appearance and spread  
of this disease is "to some considerable extent due" in  
Shanghai to the practice of Inoculation. Expressing my  
views more plainly—I believe that in those years when  
'epidemic influence' is sufficient of itself to originate  
small-pox, Inoculation, by multiplying sources of infec-  
tion, favours the spread of the disease, while in those  
years when this influence is of itself insufficient to origi-  
nate an epidemic, inoculation supplies its place in that  
particular.

I feel certain that the death rate noted among those  
submitted to inoculation in England, will never enable  
us to form any just conception of the mortality occasioned  
by this practice among the Chinese; for, while I am  
strongly inclined to believe that the mode of inducing  
small-pox adopted in China, is a much more danger-  
ous one than that formerly practised in England, I am  
also satisfied that the operation is too frequently per-

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SHANGHAI, *January 24th*, 1870.

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I have never thought of denying the power, which atmospheric or other conditions possess either of originating or of terminating an outbreak of small-pox, but have only contended that the appearance and spread of this disease is "to some considerable extent due" in Shanghai to the practice of Inoculation. Expressing my views more plainly—I believe that in those years when 'epidemic influence' is sufficient of itself to originate small-pox, Inoculation, by multiplying sources of infection, favours the spread of the disease, while in those years when this influence is of itself insufficient to originate an epidemic, inoculation supplies its place in that particular.

I feel certain that the death rate noted among those submitted to inoculation in England, will never enable us to form any just conception of the mortality occasioned by this practice among the Chinese; for, while I am strongly inclined to believe that the mode of inducing small-pox adopted in China, is a much more dangerous one than that formerly practised in England, I am also satisfied that the operation is too frequently per-

formed without the necessary care and discrimination which could alone, under any circumstances, enable it to be employed with safety. It is further to be observed, that among the narrow streets, and in the crowded houses of the Chinese where every hygienic precaution is neglected, this practice of sowing disease entails peculiarly formidable consequences.

In the absence of Vaccination, I am fully alive to the benefits which are conferred by Inoculation, and, bad as is the method which the Chinese have adopted, I believe that it results in the preservation of life; still, when I hear of some 1,670 vaccinations effected by Dr. JOHNSTON, and his assistants, during the past year, and learn the steadily increasing popularity of this measure among the natives more immediately connected with the Foreign population, I am inclined to believe that the time has *now* come when we may, with safety to the Chinese, and advantage to ourselves, forbid the practice of Inoculation in the Foreign Settlement.

Such an enactment would, I believe, tend to render the employment of vaccination more general, while its limited application would enable us to enforce it without encountering the dangers attending a more extended course of action. Those natives who are indifferent as to which method they adopt of protecting their children against small-pox, may in many cases be decided in favour of Vaccination, from the difficulties which they would meet with in obtaining Inoculation; while in enforcing the temporary banishment to the native city of those who insisted on the performance of Inoculation, we should, after all, be only doing as a community what few among us would hesitate to do individually.

In order that every facility for Vaccination be afforded to the Chinese, I have now further to suggest that a

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Dispensary be opened, after the hot weather, in some central situation in the Settlement. At this establishment four objects should be kept in view; 1st, the gratuitous Vaccination of the natives; 2nd, the registration of those applying, the residence being noted when practicable; 3rd, the instruction of Chinese practitioners in the proper method of operating; 4th, the provision and continuous supply of vaccine lymph. Such a scheme cannot fail to receive the sympathy and co-operation of the resident medical men in Shanghai, and ought indeed to command some pecuniary assistance from the Chinese themselves.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) EDWARD HENDERSON, M.D

*To the*

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Lighting. Your Committee have received an application on behalf of several Land Renters that ~~an~~ additional Camp-posts may be placed along the Western portion of the Fochas Road.

Your Committee recommend that three additional lights be put up which number appears to meet all present requirements. Note The Council decided to adopt the Committee's recommendation and order the erection of the three extra Camps.

} Members of  
Water Committee

Council Room

15 Hanon Road

Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> February 1870.

It was moved by Mr. Hoppus seconded by Mr. Miller and

8<sup>o</sup> 489. Resolved

That the report of the Water Committee be approved.

sig. Moore  
- Secunder

It was moved by Mr. Hoppus seconded by Mr. Miller and

8<sup>o</sup> 490. Resolved

That the following Gentlemen elected by the members of Engine Company No 1 as officers for the year 1870 be hereby confirmed in the respective posts to which they have been elected to serve.

Mr. E. H. Pearce - Foreman.

• J. H. Mc. Cartney - 1<sup>st</sup> Ass<sup>t</sup> Do.

• R. Brown - 2<sup>nd</sup> do - do.

• A. A. E. de Silva - Secretary

• C. Giblin - Capt of Leading Hose

• G. C. Linden - 1<sup>st</sup> Ass<sup>t</sup> Do.

Mr. W. Sanders. 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Leading Hoseman  
 - Mr. Carlson. 3<sup>rd</sup> do do  
 - J. Howes. Capt. of Suction Hose.  
 - J. W. Holman. 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Do  
 - R. D. Dinnitt 2<sup>nd</sup> do do  
 sig. mover.  
 Secunder.

It was moved by Mr. Goppins seconded by  
 Mr. Miller and

AP 491.

Resolved.

That no Game, Hares, Deer, pheasants  
 or Wild Fowl be allowed to be sold in the  
 Markets of the English or American Settlements  
 after the first day of the second Chinese month  
 (March 2<sup>nd</sup>). If Game be found ex-  
 hibited for sale it shall be at once seized  
 by the Inspector of Markets or Police and  
 destroyed.

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 Secunder.

A Report from the Public Works Committee  
 was received, read and ordered to be inserted  
 in the minutes.

AP 492.

Report of the Public Works Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to lay before  
 you a report of proceedings during the past  
 month.

The Bridges crossing the Yang King Sang will  
 be painted or coated with oil as necessary.  
 Bunding. The repair of the bunding on the  
 Lovchen Creek between the Boat House and  
 Mills Bridge has been completed by Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
 J. C. Fairbank & Co in a very satisfactory manner.

The filling in with mud behind the  
 bunding has been completed. The completion  
 of the plans for reclaiming portion of the garden  
 on the north side of the public Garden is



the receipt of the drawings from England for the new Docks and Bridge. *Note.* The Secretary was instructed to call the attention of the Engineer to the condition of the Bund in front of Messrs Edanison Bell & Co's premises Cemeteries. A return of burials in the Cemeteries under the Council's charge is appended.

Burials in Cemeteries at Shanghai between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December 1869 inclusive.

Where Buried	Men	Women	Children under 12 years		Remarks
			Male	Female	
Shantung Road Cemetery	—	—	—	—	Cemetery closed.
New Cemetery	26	7	7	2	1 man drowned
Porting — do —	56	1	1	—	19 ds drowned 2 suffocated
Catholic — do —	6	2	1	1	
Jewish — do —	—	—	—	—	
Total	88	10	9	3	Grand total 110.

Comparative statement of Burials between the years 1868 and 1869

	Men	Women	Children under 12 years		Grand Total
			Male	Female	
Total for the year 1869	88 <sup>#</sup>	10	9	3	110.
— do — do — 1868	87	1	2	5	89
Increase in 1869 as compared with 1868.	1	9	7	—	
Decrease in — do — do —	—	—	—	2	
		23	2	—	25.

# Of which 20 were drowned & 2 suffocated.

The Trustees of Trinity Church have been requested to remove some tablets at present in the mortuary Chapel of the Shantung Road in order that the chapel may be converted into a "Dry Vault" for the reception upon certain conditions of bodies intended

to be sent home. The seats at present in the Chapel it is proposed to take with stone.

Buildings - Council House. The windows on the South verandah, on the ground floor have been gilded.

Drainage. The Engineer's last report says work has been resumed at the Fokkien and Keichong drains and fair progress has been made.

A representation has been received from the Hong Que Wharf Company of the defective state of the drain under the Chau Fong Road which the Company says is "materially damaging the ground work on which some of their godowns are built." This matter has been referred to the Municipal Engineer to report upon.

Sinks and Cesspools have been cleansed in both Settlements where necessary.

Foreside. The following letter has been received from Mr. Edward Cunningham by your Committee in regard to "the use of the river frontage from the Yangking Pang to the Public Garden for ship wharves."

Yokohama 30<sup>th</sup> December 1869

J. C. Adams Esq,  
Chairman in Council  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

The point of public interest upon which I write to express an opinion is the use of the river frontage from the Yangking Pang to the Public Garden for ship wharves.

After several years of acquiescence in the policy of keeping this frontage open there has come about an apparent change in public opinion to judge from its expression in the public prints, as this expression has been all in one direction. I call it apparent for I know so many who remain of the old opinion that it is possible the change is not so radical as seems on the surface.

I should not venture to intrude my opinion if the unanimity in the papers had been less marked but as no one else chooses to speak I take the liberty of expressing the contrary view in hopes that it will lead to such discussion that, at all events if this great change is made it will not be done hastily and without due consideration.

The frontage under consideration is about 2000 feet in length. Of this about 550 feet are used by boat positions and if arrangements were made on the inside of ship, wharves for the landing of boats, this space would still be required for the same openings by which boats would be admitted between the ends of ships.

There thus remains 1450 feet available for ships.

This would accommodate two mail steamers and four or five ships.

As the bulk of the business at Shanghai is done in a few busy months when some dozen or fifteen ships are loading and discharging it is at once apparent that the addition to the facilities now enjoyed would not be worth any great sacrifice.

When it is considered that 5/6<sup>ths</sup> of the mercantile establishments are off the bund and that to all those who cannot lay their ships at the Wharves and who must still use cargo boats, so far from there being additional facilities there would be positive inconvenience and annoyance, the question becomes still more plainly in favor of leaving things as they are.

But no one can suppose that when great ships & steamers are hauling in and out, cargo boats can move up and down the front, load and discharge with the ease, safety and dispatch now enjoyed.

It would only be however until the fatal change was made that the whole extent of the evil would become apparent - the crossing of bows - the choked up channels - the collisions and entanglements consequent on attempting to compress into the

small frontage two distinct systems of loading and discharging.

I have said that even such gain as would accrue to some, would not be worth any great sacrifice. I think the sacrifice would be very great indeed.

The sole beauty of Shanghai - an ugly place in its interior deformed as it is by the greediness which has pushed the buildings on to the streets to the last inch of the rights of the owners - is the Bund. It is the only place where the residents can get fresh air from the river in an evening promenade, the only part of the settlement where there is a free outlook.

It grows finer yearly and bids fair one of these days to redeem the reputation of Shanghai as the most unattractive place in the East.

I am sure no one could contemplate its loss without the deepest regret and that if it were realized that it would be lost as a pleasure promenade the proposed change would find no supporters at all.

When one considers the result of the introduction of shipping to a given locality at any port in the world which he can call to mind he will have little doubt of the change that would be wrought in the character of the Bund.

Shipping is not the main element in commerce. It is one of the coarser adjuncts like pack-horses and drays. The Exchange, the Banks, the Counting houses hold the brains of commerce and where they are located there always is the best quarter the greatest throng of commercial life. The presence of shipping by its noise and dust drives these away and in place come the water streets of Liverpool and New York with their ware-houses for coarse produce and their general air of dinginess and dirt.

The eye and heart of Shanghai is the English Bund, not an unreasonable length of front to keep open for pleasure and for sanitary reasons especially as on either hand are ample suburbs for the accommodation of all the shipping that visits the river.

It is the only front that has any chance of being kept open and it seems to me a matter of such general interest and importance that the residents ought to unite as one man to preserve it.

Meantime it is a most fortunate thing that no one section of the Community nor even the Community as a whole, have ~~not~~ sole control of this frontage. If the general public had possessed it, they might already have sacrificed their best interests. If individual proprietors had held exclusive rights there might now be two or three such spindled excrescences as that of Howard's Wharf which disfigures the Hongkong side, and if the Chinese Government held it as propounded by Mr. Winchester any abomination would be possible.

To my mind, the best fortune possible for the Bund is that the present checkmating state of things should be continued. But it may finally disappear and then only the good sense of the Community can save it.

With the repetition of my warm regard to my fellow members of the Council and of my thanks for their very friendly letter.

I am

Very truly Yours  
(signed) Edward Cunningham.

Landing Accommodation. The balance as per contract due to Messrs S. C. Lamham & Co upon completion of the Pontoon Bridge. It has been paid that firm upon the receipt

(vide order of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1909) of the Engineer that the work has been completed.

Roads - An application was made by Mr. Dick Commissioner of Customs to connect the Marine Commissioner's Office by telegraph with the Custom House, to your Committee who had great pleasure in acceding to the same upon the usual conditions and stipulations imposed by the Land Renters at their last meeting.

The cost due to the Chinese for the removal of some Chinese houses to permit of the carrying through of the Sewer Road has been paid.

The West and side Channel in Hong Yue are still in hand.

The Roads of both Settlements have been repaired levelled, metalled, sanded and dressed where necessary, - also the Footpaths.

Permission under certain restrictions has been given to the owner of the block of buildings at the junction of the Queen Mary Queen and Victoria Roads to construct a verandah in front of his houses.

The Committee formed to continue a line of road from the termination of the Broadway to Yang-tze for applied to your Committee for the services of the Municipal Engineer to lay out the line of road. To this application your Committee saw no objection and requested Mr. Oliver to afford the assistance applied for.

Further correspondence on the subject of the maintenance of the outside Roads has taken place between your Committee and the Foreign Consular Body. The Chairman of which writes 'The subject of exempting the outer roads from taxation upon which the whole <sup>question</sup> of maintenance turns has been referred to the Secretary but I cannot find from the latter that any definite decision has been made

to on the point. I have requested the Mayor to renew his application.

The raising of a portion of the Southwell Road has been resumed. Your Committee have given instructions for the laying out in a tasteful manner of the road in the immediate vicinity of the Bubbling Well.

Your Committee have instructed the Engineer to report what new lines of road he considers necessary to be laid out within Municipal limits.

Telegraph Appliances - to connect the Police Stations with, your Committee are informed shortly be ready for shipment

} Members of Public Works Committee.

Council Room

15 Hovan Road

Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> February 1870.

It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Duppnis and Resolved.

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That the report of the Public Works Committee be approved.

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seconded.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 201 ante) various subjects were discussed correspondence referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was Resolved.

That the Council do now adjourn.

Wm. Coleman  
Chairman

Wm. Coleman  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Monthly Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1870

W. W. Phipps

Council Room

N<sup>o</sup> 44

Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz-

Business.

Summons calling meeting

Confirmation of Minutes

Reports from Committees

Finance

Works

Water

} and points in connection therewith.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
Wm. J. Johnston

To the Members of the Council.

Secretary.

Municipal Council of Shanghai

Council Room

Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1870.



at the General Monthly Meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March (inst) 1870 A. D pursuant to notice.

Present.

F. E. Adams Esq Chairman  
H. Hoppe Esq  
Ally J. Johnston - Secretary.

NP 494 The summons calling the meeting was read.

NP 495 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

A Report from the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

NP 496 Report of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee. Your Committee beg to subjoin a report of proceedings Assessments. Foreign Houses. Your Committee have received several applications for abatement on levy in cases where the assessed rental is greatly in excess of the actual rental. It is proposed - with your sanction to meet the views of the applicants as far as possible. Indeed so numerous have the applications, more than a sixth of the whole, of the foreign houses - for abatements become, the prospect of an entire revision of the assessed rental of foreign buildings, seems not far distant.

Note. Decided to effect reductions, and propose re-assessment of House property in Budget for ensuing year.

Chinese House property. Nearly all this description of property has increased in value hence rents have advanced. No improvement in rentals has been made known to your Committee though they have in the most prompt manner been called upon to make reductions wherever the assessment is in excess of the rentals. Now, assuming the improvement in rentals to be only 5%.

though there are fair grounds for the assumption that it is double - if not more. Your Committee at once perceive an annual loss of Rs 1100 to the Municipality by owners of native houses property not acquiescing Your Committee of their actual rentals. Your Committee think it but fair - especially where taxes are small and collected on actual rentals - that owners should report improvements in rentals with the same promptitude that they apply for reductions.

Land. The new Valuation Schedules have been received from the Land Assessment Committee. They have been exhibited for the inspection of renters. Forms of appeal have been supplied upon application. Your Committee are unable to say until after the appeals have been heard and decided what the gross assessed value of land situate within Municipal limits will be, but taking the figures roughly of the 1865 assessment and comparing them with that just completed there appears a difference of Rs 300.250 less in the 1869, than in the 1865 assessment.

Buildings - Your Committee communicated your decision of the 17<sup>th</sup> December to Mr. Evans accepting his offer to rent the old Hong Kong Police Station (Prestons Bungalow) at a monthly rental of \$25 year by year, but the lease being terminable on either side upon three months notice.

Since making known your decision to Mr. Evans Your Committee learn that there will shortly be a change in the official Administrator of the late Mr. Prestons Estate. The new administrator will have increased power and may be able to entertain the Councils offer to cancel the present lease.

Your Committee therefore propose that in concluding a lease with Mr. Evans the period upon which it can be terminated be on one months notice instead of three.

Main Guard - The keep of the Main Guard.

which your Committee had charge of (since 23<sup>rd</sup> October 186) have at the instance of the Trustees of Trinity Church been handed over to the Secretary of the Gymnasium Fire Department. Your Committee have carefully considered all points bearing on Finance referred to in Mr Blettons Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> January on the working of the Shanghai Fire Department. They observe that a vastly increased expenditure is anticipated during the ensuing Municipal year.

During the amount upwards of Rs 15,500 - expended since the formation of the Department.

Your Committee would not feel justified in recommending a larger appropriation for the next year than for the past year viz Rs 1550 - out of which Rs 950 are for standing charges - so that any funds required in excess of the appropriation to keep the Department in a state of efficiency must be obtained from the local Insurance Companies, who have your Committee regret to say shown but little interest in an institution so valuable and so largely availed of by them.

The large profits they derive from Shanghai premia fairly warrants their bearing at least  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of the annual expenses of the Department.

It is noticeable that for Hoses alone Rs 1200 is put down without which the Department is practically useless. In short the future of the Department is in great measure in the hands of the Insurance Companies and with their support it can continue to be a most important and effective adjunct of local administration.

Land for Municipal Premises. Some time ago your Committee enquired if Mr Robert Reid was desirous of selling to the Municipality, some ground in the rear of the present Austrian Consulate. This question was referred to England by his Agent. A reply has now been received from Mr Reid to the effect that he does not wish to

sell any portion of the property the council enquired about but offers to treat with the Council for the plot or part of the plot adjoining the Hongkue Police Station. Decided to defer further consideration of this matter until the Budget for the ensuing year comes up for discussion.

# Land Regulations. Every rate payer applying for a copy of the new Land Regulations has been supplied by the Secretary of the Council in accordance with Art. 511 of the Bye Laws.

Lighting. cost of lighting the Public Lamps. Your Committee have received a communication from the Shanghai Gas Company offering to enter into a contract upon the termination of the present agreement to light the public lamps at \$3.75 per lamp, per mensem.

No reply has as yet been received from the French Gas Company in answer to Your Committee's enquiry as to the rate per lamp per month that Company would light the streets of the Anglo-American Settlements for

# The following extract from a letter (No. <sup>143</sup> General dated 21 Feb/77) from the Consul General for Sweden and Norway was read. "I have further to state that I am authorized by my Government to agree to the 'Amended Land Regulations and Bye-laws' for the peace, order and good government of the foreign Settlement over which Your Council presides. Public notice of this will be given shortly to the resident Swedish and Norwegian subjects."

Local Post Office. Your Committee have received a report from the Local Postmaster (vide no. <sup>174</sup> 2128 dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 21<sup>st</sup> O B p 12... ) which was read and contents noted.

In it reference was made to the complaint of the British Postmaster against the Local Postmaster for an alleged infringement of section III of the Postal convention. This complaint had been referred to H. B. his Consul who wrote the Council in regard to it (vide

to which the Council replied (vide \_\_\_\_\_).  
 Mr. Medhurst sent Mr. Martin's reply to the last  
 named letter (vide \_\_\_\_\_) to Mr. Johnston  
 for perusal who answered semi-officially as follows:-  
 "I regret to see that Mr. Martin expresses dissatis-  
 faction at the Council's reply. The Council have  
 nothing further to add to their letter to you of  
 the 16<sup>th</sup> ultimo. It may therefore be assumed  
 that the matter drops unless you wish for a  
 meeting in pursuance of the articles of the cove-  
 nant."

Municipal Loan of 1867. The second instalment  
 of this loan due on the 15<sup>th</sup> May last has been  
 paid in full and nearly all the interest for  
 the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November last has  
 been claimed by Depositors.

Municipal Savings Bank. All deposits have  
 been withdrawn and this account closed.

Mr. Malcolm. The Wharfage Dues Clerk has ap-  
 plied to your Committee for the sum of \$65 monthly  
 from August last as remuneration to a Police  
 sergeant he employed to copy out the par-  
 ticulars of Wharfage Dues accounts. Your  
 Committee refunded <sup>in full</sup> the amounts he disbursed  
 for ~~the~~ October and November and now ask if  
 it is your wish that this contribution for extra  
 work be continued. note. Decided that  
 the request could not be entertained.

Mr. Swift. Your Committee have received an  
 application from this Gentleman for Chair  
 Allowance during the summer months which  
 has been favourably endorsed by the Engineer  
 and Secretary and which it is recommended  
 be acceded to. note. Agreed to.

Numbering of Chinese and Foreign Houses has  
 been nearly completed.

Printing. A contract has been entered into with  
 the North China Herald Office for printing the  
 General Valuation Schedules of Land situated

in the Anglo-American Settlement. Tenders are submitted for your approval for the printing of the Annual Report for the current and the Municipal Budget for the ensuing year. Your Committee are of opinion that it would be better to divide the work - say between Mr. Carruthers and the North China Herald Office - the former to print the Budget the latter the Annual Report - note. Agreed to - side for Tenders. J. B. p 44.

Recreation Fund Trust, The Secretary in reference to a petition &c from the Supreme Court dated 28<sup>th</sup> January and received on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February (order General G. B. p 126) which stated that it was intended <sup>83.</sup> to ask the Chairman of the Council for the time being to be a trustee of the Fund, enquired if the care of anything in connexion with the trust devolved on the Secretary, or other officers of the Council.

Mr. Adams stated that no responsibility fell on the officers of the Council, the acceptance of the trust was altogether an outside thing.

Shanghai Public Garden. Your Committee have handed Mr. Forrest £600 on account of current expenses of the Public Garden Committee.

Wharfage Dues. Your Committee append a draft of a circular (for which vide Finance Book ) that they propose addressing with your sanction to the heads of the various firms owing Export Dues to the Municipality. Short of this measure Your Committee do not clearly see their way to obtain settlement of the outstanding claims.

Your Committee propose in regard to Messrs Trautmann & Co who decline paying any Wharfage Dues until compelled by law to do so, to direct the Secretary to write and demand settlement of that firm's Wharfage Dues accounts within a period of seven days. failing compliance with this request Mr. Johnston be instructed to place the matter to Mr. Beattie & Co.

Amounts owing by the Chinese Government - on account of commutation of Wharfage Dues for the current quarter and subscription to the Fire Department for this year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December have been applied for.

In conclusion your Committee deem it expedient that you should take an early opportunity of calling the attention of Rate Payers to the fact that indebtedness to the Municipality disqualifies them from voting. Note - In this connexion it was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hoppins and

no 497.

Unanimously Resolved.  
That the Secretary be hereby directed to publish a notification calling the attention of persons standing indebted to the Municipality to art XIX p 23 of the Revised Land Regulations which enacts that Electors not having paid all taxes due are disqualified to vote at the forthcoming election

Sig Mover  
" Secunder.

Members of Finance  
Rate and Appeal  
Committee

Council Room

15 Honan Road

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> March 1875

no 498. It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hoppins  
Resolved.

That the Report of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee be approved.

Sig Mover  
" Secunder.

Appropriations. The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council.

It was moved by Mr. Hoppins seconded by Mr. Adams and

N<sup>o</sup> 499 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned -

Watch Gratuity to Serjt Thompson	200
- Passage for — do —	£ 45
- Gratuity to P.C. R. McCleod.	200
- Passage for — do —	£ 45
- Gratuity to P.C. W. Packwood.	150
- Passage for — do —	£ 45
G. Est. Mr. Malcolm	10
Engines Repair to drain in Chaw fong Road	100
" Stands for Trees	45
" Replacing trees on New Cemetery Road	30
" Roads - further improvements - South Well Road	100
" Shanghai Public Garden Committee	500
Fin Ground Rent of Carters & Cushing's Land - per ann.	12
- Soochow Bridge Commutation Ticket	20
F. D. Repairs to Steam Engine	198 <sup>25</sup>
G. E. Extra Shroff	10
" Printing Valuation schedules.	192
Works Drain - Tientsin Road.	505 <sup>49</sup>
Sandy Branch Purchase of Fire Engine "Tollys"	175
Works Cooking stove for central Station (Mr. Clark)	40
" Telegraph Appliances - difference say £ 15	
Sandy Branch - Purchase of Fire Engine up to ?	375
" Purchase of Horse	45
sig mover	
Secunder.	

A Report from the Watch Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

N<sup>o</sup> 500.

Report of the Watch Committee.

The Watch Committee have to report as follows.

Arms. That the arms now in possession of the force be withdrawn and carefully stored away.

Beggars. The question of the disposal of beggars continues the subject of correspondence between the Council and Consular and Chinese Authorities, pending settlement of the question beggars continue to be sent into the city.



Brethels - Animals of these establishments continue to be medically inspected.

Census - Blank census forms have been left at each inhabited house in the English and Hong Kue Settlements during the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst.

Chinese Livery Stables - Mr. Keele in regard to these  
"The Chinese Livery stables are inspected frequently, any ponies found unfit are not allowed to work and the owners seem now to take a little more trouble in preventing their animals getting sore backs."

Exercising Horses. Your Committee through the kindness of certain owners of land have been enabled to obtain the following plots of ground for the purpose of exercising horses upon -

1. - Plot of ground between the Upper and Lower Queening. Queen Roads back of H. B. M's Consulate.
2. - Plot of ground at the junction of the Canton and Keingai roads, in front of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rottwell, Gore & Co and Mr. Muller's Houg.
3. - Plot of ground at the junction of the Foochow and Sonam Roads, next to the central Police Station.
4. - Plot of ground at the junction of the Foochow and Hoopok Roads nearly opposite the Parsee Cemetery;
5. The old Race Course.

Storage of Inflammable Material - Your Committee beg to submit a form of permit for your approval enabling persons to keep Depots for storage of articles of an inflammable nature

Licenses. The following returns show the issue of Licenses for the current quarter -

Return of Taverns, Restaurants &c

Licensed to March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1870

English Settlement.

	No of Houses.
1 <sup>st</sup> class pay \$ 50 per Quarter,	0 = \$ 300
2 <sup>nd</sup> " " " 30 " " " "	1 = 30
	\$ 330

Refrement Stalls Gycum Theatre payo tall, each performance

<u>American Settlement</u>		no. of	
		subse.	
1 <sup>st</sup> class paying \$50 per Quarter		3	\$ 150
5 <sup>th</sup> " " " 30 " "		8	240
			<u>\$ 390</u>

Billiard and Bowling Saloons.English Settlement

3 at \$10 per Quarter = \$30

American Settlement

2 at \$10 per Quarter = \$20 \$50

China Shopkeepers lending ForeignEnglish Settlement

9 at \$30 = \$270

American Settlement

10 at \$30 = \$450 \$750

Police Force - The present distribution of the force is as follows -

Central Station - - - - - 54

Louisa - - - - - 31

Hing Rue - - - - - 24

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Promotion - Constables Shaddler and Perkins have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Dismissals - Ratnie Constable, No 8 was dismissed for neglect of duty.

Evon Committee have granted full pay to constable Wicmedy while under medical treatment for an accident which occurred to him when pursuing a trail in Hongkue village.

Sanitary Branch. Vaccination - Evon Committee recommend for your adoption the Minute submitted by the Consular Body suggesting the establishment of Vaccination Dep'ts now that the District has prohibited the continuance of inoculation within the limits - provided that the French Municipal Council will take joint action with you.

Pool in Trinity Church Compound - Evon Committee propose with the permission of the Church Trustees

having this pond cleaned out before the hot weather sets in. Nota. It was decided not to pump the pond out in fact not to interfere with it after the disagreeableness in October last.

Opening Roads. Your Committee have received an application from the Shinglin Gas Company for a standing permit to open roads when necessary -

Your Committee see no objection to the request being acceded to upon certain ~~conditions~~ conditions to be hereafter arranged.

Your Committee propose requesting certain Land Owners to lop off branches of trees that overhang public thoroughfares and interfere with carriage traffic or permit same to be done by the Council's servants.

Unemployed Foreigners. There are at present thirteen foreigners without regular occupation, residing in the English and American Settlements.

Most of these men report themselves twice a week to the Superintendent of Police.

Buying Watering carts. At your meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> July you authorized your Committee to purchase a small Ericsson's Caloric Engine for the purpose of filling water carts. The engine upon examination and <sup>actual</sup> trials was found not to answer the expectations in regard to it.

Your Committee therefore abandoned the idea of purchasing it. But in place of the caloric engine have bought two good Fire Engines, one made by "Thomson & Mason" and the other by "Vulcan".

Sanitary condition of the Settlement. Your Committee deem the present an eligible time for the publication of Dr. Jamieson's valuable report on this subject.

But while laying it before the Community and appreciating its general importance. Your Committee must not be understood to endorse all the views expressed in it.

Suspecta of Amusements report dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 1870

in March N. 13 p. Just read and contents noted.

points referred to in it relating to the Engineer to be brought to the attention of that officer

Members of Waite Committee

Council Room

15 Amoy Road

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> March 1870.

SP 501. It was moved by Mr. Hopps, seconded by Mr. Adams and Resolved.

That the report of the Waite Committee be approved

sig. mover -

Secunder.

With reference to the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department received <sup>and read</sup> at the previous meeting. It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hopps and

SP 502 Resolved.

That the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department be approved and passed with exception of the proposal to increase the annual Municipal Contribution.

sig. mover.

Secunder.

A Report from the Public Works Committee was received read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

Report of the Public Works Committee.

The Public Works Committee have the pleasure to lay before you the following Report.

The Bridges across the Yuen King River are being prepared for painting and oiling

Binding repairs require to be effected to the binding near to the Civic Astor House on the English side and close to the mouth of the drain on the lower Yuen King Yuen Road on the English side

as from the failing of the embankment the roads are being eaten into.

Buildings - Your Committee have instructed the Engineer to report upon the condition of the Buildings upon the structure known as "Howards Jetty". Your Committee have authorized the purchase of a stove for the clerk of works quarters.

Cemeteries - The condition of the Cemeteries is satisfactory. Your Committee regret to say it has become necessary to prepay another plot in the new Cemetery for burials.

Drainage - The Engineer's last report says that work has been commenced in four different places in the Fokkien Road. The main drain in the Kuechong Road has nearly been completed and the Taping Road one is being proceeded with as rapidly as the weather permits.

The tender of Sang-ya-Queen has been accepted for the construction of 50' cham of drain in the western part of the Tientsin Road at the following prices.

Large	-----	\$6. <sup>50</sup>	per cham.
Small	-----	4. <sup>50</sup>	"
Sinks	-----	3. <sup>00</sup>	each.

The mouth of the Cham-Long Road drain in Hong Que is about being repaired.

The points in the Inspector of Finances' Report in regard to the condition of Yik-kway-lee, Canton, Rankin & Tientsin Roads and the Road by W. Hambro's latrine were referred to the notice of the Municipal Engineer.

Foreshore - The Engineer reports that "an accurate survey has been made of the bund and low water line". This is open to the inspection of the public at the Engineer's office between 10 & 12 daily.

Roads - The Broadway from the Hong Que Creek to the Kuechong Road is being raised, bricked, sanded and formed to meet the new water channel lately completed. The Roads of both settlements

have been repaired, levelled, metalled, sanded and dressed where necessary.

The proposed Roadway from the Yang-tze Road through the Public Garden to the new Szechin Creek bridge Your Committee recommend being sixty feet wide.

Footpaths are being formed in the Hwang-poo, Song-gue Roads, and Broadway, where kerb had been recently laid down.

Kerb and Side Channel. about 2550 feet of Kerb and 2050 feet of water-channel had been laid up to the early part of last month, leaving some 450 feet of the first and 950 of the second to be laid. fair progress has been made with the balance of this work.

Outside Roads. Southwell. The struts and railing posts for the open space in front of the Dow House are nearly ready for fixing.

Extra trees will be put up on the driving turn in the vicinity of the well.

North Well Road. Mr. Robert Mackenzie offers to give your Committee a piece of ground to construct a road through, which will slightly divert the course of the present road so as to avoid the China village.

Your Committee recommend that Mr. Mackenzie's offer be accepted and they be empowered to arrange for the diversion of this road at once.

A further memo from Mr. Tennant upon the projected line of road to Warsaw, along the River bank has been received by your committee, and noted.

Trees have been replaced on the various roads as became necessary. a supply of tree stumps has been ordered.

} Members Public  
} Works Committee

Council Room

15 Homan Road

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> March 1878

It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hoppins and

No 504 Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee be approved.

By Mover

Seconded

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 220 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered, referred to the notice of the different committees and it was

Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn

Edw. C. Johnson  
Chairman

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of Council at Special Meeting of  
11<sup>th</sup> March 1870.

At the special meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March (int) 1870 A.D pursuant to notice.

Present

L. C. Adams Esq Chairman

H. Hoppins Esq

Mr. J. Gubbay Esq

J. J. Miller Esq

Alex. D. Johnston Secretary

Lighting. The offer contained in the following

from the Manager of the Shanghai Gas Company  
was considered.

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> March 1870

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you  
that at the expiration of the present contract  
viz the 17<sup>th</sup> of May next, the Directors purpose  
making a reduction of 25 per cent on the price  
at present charged for lighting the Public Lamps  
thus reducing the price from \$5 per month  
to \$3.75.

Trusting that such a considerable  
reduction will induce the Council to make a  
proportionate increase in the number of  
Public lights

I am,

Dear Sir,

Yours truly

(signed) Thos G. Mead,  
Manager Shanghai Gas Co.

Alex J. Johnston Esq  
Secretary Shanghai Municipal Council.

After some<sup>little</sup> discussion it was moved by Mr.  
Adams seconded by Mr. Miller and  
Resolved.

N<sup>o</sup> 505.

That the offer of the Shanghai Gas  
Company to enter into a fresh arrangement to  
light the Public lamps during the ensuing year  
at \$3.75 per lamp, per month be accepted by  
the Council subject to the approval of the next  
meeting of Rate payers

sig Turner

Seconded

Register of Attendance having been  
signed it was



Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn

Alex. Johnston  
Secretary.

Wm. C. O'Connell  
Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of  
Council at General Monthly Meeting of  
5<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

Wm. C. O'Connell

W. Hillier

A. Hopping

No. 506.

Council Room  
Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> April 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Monthly Meeting of the Council which will be held on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and report from Committees viz.

Business:

1. Summons calling meeting
2. Confirmation of Minutes.
3. Report from Committees viz.

Finance

Watch and  
Works

} and points in connection  
therewith.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders, and other proceeding with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Alex. Johnston

Secretary

To the Members of  
the Council.

## Municipal Council of Shanghai.

Council Room  
Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

At the General Monthly Meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No 15<sup>th</sup> Houan Road Shanghai on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April (mist) A. D. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present

J. C. Adams Esq. - Chairman

J. S. Muller Esq.

H. Dopps Esq.

Wm. J. Johnston. Secretary.

1<sup>st</sup> 506

The summons calling the meeting was read.

2<sup>d</sup> 507

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

A Report from the Finance, Rate, and Appeal Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> 508

Report of the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee of our Committee have the pleasure to lay before you the following report.

Accounts.

Outstanding accounts against the Municipality have been advertised for. The accounts of Income and expenditure for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March are in hand, all dispatch will be observed in completing them. Statements of accounts between the Public Garden Committee, the Committee planting the Southwell Road with Trees, and the Council have been applied for.

All Agreements

Contracts, Deeds, Leases &c (for particulars vide Register of Contracts p ) with the following exceptions have been completed and filed - Brookton Creek Agreement, and Mr. Lloyd accountants Agreement. The question of the necessity for this gentleman having an agreement with the Council was considered, it was decided that he be requested

Assessments

to complete his agreement with the modifications asserted to by Mr. Rennie, at once

Foreign Houses - The statements on levy authorized at your last meeting have been made and the taxes expected by them have been nearly all collected.

Your Committee submit a letter from Messrs. Reid <sup>in the name of Messrs. Reid & Co</sup> and to ~~objecting~~ to pay on an assessment unless it should happen to be the same as their actual rental. Messrs. Reid's offer is opposed to the usual practice. <sup>Taxes are levied on assessments that are based on actual rentals, & Messrs. Reid & Co have been informed of this. They request your decision on the point.</sup> Note. Decision.

give extract p 16 of Report of House Assessment Committee, demand and obtain payment

Assistance

The services of a chinaman at a monthly salary of \$12 have been obtained as a temporary measure to copy anew the Land Records.

Assessments

(continued from above) Messrs. Brand & Co re-present to your Committee that they are assessed on an area of 12.4.0 while their Surveyor says they only occupy 9.6.3. and request that they be taxed on the latter measurement.

In January last you decided that taxes were leviable on the area as per Consular Register.

Your Committee suggest that Messrs. Brand, Monk & Co be forwarded a copy of Mr. Winchester H. B. Esq's Comul's Mem<sup>o</sup> of 28<sup>th</sup> September 1867 by which they will see that they have only to apply to their Comul to have their title deed altered, what ever amended area may be decided upon, they will only be charged taxes upon in future. Note

It was decided to refer this matter to the Land Assessment Committee

Chinese House Proprietors - Your Committee propose notifying by advertisement, owners or occupiers of Chinese House properties to send in revised rental assessment list during the current month.

Land - So soon as the Assessment Committee

dispose of the appeals, the printing of the valuation schedules can be commenced, provided the same does not interfere with the annual Report.

### Buildings

Your Committee have communicated your decision to Mr. Evans, he has not yet replied that he is prepared to execute the lease of Preston's Bungalow for the unexpired term.

### Engagements

Mr. Emma. A letter was received from this gentleman saying he would be glad to render his situation more permanent by entering into an agreement with the Council. Note. It was decided that during the present Council's term of office, they wish the existing arrangements to continue in force.

### Estimates

of Expenditure have been received from the following Branches. The Police, the Nuisance Department, the Local Post office and Fire Department.

### Fire Department.

Your Committee subjoin a letter and estimate from Mr. Blithen Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the working expenses of the department for the Municipal year commenced 1st April.

Your Committee upon receipt of the estimate referred Mr. Blithen to the decision come to by you at your meeting of the 3rd March viz. that the same amount would be put in next year's budget as appeared in the past year.

### Land Regulations

Your Committee have arranged for the printing of additional copies of the revised Land Regulation Book in giving the order for printing the additional copies of the Land Regulations to Messrs. Walsh & Co. see letter to Lindner containing an expression of opinion from the Council at the exorbitance of the charge.

### Lighting

Cost of lighting the public street lamps - agreeably with your instructions your Committee have informed the Shanghai Gas Company that the Council accept their tender to light the street.

Lamps at \$3.75 per lamp per month subject to the approval of the next meeting of Rate-Payers. The Council were informed that no tender had as yet been received from the French Gas Company for lighting the Anglo-American Settlements.

The secretary said he had received a circular from the Chairman of the Shanghai Gas Company asking consumers to take the trouble to test their gas-consumption by a stated method, he enquired if it was the Council's wish that the Company's suggestion should be acted upon.

Vote Decided to give the test a trial.

Local Post Office. A letter No. 255 was read from the Local Post-master complaining of an infringement by the British Postmaster of Art VIII of the Convention of 25<sup>th</sup> June 1869. This letter together with Mr. Keen's opinion on clause VIII was considered, it was decided the complaint be referred to H. B. Ho's Council as provided for by Art I of said convention.

Rate Payers - Meeting of - has been fixed by the Foreign Treaty Councils for the 9<sup>th</sup> day next.

Plant Stores and Rolling Stock. - Your Committee submit a list of articles proposed to be written off the Store account in consequence of having been stolen from No 1 Engine House.

7. Pair of Brass Couplings cut from web hose
3. odd ones \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_
1. copper screen of suction hose.
2. copper double branch couplings.

A list is also appended of unserviceable articles which it is recommended be sold and written off the store account.

7. old and broken stoves
37. old wheel for barrows.
40. old shovels.
7. old Urinals
35. barrels of damaged cement.

a quantity of old Iron &c. &c.  
 Mr. Keble in regard to the rolling stock reports as follows - "The working stock are in good order and condition; an accident occurred to one of the watering carts from the axle breaking, by which a horse was a good deal cut and bruised, remedies were applied and in a few days he will be at work again - The repairs to the rolling stock are in progress and should shortly be completed.

The following extracts read in connection with the Finance Report at the Council meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March from Mr. Keble's report in regard to the working stock was inadvertently omitted to be inserted in copying the Minutes -

"The working stock are all in good order and condition. An old horse given to the Council by Mr. Saunders, for sometime had been unable to masticate his food and had got so weak as to be unmanageable - finding on examination that many of his molar teeth were gone and the rest so decayed as to be useless I had him destroyed and in his place purchased for forty five taels a powerful Australian who had been found, saving this blemish the horse is sound and in his prime and no doubt will do the Council good service. I would suggest the advisability of purchasing Australian horses on occasion offers at anything like the present low price, they are more suitable than ponies for the water and manure carts and will be found more serviceable."

Note - The Secretary was authorized to instruct Mr. Keble to purchase good useful horses, as he suggests when good opportunity offers and when such may be required at a cost not exceeding £50 (fifty taels).

"To meet the requirements of the next season the water carts require the following repairs to be effected viz six new wheels, one new axle, one

axle repaired, three wheels repaired, the bodies pitched and painted and some other trifling repairs, I propose to adapt the two pair of wheels on the iron carts now in the godown to two of the water carts made last year. Wheels and axles I certainly would advise being imported as being much stronger and more durable. Note. Decided to effect repairs as detailed to the Water Carts.

Shoering. I have arranged verbally with Mr. J. Williams to continue shoring the Council's animals for six months on the same terms as before viz. Two dollars per animal per month and have drawn up an agreement which is in Mr. Wennie's hands for approval. Note. The Secretary was instructed to conclude a formal Memorandum of Agreement with Mr. James Williams for shoring the Council's animals on the same terms as before.

Harness. The nine sets of harness which were issued by the Carriage Cart Co. (vide no <sup>2546</sup> 129) are reported by Mr. Lee as not in accordance with the descriptions ordered. Fortunately purchases were found for them and other harness has been ordered in their place.

### Taxes.

Generally have been collected as far as possible. Outstandings. The correspondence between your committee and Mr. Ford Diers in regard to taxes has terminated by the receipt of the letter (vide no <sup>198</sup> Finance) containing from that gentleman a direct refusal to pay any taxes that were due before the 22<sup>nd</sup> March last. Note. After consideration the Council decided that the particulars of the amounts owing by Mr. Diers be handed to Mr. Wennie and that he be requested to institute proceedings for the recovery of the sum owing to the Municipality.

Wharfage Dues. Your Committee have pleasure in stating that those firms signing the Export Guarantees have paid up their Wharfage.

Dues accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> January last with the following exceptions - Messrs Dickinson & Co, Weston & Co, and Messrs Chapman King & Co. The two former's position is that they are not liable under the guarantee, the latter will look into the matter and decide during the present week as to what they will do.

Messrs Ashton & Co refuse to pay Wharfage Dues at all. Note It was decided as this firm had closed business that the amount £10 37<sup>8</sup>/<sub>10</sub> owing by it "be written off".

Messrs Albert and Bidwell decline paying Wharfage Dues for goods landed on the French side.

Messrs L. J. Shiggs & Co withhold payment of an account on the ground that their books have been closed for the year in which the debt was incurred. The correctness of the account has been acknowledged the failure to collect it earlier is attributable to its having been inadvertently mislaid in the Council office - this has been explained to Messrs Shiggs & Co but they still refuse.

Note Decided to write to them and claim payment within seven days.

The point in dispute - paying Wharfage Dues in full on goods landed on Messrs Macintyre & Co's Wharf has by your instructions been submitted to the arbitration of Sir Edmund Hornby - the decision has not yet been made present to your Committee.

Your Committee lay before you, for your information statement of the Wharfage Dues account for the past eleven months by which it will be seen that on the debit notes made out as per Customs returns deductions are made by sundry firms residing on the French side amounting to £10,315.

By Messrs Russell & Co for goods landed on the French side.



shipped and transhipped from French side, No 20,228  
 By Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co for }  
 Goods landed at Pootung - - - - - } 1,875  
 Total No 32,461

Messrs. Carter & Co never pay on Exports, on this account there is due No by that firm.  
 Messrs. Frazer & Co call attention to an apparent error in the tariff - foreign steel is there put down at the rate of 4 cents per tub. The average value is No 3 to 3.10 per tub. It was no doubt intended to be described in the tariff at 4 cents per 10 piculs.

Mr. Passmore in March 1869 paid No under protest on account of Export Wharfage Dues, it was received by the Council under conditions of protest, it was found impossible to enforce payment of Export Dues.

Mr. Passmore was directed to transfer his payment to another account. Not Decided to accede to his request.

Claim for Refund. Mr. Thomas Hambury claims a refund of night soil fees collected by the Council from certain Houses in the Clutch, Fohlinin, Sorsich, Sonan, Fookson and Shantung, Kowloon - in all 41 Houses. Upon Committee acting under the resolution of 4<sup>th</sup> October last must decline acceding to Mr. Hambury's application, as the Council were not requested to abstain from <sup>exercising</sup> collecting fees from the houses above referred to.

Southern Bridge. A letter had been received from Mr. A. Encarnação complaining of having been stopped when crossing the Bridge on a Chinese Wheelbarrow and forced to pay 10 cents on each occasion.

His complaint has been referred to the Agents of the Company. Mr. Hoff verbally explained that the matter was altogether a mistake and that Mr. Encarnação might be refunded the amount upon application to the

with respect to -

Land for Municipal Purposes. The Secretary stated for the information of the Council in regard to Mr Robert Reid's offer to sell them a plot of land on the Hong Kue side, that Mr David Reid had informed him that the price of it would be £5000 or £2500 as regards Mr Lambert's offer, sent in at the instance of the Rev E. W. Duple, Mr Lambert wanted £1400 for his plot of ground.

Note - The Council decided, during the currency of their term, not to acquire any further land for Municipal purposes.

{ Members of the  
Finance Rate and  
Appeal Committee

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> April 1879.

No 509. It was moved by Mr Adams seconded by Mr Miller and Resolved.

That the Report of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee be approved.

sig. mover  
- Secunder.

Appropriations - The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council.

No 510. It was moved by Mr. seconded by Mr. and Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

	£	/\$
F. D. Painting Engines (Villey & Shaw & Mason)	10.	
" Repairs to Milne's Engine	75.	
Match bottles for specimens of Water	50.	
G. E. Stand for papers in Board Room	13.	
" Incidental charges	75 <sup>62</sup>	
Waters Press - per Mr. Hambury	16 <sup>14</sup>	

	No.	\$
Jan 7 Annual Rental. Mr. Cushman's Land.		1.
• Repair of Water Cart.	175.	
G. E. Walsh & Co. 500 extra copies Land Regulations		120
• Repairs to Steam Fire Engine	139 <sup>65</sup>	
• Office Desk.	50.	
• Bunkers for Carles		16
• 2 <sup>1/2</sup> Boxes		
• 2 Secunder.		

A Report from the Water Committee was received read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

18511.

Report of the Water Committee.

The Water Committee beg to lay before you their report for the past month.

The Arrests by Native Authorities during the month are as follows

A girl was apprehended at 870 Fortkuen Road on the 8<sup>th</sup> March on a warrant from the District Court, countersigned by Mr. Forrest.

The Beggars continue to be sent into the City.

Brothels.  
Crowds.

The inmates of. continue to be medically inspected. The compilation of the Census taken on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ultimo will shortly be completed.

Chinese Livery Stables. The Inspector reports as follows (vide in March of 31<sup>st</sup> March No. 13, p 24.)

Exercising Areas. The bits of ground set apart for this purpose are freely availed of.

Fire Department. The various steam boat owners have been written to in furtherance of Mr. Blithens suggestion in regard to steamers ringing their bells on an outbreak of fire. Messrs Russell & Co and Messrs Augustine Head & Co. have acceded to the proposition.

The Council Body have addressed, requesting that on an alarm of fire being given, the Senior Naval Officer in port, will cause three guns to be fired.

Inflammable Material. In compliance with your resolution No 453 of 4<sup>th</sup> November last and under the provisions of art XXXIII of the Bye Laws. Your Committee recommend you assigning some place for the

reception of material of an inflammable nature, on the understanding that the premises be constructed in such a manner as the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department and the Municipal Engineer may approve of.

In this connection it was decided by the Council that the Municipal Engineer be instructed to prepare a plan of such a building, as he may consider most suited for storage of inflammable materials.

So soon as the plan is ready it will be open to public inspection so as to enable persons desirous of constructing warehouses according to it, applying for permission to the Council, to do so.

Your Committee received a desirable proposition from Mr John Marshall offering to construct a depot for housing inflammable merchandize, the scheme has had the approval of your Committee, the only drawback being that the locality of the intended depot was beyond Municipal limits. The form of permit enabling persons to keep depots for storing inflammable merchandize prepared by Mr Rennie is now submitted for your approval.

Landing Places. The following portion of the Watch Committee report read at the Council meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March was through error omitted in copying the minutes of that date - Your Committee have given instructions to the Police to prohibit Cargo Boats from mooring alongside the Public Docks between an hour after sunset and an hour before sunrise.

For Engineer's opinion of stream portways would stand vide No <sup>812</sup> ~~1122~~ dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 1889.

Licenses. - Natives vending Foreign Liquors. Chang Sing No 8 B. roadway - Chung Sing No 34 Wooding Road were each fined \$15 by the Mixed Court and their licenses forfeited for infringement of the Licensing Regulations. Sang Sing No 214 Tien Dong Road was also fined \$10 for like offence - These sums have been carried to the credit of the Municipality under the provisions of art XIV of the Land Regulations.

In regard to a remark made in your

Committee report of the 1<sup>st</sup> October last respecting a complaint made against Mr. Huyseue to the Belgian Consul for breach of Tavern License rules. Your Committee have recently learned from Mr. Model that Mr. Huyseue had been duly cited to appear at his Consulate and was by him reprimanded.

Your Committee propose proceeding with the issue of the usual licenses.

Your Committee recommend that the number of Licenses issued to Chinese vending Foreign liquors in Singapore do not in future exceed 12.

Mr. Mills, Keeper of the Refreshment Stall at the Lyceum Theatre refuses to pay his License fee accounts. Until he settles this account Your Committee are of opinion that permission to keep a bar should be withheld.

Note. Decided to withdraw from today the permission now held by Mr. Mills to vend liquors at the Lyceum Theatre.

Markets and Slaughter Houses. In regard to these Mr. Keele reports as follows (for report vide No. 1226 of 31<sup>st</sup> March 1873 p. ).

The following extract from Mr. Keele's report read at the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March should have appeared under the above heading in the Council's minutes of that date (for extract vide report in Watch of 28<sup>th</sup> February 1873 p. ).

Police Force. Constables Banderson & Banks have resigned. Native Constables Dwyer & Co have been dismissed. Your Committee in consideration of the full term of service having been completed by Dominick Coughlan prior to his leaving the force have granted him a passage to England and a gratuity of £6 100.

With your permission your Committee propose concluding an agreement with Mr. William Fowler as Inspector of Police for a period of three years from the expiry of his last agreement.

Your Committee have received an application from F. W. Howell asking permission to establish

Roads

a stand for the hire of vehicles opposite the Custom House.  
 Your Committee have conferred with Mr. Dick on this matter. He is of opinion that it would be inconvenient to have vehicles for hire too near the gate of the Custom House, Your Committee concur in this view, they, therefore refer Mr. Corvell's letter for your decision. Note. It was decided all things considered that the Council could not accede to Mr. Corvell's request.

Instructions have been given to the Police to prohibit the continuance of <sup>the practice of</sup> flying kites on frequented thoroughfares. Natives wishing to practise this amusement must select open plots of ground to do so upon.

Sanitary Branch Vaccination. Your Committee have remitted the Council and Justice's demand on the subject of vaccination to their colleagues of the French Council but have not been as yet favoured with their views.

Analysis of Water. Specimens have been sent home for analysis.

Your Committee have received the following letter through Mr. Bradford in regard to a water supply, from Mr. Thomas Spencer. (for letter vide no 242 W. B. p.)

Night-Soil. An intimation has been received by your Committee from Mr. Hambury that he intends removing the night-soil in future by private contract from certain houses in the Chichester, Fochien, Worsick, Honan, Froehms and Shamling Roads.

Your Committee suggest the public be notified of the houses that night-soil be may be conveyed through the Settlements.

The Inspector of nuisances reports as follows. (vide no 240 of 2<sup>nd</sup> April W. B. p.)  
Trunks South Closets and Urinals have arrived

Your Committee propose having them taken into use at once.

Wheelbarrows. Your Committee refer for your consideration the accompanying report from your Superintendent of Police in regard to Chinese Wheelbarrows (for report vide 1st March dated 1878 p. ).  
 Note Decided to circulate it for the information and advice of the Council.

Barody House - Foreign. Your Committee have received a letter from Messrs. Thorne Bros, Lane Crawford & Co. and others complaining that certain bad characters are about opening a house of ill fame in their immediate neighbourhood.  
 These Gentlemen's letter has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Police who reports that no offence against law has been committed.  
 Your Committee find in such cases the course of procedure in English law is as follows (vide Act's Digestional Synopsis p. 804)

Your Committee have received an application from Mow Kinnwat for a subscription towards defraying the expenses of a "Wind Instrument Society" which will perform in the Shanghai Public Garden several times a month.  
 Note. Further consideration of the subject was for the present deferred, the Secretary being instructed to ascertain further particulars from Mow Kinnwat.

} Members of the  
 } Watch Committee

Council Room.

15<sup>th</sup> Honan Road

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> April 1878.

It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hoppins and  
 1878 Resolved

That the Report of the Watch Committee be approved.  
 sig. mover  
 recorder.

It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Miller and

18513. Resolved.

That during the absence of Mr. Bletcher Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department Mr. John Stone as District Engineer takes charge of the Department.

Signature Mover

" Secunder.

The Council considered the question of the storage of ignitable material in crowded parts of the Settlements - after discussion

It was moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Adams and

18514 Resolved

That straw & brush wood shall not after the 15<sup>th</sup> instant be allowed to be stored in the crowded portions of the English or Hong Kong Settlements

Signature Mover

" Secunder.

The rate of License fee charged nightly for the privilege of keeping a refreshment stall at the Lyceum Theatre appearing to the Council to be heavy.

It was - after consideration - moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Miller and

18515 Resolved.

That the fee for keeping a stall at the Lyceum Theatre be in future fifty (50) cents per performance. \$0.50

Signature Mover

" Secunder

It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Miller and

18516 Resolved

That under the provisions of Hong Kong



IVC of the Land Regulations. The Council hereby prohibit the removal of right soil - waste article for which see p 41 of the Land Regulations - between the hours of 8 pm and 9 am between the 15 April and 30<sup>th</sup> October

signature mover

" seconder.

A Report from the Works Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes

B 517.

Report of the Public Works Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to submit the following report of their proceedings.

Bridges :

Hongkue Creek Bridge. with respect to the iron bridge ordered from Mr. A. E. Blake Newcastle-upon-Tyne, that gentleman under date of the 11<sup>th</sup> February reports proceedings as follows "The work has every attention. The general plan is only completed today but a tracing of it will be sent you by next mail and I hope the plans of the other bridges as well. I propose advertising for tenders and accepting the lowest provided it be from a respectable house in whom I can feel confidence."

Across Yang King King. The Engineer reports "The painting or rolling of the bridges crossing the Yang King King Creek is being proceeded with."

The Rev Robert Nelson has made application on behalf of a Chinaman to be allowed to take timbers from some of the damaged bridges on the Hoosung Road to repair other bridges. Note. The Council decided that they could not accede to the application.

Buildings  
Buildings.

With reference to your decision of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December last founded on Mr. Pennies opinion as to the Council's action in regard to the condition of certain houses the property of Messrs. Walthamshaw and Thorburn and of a piece of building of Dr. Griffiths. Your Committee would now suggest

that these matters be again put before Mr. Dennis and his opinion obtained as to the Council's powers under the new Land Regulations, to compel owners of dangerous structures to protect the public from injury.

Mr. Secretary, instructed to obtain Mr. Dennis' opinion as to Council's powers under the new Regulations in regard to the above points. The Engineer reports as follows: "The Sukkur, Raiping and Beechong drains are progressing in a favourable manner;

"about five chains of small drain is being laid in the Kingpo road, near the Ahensi, to take off the stagnant water which at present is a great nuisance. Part of the running drain at its junction with the Goman has been reformed."

Your Committee received a letter from Mr. E. Berner Hogg complaining of damage done to his property by the re-construction of the Sukkur Road drain. Mr. Hogg was informed that the damage complained of will be repaired.

The Agents of the Hongkong Wharf Company have requested your Committee to extend the Chow Fong Drain to low water line.

Depredations by States on Municipal Property. - Your Committee for some months past have been in the habit of reporting to the Consular Body any injury wanted, inflicted on public property. The Consuls in a recent dispatch advised the Council to

enter into an arrangement with every Sepoy in whose circuit the Council happened to possess property to conserve such property for a stipulated sum - an arrangement which might be easily effected by consular intervention."

After consideration of this question the Council came to the conclusion that it would be very inexpedient measure and bad principle to bribe officials to conserve public property whose duty it was to afford the fullest protection.

The roads of both Settlements have been repaired.

Roads.

\* also see 20 General St. 17. 18. 19. 20.

Public Garden

collected, metalled, sanded and dressed with gravel. The position of the road to lead to the new bridge has been marked out to enable the Committee to transplant the trees to now in the way of the road.

Herb and Side

Channel. The Engineer says: "The laying down of herb and side channel in the Hongze Settlement is nearly completed."

Outside Roads

Bubbling Well Road. The Engineer reports "another portion of this road has been raised with mud, bricked, sanded and rolled. Some posts and seats have been fixed near the Son's house and some more trees and shrubs have been planted."

North Well Road. The offer of Mr. Robert McKenzie referred to in your Committee's last report is again brought forward for your consideration. Note. The Council decided to decline the offer with thanks.

} Members of the Public  
Works Committee

Council Room

15 Roman Road.

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> April 1870

It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hopps and

No 578

Resolved

That the report of the Public Works Committee be approved  
signature moves  
- Seconded.

Register of

Attendance having been signed (vide p 237 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered referred to the notice of the different Committees and at 10.30.

Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn  
 By J. J. ...  
 Chairman.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General  
 Monthly Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

Council Room

N<sup>o</sup> 519.Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Huan Hou.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz

Business.

1. Summons calling Meeting.
  2. To approve and pass the Annual Report for the Municipal year 1869-70.
- and to adopt such Reports, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
 J. J. ...  
 Secretary.

To the Members of  
 the Council.

Municipal Council of Shanghai

Council Room  
15 Hunan Road  
Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> April 1870

At the Special Meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April (inst) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present.

F. C. Adams Esq Chairman

H. Hopfens Esq

J. J. Miller Esq

Alex. D. Johnston Secretary.

No 519. The Summons calling the Meeting was read  
Municipal Report, Accounts &c for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 1870. The Draft of Preamble, the  
Committees' Reports &c were read and considered.  
It was then moved by Mr Adams seconded  
by Mr Miller and

No 520. Resolved.

That the accounts duly audited for the  
Municipal year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1870, be re-  
ceived, passed, printed and circulated among  
the Rate Payers - that the Reports &c of proceeding  
for the past year received from the respective  
Committees be also approved passed and  
published.

signature mover

" " seconder.

Outstanding Accounts. In regard to these - It was moved by  
Mr Adams seconded by Mr Miller and

No 521. Resolved.

That the accounts of all persons indebted  
to the Municipality for house or Land taxes or  
Lighting rates be placed in the hands of Mr. Remie

for recovery, and that the names of those firms or individuals not having paid Wharfage dues on Imports and Exports be published in the annual Report.

Signature, Messrs.

Secretary

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 256 ante)

it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn.

Wm. J. Hunter

Chairman.

Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at special meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

N<sup>o</sup> 522.

Council Room  
Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a special meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April instant at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Hunan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and report from Committees viz  
Business.

1. Budget - consideration of - and in connexion with it  
Water. Dr Henderson's letter  
Works, additional items for consideration.

Mr. Hambury's letter - Yunnan Road.  
Passing Resolutions  
 a. Determining basis of road, and  
 b. Establishing

Present Council.

Watch. Mr. Hambury's withdrawal of houses, from the Police  
Police Can

Works. Ballie Setty  
Telegraph posts.

Finance. points for decision in regard to the road

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
 and other proceedings with reference thereto  
 as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. Johnson

of the members  
 of the Council.

Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request the  
 favor of your attendance at a meeting of the  
 Council to be held at the Council Chamber  
 in 15 Roman Road, tomorrow at 9.30 in the  
 forenoon

Business.

To consider and pass the Budget for the financial  
 year 1870-71

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. Johnson

of the members of

Secretary

Council elected for 1870-71

## Municipal Council of Shanghai

Council Room

15 Hunan Road

Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> April 1870.

At the special meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April instant 1870 a. d. pursuant to notice.

Present.

F. C. Adams Esq Chairman  
 M. S. Gubbary Esq  
 W. Hoppins Esq  
 Wm. J. Robertson Secretary.

There were also present by invitation - of the Council elected for 1870-71.

Messrs G. B. Dixwell, J. G. Purdon  
 J. G. Sellicoe, J. Anderson -  
 W. Cameron and William Reid.

No 522 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

No 523 The Budget for the Municipal year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 1870 & ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1871 and points in connexion therewith were gone through item by item, discussed, considered - after which it was <sup>passed</sup> by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hoppins and

No 524 Resolved.

That the Budget as now agreed upon by the present and incoming Councils together with the recommendations and remarks by the Council and sub-committees of 1869-70 be printed and circulated among the ratepayers.

Wm. J. Robertson  
 Secretary



new lines of Roads. The maps of both Settlements he were examined by the present and incoming Councils with the view of determining what new lines of roads were necessary. After consideration it was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Hoppus

Nov 25. Resolved.

That the lines of roads as follows and marked on the accompanying plans be extended under the provisions of Act VI pp 13-15 of the Land Regulations as opportunity offers.

1. The Hongkong Road from the Spectator to the Keangse Roads.
2. Widening the Ping-chah. kah or enlarging one of the present roads through the native village between the Spectator and Keangse Roads, called the 2. pu doo.
3. Extension of the Shantung Road from the Banking to the Lingpo Roads.
4. To connect the Bun. tong. long with the Canton Road.
5. The Canton Road from the Shantung to the Fokien Road
6. Connecting the Lingpo Road with the Fokien Road in a more direct line and widening the former.
7. Carrying a road through from the Fokien to the Chekiang Road.
8. Continuing the Amoy Road in a westerly direction to join the Fokien Road.
9. To extend the Canton Road in a westerly direction
10. To run the Quangse Road from the Hoopich Road to the Hangkai-pang.
11. Continuation of the Hankuang Road between the Fokien and Hoopich Roads
12. Widening and connecting the W. road Road with the Shantung and Fokien Roads.
13. Continuing the Loong. ze. quon from the Banking to the Fokien Road.
14. The Yin. us. kah to be extended in a southerly direction to meet what is erroneously called the Fokien Road near the Hangkong pang.

15. The north-south Road to the Army Road.
16. Widening the Second Road from the Tien-dong Road to the Hongkue Creek.
17. Constructing a road from opposite a point where the Hong-doo Road terminates on the Hongkue Creek to run parallel to the Broadway, to connect with the continuation of the Broadway, now being formed down to the Yang-toze-poo.
18. Continuing the Tien-dong Road, west of the Worsung Road past the Lee-Houses towards the Longshah Bridge.
19. Continuing the road from the Yang-toze-poo to Worsung.
20. Defining the boundaries of Hongkue Settlement (as provided for and required by Art I of the Land Regulations and Code Laws for the foreign Settlements of Shanghai (north of the Yang-hing-ping)) by a road from a point opposite the entrance of the Defence Creek to three li from the mouth of the Yang-toze-poo and thence along it to join the eastern terminus of the Broadway.
21. Filling in the Bone Road and extending it to meet the proposed extension of the Second Road.
22. Constructing a road along east bank of the Hongkue Creek as far as the Timber Lands.
23. Continuing in a westerly direction the Tseiping, Keecheong, Yuen Song and Chaw Song Roads from the Broadway to the proposed road parallel to it.
24. To form a projected Road and to continue it southerly across the Tien-dong Road and to form a junction with the new portion of the Second Road, adjacent to the back of the Astor House Hotel and northerly in front of lot 5-25 to form a junction with the Hong-doo Road at its junction with the Nanjing Road, thereby forming a direct communication between the new Bridge and the proposed continuation of the Wai-doo Road which will define for the present the northern boundary of Hongkue.

25. Forming a new road along the Sochoo Creek from  
Homan to Fokheim Road.

Signature moved.

Seconded.

The Incoming Council then retired.

Watch.

Disturbance Branch. The Secretary informed the Council he had received a letter <sup>12/26/27</sup> from Mr. Thomas Hamburg, intimating that he had made arrangements for the removal of right sod from the houses therein named and which had passed into his hands.

Police. A drawing of the Police Van ordered some time ago to be procured from England was submitted to the Council, the measurement, cost &c was explained, after which it was decided that the Council's London agent should be instructed to ship it as soon as possible.

Works.

Messrs Russell & Co's Jetty. The Engineer reports in regard to this jetty as follows "Requires re-caulking and some small repairs - estimated cost £275 as per Messrs Farham's tender" After consideration it was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Gubbay

Resolved.

That the Council on behalf of the Public receive over from Messrs Russell & Co the Jetty in front of the gate of their private house, known as the "Justice Jetty", on the condition that the "Justice" or other steam tender shall be allowed the use of the front, twice a day at stated hours, for landing and discharging passengers.

Signature moved.

Seconded.

Telegraph Lines. connecting Police Stations to be completed as soon as possible.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 258 ante)

it was

Resolved

That the meeting do not adjourn

Witness my hand

Chairman

Secretary -

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at Special Meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 1870.

N<sup>o</sup> 527.

Council Room  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May instant at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Woman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and report from Committees viz

To agree on course of action to be pursued at Rate Payers Meeting.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm S. Robertson

Secretary

To the Members of  
the Council.

Municipal Council of Shanghai.

Council Room

15 Hunan Road.

Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> May 1977.

At the Special Meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council held at the Public Office No. 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May instant 1978 A.D. pursuant to notice.

Present.

A. C. Adams - Chairman.

J. J. Miller -

H. Hopkins.

M. S. Cobby.

W. D. Johnston. Secretary.

№ 527.

The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

The several draft resolutions were submitted, discussed amended and approved.

The Programme of the business to be brought before the Rate Payers meeting to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. was arranged.

A letter from Dr. Henderson № Watch detailing the duties he was called upon to perform and asking for increase of stipend was read and after consideration - It was moved by Mr. Adams seconded by Mr. Miller and

№ 528.

Unanimously Resolved.

That Dr. Henderson's stipend be increased by the sum of five hundred taels (¥500) on and from 1<sup>st</sup> April last, subject to the confirmation of the meeting of Rate-Payers.

signature mover

Seconder.

Watch

Fire Department. a letter to F.D. dated 6<sup>th</sup> May from Mr. John Thorne acting <sup>374</sup> Chief Engineer of

the Shanghai Fire Department, supplementing Mr. Blithen's report of 21<sup>st</sup> January 1870, was read.

Obstructions. Projections. A letter N<sup>o</sup> 246<sup>386</sup> was read from Messrs. Miller & Fisher asking for permission to let a signboard projecting two-thirds across the Sochow Road remain. The Council inspected the signboard and decided that it should be removed.

\* The Council decided that the Budget and all other documents had been issued to the Rate Payers that it was now too late to publish Mr. Thorne's supplementary report.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p. 264 ante) it was

Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary.

Thos. Blithen  
Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at Special Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 1870. G. B. Digwell

David  
J. Probit M. Sturtevant  
J. H. Jackson M. M. Gibson  
W. Denie

N<sup>o</sup> 529.

Council Room  
Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May instant at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber, at the Public Office, in the

Donan Road.

Business.

To hand over the affairs of the Municipality to the incoming Council.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient Servant

Henry Johnston  
Secretary.

To the Members of  
the Council of 1869-70.

Council Room

Dunfermline 14<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman of the outgoing Council to request your attendance at a special meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May instant at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Donan Road.

Business.

To receive over the affairs of the Municipality from the outgoing Council.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient Servant

Henry Johnston  
Secretary.

To the Members of the  
Incoming Council

Council Room  
Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> May 1870.

A special meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, north of the Yangtze River, held at the Public Office in 15. Horse Road on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1870 A.D. pursuant to notice.

Present.

- G. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman
- David Reid Esq.
- Mr. S. Gubbins Esq.
- S. J. Esq. Seilacoc Esq.
- J. H. Purdon Esq.
- W. Rennie Esq.
- J. Probst Esq.
- W. Cameron Esq.

Henry J. Robinson - Secretary.

18 529.

The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

The members elected by the Rate Payers on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April last to serve as Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai assembled at the Council Room for the dispatch of business.

Police -

The Police Force was paraded, inspected and after a short speech from Mr. Adams expressing the satisfaction of the retiring Council with the conduct of the Force under Mr. Penfold's management, was ordered to be dismissed.

Messrs J. C. Adams, J. J. Miller & H. Coppins were present having received their successors in office, and after referring to some matters outstanding, retired.

18 530

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were confirmed and signed.

Election of Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Cameron and Unanimously Resolved.



No 531.

That Mr. G. B. Dixwell be elected Chairman of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the Municipal year 1870-71.

Signature moved  
Seconded.

Election of Vice Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Cameron and unanimously Resolved.

No 532

That Mr. D. Reid be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the Municipal year 1870-71.

Signature moved.  
Seconded.

Election of Members of Committees. It was moved by Mr. Donnell seconded by Mr Reid Resolved.

No 533.

That the following members of the Council be appointed to serve on the Finance Rate's Relief Committee, the Public Works Committee and the Water Committee.

Finance, Rate and Relief Committee. Messrs Cameron, Anderson and Dixwell.

Public Works Committee - - - Messrs Purdon, Seilsol and Reid

The Water Committee - Messrs Probst, Gubbay and Reid.

Signature moved  
Seconded.

Office of Health. The Council void the appointment by their predecessors of St Anderson to the post.

St Jameson's application for the office was read.

Standing Orders. were considered and after discussion

It was moved by Mr. Dixwell seconded by Mr. Reid and Resolved

No 534

That rule No 2 of the Standing orders of

the Municipal Council be altered, and shall hereafter read.

172. That the ordinary meetings of the Council be held on Monday of every week at 9 a.m.

via order  
in evidence.

Register of Attendance having been signed (under page 258 ante)

Various subjects were considered and discussed after which it was

Resolved

That this meeting do now adjourn.

Geo. David Digwell  
Chairman

Wm. J. Robertson  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at general weekly meeting of 23rd May 1870

G. D. Digwell  
H. Pinson  
Mason  
Wm. Mdufu  
W. P. P. P.  
S. H. Kellie

17535.

Council room  
Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> May 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general weekly meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the Donan Road.

To receive communications from the

and report from Committees viz  
Business -

Works

1. Summons calling meeting to be read.
2. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.
3. Report from the Public Works Committee and points in connexion with it
4. Action in regard to damage to Council's properties outside Settlement.
5. Engineer's explanation in regard to drainage and iron bridge ordered from England.
6. Former designs for seal.
7. Extension of Macwan Road.
8. Mr. Corrie's objection to continuation of road.
9. Draft contract with Gas Company.
10. Agreement with British Postal Authorities.
11. Land Office. points for consideration.
12. Dr. Macleod's letter.
13. Mr. Pinfold's services - to quit.

Finance

Watch

and reports from branches.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Edmondson

To the Members  
of the Council.

Secretary.

At a general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai — held at the Public Office in 15 Swan Road Shanghai on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May (inst) A.D. 1878 pursuant to notice.

Present:

- G. B. Dixwell Esq. - Chairman  
 David Reid Esq. - Vice Chairman  
 J. G. Purdon Esq.  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 John Anderson Esq.  
 W. Reink Esq.

Ed. J. J. Wilson Esq. - J. Postel Esq.  
 Alex. J. Johnston - Secretary.

- № 555. The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
 № 556. The Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed and signed.

### Finance

Land Office - The attention of the Council was drawn to the necessity of obtaining professional assistance to complete the Municipal Land plans so as to give effect to Mr. Dambury's resolution regarding assessing taxes and defining Chinese owned land. The subject was referred to the consideration of the Finance Committee.

Lighting, the Public Street Lamps. The terms of a contract for this purpose were referred to the Finance Committee.

Local Post Office - The recent <sup>capture of the accounts</sup> improvements of the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1889 claimed the attention of the Council. The Secretary was instructed to address the Postmaster General at Hong Kong on the subject and enumerate the amendments the Council considered expedient to be made in the convention to avert further difficulties in future.

The Secretary informed the Council that Mr. Medhurst had made an application to him for the temporary services of Mr. Penfold to supervise the conduct of the affairs of the British Consular Club, in consequence of the head Quarter having been dismissed for misconduct also stating that the establishment was then in a state of disorganization. Mr. Medhurst's request was acceded to by placing Mr. Penfold's services at his disposal for one week. The Secretary enquired if this arrangement should continue in force for a further period. The Council decided that it should not.

### Watch

### Works

Bridges - Iron bridges ordered from England. Mr. Oliver gave a brief outline of the carrying out of the Council's commission for iron bridges (that is to say) the

hands. It was decided to defer procuring or ordering iron bridges for the Defence Creek but to order six small iron bridges - details of construction to be referred to the Public Works Committee.

Drainage. Engineer's report on schedule of main sewers and plans laid on the table and considered.

Mr. Oliver the Municipal Engineer attended the Meeting and afforded explanation as to the principle upon which drains had been constructed.

Gutters and Down Pipes. The question of enforcing Bye Law 18 XIV annexed to the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, north of the Yangtze River which provides that every house or "building or adjoining" or near to any street, shall have a water spout affixed to it, was discussed and recommended to the consideration of the Public Works Committee.

Jetty. Justice Jetty. Messrs. Russell & Co. having intimated (<sup>378</sup> ~~378~~) that the Council resolution 18 526 passed at the General Meeting of the Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 1870, did not embody one of the conditions upon which they made over the Jetty to the Public Works that having reference to the "preservation" in their entirety of their foreshore rights whatever they may be, and requesting that this addenda might be made to the above resolution. It was therefore moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Connor, and

Resolved.

N<sup>o</sup> 537.

That the following be added to Resolution 18 526 passed at Meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> April 1870 "and the reservation in their entirety of their beach rights whatever they may be"

By Mover  
Seconded.

N<sup>o</sup> 538.

A draft report of the Public Works Committee's proceedings was brought up, read, and referred back to Committee.

Damage done by Natives to Council's property on outside roads. This subject came up for discussion, the numerous depreciations committed, the frequent representations made to the Consular Board to move the Chinese authorities to afford protection, the futility resulting therefrom, the Consul's suggestion to the Council to effect arrangements with the various Sepas, through whose circuit the Council's properties run, to conserve it, and the last Council's views as embodied on p 18-19 of the Annual Report, were considered.

After which it was decided that an estimate of the annual damage done to the Council's property be made out, the rate proposed to be paid to each Sepa to conserve it, &c, and same to be submitted to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Roads - Taiwan and Pinjo Roads. The Council decided to defer the extension of the former, but to proceed with the widening of the latter at the points fixed. Details referred to Public Works Committee.

Outside Roads. Continuation of Broadway. Mr. Carr's objection to the line proposed to carry this road through his property was noted and referred to the Public Works Committee.

Seal for Municipality. Former designs were exhibited to Council, from them one was selected and after some alteration Mr. Oliver was requested to carry out the amended design.

Telegraph line - to connect the Police Stations

The tender of Mr. J. D. Bishop was brought up for consideration. It was moved by Mr.

Pardon seconded by Mr. Anderson and

Resolved

That Mr. J. D. Bishop's tender for the erection of the whole line of telegraph from Douglas to the Central Police Station and from thence to Souza Station as per specifications and plan, be accepted.

see notes  
in recorder.

Register of attendance of the members of the Council  
 having been signed (vide p 270 ante) various subjects  
 were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, con-  
 sidered and referred to the notice of the different  
 Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Paul Digwell  
 Chairman

Henry [unclear]  
 Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council  
 at General weekly meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Geo. Paul Digwell

John A. Gordon

W. Rowe

J. S. Allen

Wm. Madras

J. Probst

D. M. Hill

Council Room

Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> May 1870

P 540.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your  
 attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which  
 will be held on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May instant  
 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber, at  
 the Public Office in the Human Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and  
 Report from Committees viz

Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be signed by 2-5

Report from Public Works Committee.

Resolution approving it

action as regards publication of drainage scheme

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prepared by Engineer.

Design for road.

Purchase Singapore plumbic for approval of Council.

Plans. Amoy, Swatow, Creek, Water - Works

— " — Yang, Yang, Yang.

Stone mortar to Yang, Yang, Yang.

Design for railing

Drawings.

Estimated repairs Yang, Yang, Yang.

Cash state.

C. P. O. services at outposts.

Land office - arrangements effected by Committee.

Swatow creek bridge matter.

Discharge of letters.

at Yang services at Yang.

Errors.

Mrs Yang, subscription

Yang's tower

Yang Bros. letter

Approving and confirming appointments Nos 1 & 2

Engine Companies

Police to spring rattle in alarm of fire.

and to adopt such reports, resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Johnston

Secretary.

To the Members of  
the Council.

Council Room

Shanghai 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1871.

at a general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, north of the Yang Yang Yang, held at the Public Office No 15 - Woman Road, Shanghai on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May (Const.) A.D. 1871.



pursuant to notice.

Present.

J. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman  
 David Peck Esq. Vice Chairman  
 J. C. Purdon Esq.  
 W. Pease Esq.  
 S. J. C. Sellicoe Esq.  
 S. Anderson Esq.  
 J. Probst Esq.

Ally J. Johnston, Secretary.

N<sup>o</sup> 540

N<sup>o</sup> 541

N<sup>o</sup> 542

The Secretary's summons calling the Meeting was read  
 The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed  
 A Report from the Public Works Committee was  
 received, read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

Report of the Public Works Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to submit the following  
 Report;—

Upon assuming office the works undertaken by  
 your Committee's predecessors were continued.

They were, —

Bridges. The oiling and painting of those across  
 the Longfellow Pass which have been completed.

Buildings. A plan for the construction of warehouses  
 for storing merchandise of an inflammable nature has  
 been prepared, and thrown open to public inspection.

tenders have been invited for construction of  
 buildings on this plan, but none have as yet been  
 received. Your Committee in view of the necessity  
 existing for such an establishment, propose with  
 your sanction (in the event of offers not being received  
 within a period of twenty one days) considering the  
 question of leasing or buying suitable premises  
 for this purpose.

Chairman. Your Committee at their first meeting elected Mr.  
 J. C. Purdon as their Chairman.

Contracts &c. Your Committee upon taking over charge  
 find the following contracts in force —

Lang. & Gurn. for repair of Bubbling Well Road

\$640 per month.

Lang. via Ewin - for repairs of Singsah Road \$10 per month, and \$10 extra to Mr. Silver for supervision.

Lang. Junje - Aug. - for constructing main sewers in the following roads.

a - Sukhin Road at East of \$592-5<sup>25</sup>

b - Samping Road " " " " 704

c. Heecheng Road " " " " 704

and for a main sewer in western part of Sintonin Road for and for which there is not any contract. 505 \$11,505<sup>25</sup>

The amount standing incurred on 1<sup>st</sup> April on account of Public Works was as follows -  
Engineers Department.

Roads and Structures

Best and side-channel stones \$1,000

Outside Roads.

South Hill (Buttling Hill) road -

- Chinese Government ground rent,

2 years to 30<sup>th</sup> January 1870 . . . . . 254

Horsing road. " " " " 528 1,882.

Bridges -

Wingless Creek iron bridge . . . . . 3,000

Sorsho Creek " " approaches. 3,000 6,000

Camps, Posts

3 Camp-post and 5 Brackets 109

Fire-wells. 750

Shore-line and landing places

Defining shore-line. 2,500

Drainage.

Samping and Heecheng road drains 100

Sukhin road drain 5,300

Drain pipes 2,400 7,800

Constructives.

new Cemetery - Drain pipes 600 \$119,641.

over-

Drainage. The re-laying of a main sewer in the Latham Road, the construction of a similar description of sewer in the western portion of the Linton Road and in regard to which the Engineer reports that the main of both these drains have been completed. The forming of small connecting drains, sinks and cesspools are being proceeded with as quickly as possible.

The Beckton and Linton drain sewers have been completed. Mr. Mearns, manager of the Dog Kennel wharf, applied to your Committee previously to have the Chapel Lane drain sewer carried over the wall feet to low water in some sixty feet. He was asked to share the expense of doing so but declined. Your Committee have decided in consideration of the drain being a public one to extend it.

Some new sinks with connecting drains have been formed in the Linton Road. The various sinks, cesspools and drain sewers have been cleaned as needed.

Roads. of both Settlements have been repaired, well metalled, sanded and dressed. Footpaths. a pavement is being laid in the Heung Road, opposite the Chamber of Commerce Building. Repairs to footpaths have been effected.

Outside Roads. The raising of the Ballinacree Road from Sir Edmund Downey's bridge to the Race course has been completed.

A proposed line of road from the end of the Branding to a bank at the end of Black's Hill, Simpson's & Godwin has been roughly marked out.

A large quantity of road material was arrived. Trees have been planted where necessary and stands provided for those likely to be injured by traffic.

The Municipal Engineer has furnished your Committee with plans and specifications as follows.

Buildings. necessary repairs to be.

Branding. a. on Lockwood's creek - Roman sewer to foot  
road near the little water house, north end!

of Open Drain from Road and a Gully King Lane from  
Lamp to Lane Road.

Plans - A schedule of claims has been prepared and  
also plans showing the basis of the estimate of drainage  
passed and a report was reported to it handed in  
by Mr. Fisher. The report and schedule attached  
are under the consideration of your Committee.

Note. Mr. Fisher informed the Board that he was  
preparing a Manual dealing in all points in connection  
with drainage operations between 1862 and date.

It was agreed to defer full consideration of the  
schedules, plans and report, handed in by Mr. Fisher  
the Municipal Engineer until Mr. Fisher's Manual  
was put in their hands.

A plan  
in a new drain route for the upper Gully King Lane  
Road has been prepared by Mr. Fisher.

Gutters Down also - The attention of the Committee  
has been called to Bye-Law No. III annexed to the  
Local Regulations for the Drainage of the  
City of the Gully King Lane which requires that water  
spouts be affixed to every house to discharge  
adjoining to a street. With the  
view of facilitating procuring the necessary supply  
of water the Committee have offered to estimate such  
quantities as may be required by individuals  
upon matters known to the Engineer were wanted.

Pipes. Plans for new pipes prepared by Engineer  
are now submitted. Your Committee have authorized  
the substitution of iron pipes to replace the present stone  
ones.

Your Committee are in communication  
with the Board of Civil upon which iron pipes are  
proposed to be made and anticipate no difficulty in  
making satisfactory arrangements.

Jetty. A plan for a jetty to be constructed at the end  
of the Gully King Lane was laid on the table. Your  
Committee have given instructions for the design of the  
"Kantel" jetty.

Plans. Along Gully King Lane. A rough sketch

of proposed railway has been prepared.

Roads. Extension of. The Engineer to report as to the roads within the Settlements he considers most desirable to extend at once.

Your Committee have decided at present not to proceed with the extension of the Lashan Road. The Lingpo Road east of the Chikin Road will shortly be widened.

Outside Roads. The Engineer's estimate for the cost of repairing the Wossing Road as far as King Wan was submitted.

The work of connecting the Broadway with the River Road is delayed until your Committee come to some understanding with the owners of land in the vicinity.

The widening out of the road to the Gunpowre Pool is being proceeded with. Your Committee were to acknowledge Captain Outridge's kindness in giving as much mud from his Boating Property as may be required to raise this road. An estimate of the road material required for the year is being framed by Mr. Oliver.

Your Committee have received a proposal from Mr. P. James Hoff to repair the Gosfield Road upon certain conditions. After consideration it was decided to defer action in this matter until later in the year.

Plan for Municipality. Your Committee submit a design prepared by your Engineer.

Shanghai Public Garden. Your Engineer report as follows - "The slope to the Public Garden has been repaired and re-faced with coarse granite chips to prevent its being washed away by the action of the tide."

Szechow Bridge Approaches. Your Committee have requested the Municipal Engineer to confer with Mr. Kingsmill and arrange for forming the approaches to the new bridge, so that no delay may take place upon the arrival of the bridge in putting it up.

Telegraph line to connect Police Stations.

A contract has been entered into with Mr. Bishop to complete the line.

Members  
 of  
 Public  
 Works  
 Committee

Council Room

15. Homan Road

Singapore 25<sup>th</sup> May 1875.

13543

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Anderson and  
Resolved.

That the report of the Public Works Committee  
 be approved.

sig. Moore

Seconded.

13544

Outside Roads - Yangtze - Riv. It was moved by  
 Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Reid and  
Resolved.

That the sum of \$10,000 of the amount  
 set aside for the repair of outside roads be  
 appropriated to the repairing of the road along  
 the River bank as far as the Yangtze Riv.

sig. Moore

Seconded.

Plant - The Engineer in his report of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst  
 No 442 says "I would recommend the Council  
 to purchase some Singapore planks for repairing  
 the carts, wheelbarrows & other plant. May-guen-  
 chang offers about 2000 worth at 3 cents per  
 foot which is a lower price than Oregon pine"

After consideration - It was moved by Mr.  
 Anderson, seconded by Mr. Probst and

13545

Resolved

That the Works Committee be authorized  
 to purchase from May-guen-chang a lot of  
 Singapore timber at 3 cents per foot to the

amount of \$2000 on Mr. Oliver's certificate  
 sig mover  
 - Seconder.

Finance.

Cash state for week ending 28<sup>th</sup> inst laid on the table

Sand office - Mr. Kingsmill's offer for Finance (and Mem<sup>o</sup>. thereon in Finance) to complete land plans was brought up for consideration. afterwards it was moved by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Reid and

Resolved

That Mr. Kingsmill's offer to put the plans of the Sand office in order and keep the same up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1871 - for the sum of \$500 be accepted

sig mover  
 - Seconder.

Sapchons Creek Bridge. General Commutation of tolls. A draft letter from the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee was brought up - after discussion it was agreed to defer action in regard to this matter for the present.

Watch.

Fire Department. Chief Engineers letter giving list of newly enrolled subscribers of nos 1 & 2 Companies were read, after which, it was moved by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Reid and

Resolved.

That the election of officers and members as per muster roll of Hong Kien Engine Company is 2 of the Shanghai Fire Department be approved and confirmed

sig mover  
 - Seconder.

It was moved by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Reid and

Resolved.

That the election of officers and members as per muster roll of Peking Company be

of the Shanghai Fire Department be approved and confirmed

Sig. Moore.

Secordet.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 127 & ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Basil Deywell  
Chairman

Wm J. Whistling  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council  
at general weekly meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June 1870

Geo. Basil Deywell

John A. Rardon

J. S. S. S. S.

W. D. D.

J. P. P.

W. D. D.

W. D. D.

W. D. D.

W. D. D.

Council Room

Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> June 1870

13579

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road.



To receive communications from the Chairman and  
Reports from Committees viz:—

Summary of Business.

Read Summons  
Sign Minutes  
Report from Committee.  
Report from Committee  
Cash state.  
Design for seal.  
Engineers report  
Mr. Corcoran's letter

Watch.  
Finance.

Works.

Sign register of Attendance.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto, as the  
Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. Chamberlain

Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> June 1872.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai north of the Yang-  
tze River held at the Public Office No 15 Hwan Road  
Shanghai on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June (inst) A.D.  
1872 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman.

David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman

J. C. Purdon Esq.

S. L. G. Selvidge Esq.

W. Price Esq.

J. Probst Esq.

M. S. Gibbany Esq.

John Anderson Esq.

W. Cameron Esq.  
 Alex. S. Johnston - Secretary -

N<sup>o</sup> 549 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

N<sup>o</sup> 550 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

A Report from the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

N<sup>o</sup> 551 Report of the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to Subjoin a report of their proceedings.

Accounts. Between the Council and Mr. Groom for planting trees on the Bubbling Well Road. The Secretary has been directed to obtain a trial of this account.

Assessment of Foreign Houses. Your Committee's predecessors recommended that a re-assessment of buildings tenanted by foreigners should be made. The necessity for it is recognized but it appears to your Committee desirable to defer proceeding with the revision for the present.

Buildings. Your Committee have instructed the Secretary to ascertain if the local agent of Messrs Preston is prepared to enter into negotiations for cancelling the existing lease with the Council for the buildings commonly known as Preston's Bangaloh.

Chairman of Committee. Your Committee at their first sitting unanimously elected Mr. Cameron their Chairman.

Contracts. A form of contract for Chinese undertakings Municipal works has been prepared by your legal adviser. A careful reading into Chinese of the English version has been made.

Land for Municipal Premises &c. Messrs. Bick & Lambert's offers to sell land to the Council has been considered by your Committee. With respect to the first the Superintendent of Police has been requested to give his views as to a suitable site for a Police station in Hongkew, as to the second it stands over for the present, no immediate necessity appearing to exist for enlarging the Porting Society

Land Office.

The books of the Land Office have been printed. The valuation schedules are having the numerical lot numbers inserted on them, this completed they will be put in the printers hands.

Mr. Simpson has been engaged to define Chinese owned properties, complete the land plans furnish correct tracings showing boundaries of lots &c on the large 50 feet to one inch plan and on the small plan on a scale of 200 feet to 1 inch.

Lighting the Public Lamps of both Settlements. Preliminary words of details are being arranged after which a contract will be drafted.

Local Post office. Agents at outposts. Firms at most of the outposts have been written to enquiring if they will undertake the Agents of this office. The Postmaster General at Hongkong has been written to requesting his adhesion to some slight alterations in the wording of the existing convention between the British Postal Authorities and the Council.

Municipal Loan of 1867. The third instalment is now being paid off together with interest to the 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Plant, Rolling Stock &c. in regard to these Mr. Keele reports as follows  
 "The working stock not including officers ponies, at present consists of 7 mules and 7 horses and ponies, of these seven mules are attached to the Engineers Department and solely employed by it the remainder are used by the Sumsung Department in scavenging and watering the streets. An arrangement has been made with the head horse boy to provide for the animals at 7 mules per head per month. for this sum he finds all necessary fodder and labour and has given satisfaction, all the animals being kept in good working order and condition, every animal has one man to attend to it in the stable and in addition every horse and cart has a driver paid by the Council at the rate of 230 cash a day. The work done by the horse boys is attending to their animals and putting them in the carts, not employing them more than three hours in the day, the greater

part of their time being spent in sleeping, grooming or at the the house. But in this system it is difficult at this season of the year to suggest an alteration for the better. During six or seven months of the year the winter and part of the spring and autumn the remedy would be to do away with the drivers and make the horse boys drive the carts as well as attend to the animals, and they might do this when the carts are not required till 6 am or 7 am and the day's work finishes at 5 pm but for the next four months the carts will commence work at 5 am and with an interval in the middle of the day, will continue till 6 pm. to feed, clean and harness their animals by 5 am. The horse boys will have to be in the the stable by 3.30 am while their duties at night will not cease till 7 pm - for them to be with the carts all day entailing some 15 or 16 hours labour is more than can be expected from them and although the headboy who engages and pays these horseboys is willing to try the experiment of making them act both as groomers and drivers, I doubt its success whilst the hours of labour are so long - to induce the boys to undertake the extra duties the head boy proposes to offer higher wages and asks one shilling per animal per month more than he is now receiving and at this additional charge a saving of from 2 shillings 40 to 2 shillings 50 per month might be effected. The plan of making the horse boys go with the carts might I think be adopted with success from October till April or May and prove economical and advantageous in many ways.

A saving might also, perhaps be effected in having all the animals common to all departments of the Council's service and not as now having part kept expressly for certain services, a less number might do the same amount of work, as when the Finance Department has a press of business the Engineer Department might not be so freely occupied and vice versa. Condition of stock side report to watch  
1774.

Soochow Creek Bridge. In furtherance of the conclusion arrived at by you on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo your Committee for the present defer opening negotiations with the Bridge Company with the view to the discontinuance of the collection of tolls now levied.

The dues, rates, dues &c authorized by the late Payers to be levied for the current quarter are now being collected.

Wharfage Dues Tariff. Your Committee previously recommended that the scale of dues now in force and levied on imports and exports should be revised. A draft containing the proposed revisions is being prepared and will be circulated among the members of the Council for their views. The basis of revision is simply the reduction of the tariff where it exceeds the authorized levy of 10% of 1% (vide Canal Regulations Art IX pp 10-11.)

} Members of  
Finance  
Committee

Council Room  
15 Hwan Road  
Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1870.

No 552. Resolved It was moved by Mr Reid seconded by Mr. Roberts and

That the Report of the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee be approved.

By Mover  
Seconded.

Cash state for week ending 4<sup>th</sup> inst laid on the table

A Report from the Watch Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

No 553.

Report of the Watch Committee

Your Committee have the pleasure to lay before you a report of their proceedings.

Bejjard

The number of bejjars are increasing, thereby

the present system of sending them into the city every afternoon is attended with no results, they are back again in the settlements sometimes even before the guard that took them to the Gaol. Some Committee are of opinion that the more rigorous but effective system previously adopted of depositing them to the opposite side of the Harbour should now be resorted to.

Chinese Every Stables. For Inspector of Markets report, in Watch  
1854

Dogs.

now that the hot weather is setting in your Committee would recommend that the Community take measures for securing their dogs from prowling about the streets. so after the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. the Police will be instructed to capture dogs found straying about the settlements, unmuzzled, and which if not muzzled within 8 days after capture will be destroyed.

Fire Department. The names of the newly enrolled members of No 1 & 2 Companies and the selection of officers made by them as submitted by the Chief Engineer have had the approval and confirmation of Council which has been communicated to the head of the department. As an additional mode of alarm, in an outbreak of fire, the Police in duty have been instructed to spring their rattles.

Foreigners.

Unemployed. The number of these on 7<sup>th</sup> June as reported by the Police was 10 (vide in Watch 1854 p. 409)

Licenses.

The issue of Licenses to Foreign Taverns, Houses of Entertainment, natives vending foreign wares, spirits & opium and warehouses, Sampans &c. have been made for the current year.

Police.

Your Committee have conferred with Mr. Pinfold in regard to the details concerning the force, slight changes in its constitution have been agreed to.

They are - a small reduction on the Foreign side and an increase on the Chinese of six constables and the promotion of two privates to the rank of Sergeant. By this arrangement additional work can be undertaken, the force increased in

strength and a saving of about 2/3 per month effected.  
 Your Committee inspected the Central and  
 Longak stations. The quarters and cells seemed  
 suitable, were clean and well ventilated.

The Police have been instructed not to permit  
 coolies to make the ah-hoing noise and to disconcert  
 and not first and by devices prevent pigs being carried  
 in the present cruel manner on wheelbarrows and hung  
 from a bamboo on coolies shoulders.

Note by Mr. Purdon - The carrying Pigs on wheelbarrows  
 is just what is wanted to be enforced and not  
 prevented. It is the carrying them slung on a  
 bamboo by cords tied to their feet that is objectionable  
 - they should be on wheelbarrows or when carried by  
 coolies should be in a sort of basket - lying in  
 it as they do on a wheelbarrow. It appears to me  
 that it is a thing that could be stopped at once.

Sanitary Department. Medical branch. Disinfectants. A supply to  
 meet present requirements is about being obtained.

Vaccination. Dr. Henderson has had an interview with  
 your Committee in regard to the introduction of a general  
 system of vaccination now that the practice of  
 inoculation within foreign limits has been prohibited  
 by the Chinese authorities. Dr. Henderson has prepared  
 a memorandum of the course which he proposed the  
 Council should adopt and which is now under the  
 consideration of your Committee. It is at present  
 in circulation among the members of the Council for  
 an expression of their views upon it.

Market branch. See Mr. Kellie's Report on Wald under  
 W. & B. p. 74

Your Committee in a recent tour of inspection in  
 the western portion of the Settlement have observed that  
 Slaughter House establishments kept in a filthy state  
 are open and animals are killed therein. This practice  
 is objectionable and fraught with danger to health.

That as little inconvenience as possible  
 may be caused to native butchers your Committee  
 propose giving notice that after the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. they

the removal of slaughterhouses of animals will not be permitted eastward of the Hoopla and Chikling Roads.

Nuisance branch. The Inspector of Nuisances reports as follows (see report of 11<sup>th</sup> June to <sup>453</sup>Secy) - "The side channels in Canton Road are in a bad state for want of repairs. The upper end of Hudson, Kinkiang, Limpo and Pkin Roads require drains". The drain of Grand Bouron property on the Bund requires to be carried to low water mark during low tides the present arrangement is a great nuisance".

Right of sail - removal of. Your Committee propose after the 20<sup>th</sup> inst prohibiting the conveyance of night sail or other offensive matter not defined by Art. 111 of the Bye Laws annexed to the Land Regulations - through the foreign portion of the Sanitary Lane Settlement except between the hours of 9 pm and 5 am.

Notice of abatement of nuisance. A form for the service of notice of abatement is appended for your consideration; <sup>to be</sup> opened to the Board of Sanitation.

Removal of nuisances. Your Committee proposed that the Secretary and Officer of Health be requested to stringently carry out art. 27-8 of the Bye Laws annexed to the Land Regulations.

Wheelbarrows. The better control of the vehicles are under the consideration of your Committee.

Registration. A general system of registration of native house-holders resident within Municipal limits will be shortly commenced.

A letter was received by your Committee from Dr. Macdonald suggesting 1<sup>o</sup> The desirability of inducing the local authorities to consent to some arrangement in relation to post-mortem examinations of natives whose death is charged to foreigners 2<sup>o</sup> To the necessity that exists for some provision for sick and destitute foreigners and 3<sup>o</sup> To the proposed registration and examination of Chinese. Your Committee while thanking Dr. Macdonald for his suggestion replied that the two first were



outside the Council's jurisdiction and that the last had been engrossing the attention of the last and present boards.

in hand

Members  
of  
Watch  
Committee

Council Room  
15 Horse Road  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1870

No 554. It was moved by Mr. Curden, seconded by Mr. Cameron and  
Resolved.

That the Report of the Watch Committee be approved.

sig mover  
Secorder.

Design for Seal. Deferred for further consideration

Mr. Forrest's Letter. <sup>vide p 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</sup> Referred to Public Works  
<sup>454</sup>  
Committee

Engineers Progress Report read, contents noted.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 287 ante) -

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was  
Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Baird Dingwall  
Chairman  
Henry Robinson  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at meeting  
of 13<sup>th</sup> June 1870.

Wm Hudson  
Geo. (Baird) Dingwall  
S. J. G. Keeling

John C. Pinner      Damkeid  
 W. Rennie  
 J. Probst  
 Maurer  
 M. Gibbey

Council Room

15 Hunan Road

Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> June 1970.

18555.

Sir,  
 I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Hunan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee of

Summary of Business.

Finance.

Wharfage Dues. Mr. Pinner's letter to Chairman in Rennie will attend the meeting and explain the scope of Art 9 p. 16-17 in regard to the levy of dues.

Cash State

Appropriations.

Council's power to levy and exact license rates not provided for in Budget, without calling a special meeting of Rate Payers to authorize such imposts.

Watch.

Breaking brass in English Settlement in connexion with Bye Law no 35.

Appointment of officers to take charge of vaccination Dispensary.

Vaccination Scheme.

Works.

Engineers Progress Report.

Skid. design for.

Consideration of sending or purchasing, Sardines  
filature.

Relative drains - utilization of - Traps for drain  
monitors.

Public Garden - care of.

Rules of Procedure for discussion.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and  
other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council  
may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
Wm. Johnston  
Secretary.

To the members  
of the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> June 1870

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai north of the Yangtze River  
held at the Public Office in 15<sup>th</sup> Roman Road Shanghai  
on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June (mist) A.D. 1870  
pursuant to notice.

Present.

J. B. Dixwell Esq. - Chairman.

David Bird Esq. Vice chairman.

John G. Purdon Esq.

S. J. G. Ibbie Esq.

H. Kemi Esq.

J. Probst Esq.

W. Cameron Esq.

M. S. Gubbay Esq. and John Anderson of

Wm. Johnston - Secretary.

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The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and  
signed.

Finance.

The cash state for the week ended 11<sup>th</sup> June was laid on the table.

Store keeper. Mr. W. Shaw was appointed at a monthly rate of pay of \$35, as the Council's Store keeper.

Wharfage Dues. Mr. Binnie attended the meeting of the Council. The scope of art 9 of 15.17 of the Land Regulations as regards the collection of Dues on Imports, Exports and transshipments was discussed, the Council agreeing to instruct Mr. Binnie to proceed against Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co for the recovery of the sum they are indebted to the Council on account of Imports Exports and transshipments. The Board further agreed to see what arrangement could be come to with Messrs. Russell & Co in regard to payment of Dues on Imports, Exports and transshipments.

The Council's power to levy and exact license rates under Art XXXIV of the Bye Laws annexed to the Land Regulations for the settlements north of the Yangtze River when the imposition of such license rates had not been approved by a meeting of Rate Payers, was considered.

Mr. Binnie thought the wording of the article was clear - "No Foreigner or Chinese shall vend spirits or liquors, or intoxicating drugs of any kind or description, or open a house of Public Entertainment, Shop, Store, Music Hall, Theatre, Circus, Billiard, Bowling or Dancing Saloons, within such limits or place, or use for hire any boat, horse or public vehicle, without a license first obtained from the Council." Unless such Foreigner or Chinese complied with the terms the Council attached to the license it was evident the license would not be issued. An infringement of the Bye Law would be followed by prosecution.

The Council had power to attach such conditions to each class of license as appeared to them best suited for the purpose. If in particular case was voted by the Rate Payers as attaching to any

class of license, he considered the Council might assume the powers of exacting a rate.

Appropriations - The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council.

It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Bird and

No 557.

Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

	£	Sh	p.
<u>Works</u> -			
Gangways to Road		7	50
Iron bridges from England			750
Drain pipes	8	00	
Open Fireworks		1	20
<u>Sanitary</u> Disinfectants	2	5	55
<u>Finance</u> Mr Shaw as Godown Keeper			
per month		3	50

sig. mover  
O. Secunder.

Watch -

Breaking Horses within Municipal limits. This subject was discussed. Art XXIV of Land Regulations and Bye Law XXXV attached thereto were referred to, as to the Councils power to prohibit breaking horses, and as Mr. Rennie was present he was asked his opinion, which was that the Council had the power to prohibit the continuance of the practice. It was therefore moved by Mr. Corbet seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 558.

Resolved.

That the practice of breaking horses or ponies within the Municipal limits after 8 am will not be allowed after the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

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O. Secunder.

Sanitary Department - Medical Branch - Vaccination.  
Appointment of medical officers to take charge of Vaccination Depots. This matter was briefly discussed and referred to the Watch Committee.

Wheelbarrows. The propriety of licensing these vehicles was considered by the Council. After which it

No. 009. was moved by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Brad and  
 dissolved.

That wharf bargons be licensed at the rate  
 of two hundred cash per month per burton.

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 in Secunder.

Works.

Buildings to store inflammable material in.  
 The question of building, purchasing or renting  
 premises for this purpose, was discussed, after  
 which it was decided to advertise for premises  
 for this purpose, also to inquire if Messrs. Indian  
 Matheson & Co would rent their structure for this  
 purpose.

Drainage. Chinese drains. utilization of. The  
 Council were informed in regard to this matter as  
 follows. That the present Chinese drains had  
 neither brick nor stone bottoms. The bottoms were  
 simply earth, the sides being brick and stone slabs  
 for the top or cover. To utilize these drains  
 would be equal in cost to making new drains, as  
 by their present construction they had no fall and  
 did not form part of a system. It would  
 be better to obtain earthen drain pipes from England  
 to lay in the present beds, these could then be  
 accommodated so as to serve with or as part of the  
 main sewers system. The cost of cleaning  
 out the present Chinese drains would be about £12  
 per 10 feet.

Steps to drain mouths. On this subject the Engineer  
 was of opinion that some of the older drains would  
 not at present stand flushing. He could not  
 recommend the adoption of bridges to the drain mouths  
 as there were only three or four beds in the year  
 that reached the summit of the drain.

Report of the Engineer of the Works in progress  
 Mr. Walsh dated 18<sup>th</sup> inst was read and contents  
 noted.

Deal. On the vacant quarters on the shield

it was agreed to have a telegraph line over railroad cars on one quartering and a junk on the other. Shanghai Public Garden. The question of the permanent care, repairs &c. of the walks of the Garden by the Garden Committee or the Municipality, was referred to the Public Works Committee for views of the Council. After some discussion it was decided that the Council should take permanent charge of the walks of the Garden effecting repairs &c. from time to time as became necessary.

Rules of Procedure to be observed at Meetings of Rate Payers at Shanghai, consideration of these was deferred for the present.

Official designation of Council and Settlements north of the Yangtze River. Mr. Gordon was of opinion the term Anglo-American Settlement should in future be discontinued. In this connection he moved, seconded by Mr. Reid and

AP 5-60

Resolved

That the term Anglo-American be discontinued in all official documents and the words "Foreign Settlement of Shanghai" be used in designating the whole settlement within the limits of Municipal jurisdiction and when necessary to separately designate the different portions thereof, that portion lying between the Yangtze River & Soochow Creek be called "Yangtze River" and that portion lying south of the Soochow Creek be called "Hongkew". Also that the Council be known as the "Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai".

sig. Brown

2. Secunder.

Register of Attendance having been signed (order pp. 294-295), various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered, and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was

Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn  
Geo. Basil Digwell  
Chairman  
Mr. [unclear]  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at General Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June 1870.

Geo. Basil Digwell  
Wm. Anderson  
J. H. P. Bellis  
W. Pender  
A. G. Gubbay  
J. Probst  
Maurice Dainton  
W. Pencie

Council Room  
15<sup>th</sup> Queen Street  
Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> June 1870.  
13501.

Sir,  
I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Queen Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz  
Summary of Business.

Summons calling the meeting to be read.  
Minutes of last meeting p 300 to be signed  
Cash state

Finance.

Appropriations.  
Messrs Guss Russell & Co  
Appointment of Officer to take charge of vaccination  
Depot  
William Leaf Esq.

Watch.



Works.

Dr. Jenkins, letter to District Magistrate  
 Mr. Bishop's telegraphic alarm - instrument.  
 Mr. Gurn. Express letter and endorsement with Council  
 Mr. Remusat - application for contribution  
 Mr. Fourn. Shanghai Fire Department - additional company  
 Engineers Express report  
 Arch. inst. design  
 Report from Committee.

Orders of Procedure for discussion if time permits  
 Register of Attendance to be signed.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and  
 other proceedings with reference thereto, as the Council  
 may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Johnston

To the Members of  
 the Council.

Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> June 1870.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai north of the Yangtze River  
 held at the Public Office in 150 Hwan Road Shanghai  
 on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June (inst.) A.D. 1870  
 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Sigwell Esq. Chairman  
 David Reid Esq. vice chairman  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 J. Anderson Esq.  
 J. G. Purdon Esq.  
 S. J. G. Sellics Esq.  
 W. Bone Esq.  
 J. Probst Esq.

W. L. Anthony Esq.

Wm. J. Johnston Secretary.

No 561.  
No 562.

The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Finance

The Cash State for the week ended 18<sup>th</sup> June was laid on the table.

Duro on Imports, Exports &c. A sum: <sup>£ 2,164 4 328</sup> in Finance prepared by the Secretary in regard to an arrangement to be entered into with Messrs Russell & Co for payment of Duro was read and after some slight amendments by the Council it was referred to the Finance Committee with a request that they would confer with Messrs Russell & Co with the view of coming to some definite arrangement in this matter.

Appropriations - The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council, after which it was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Cameron & resolved.

No 563.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

<u>Fire Dept.</u>	Rent of ground for open firewells. 3.		
	wells at 1/6 5 per annum each - per annum	15 <sup>00</sup>	
<u>Works.</u>	Filling in ponds at back of	42 <sup>00</sup>	} <sup>partly essential</sup> } <sup>of this amount</sup>
	Lot in 1721	287 <sup>00</sup>	
<u>Police</u>	Books for force.		22 <sup>00</sup>
	By Mover		
	Seconded		

Watch

Sanitary Branch - Vaccination - Appointment of Officer to take charge of Depots. This matter was discussed. It was agreed that arrangements if possible be made with the medical men now in charge of the Chinese Hospitals in the Shantung Road and Dongmen to undertake the office of Public Vaccinators at those stations.

United States Consul General and District Magistrate  
Mr. Hankins' reply dated 10 June is re: Watch to the District Magistrate in answer to a communication from that official stating that it was contemplated

to appoint a General overseer of the wheelbarrows plying within the Settlement to north of the Young Hong Kong wall road and contracts voided. His reply appeared called for.

Willow Deal Tea. Mr. Pinfield's report in <sup>note</sup> ~~no~~ <sub>1882</sub> dated by instant was circulated, an extract from a letter from the Chairman to the Secretary was also circulated upon which the members of Council expressed the opinion generally that the matter of willow deal tea was not harmful or injurious to health, in a manner which Dr. Davidson concurred in.

The Council instructed the Secretary to convey to Mr. Pinfield their high appreciation of the commendable watchfulness exhibited on his part in bringing the matter to their notice.

Fire Department. Fire Alarms. Mr. Bishop's report in <sup>note</sup> ~~no~~ <sub>1882</sub> in regard to Electric Fire Alarms was read, the plans accompanying the same exhibited. Mr. Bishop attended the meeting and afforded information upon such points as were raised. After Mr. Bishop retired the matter was discussed by the Council who arrived at the conclusion that the Insurance Companies should be called upon to bear their fair proportion of the expense of the project. In this connection the Secretary was instructed to address the agents of the Insurance Companies.

Additional Companies. The Acting Chief Engineer's letter in <sup>note</sup> ~~no~~ <sub>1882</sub> was read, after consideration it was moved, by Mr. Robert seconded by Mr. Gubbay and Resolved.

That the formation of an Engine Company No. 6 of the Shanghai Fire Department, in accordance with Mr. Thomas' letter of June 18<sup>th</sup> be sanctioned.

s. J. Brown  
Seconded.

Licenses. Theatres. Mr. ad-Yasa Yee and by invitation an interview with the Council in regard

to the rates of decisive fees to be charged on Chinese  
 Shentres. After expressing his views he retired  
 being informed that the Council would consider the  
 matter further at some future time.

World Instrument Society. Mr. Remusat submitted a  
 Subscription list which was laid on the table, the Secy  
 explaining that the subscriptions had now reached \$900.  
 - he asked if the Council would make up the balance -  
 viz \$200. The Secy was of the opinion that  
 the Subscription list should be further circulated in  
 many, but not yet seen it, also there was reason  
 to assume would contribute. Facilities could  
 be extended by the Council to Mr. Remusat for  
 the circulation of the list if he desired to avail  
 of them.

Notes.

Report of the Engineer of the works in progress in Paris  
 dated 1<sup>st</sup> instant was read and contents noted.

A Report from the Public Works Committee was received  
 read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

Notes.

Report of the Public Works Committee

Your Committee beg to submit a report of their proceedings  
Bridges. The Engineer is now engaged in arranging

the drawing of details to accompany the order for  
 four iron bridges which will be sent on by next mail

Your Committee have addressed the French Municipal  
 Council enquiring if they have yet considered the question  
 of erecting an iron bridge (perhaps with two Council  
 to replace one of the present wooden structures now  
 crossing the Yangtze River. The bridges on the Roubing 1814  
 Szeanai and Szechuan roads are being repaired as necessary

Buildings. No offer having been received to construct  
 premises for storing inflammable material according to  
 the plan prepared by the Engineer, your Committee have  
 considered it expedient to advertise for suitable  
 premises

Drainage. A supply of earthen drain pipes has  
 been ordered from England by the last mail

Writers and Iron Pipes. The following circular has  
 been addressed to each rate-payer

Council Room,  
15, Horse Road

SHANGHAI, 27th May, 1870.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Council to call your attention to Bye-Law XIV annexed to the Land Regulations for the Foreign Quarter of Shanghai, North of Yang-ching-pang, which requires Water Spouts to be affixed to "every house or building in adjoining, or near to any street."

The Council propose putting this Bye-Law in force as soon as possible. To this end, and in order to facilitate procuring the necessary supply of suitable gutters and down pipes, &c., from England, they will be happy to enhance your requirements in their home order, should you elect to avail of this offer.

I may mention that you will be charged the cost price of the article laid down in Shanghai, with an addition of 3% to meet the charges the Council may be put to.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ALEX. J. JOHNSTON,  
Secretary.

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X. 7.—If the annexed form is not returned within fourteen days, the Council will consider that you prefer providing your own guttering and down pipes should such be required in your property.

P. T. O.

Only seven rate-payers have made application to the Council to procure a supply of down pipe and guttering. It is assumed that persons not having applied, intend obtaining the necessary supply themselves and that no misconception under this head may exist. Your Committee suggest the publication of a notification to this effect and mentioning a time after which the placing of gutters &c. will be enforced where necessary.

Utilization of Chinese made drains. The Council were informed by the Engineer in regard to this matter as follows. That the present Chinese drains had neither brick nor stone bottoms. The bottoms were simply earth the sides being brick and stone slabs on the top or cover. To utilize these drains would be equal in cost to making new drains as by their present construction they had no fall and did not form part of a system.

It would be better to obtain earthen drain pipes from England to lay in the present beds, these could then be accommodated so as to serve with or as part of the main sewer system. The cost of cleaning out the present Chinese drains would be about \$2 per 10 feet.

Pods of stagnant water in the North west part of the Settlement, will be drained off and afterwards filled up. Cree-pools and small drains are being formed in the Gobbin Road. Sinks, cree-pools and open ditches have been cleaned.

COUNCIL ROOM,

305a

15, Honan Road.

SHANGHAI, 27th May, 1870.

SIR,

I am instructed by the Council to call your attention to Bye-Law XIV annexed to the Land Regulations for the Foreign Quarter of Shanghai, North of Yang-king-pang, which requires Water Spouts to be affixed to "every house or building in, adjoining, or near to any street."

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I may mention that you will be charged the cost price of the article laid down in Shanghai, with an addition of 5 % to meet the charges the Council may be put to.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ALEX. J. JOHNSTON,  
*Secretary.*

To

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*N. B.*—If the annexed form is not returned within fourteen days, the Council will consider that you prefer providing your own guttering and down pipes should such be required on your property.

*P. T. O.*

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FORM.

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SHANGHAI,

.....1870.

SIR,

Please order out from England

for my house No.

Road.

I hereby promise to pay for cost of the same and attendant charges upon being delivered to my order from the Municipal Godown.

To

The Municipal Engineer.

Firewells - Your Committee have arranged with Messrs Brasell Carter & Hoyle to allow three open firewells to be constructed on their properties - three wells will contain about 25,000 gallons of water each, the forming of them is being proceeded with. Existing & future firewells will be fitted with iron plugs, instead of the present stone or wooden tops.

Letters - The Tenter jetty pontoon is undergoing repairs. A favorable opportunity offering for the purchase of some Singapore planking your Committee waited of it and purchased \$1,200 worth.

Lighting - Bracket Lamps are being substituted at the junction of Fochon & Shantung, D'Almeida & Pekin Roads, for pillar lamps. This will give more street room - measures are about being <sup>taken</sup> to remove to better positions several lamp posts that are at present inconveniently placed.

Roads - The following roads have been metalled, sandbed rolled &c. The Gangtze Road between the Duncan and Smithing Roads. The Division west of the Chinese Road. A large number of works have been completed during the past week repairing all the principal roads in both Settlements. A part of the dubbling wall road between the Horse Bazaar and Grand Stand has been repaired. The Broadway will shortly be kerbed, the Fokien Road will be metalled as soon as the West and side channel has been formed also that portion of the Canton Road between the Fokien and Doofeh Roads. The widening and raising of the Gangtze Road and laying a pavement in front of the Chamber of Commerce building are still in hand.

The defining and extension of the Miller & Terri Day roads in Hongkong are being proceeded with.

Telegraph Line connecting the Police Stations is progressing favorably. The connection between the Central and Douglas Stations is completed. Shanghai Public Garden - The repairs to the Garden side have been completed.



tenders have been advertised for, for the following works  
 Municipal Buildings, repairs & alterations to  
 Docks, Yangtze Canal, Beik. Between Docks and  
 Keangki Docks and between Docks & Shantung. Beik.  
 Szechow Beik near the Little Water Docks.  
 Fireworks - construction of  
 Jetty at Szechow Beik.  
 Wharves along Yangtze Canal.  
 North & Side Channel in Szechow Beik.

Members  
 of  
 Public  
 Works  
 Committee.

Council Room  
 15-16 Docks Road  
 Shanghai 18<sup>th</sup> June 1870.

It was moved by Mr. [Name] seconded by Mr. [Name] and  
 Resolved.

That the Report of the Public Works Committee  
 be approved  
 viz. [Name]  
 in [Name].

Register of Attendance having been signed (with  
 £300 and £) various subjects were discussed, cor-  
 respondence laid on the table, considered, and  
 referred to the notice of the different Committees  
 and it was  
 Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn.  
 Gen. [Name]  
 Chairman  
 Mr. [Name]  
 Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at  
General Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 1870.

Gov. David Russell

Mr. Anderson

John C. Pearson

J. Roberts

David

W. Davis

J. H. Jackson

R. Johnson

No. 507.

Council Room  
Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> June 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council  
which will be held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June  
instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council  
Chamber at the Public Office in the Human Road  
to receive communications from the Chairman and  
Report from Committee viz  
Summary of Business.

to Read Summons

Sign and confirm minutes

Watch

Appointment of Officer to Vaccination depot - Dr. Henderson

To open new Theatre

Salvo signature - Dr. Henderson.

Accounts - Mr. Penfold's report.

Works.

Engineers progress report

Deal

Finance

Russell & Co Wharfage Dues.

Cash state

Appropriations.

Signature to Attendance Book.

Motions received as follows -

Mr. Gordon will propose.

That no bills in Chinese be posted within limits of Municipal jurisdiction until first submitted to the Council and permission granted.

Mr. Arnie seconded by Mr. Probst will propose.

That the resolution calling the English Settlement in future "Yung King Pong Settlement" be rescinded and that its former name, of "English Settlement" be retained in all documents and books of the Council.

And to adopt such reports, Resolutions Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Alfred Johnston

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Council Room

Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> June 1870

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai north of the Yung King Pong held at the Public Office No 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June instant A D 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dewell Esq. Chairman

W. Cameron Esq.

David Reid Esq.

J. Anderson Esq.

J. G. Gordon Esq.

S. J. G. Belloc Esq.

W. Arnie Esq.

A. Probst Esq.

Alfred Johnston Secretary

N<sup>o</sup> 567. The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
 N<sup>o</sup> 568. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Finance.

Cash state for week ended 25<sup>th</sup> June was laid on the table.

Appropriations. The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council after which it was moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Cameron and

N<sup>o</sup> 569.

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Works	£	1224.
Bundling Doekens Creek	1000.	
Planting along Yangtze River	1971.	
Bundling Yangtze River	4800	
Municipal Buildings repairs to	1210	
market shed for carts way	£s 40 or 50	
Drainage Doekens Road west	80	
Boone Road extension of	475	
Yangtze River Road. Broadway to Gibbs	750.	
Fokhsen Road kerb	2000	
By order		
Secretary		

Dues on Imports & Exports. The Council were informed that Messrs Russell & Co agreed to the terms to Finance prepared by the Finance Committee with the exception of clause 4, the objection to this clause was "that they would not be justified in divulging any special information which they may possess with regard to goods stored in the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company's Godown and furthermore that they acquire such information in exceptional cases only."

It was explained to the Council that the Council do not seek to know the names of the owners of goods stored in the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company's warehouses. All the Council ask is the information derived from the Bill of Lading and which there would not be any necessity to ask Messrs Russell & Co for

if they did not pass <sup>their</sup> steamed' cargoes in their name.  
 The manifest does not give the information wanted.  
 The Secretary was instructed to confer with Mr. Quinn  
 and to request him to press on Messrs. Russell & Co the  
 reasonableness of the clause in question and that  
 the omission of the information, the clause was intend-  
 ed to supply, might materially interfere with the  
 speed of the lines.

78 atch.

Sanitary Branch. Vaccination. Appointment of officer  
to take charge of vaccination depot. The appoint-  
 ment of an officer to take charge of the depots and  
 other matters pertaining to Dr. Anderson's scheme  
 as watch were discussed, Dr. Anderson attending  
 the meeting and expressing his views in regard to  
 points raised, after which  
 It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Birch and

No. 570. Resolved

That the vaccination scheme proposed by  
 Dr. Anderson be carried out by him with the  
 attention that the Depot shall be entrusted to the  
 care of one medical man in place of two as  
 originally proposed.

Sp. mover  
 - Seconder.

Willow leaf tea. Dr. Anderson explained to the  
 meeting that he considered the ingestion of this leaf  
 when used in moderation harmless. Mr. Birch  
 gave some information in regard to this subject and  
 was requested by the Board to furnish a full report  
 on this matter.

Malos Mixture. Some of this mixture had been  
 examined by Dr. Anderson who found that there  
 was really very little tea in it when infused.  
 The tea leaf had been previously exhausted and  
 afterwards dried. The mixture contained a propor-  
 tion of what was apparently street sweepings &  
Disinfectants. Dr. Anderson asked the Council to  
 authorize him to act without reference to the

Watch Committee in Sanitary matters. Time was a great object and many matters did not brook delay. He mentioned an outbreak of cholera in Poochow. He recommended all measures of precaution being adopted in this connection.

No 571. Resolved It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Burdon and

That Mr. Anderson be authorized to direct the free use of his inspectors in such a manner as he may deem best.

Mr. moves

... Seconded.

Theatres. The Council conferred with Mr. Prupold in regard to Mr. how Juen Juen's letter, and the licensing of Theatres generally.

It being finally agreed to refer the question of the rates to be charged to the consideration of the Watch Committee.

Obstructions. Darnings. The Superintendent of Police's report to the Watch Committee, recommending that permission be given to Chinese to put up Darnings during the hot weather was read, considered, adopted, and referred to the Watch and Public Works Committee for arrangement of details.

Chinese Bills or Wall Posters. Mr. Burdon stated, he understood that the practice obtained to a very considerable extent of posting up Chinese bills or notices of a very objectionable nature. He did not wish to put a resolution to the meeting asking it, to prohibit the posting up of Chinese bills or placards, but he thought the supervision of the Police desirable. The subject being discussed by the members of the Council, it was agreed that the Superintendent of Police be requested to exercise his discretion in regard to the bills put up.

within Municipal limits, having those of an objectionable character at once removed.

The members of the Water Committee having met in Committee, considered certain points referred to them, their decision upon which will be found recorded at page of the Committee Minute Book No 3.

Works.

The Public Works Committee brought forward certain items, they proposed should be expended upon different works, and recommended the Finance Committee sanctioning the outlay. The matter was referred to the members of the Finance Committee, who at once resolved themselves into Committee and considered the Public Works Committee's recommendation. The Committee's vote in regard to the appropriations asked for will be found above. see resolution No. 569.

For the details of the Committee's proceedings see Committee Minute Book p. No 3.

The Report of the Engineer on the Works in progress  
No 523 dated 26 June was read and contents noted

Seal. latest design submitted and approved by Council. The Public to be notified that the design has open to inspection at the Council Chamber

Official designation of Settlement North of the Jany King

Pang. Mr. Keene's motion in regard to this point was laid on the table, after consideration. It was moved by Mr. Keene seconded by Mr. Portal, and

Resolved

No 572 That, the part of the Resolution passed at the meeting of Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, which divided the portion of the Settlement between the Jany King Pang and South West Creek to be called the Jany King Pang Settlement be rescinded

MOVED

SECONDED

The Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 308 ante), various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table and referred to the notice of the different committees, and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

L. Cecil Hoyle  
Chairman

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

No 573.

Council Room

15 Roman Road

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> July 1870

1<sup>st</sup>

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the Council, which will be held at the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst.

To receive communications from the Chairman  
A. T. R.

Business

To consider the question of the Council providing arms for the Shanghai Volunteers;

And to adopt such Resolutions, Orders, and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant  
Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

To,

The members of  
The Shanghai Municipal Council



Registers of Attendance of members of  
 Council at Special meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
 1870. held at Garden & Co. Rooms

Present  
 Present

J. Postal  
 W. S. Gubbay  
 W. Rennie  
 L. G. Sellicoe  
 Wm. Morrison  
 David Reed

Council Rooms  
 15 Roman Road  
 Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1870

At a Special meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai, north of  
 the Jung-tung Pang, held at the Public Office  
 No 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Saturday  
 the Second day of July 1870 a. d. pursuant  
 to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dearell Esq Chairman  
 J. J. G. Sellicoe Esq  
 J. G. Scudder Esq  
 Wm. S. Gubbay Esq  
 Wm. Rennie Esq  
 David Reed Esq  
 J. Postal Esq  
 John Anderson Esq  
 Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

No 373. The Secretary's summons calling the meeting  
 was read.

The Chairman stated the object for which  
 the meeting was called.

It was agreed, that the Secretary be  
 instructed to send out an Express meeting

tenders for the supply of 500 stand of Mauch loading Rifles, and Ammunition

The Council then proceeded to consider the question for which the meeting was summoned.

After discussion. It was moved by Mr.

Anderson, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and  
 No 574 Resolved unanimously

That this meeting agree to purchase 500 (Five hundred) stand of Mauch loading Rifles, if found to be satisfactory, for the purpose of the defence of the Settlements

moves

seconds

Resolved

That this meeting do adjourn to 3 o'clock p. m.

Present at 3 o'clock p. m.

The members as above; also,-

Sir Edmund Hornby knt. Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, at the time of disbanding

F. A. Brown Esq as delegate from the French Municipal Council, and

H. Sednes Esq Captain of the Shanghai Rifle Club.

The question of the defence of the Settlement was very fully discussed, as also the control of the Shanghai Volunteers, by the Municipal Council.

The Council, then proceeded to consider the tenders received, and inspect the estimates accompanying them. After which it was moved by Mr. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Anderson; and

Resolved

No 575 That Mr. Brown's proposal to loan the Council 500 (five hundred) stand of Enfield Rifles, until the supply of Pradier's

Ruffles, an unicorn from Japan be  
accepted, with thanks

mover

seconded

Resolved

That this meeting do now adjourn

Geo. David Dixwell  
Chairman

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of  
the Council at General meeting of the  
4<sup>th</sup> July 1870.

Geo. David Dixwell

A. Probst Mammou

to Romé & M. Stubbay

Am. Mammou

J. d. L. Silliman

Admission

John G. Purdon

Am.

no 576.

Council Room  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1870

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
your attendance at a General meeting of  
the Council which will be held on Monday the  
4<sup>th</sup> day of July instant at 9 o'clock in the  
Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public  
Office in the Honan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman  
and Report from Committee etc.

Summary of Business

Summons calling meeting to be read.  
 Minutes of last meeting, on paper to be signed  
 Cash state.  
 Appropriations  
 Mannmann & Co. Marriage Dues - Sir E. Hornby's  
 decision  
 Dues on Merchandise - arrangement with Messrs  
 Russell & Co.  
 Alterations in Accounts, to.  
 Mr. Russell's report on Willow leaf tea  
 Remaining wheelbarrows - action of French Council  
 Report of Officer of Health.  
 Notice about dogs  
 Specimen sent to Vicentini  
 Purchase of arms  
 Vicenza Vicinum Theatre  
 Engineers Report  
 Contracts for confirmation

Finance.Watch.Notes.

Chairman. Special business. Recreation Fund  
 Envt. in: Rennie's Union.  
 Rules of Procedure if time permits.  
 Register of Attendance.  
 And to admit such Reports, Resolutions orders  
 and other proceedings with reference thereto as  
 the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant  
 Henry J. Johnston  
 Secretary.

To the members  
 of the Council.

Council Room  
 15 Horan Road  
 Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> July 1870.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai north of the

Yangtze Yang held at the Public office in 15-  
 Leman Road Shanghai on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day  
 of July (inst) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present

- E. B. Sigwell Esq. Chairman
- David Reid Esq. Sec. Chairman
- W. Cameron Esq.
- J. Anderson Esq.
- J. G. Purdon Esq.
- L. J. G. Bellwood Esq.
- W. P. P. Esq.
- J. P. Esq.
- M. S. Gubbins Esq.
- Alex J. Johnston. Secretary

13576 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read  
13577 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed  
 and signed.

Finance.

The Cash state for the week ended 2<sup>nd</sup> July was laid  
 on the table.

Appropriations. The following appropriations were  
 submitted for approval of the Council after which  
 it was moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. P. and

13578 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums  
 be sanctioned.

San'y Dept.	1 cur. Charcoal.	10 <sup>00</sup>
"	1 ton Lime	8 <sup>00</sup>
Works	Laying out and defining new roads in back parts of Settlements	1000
	Some Soap Expenses	10
	Big money	
	2 Records	

Land Plans. Mr. Anderson brought the matter of the  
 corrections necessary in the Land Plans, before the  
 Council after discussion  
 It was moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. P.

13079 Resolved

That Mr. Kingsmill be employed to correct any inaccuracies in the Municipal plan so far as the Foreign buildings are concerned and to note any changes which have been made in them since the plan was revised, also to lay down the position of any new roads that have been made or changes in the position of old ones - provided that the cost does not exceed \$10,000.

By Mr. Mayor,  
The Council.

Debit of \$1000 Amount owing by Messrs. Grantman & Co. The Council were informed that Sir Edmund Hornby had decided the point raised by Messrs. Grantman & Co in favor of the Council.

Messrs. Grantman & Co. was demanded to pay certain other items in the account, although they agreed to abide by Sir E. Hornby's decision.

The Secretary enquired what action should be taken in the matter. It was agreed to place the matter in Mr. Dennis's hands for recovery.

Dues on Imports, Exports &c. The Secretary stated that no answer had as yet been received from Messrs. Maxwell & Co in regard to clause 7 of the Finance Ord. No. 530.

Alteration in Assessment of House. The applications received were laid on the table and referred to the Finance Committee.

Watch.

Census. The Secretary informed the Council that the Census Return of the English and Foreign settlements had been placed in the printer's hands, the French Municipal Council having intimated that the consolidation of the enumeration taken by them would not be completed for a fortnight or more.

Willow leaf tea. In accordance with the decision arrived at on the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo Mr. Kingdon has found

a report on watch with reference to Wilson's report which was read to the meeting.

Wharfbarrons. - Decision of the French Municipal Council. The Secretary informed the meeting that from Severans, Secretary of the French Municipal Council, called on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst, on behalf of that body with the following proposition in regard to wharfbarrons -

- a. that 500 cash per month per barrow be charged
- b. that each Council impose license - but no license be required in a barrow
- c. that each Council respects the others license
- d. that the amount of license tax be equally divided by the Councils
- e. that country barrows be stopped and not allowed to run in the settlements.

The Council considered the proposition and saw no reason for departing from their previous decision. Sanitary Department. The officer of Health visited is watch <sup>5-53</sup> who read and contents noted.

Specimen sent to London. The meeting was informed that agreeably with a request from D. B. no Council at this port. 5 men have been sent up in the "Shanting" to assist in the defence of that settlement.

Licenses - Lyceum Theatre. A draft form of license prepared by Mr. Binnie was approved.

In regard to the Security required by Art. XXXIV of the Bye Laws, it was decided to accept a note in hand for \$250 instead of a cash deposit Fire Department. A letter is <sup>5-54</sup> from the Chief Engineer of the Department asking for it. It was read and contents noted.

Report of the Engineer of the works in progress is is watch dated 30<sup>th</sup> inst was read and contents noted.

Binding - Yang King Pang binding. It was moved by Mr. Whist seconded by Mr. Cameron and Resolved.

that the tender of the (A. B.)

Works.

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construct a piece of bunding between the Gnam creek  
Shantung Roads and a further piece between Shanghai  
& Doxian Roads for the sum of \$4,800 (four  
thousand eight hundred taels) be accepted.

sig mover  
" Seconder.

Roads It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded  
by Mr. Bird and

18581. Resolved

That 40 (forty) feet shall be the minimum  
width - unless when otherwise ordered - of all  
main roads made on and after this date  
by the Municipal Council of the Foreign Settlements  
of Shanghai.

sig mover  
" Seconder.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps - A letter to <sup>General</sup> was  
received from Sir Edmund Gombay, conveying a  
resolution passed at the meeting of Volunteers  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, vesting the control of the  
corps in the Council, was circulated for the  
information and opinion of the Council  
It being proposed by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Purdon &

18582. Resolved

That the control of the Shanghai Volunteer  
Corps under the terms of Sir Edmund Gombay's letter  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> July and its enclosures, be accepted  
by the Council.

sig mover  
" Seconder.

Register of Attendance having been signed  
(vide p 317 ante) various subjects were discussed,  
correspondence laid on the table, considered,  
and referred to the notice of the different  
Committees and it was

Resolved.



That the meeting do now adjourn  
 Geo. Paul Dwyer M.  
 Chairman  
 Secy of the month  
 Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council  
 at General meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 1870

Geo. Paul Dwyer  
 Chairman

- M. Gubbar
- J. G. Sullivan
- M. M. M. M.
- W. D. D.
- John A. P.
- M. M. M.

Council Room  
 15 Arman Road  
 Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> July 1870

58

Sir,  
 I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of this instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the Arman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business  
 Summons calling the meeting to be read.

Minutes to be signed

Each State

Appropriations

Wholesale Dues - Transmarine

do do - Russia & Co

Land Registration -

Minutes

Watch  
Works.

Mr. Mitchell's letter L.P.  
Fire Department  
Revised Report on Wilson's lamp tea  
Engineers' Report

Watson & Co's letter  
Committee to manage Volunteer affairs  
Rangers' Re-appointments  
Report on Rilles  
The Seed Rille Range  
Register of Attendance -

and to adopt such reports, resolutions and orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. Long, Secretary

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Council Room

10<sup>th</sup> July 1870

Members are requested to meet at the Council Room tomorrow morning at 8.30 instead of 9 o'clock

H. Long, Secretary

Council Room

15 Roman Road

Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> July 1870.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, notice of the Young King Pang to be held at the Public Garden 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of July (inst) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice

Secret

J. B. Dinswell Esq. Chairman  
 David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 C. Anderson Esq.  
 J. J. Purdon Esq.  
 J. G. Bellair Esq.  
 W. Rennie Esq.  
 A. Baird Esq.  
 M. S. Gubbie Esq.  
 Alex J Johnston Secretary.

N<sup>o</sup> 553 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
N<sup>o</sup> 554 The minutes of the last meeting p. 325 were con-  
 formed and signed.

Register of Attendance of Members of  
Council at the General Meeting of the  
18<sup>th</sup> inst.

Geo. David Dinswell  
 Macleod  
~~Dunthorn~~  
~~J. G. Bellair~~  
~~John Macleod~~  
 John J. Purdon  
 J. G. Bellair  
 W. Rennie

Finance

Appropriations - The following appropriations  
 were submitted for approval of the Council after  
 which -

N<sup>o</sup> 585 It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Reid and  
Resolved -

That the expenditure of the following  
 sums be sanctioned.

<u>Works</u> - Installing Municipal Co's	110	
Amputation - Canses on the Gungtoze road - - - - -	}	150
Additional sum for land purchase	100	
Canses equipment	0 00	

vis. Moore  
- Secretary

Cash state for the week ended 9<sup>th</sup> July was laid on the table

Harpage Dues. Amount owing by Messrs. Gantman & Co. The Secretary informed the meeting that the amount owing by this firm had been paid, less some small amounts <sup>passed</sup> by inaccuracies in calculation, transshipments & goods landed on the French side.

Dues on Merchandise. Dues on Imports & Exports &c. With reference to Mr. Johnston's statement that no amount had been received from Messrs. Russell & Co. in regard to Finance Abroad in 530 he has now the pleasure of informing the Council that Mr. J. B. Forbes acting on behalf of Messrs. Russell & Co. had agreed with Mr. Bennie to meet the Council's proposition contained in Clause 4 of the above Memorandum.

Method of Assessing Accounts. The Secretary informed the Board that he had seen and arranged with Mr. Dick Commissioner of Customs in the Harpage Dues Book to have access to the permits to land & ship merchandise passed through the Custom House during the currency of the month so that each month's account will be rendered as perfect as possible.

Land Office - Registration of Land. Consideration of this matter deferred.

Local Post Office. In Switche's letter no 572 stating that the Hong Kong Government refused to concede to the Council's proposition for some verbal amendments in the present convention.

Matter referred to Finance Committee.

Fire Department. Funds to meet cost of goods sent by Mr. Bletcher from San Francisco. Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co's letter no read, consideration and action on it referred to the Finance Committee.

Watch

Postman Department - William Anderson - a receipt  
was in 582 received from Superintendent of  
Police contents noted.

Notes

Report of Engineer on the Works in progress to  
586 dated 8<sup>th</sup> inst was read and contents noted.

General

Respect Watson's letter to 587, asking for the  
London Agency of the Council, read and contents  
noted. Decision - The present Agent appearing  
even satisfaction the Council do not contemplate  
any change.

Defence Committee

The Director called the attention of the Council  
to the desirability of a Committee being appointed  
to control the affairs of the Shanghai Volunteer  
Corps as at present doubtful points were referred  
for the decision of the entire Council. In this  
connection -

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it was moved by Mr. Jellicoe, seconded by Mr. Baird and  
Resolved

That a Committee consisting of Messrs  
Anderson and Baird be appointed to deal with  
matters pertaining to the control of the Shanghai  
Volunteer Corps.

sic done

2. Resolved

Shanghai Mounted Rangers. Requisition for accoutre-  
ments. Capt. Dennis letter to 583. applying for  
accoutrements was read, considered and referred  
for action to the Defence Committee.

Army - a report from the Captains of the Rifle  
Companies to 587 on the Volunteer Incident. Paper was  
read and contents noted the Council expressing with  
pleasure upon the favorableness of the Report.

Register of Attendance

having been signed (vide p 323 ante) various  
subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on  
the table considered and referred to the notice of  
the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That this meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Paul Dinsell  
Chairman

Mr. J. Schuster  
Director

Council Room  
15 Hunan Road

1957

Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> July 1957

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Hunan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee etc.

Business

Summons

Minutes to be signed

Cash State

Appropriations

Land Registration

Dr. Lassie's letter

Finance

Defence Committee

Watch

Report from

in arrears.

Register of Attendance

Address by Edmund Hornby.

Council Room

15 Hunan Road

Shanghai 18<sup>th</sup> July 1957

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Public Office No 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on

Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of July (1870) A.D. 1870  
pursuant to notice

Present.

E. B. Diswell Esq. Chairman  
David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
W. Cameron Esq.  
J. Probst Esq.  
John Anderson Esq.  
John G. Purdon Esq.  
S. J. C. Sellicoe Esq.  
W. Rennie Esq.  
Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council  
at the General Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1870

Geo. David Diswell

David Reid

J. Probst

W. Rennie

John Anderson

W. Cameron

S. J. C. Sellicoe

W. A. Gubbay

John G. Purdon

No. 587

No. 587

The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read  
The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and  
signed.

A Report from the Defence Committee was received,  
read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes

No. 588

Report of the Defence Committee

Your Committee have the pleasure of laying before  
you a report of their proceedings.

Upon your deciding to accept the control of  
the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, measures were taken  
for arming the Corps - viz for the purchase  
from Messrs Albert & Bidwell and Glover Dow & Co.,  
of Scotland of Breach Loading Rifles - Snipers -

with 100,000 rounds of ammunition, the necessary accoutrements &c &c. The rifles, by the terms of the contract entered into are to be delivered within a month from the date of the acceptance of the tender.

Pending the arrival of these arms from Japan, Mr. Groom has very kindly given your Committee the use of 500 short Enfield Rifles, with accoutrements. These have been served out to the members of the three Rifle Companies and of the Shanghai Fire Brigade. They will be withdrawn from these Companies upon the issue of the Snider Rifles.

To meet the present emergency, your Committee have purchased 10,000 rounds of ammunition, a proportion of which has been served out with the short Enfields.

The mounted Rangers will be provided with breach loading Pistols, Swords &c &c.

The purchase of these arms, your Committee are glad to be able to state, has met with the almost unanimous approval of the Ratepayers.

Your Committee have had two rifled 12<sup>pr</sup> breach loading guns, placed at their disposal by the courtesy of Mr. Selge.

An application has been made to H. E. the Major General, commanding H. M. Forces at Hong Kong for the services of a qualified drill and military Instructor to the Volunteers who arrived by the "Sunla". H. E. Major General Whitehead's letter to D. E. was read.

Your Committee have conferred with the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Capt. Denison of H. M. S. "Zebr" and the officers commanding Companies, in regard to defensive measures, and various points of detail affecting the Corps.

The master Snider Rifle has been tried by Captains Maclean, Cann & Bidner who have handed your Committee a very favorable report on it (vide no <sup>sent</sup> 557.)



upon the application of the officers in command of Companies your Committee have handed them formal letters of appointment of the following tenor, confirming their election by the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant.

Draft form of letter of appointment.

Council Room  
Shanghai July 1870

Sir,

The Municipal Council have much pleasure in confirming you in the post of

to which you were unanimously elected by the meeting of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant.

Commending the interests of the Company to your care

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

Chairman

To.

A suitable drill ground has been provided on which the various Companies daily muster in force.

In conclusion your Committee must be allowed to congratulate the Community on the energy and zeal with which the volunteers have come forward for the protection of the Settlements.

Council Room

15-Donnan Road

Shanghai 15-July 1870.

Members of  
Defence  
Committee

No 589. It was moved by Mr. Pardon seconded by Mr. Probst and  
Resolved.

That the Report of the Defence Committee  
be approved.

sig. mover  
" second.

In connection with the foregoing Report the following  
resolutions were passed.

No 590. It was moved by Mr. Bird seconded by Mr. Anderson &  
Resolved.

That the thanks of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai be tendered to  
M. E. Major General Whitfield, for his kindness  
in placing a qualified person at the Council's  
disposal for the purpose of drilling the  
Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

sig. mover  
" second.

No 591. It was moved by Mr. Bird seconded by Mr. Anderson &  
Resolved.

That the thanks of the Council for the  
Foreign Community, be tendered to Capt. the  
Dietrich A. Denison R. N. for his kindness in  
detailing some of the crew of H. M. S. "Zebr" to  
drill the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

sig. mover  
" second.

Artillery Corps. A letter in  $\frac{D.C.}{633}$  from Mr. Hayes  
asking for an appropriation for the Artillery Company  
was read and considered. The requirements being  
so meagerly stated, the Secretary was requested  
to see Mr. Hayes and request him to furnish an  
estimate of the articles required and the cost  
thereof.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps, Fire Brigade. A letter  
was received from the Captain Commandant in the

making that to 4 Engine Company had elected W. C. Howard their Captain and recommending the confirmation of this selection by the by Council. In this connection it was moved by Mr. Gubbey seconded by Mr. Anderson and

Page 2. Resolved

That the election of W. C. Howard by the members of no 4 Company of the Shanghai Fire Department as Captain of the Military organization of that Company of the Shanghai Fire Brigade be approved and confirmed.

sig moves  
2 seconds.

The following letter has been received from the Capt. Commandant of the Shanghai Fire Brigade.

Shanghai  
17<sup>th</sup> July 1870.

Sir,

I have to report for the information and approval of the Council that I have been elected Captain Commandant of the Shanghai Fire Brigade by the members of the Shanghai Fire Department.

That Messrs F. W. Groom and S. P. M. Grayer have been elected Captains of the Hook and Ladder Company and no 1 Engine Company respectively in place of Messrs C. J. Ashley and A. J. Johnston who have resigned.

I have appointed -  
Mr. Johnston - Staff Lieutenant (with the rank of Captain)

Mr. C. J. Ashley - do do. with the rank of Captain and Mr. W. D. Sapp. Brigade Officer.

Recommending the Council's confirmation to the above.

I am,

Sir,  
Your obedient Servant.

(Signed) John Thorne  
 Captain Commandant  
 Shanghai Fire Brigade

Secretary  
 Municipal Council.

N<sup>o</sup> 593. It was moved by Mr. Jellicoe, seconded by Mr. Pardon and  
Resolved

That the changes in the Shanghai Fire  
 Brigade proposed in Mr. Thorne's letter of the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 inst be approved

sig Innes  
 sig Osander.

Finance - Advertising - The Secretary informed the Council  
 that he had been in communication with Mr. Tortal  
 with the view of effecting some arrangement in regard  
 to cost of advertising. Mr. Tortal offers to insert  
 all Municipal notifications in the "North China  
 Daily News" for 20% less than the published charges  
 if that Paper is made the Council's official organ.  
 In this connection the Secy was authorized  
 to conclude an arrangement on the basis proposed.

Appropriations - The following appropriations were  
 submitted for approval of the Council after which  
 it was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Pardon and  
N<sup>o</sup> 594. Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums  
 be sanctioned.

Finance Department - Compensation - Chair.	14.
" " " Mr. Encarnacao. compensation	15.
Defence Committee - Arming Volunteers	10,000
Public Garden Committee	£100.

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 sig Osander.

Cash State for the week ended 15<sup>th</sup> July was laid  
 on the table. The State showed balances  
 as follows -

In the Bank. . . . . 1/2

In Comptroller's hands - . . . . . "

Land Office - Registration of Land - This matter was referred for settlement by the Finance Committee Shanghai Public Garden. Mr. Forrest's letter in £ asking for £100 to purchase shrubs &c in England with the remarks made thereon by the Finance Committee was considered by the Council who instructed the Secretary to obtain a bill for the amount asked for, and hand the same to Mr. Medhurst, Chairman of the Garden Committee.

Watch.

Whelbarrows. The Secretary informed the Council that the licensing of these machines had been commenced and was progressing satisfactorily. The Chairman observed that being in the Police Yard at the time several barrows were being licensed he could bear testimony to the kind way in which the Barrowmen took to the licensing system - they seemed perfectly contented.

Works.

Doochan Creek Bridge - The Engineers Report no <sup>1046</sup>/<sub>595</sub> in regard to the strength of this bridge was read.

After consideration it was decided that the Chief Engineer Shanghai Fire Department should be instructed not to take the steam fire engine across this bridge as it was considered unable to safely bear its weight.

Engineers Progress Report no 612. dated 15<sup>th</sup> inst. was read and contents noted.

General.

The drafts of an address to Sir Edmund Hornby on his departure from Shanghai was considered, some emendations having been proposed in the draft it was decided that the documents be circulated for an expression of opinion from each member of the Council. Attendance having been signed (vide p 325 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of

Register of

the different Committees and it was  
Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Baul, Higwell

Chairman

W. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room

15 Donan Road

NB 595

Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> July 1875

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman  
to request your attendance at a General  
Meeting of the Council which will be  
held on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July  
instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon  
in the Council Chamber at the Public  
Office in the Donan Road.

To receive communications from the  
Chairman and Report from Committees;  
Summary of Business

Summons calling meeting to be read.

Minutes at p 336 to be signed.

Defence Committee - Election of Adjutant S. V. C.

Council's letter to Mr. Medhurst - His reply

Mr. Fittsch's letter

Mr. Penfold's Report

Letter to Mr. Signier - His reply.

Reserve Guard

Dankow letter.

Artillery Letter

Finance -

Cash State

Watch -

Wheelbarrow - interview with Chin

Mr. Danbury's letter

Mr. Tate's case

Analysis of water

Resignation of Mr 2 District Engineer

Water -

(Engineers Progress Report.

Register of Attendance

W. Anderson - Sir E. Hornby's Address.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
 Henry Johnston  
 Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> July 1870

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Public Office in 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July (inst.) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice

Present

J. B. Dinnell Esq. Chairman  
 David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
 W. Cameron Esq.

J. Anderson Esq.  
 J. C. Purdon Esq.  
 J. G. S. Selvie Esq.  
 W. Bone Esq.  
 J. Probst Esq.

M. S. Gibber Esq.  
 City J. Johnston - Secretary.

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The Summons calling the meeting was read.  
 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Shanghai Volunteer Corps - A letter was received from the Captains commanding the Rifle Companies (in  $\frac{20}{54}$ ) stating that W. J. Brewer had been elected in acclamation by that section of the Corps to the post of Adjutant and requesting the Council's

confirmation of this selection. Before confirming this election the Secretary was instructed to obtain the views of the Captains of the Fire Brigade which if unanimous the Council assented to the application.

In this connection it was moved by Mr. Pind seconded by Mr. Probst and  
 N 397 Resolved.

That the election of Mr. Brewer to the post of Adjutant of the Rifle Companies with the rank of Brevet Lieutenant, as recommended in Captain Maclean, Cann and Kidner's letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> July be approved and confirmed by this meeting.

Mr. Pind

Seconded.

#### Assistance from H. M. S. Naval Forces -

Council's letter to Mr. Medhurst and his reply to 461 were read, contents noted and documents to be filed.

Mr. Fittich H. M. S. Consul at Singapore wrote under date of 22<sup>nd</sup> instant to Mr. Medhurst H. M. S. Consul at Shanghai stating that he was informed that bodies of troops were rallying round Sungh-kuo-fan's banner at Sing Kong.

Mr. Penfold had been requested to ascertain the accuracy of the information received by Mr. Fittich. His report in watch was read and contents noted.

Firing off guns by merchant vessels in harbor - Secretary stated that in conformity with the instructions of the Chairman he had addressed the Harbor Master on this subject (see 476) who replied (in 566) that he would request the Captains of merchant ships in port to discontinue the



practice.

Armament. The Secretary informed the Council that 250 Snecider Rifles had arrived per "Ta-pang-nyo" - he hoped to be able to obtain delivery of them in the course of a day or two. No ammunition had come.

Reserve Guard. The draft of a form of circular proposed to be addressed to members of the Community not enrolled in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, was read and considered. It appearing desirable that some emendations should be made in the form it was decided that a Committee consisting of Messrs. Reid, Purdon and Gubbay be appointed to draw out a suitable form.

Hankow letter. A letter was received from the Hankow Defence Committee asking the Council to purchase some Snecider Rifles and ammunition for their protection.

Decided to accede to the request.

Reports from Capt's Maclean, Hrdner & Thorne of the duties performed by the patrol on the night of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and morning of 23<sup>rd</sup> instant were received and read.

Artillery. A requisition was received from Messrs Scott & Dwyer for certain articles such they conceived necessary for the equipment of the Artillery Company. Matter referred to Defence Committee.

Finance.

The Cash State for the week ended 20<sup>th</sup> inst. was laid on the table.

Plant, Stores &c. - Mr. Reid brought to the notice of the Council the quantity of old stores lumber &c at present in the Municipal Godown and suggested the desirability of the early disposal of it in the most advantageous manner. In this connection the

Secretary was instructed to convene a board consisting of the heads of the various Departments to examine and report upon the condition of the stores.

Watch

Wheelbarrows. The Secretary informed the Council of the substance of the interview he had with Chin the mixed Court Magistrate on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. The petition received from certain Chinese on behalf of the barrowmen was read and considered. Secretary instructed as to form of reply.

Sanitary Department. Analysis of water.

The Council were informed that Professor A. Cram Brown of Edinburgh had written saying that he was unable to undertake the analysis but he had written to the Council's Agent, Mr. Park of London recommending him to place the water in the hands of Prof. Frankland of London which Mr. Park had done. The Council approved Mr. Park's course and instructed the Secretary to write and thank Prof. Brown for his action in the matter.

Fire Department. A letter no 654 from Mr. John Thorne Acting Chief Engineer Shanghai Fire Department was read, conveying the resignation of Mr. Gwyn from his post as No 2 District Engineer. In this connection it was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Gubbay and

Resolved.

That Mr. Gwyn's resignation of the post of No 2 District Engineer as conveyed in Mr. John Thorne's letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1870 be accepted.

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Carrying Arms within Municipal limits - The question of Japanese being allowed to wear swords was considered it being decided that the Superintendent be instructed to enforce Bye Law XXXVII in regard to persons of this nationality.

Works

Engineers Progress Report - is 665 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> inst read and contents noted.

General

Sir Edmund Hornby's Address - As instructed by the last meeting the Secretary circulated draft of address for an expression of opinion from the members of the Council.

After some emendations it was approved and passed over to be illuminated by Mr. Oliver.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 329 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved

That this meeting do now adjourn

George Basil Digwell  
Chairman

Henry J. Johnston  
Secretary.

Council Room

15-Honan Road

N<sup>o</sup> 599.

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> July 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of August instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Honan Road.

To receive communications from the

Chairman and Report from Committee viz  
Summary of Business  
 Summons calling meeting to be read  
 Minutes to be signed

Defence Committee - Requisition from Shanghai Force  
 Artillery

Reserve Guard.

Finance Committee

Cash State  
 Appropriations

Watch Committee

Limitation of Licenses  
 in Keel's Report

Works Committee

Report

Engineers Progress Report

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions  
 orders and other proceedings with reference  
 thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Johnston  
 Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council  
 at the General Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> August  
 1870.

Geo. David Dismell

J. W. Ryan

J. H. Jellicoe

W. Rennie

Warriner

Council Room  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> August 1870

No 604.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Honan Road

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons calling meeting to be read.

Minutes to be signed.

Defence Committee. Survey on Elephant's Rifles

Albert & Bidwell's letter on Rifles being returned

Draft letter to Consuls re Protection.

Watch.

Wheelbarrow Petitioners

Finance.

Assistance.

Cash State

Works.

Public Garden a/c current.

Engineers Progress Report.

Telegraph - French Municipal Council.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1870.  
Geo. Baint Dwyer  
J. G. S. Jellicoe

W. Gubbay  
 W. Atterwood  
 John G. Purdon  
 Wm Anderson

W. Rennie  
 J. Probst  
 Sam Hill

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Roman Road, Shanghai on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August (mist) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present.

L. B. Digwell Esq. Chairman  
 J. G. Purdon Esq.  
 S. J. G. Sellicoe Esq.  
 W. Rennie Esq.  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 J. Anderson Esq.

Alex J. Johnston. Secretary.

NP 599. The Summons calling the meeting was read.

NP 600. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Shanghai

Horse Artillery. A requisition from Captain Scott for certain articles required for the fitting out of this battery was read and considered. Agreed to appropriate the sum of £5 10 00 for this purpose and as a temporary measure to provide the use of four ponies for the battery. In connexion with this latter arrangement W. Keele's report to <sup>the</sup> 1871 was read and passed.

Reserve Guard. W. Purdon said he had conferred with Messrs Rieck and Gubbay in regard to framing out a circular addressed to the non-enrolled members of the Volunteer Corps.

He had prepared a draft which he read but before the meeting adopted it he would

wish to confer with his colleagues in regard to the draft, after which he would circulate it among the members of the Council for ~~the~~ views

Arms and Ammunition. Survey on Rifles by the Armourer and Gunner of the Barrosc.

The Secretary informed the Council that the Gunter surveying the Rifles furnished by Messrs Albert & Kidwell had stated to him "that they were in bad condition, the workmanship of an inferior quality, they were dangerous and totally unfit for service." As to the ammunition it was bad the cartridges being inferior in their construction, the powder of indifferent quality and unfit for service.

Finance -

Appropriations. The following appropriation was submitted for approval of the Council after which it was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Purdon and

Rs 601.

Resolved:

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned

D.C. Shanghai Horse Artillery - - - - - Rs 1060.00  
sig mover  
" Recorder.

Cash State for the week ended 30<sup>th</sup> July was laid on the table. The State showed balances as follows -

In the bank - - - - - Rs  
In Comprador's hands - - - - - "

General.

The French Consul General (Compte Mejani) reply (in French) to the address of sympathy of the foreign Community at this port with the French nation upon the occasion of the Tientsin massacre was read at the meeting

Watch -

Wheelbarrows. Licensing of. Mr. Johnston stated that Messrs Severans, Secretary of the French Municipal Council had called on the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo

enquiring if it was the intention of the Council to limit the number of licensed wheelbarrows.

Decided that the number of wheelbarrows should not be limited.

Petition. Mr. Penfold's report is <sup>in</sup> note in reference to the Petition presented on behalf of wheelbarrow men by certain respectable Chinese was read and contents noted. The Secretary was instructed as to the form of reply.

Police. Mr. Portal's letter is <sup>in</sup> note detailing the numerous kinds of annoyances he suffered from noise made by Bootmakers, Street Criers, the absence of the Police and the want of Street watering was read, and referred to the Watch Committee.

Fire Department. Mr. Smyth's letter is <sup>in</sup> note to the Chairman handing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Thorne, Acting Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department, was read.

Mr. Johnston informed the meeting that Mr. Smyth's communication had been shown to Mr. Thorne who remarked in regard to it "that the matter was settled as he considered Mr. Smyth had handed in his resignation verbally, stating at the time that he would send it in, in writing to Mr. Thorne by three o'clock that afternoon".

The Council considered they were not now called on to take any action on Mr. Smyth's letter.

Nuisance Department. A letter is <sup>in</sup> note addressed to the Inspector of Nuisances by Mr. Stambury was read - calling attention to several nuisances in the back parts of the Settlements, & requesting Mr. Doves to call on him and explain the system in force in regard to the working of the nuisance branch.

The Secretary stated that a formal reply had been sent to Mr. Stambury, Mr. Doves being instructed to refer Mr. Stambury to Mr. Johnston if he desired any information as to



Works.

the working of any particular branch of Municipal Administration.

The following Report from the Public Works Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

N<sup>o</sup> 502.Report of the Public Works Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to hand you herewith report of their proceedings

Bridges. Iron Bridges. - Your Committee have commissioned Mr. A. G. Rakes of Newcastle on Tyne to forward out four iron bridges of the following description -

3. Iron bridges 20 feet span 29 ft 2 in inside rails, same as drawing sent for 15 feet bridge except that no outside lattice girder is required, only a light ornamental railing to be substituted.

4. Iron skew bridge - 90 feet span in 3 spans of 30 ft each - see rough sketch enclosed - width inside rail 30 feet and bridge so arranged that it can, if required be suited for a 30 ft a 60 ft or 90 ft bridge.

All these bridges to be supported on screw piles stone abutments not being used for any of the above bridges.

Screw piles for the three (3) small bridges 16 to each bridge - 3 inches diameter, eight (8) feet long and 2 (two) feet 6 (six) inches flange. For large bridges as shown on the rough sketch. (For letter to Mr. Rakes vide No <sup>394</sup> of 29<sup>th</sup> June Works L. 154 p 98.

Soochow Creek (Wills) Bridge. Mr. Thorne acting Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department having requested that a survey of the Soochow Draw Bridge be undertaken by Mr. Oliver the Municipal Engineer at the earliest opportunity with a view to test its ability to sustain the weight of the several Fire Engines of the Department rolling over there in succession with their companies - say of eighty (80) men attached to each machine and especially in the event of a large steamer crossing thereon.

Iron Committee instructed Mr. Oliver to survey and report upon the present structure. His reports as follows.

"The breaking weight on centre of draw"  
I make to be ----- lbs 21,411"  
"The safe weight on the centre above"  
"which the bridge ought not to be"  
"strained ----- lbs 5,355"  
"The weight of men closely packed on"  
"one half the draw 15 ft 7 x 24 ft 2"  
"would be lbs 31,836 or say weight on"  
"centre ----- lbs 15,918"

"On one of the bays near the Shanghai"  
"side which has a span of 31 ft. the"  
"breaking weight in centre would be lbs 35,550"

"The safe weight ----- lbs 8,890"  
"The weight of men as above 31 ft x 24 ft"  
"would be lbs 52,496 or on centre ----- lbs 31,248"

"The amount for breaking weight is calculated on the assumption that the timbers are all good and sound. Any additional weight over one fourth of breaking weight would be very likely to strain the bridge."

"I do not know the weight of No 4 Fire Engine so have given for your guidance the weight of closely packed men -"

"In one case the weight of men is 3 times and in the other nearly 4 times the safe weight"

A copy of the foregoing has been sent with a letter in General to the Chairman of the Soochow-Creek Bridge Company. For his reply vide no General 428  
634

In consequence of the foregoing which shows the comparatively small weight which the bridge can safely bear Iron Committee have notified Mr. Thorne that under the circumstances the Council cannot give their consent to the DeLuge Engine being taken across the Soochow-Creek

Bridge.

Soochow Creek Bridge Approaches - Your Committee have been in communication with the Bridge Company regarding the filling in the sides of the approaches to the new bridge which for the accommodation of the Company the Council agreed should be done by the Company at the same time the abutments & approaches were being made, if Your Committee were furnished with a specific statement of cost of same and accepted it.

There has been some difficulty about arranging this satisfactorily, the Bridge Company wishing the whole work to be first done and then the respective amounts settled, to this Your Committee could not consent and have directed that notice be given to the Company that either the measurements and amounts to be paid, be agreed upon first or the Bridge Company can proceed with their part of the work, the Council doing theirs afterwards.

Bunding - Soochow Creek. Your Committee, with your sanction have relinquished the idea of undertaking, this year, improvements to this bunding on the English side, the appropriation put down in the Budget for this purpose has been diverted for the construction of a line of stone bunding on the Tangling Pang from some feet eastward of the Roman Road Bridge to the Shanghai Road Bridge. The necessity for this work was so obvious that there could be no question as to the propriety of at once undertaking it.

Cemeteries. The following is a return of the burials for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1870.

Burials in Shanghai in the undermentioned Cemeteries from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1870 (Inclusive)

year	where buried	males	women	children under 12 years		Remarks
				male	female	
1870	New Cemetery	10	1	2	2	
	Portuguese Do	20	-	-	-	2 men drowned
		21		2	2	

Encroachments. Your Committee have addressed the Agent of Mr. G. Young being requesting him to remove a bamboo fence encroaching on the line of Seward Road. As no reply has been received, though a reasonable time has been allowed for one - Your Committee have now no course left open to them but to have the fence moved back at once.

Firewells. Iron plugs are being made for the large wells one has been fixed to the well in the Hankow Road at its junction with the Shantung Road. Three open firewells - each capable of containing 25,000 gallons of water - in the Souph and Chikwang Roads have been constructed and a small bamboo fence has been put round to prevent nuisance.

Drainage. Earthen drain pipes. Messrs. Cowan & Co of Blaydon Burn near Blaydon on Tyne under date of 27<sup>th</sup> May write in regard to a supply ordered by your Committee's Predecessors as follows - "we are favored with your order for £500 worth of earthenware sewage pipes &c. The pipes will all be ready in from two to three months but the larger portion of them could be shipped in six weeks from this date." "x x The pipes will occupy in bulk about the same space as 20 keels of Coal"

Jetties. The Tattle jetty has been repaired.

A contract has been made with Mr. J. P. Roberts for the construction of a wooden jetty for passenger landing at the foot of the Siping Road, Hong Kong.

A memorial from a large number of Rate Payers in Hong Kong has been received asking for "the construction of a wharf for landing goods on some central part of the Douglas Road at the foot of King's Road."

Your Committee recognize the necessity for such a structure and favorably endorse the Rate Payers memorial and recommend the work be undertaken as soon as the state of the

finances permits; should that not be this year then a special appropriation be asked for it in next year's Budget

Railing Along Yangking Pong - Mr. Minishead's tender for the erection of iron railings along the north bank of this creek, being the most advantageous was accepted. In regard to the progress of the work the Municipal Engineer reports as follows - "nearly 600 feet of railing has been fixed to the Yangking Pong Bridge."

Roads of the Settlements - In regard to these the Engineer's late Reports say "the bricking of the Fokkian Road has been completed, the putting down of Granite chips and sand is deferred until the silt has been laid - various repairs have been made as became necessary."

Rounding off Street Corners - The N.E. corner of the Danvers and the S.W. corner of the Ranking Roads at their junctions with the Bechem Road have, with the kind sanction of Mr. Ashton and Mr. Danbury been rounded off.

Note - In regard to Mr. Danbury's sanction, see his letter to <sup>Mr. Ashton</sup> <sub>5-25</sub> stating "that the wall was half finished before we were aware of its having been commenced" and the Chairman of the Public Works Committee's note thereon, stating that Mr. Danbury had given his verbal sanction to the Committee the day before the work was begun

Width of Roads - Your Committee in furtherance of a conclusion recently arrived at by your note for future guidance that "forty feet shall be the minimum width unless when otherwise ordered, of all roads made on and after this date" by the Municipal Council of the Foreign Community of Shanghai

Extension of Roads in accordance with pp 5-6 of the Budget are being proceeded with.

Where question of compensation is likely to arise Your Committee have arranged with Mr.

J. P. Brisett for the appraisement of the property required by the Public.

New Lines of Road in Dongkew. Your Committee have had an interview with Mr. Stambury in regard to certain lines of road proposed by him to be made in Dongkew.

Mr. Stambury proposes to give up ground to form certain roads as per plan, if the Council will surrender to him the road called the Hongkew Road.

Your Committee have <sup>considered</sup> carefully the proposition and inspected the localities, and recommend it to you favorable consideration.

The Hongkew road being on the same ground (Mr. Stambury's) as the proposed new line of roads, your Committee conceive there is no difficulty in the way of giving it back to the owner. The new roads will be at once marked out and officially handed over for public use.

The Public Garden Paths have been raked free from coarse chips, well watered and rolled.

} Members of  
Public  
Works  
Committee

Council Room

15. Arnam Road

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> July 1870.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Cameron and

Resolved.

That the Report of the Public Works Committee be approved.

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Seconded.

Report of Engineer on the Works in Progress

Minutes  
731 dated 29<sup>th</sup> July was read and contents noted  
Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 342 ante)  
Harris's subjects were discussed, correspondence  
laid on the table, considered and referred to  
the different Committees and it was  
Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn  
Geo. David Draywell  
Chairman  
Hester J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room  
15<sup>th</sup> Arman Road  
No 505. Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> August 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
your attendance at a General meeting of  
the Council which will be held on Monday  
the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of August instant at 9 o'clock  
in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at  
the Public office in the Arman Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman  
and Report from Committees viz:—

Summary of Business.

Summons calling meeting to be read  
minutes to be signed

Defence Committee - Olyphant's Rifles

Letter to Consuls re Protection

Letter to Hongkong.

Reserve Guard

Letter - Glover Dow & Co

Election of officers - S. H. Artillery

Cash State

iss upon Hong Kong land plan

Appropriations

Engineers Progress Report

Watering Well Road.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions,  
Orders and other proceedings with reference

Finance

Works.

Watch

thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1870.

W. Rennie  
Wm. Mcduff

Geo. David Dignell  
S. H. Seehie  
W. Stubbay  
John G. Purdon  
Dunthie

J. Probst  
Marrison

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
the General Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1870

W. Rennie  
Wm. Mcduff

Geo. David Dignell  
S. H. Seehie

J. Probst

John G. Purdon  
Dunthie

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
the General Meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1870.

W. Rennie  
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Geo. David Dignell

J. Probst

W. Stubbay  
John G. Purdon  
S. H. Seehie  
Marrison  
Dunthie



at the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room, 15-Donnan Road, Shanghai on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August (1914) A.D. 1914 pursuant to notice.

Present.

J. B. Bennett Esq. Chairman  
 David Rich Esq. Vice Chairman  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 J. Anderson Esq.  
 J. G. Purdon Esq.  
 J. J. S. Belliere Esq.  
 W. Eime Esq.  
 P. Robert Esq.  
 Mr. S. G. S. Day Esq.  
 Mr. J. J. Johnston. Secretary

No 604. Minutes calling the meeting was read

No 605. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed & signed

Expence Committee - Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Reserve

Guard - Mr Purdon said referring to what passed at the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst he had since seen the other members of the Committee appointed to frame out a circular inviting members of the Community who had not joined the Volunteers to form themselves into a body to be called the Reserve Guard or such designation as might hereafter be agreed upon. The members of the committee had decided upon a form (vide in S.C. S.C. 3011 p 37). It was now brought forward for the sanction of the Council - which was unanimously given.

Assistance from vessels of war or other forces -

Letter to members of Consular Body - A draft of a letter proposed to be addressed to the local representatives of the different powers enquiring (in the event of an attack being made or Chinese) what amount and the nature of the assistance the Council may expect to receive towards the protection of lives and

property of Foreign residents, from the vessels of war or other forces happening to be in port - was considered and after some little discussion was referred to the Defence Committee.

Armament - Arms - The survey report (no <sup>22</sup>20), received from the Armourer & Gunner of the "Barrosa" on Russ' Elephant & Co's Rifles was read.

Mr Albert & Bidwell's letter no 714 acknowledging the Council's letter informing them that the Russ' Elephant Rifles they supplied were pronounced unfit for service was read.

The report of the Gunner & Armourer of the "Barrosa" enclosed in Captain Moore's letter no <sup>22</sup>20 was shown to Mr Bidwell by the Secretary and this remark by Mr Anderson that "he could be informed at the same time that the Council scarcely needed a survey to convince them that both the guns & ammunition were worthless" made known to him as the Council's opinion in regard to the transaction.

The Chairman informed the Council that Mr Bidwell had called on him on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. and stated that in defence of the reputation of their firm they would be compelled to institute proceedings in consequence of the Council refusing to accept the arms tendered. The Secretary said he had shown the correspondence passing between the Council and Russ' Elephant & Co and Albert & Bidwell, to Mr Dennis the Council's legal adviser and informed him of the facts of the case. Mr Dennis gave it as his opinion that the Council were perfectly justified in the course they had adopted and so far as he could see no grounds for an action at law lay against them.

Letter to Chamber of Commerce - The Council's letter no 797 to the Chairman of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce giving core to copy of a letter no <sup>22</sup>21 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July addressed to Mr Medhurst, was read and approved by the meeting.

Water

Water Barrows - A petition to Water from Tompkins & others on the subject of the licensing of water barrows was read, it was decided to refer it to the Superintendent of Police to report upon the matter. In regard to the system now in force, after some discussion it was decided to proceed for the current ~~year~~ <sup>quarter</sup> on the present basis. The meeting wished the Police to be notified that the number of sneaking barrows had materially increased of late, and that it was thought desirable that the practice should be prohibited so far as possible.

Finance

Mr. Johnston inquired if the members of the Council knew of any person whose services could be temporarily availed of during the present heavy pressure of business. No name having been suggested it was agreed to advertise for the services of a general clerk.

Accounts. Public Garden Account - The Trustees read a letter to Mr. Forrest (order Accountants letter book 600) calling his attention to a difference of \$5 in the account current rendered to the Comptroller and inquired what action should be taken in the matter. It was decided to deduct the above amount from the appropriation for the present year. Mr. Probst kindly undertaking to look into the accounts and if possible ascertain where the discrepancy existed.

Cash Statement for the week ended 6<sup>th</sup> August was laid on the table. The state showed balances as follows -

In the Banks - \$13,700  
 In Comptroller's hands - - - - - 3,773<sup>15</sup>

Engineers Progress Report to Water dated 5<sup>th</sup> inst was read and contents noted.

Telegraph connecting French & English Police Stations. The French Municipal Council's letter applying for permission to carry their line into

Notes

this settlement was considered, the Council agreeing to comply with the request.

Parapet - Defence Creek - The question of reaping the parapet along the line of the Defence Creek, between the running Road Bridge & the Gung King Pong was discussed very fully and upon the Chairman calling for a division, no member was found to be in favor of reconstructing the parapet.

Roads - Yang tze too - A letter from Mr. H. P. Hennessey relative to the pier of the Yang tze Poo Road from the Broadway towards the River was read - Referred to the Public Works Committee.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 343-44 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was

Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn  
 Geo. Baird, District  
 Secretary Chairman

Council Room  
 15 - Horan Road  
 Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> August 1870

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 - Horan Road Shanghai on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August (mid) and. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dignell Esq. Chairman  
 David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 J. Anderson Esq.  
 J. G. Puxton Esq.  
 J. J. G. Lillicoe Esq.

W. Lane Esq.

F. Robert Esq.

W. S. Gubbay Esq.

Ally J. Johnston - Secretary

No 606. The summons calling the meeting was read

No 607 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Armament - Arms. A letter no  $\frac{22}{729}$  from Messrs. Dwyphant & Co offering a stand of Sander Rifles, was read, also a report no  $\frac{22}{736}$  from the Gunner & Armourer of the "Barrosa" on the quality of the arms tendered. There not being any

accountments with the arms, the Secretary was instructed to confer with the captains of the several companies in regard to the acceptance or otherwise of Messrs. Dwyphant & Co's tender.

Contract with Messrs. Oliver Dow & Sibert & Bidwell.

The Secretary informed the Board that in pursuance of the decision come to at the last meeting he had notified the above firms that the Council decided to cancel the contract of the 5<sup>th</sup> July no  $\frac{22}{410}$  the Contractors not having fulfilled any of the terms of it.

Application to Hongkong for Arms. A letter no  $\frac{22}{706}$  applying to H.E. the Major General Commanding at Hongkong, for a supply of Sander Rifles by purchase or on loan was read to the Board.

Shanghai Horse Artillery. A letter no  $\frac{22}{701}$  reporting the organization of this arm of the Volunteer force was read after which it was moved by W. Selheie seconded by W. Gubbay and

No 608. Resolved

That the election of Messrs. J. W. Scott and A. A. Hayes to the posts of Captain & Lieutenant respectively of the Shanghai Horse Artillery as notified by their letter of 13<sup>th</sup> instant be approved and confirmed.

W. Selheie

Secretary

General Parade - Capt Maclean's report is  $\frac{2c}{764}$  of a general parade of the whole force, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst was read and approved.

Reserve Guard - The circular drawn up by the Committee appointed for that purpose, the Council were informed was now in the course of circulation for signature.

Finance Committee - Appropriations - The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council after which it was moved by Mr Cameron seconded by Mr Probst and

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

<u>Works</u> - Rebuilding entrance to Municipal godown	}	42 <sup>00</sup>
minor repairs &c		
Constructing drain across Bubbling Well Pond to supersede a bridge over	}	120 <sup>00</sup>
to Sams		
<u>Defence Committee</u> - Racket Court Bill		35 <sup>70</sup>
Blank Ammunition	£ 29. 14. 8	
sig boxes		
Provision		

Cash Plate for the week ended 13<sup>th</sup> August was laid on the table. The state showed balances as follows

in the Bank	Rs 12,700
in Comptroller's hands	4,466 "

Land Office - Mr Kingmill who was in attendance raised the question as to the best manner of affixing values to the lots of land in the Hongkew Settlement. The Yang King Pung Settlement had now been filled up, but on account of the large extent of Hongkew occupied as agricultural land it was impossible to do so. He suggested therefore that the Settlement be divided into two parts - East & West the division being the Hongkew Creek.

By commencing the values east & west from this

fixed point it would be possible to the whole in a settled system.

Works.

Bridges. The meeting was informed of the contents of Mr. Baker's letter no  $\frac{11340}{765}$  notifying the shipment for "Albena" of the iron bridge for the Long New Creek.

Report of the Engineer of the works in progress in  $\frac{11340}{765}$  of 12<sup>th</sup> inst was read & contents noted.

Water.

Watering the Bubbling Well Road. This subject came up for discussion it being agreed as a temporary measure that this road be watered.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 354 ante)

various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered & referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved

That the meeting be now adjourn

Geo. Paul Drigwell

Wm. S. ...

Chairman

Register of Attendance of members of Council at General meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September 1870

Geo. Paul Drigwell

W. René  
Wm. ...

J. Probst  
J. ...  
M. ...  
S. G. ...  
D. ...

No 610.

Council Room  
Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> August 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August instant at 3 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the

Woman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and  
Report from Committee. viz:—

Summary of Proceedings.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be signed.

Defence Committee. Rifle Bullets - care of and use of.

Policeman - Race Course

Tenders for Rifles and Guns.

Report on Trial of Indus.

Letter to Mr. Cook.

Capt. Scott's letter

Watch Committee. Japanese wearing swords

Prisoner's constabulary.

Mr. Melhuus's letter

Finance Committee. Fire Commission - meeting of.

Appropriations:

Cash State.

Works Committee. Engineers' Progress Report.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto, as  
the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. Buchanan

To the members of  
the Council.

Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1870

At the General meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
Council Room 15 Woman Road Shanghai on  
Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of August (inst) A.D.  
1870 pursuant to notice.

Present

G. B. Aiywell Esq. Chairman

David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman



J. Anderson Esq.

J. G. Gardner Esq.

S. J. G. Seltice Esq.

W. Berné Esq.

S. Robert Esq.

Wm J. S. Armstrong. Secretary.

No 610 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read

No 611. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Rifle Butts. The Secretary informed the meeting that Capt Maclean had remonstrated against the course adopted the other day by Mr Jenkins firing a large gun at the Range. After consideration it was decided that Mr Jenkins be written to requesting him not in future to fire at the Butts unless he first obtained permission, and that the Volunteer Corps would look to him to make good any damage he carelessly did.

It was further decided that the control - so far as firing went - of the Butts, lay in the hands of the officer in command of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps.

Parades of Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps at Race Course - The officer in command applied for the services of a Policeman on these occasions. Decided to grant it.

Arms for members of Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps - The respective traders in of Messrs? Elephant & Co and Glover Son & Co were laid on the table, the Secretary being instructed to obtain 500 Rifles from Messrs? Glover Son & Co for inspection and trial.

The question of the number of stand of arms that should be obtained having been discussed it was agreed to authorize the Secretary to obtain 500 stand.

The Report of the Officers is D.C. upon the trial of the muskets of the Sellers received from

mess<sup>rs</sup> Glover Dow & Co was read and contents noted  
 Letters to Council's London Agent in regard to  
 obtaining a supply of arms from England - the  
 substance of these were communicated to the meeting,  
 the Secretary being directed to inform the Council's  
 London Agent that the matter the correspondence  
 had reference to may be considered as settled and  
 now called for no action on his part inasmuch  
 as a supply of arms had been obtained on  
 the spot.

Artillery - Captain Scott's letter no  $\frac{D.C.}{789}$  was read,  
 contents noted. Decided to defer action on it  
 until advice had been received from Hongkong  
 in regard to the cost of Guns, Artillery small  
 stores &c &c. In the meantime the Howitzers  
 &c sent for inspection by Mr. Jenkins to be  
 returned to him as they are considered by  
 the Artillery as quite unsuited for their service

Watch Committee - Japanese wearing swords - The Secretary  
 acquainted the meeting with the substance of  
 a communication no  $\frac{watch}{774}$  from Mr. S. Shinagawa  
 begging that Japanese officials might be allowed  
 to wear their sabres within municipal limits.

After consideration it was decided that if  
 the Japanese officials registered themselves  
 at the Police Station permission may be  
 granted them to wear their swords.

Greek Prisoner Constantine - The Secretary in-  
 formed the board that on the authority no  $\frac{watch}{774}$   
 of Mr. Medhurst, B. in Consul and Count Szejan,  
 to the Superintendent of Police, this man had been  
 removed into the general Hospital for treatment,  
 Dr. Anderson certifying that proper convenience  
 could not be afforded in the Police cells.

The Council was asked in a Resolution  
 from the Council to act jointly with some  
 the French Council, as a guard during the time  
 the man is confined.

It was decided to decide to the Council

Finance Committee. Cash State for the week ended 20<sup>th</sup> August was laid on the table. The State showed Balances as follows -

In the Bank To 11,150 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
 In Comptroller's hands " 4,660 <sup>53</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Fine Commission - The Board were informed that a provisional sitting of the Commission had taken place on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. Cheerton on behalf of the Insurance Companies guaranteeing \$5,000 to meet the extra expensary of the department.

Staff - The meeting were informed that Mr. George Day had been engaged as a temporary clerk in the Secretary's office at a monthly rate of Shanghai Sycee \$50<sup>00</sup>.

Notes.

The Engineers Report on works in Progress in works was read and contents noted.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 354 ante) Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Cecil Dismall

Chairman

Wm. G. Dismall  
 Secretary.

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Council Room

15 Hovan Road

Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> August 1870

Sr. Secy.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the Hovan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz -

Summary of Disbursees

Defence Committee - Arming Volunteers

Magazine

Captain Shaw's letters

Letter to Consuls re sale of Arms.

Finance Committee - Cash State

Notes -

Engineers Progress Report.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. D. Johnston

To the members of  
the Council.

Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> August 1870

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Honan Road, Shanghai on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August (first) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dipwell Esq. Chairman

David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman

W. Cameron Esq.

J. Anderson Esq.

J. G. Purdon Esq.

S. J. G. Delicocoe Esq.

W. Rmie Esq.

T. Probst Esq.

M. S. Guthray Esq.

Wm. J. D. Johnston, Secretary.

No 652. The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
Defence Committee - Arming Volunteers - This matter was discussed and it was decided to make the number of Snider Rifles up to five hundred. W. Shaw

firm, in regard to the issue of the Rifles to the various Companies of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps was read and contents noted.

Magazine - A letter by from Capt Maclean was read & referred to the Defence Committee

Armaments - A letter was read from Capt Shaw stating that H. E. the Major General Commanding N. M. Forces in China and Japan was unable to accede to the Council's request for Rifles as per their letter no  $\frac{DC}{578}$  of 11<sup>th</sup> August. Contents noted.

Guns - cost of &c The Secretary informed the meeting that he had not as yet received the list of prices of guns &c he had written to Mr. Perkins at Hong Kong for.

Sale of Arms &c to Chinese - A draft of a letter to be addressed to the various Consuls concerning the sale of arms, ammunition &c to Chinese, was read. Decided to let the matter stand over for the present the Council agreeing that the matter was out of their jurisdiction and it further appeared to them that the Consuls would be unable to prohibit the sale of arms to the Chinese Government so long as peace was maintained with China.

Finance - Cash State for the week ended 27<sup>th</sup> inst was laid on the table. - The State showed balances as follows.

In the Banks	Rs 9,150
In Comproadore's hands -	5,366 <sup>95</sup>

Works - The Engineers Report on works in Progress no 873 dated 26<sup>th</sup> August was read & contents noted.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 354 ante) - Various subjects were discussed, correspondence, laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was -

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. David Dignell  
Chairman

Albert J. Johnston  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1870.

Geo. Baird Diquell

Wm. Keid

J. W. Keid

Wm. Madefor

W. Macleay

J. H. Seelie

J. Probst

James  
Campbell

Council Room

15<sup>th</sup> Donan Road

Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1870

No 613.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of September instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Donan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz -

Summary of Proceedings

Summons to be read -

Defence Committee - Consideration of points to be laid before the State Payers meeting.

Resignation of Capt Brown, Thome & Maclean Ammunition ordered from Home

U. S. Consul General's letter

Mr. Nichol's letter

Capt Dunn's letter

Capt Scott's letter.

Finance - Distribution of balances.

Cash State

Jasoline Matheson & Co's letter

Watch - Licewis - Pulow Home.

Notes  
General.

Inspector of Insurances Report  
Burmah Circular.

Progress Report  
W. Woodwards letter  
Containing Propos for meeting  
W. Lang's letter.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions,  
Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto  
as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

Wm. Johnston

To the Members of  
the Council.

Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 1870

At the General meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
Council Room 15-Donan Road Shanghai on  
Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of September (inst) A.D.  
1870 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dipwell Esq. Chairman

David Prich Esq. Vice Chairman

W. Cameron Esq.

J. Anderson Esq.

J. G. Purdon Esq.

J. G. & Seivie Esq.

H. Bemi Esq.

A. Probst Esq.

Wm. Johnston Secretary

No 613. The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was  
read.

Defence Committee. Points to be laid before the Rate Payers meeting  
Several points in connection with this matter  
were considered and discussed, Defence Committee

undertaking to arrange all preliminary details.

Resignations - The resignations of Messrs. Maclean  
officer commanding Shanghai Municipal Volunteer  
Corps, Froese, Capt Commandant Shanghai Fire  
Brigade and Groome Capt of the 1st Co. of the  
Shanghai Fire Brigade were received after which it was  
moved by Mr. Selbie seconded by Mr. Pardon and  
Resolved.

No 614.

That the resignation of Captains Maclean  
Froese and Groome be accepted and that the  
thanks of the Council be conveyed to each by  
the Secretary for their past services

in proof

Secunder.

Armament. Ammunition - The Secretary informed  
the meeting that he had written to England (no  $\frac{D.C.}{577}$ )  
ordering 40,000 Boxer's Sinder Cartridges to be sent  
out as quickly as possible.

Gunns. Application for. A letter to  $\frac{D.C.}{842}$  from  
Capt Dunn suggesting that the Rangers be  
supplied with one or two small howitzers to  
enable them to act as Field Artillery - was  
read and referred to the Defence Committee

Defence of Settlement. Assistance from vessels  
of war or other forces - A letter to  $\frac{D.C.}{858}$  in answer  
to the Councils to  $\frac{D.C.}{854}$  enquiring what amount and  
the nature of the assistance they might expect  
from United States Ships of war or other forces  
in event of an attack being made on the settle-  
ments - was read and contents noted.

Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps - Artillery

A letter from Capt Scott to  $\frac{D.C.}{845}$  stating that the  
name of the corps under his command had  
been changed from "Shanghai Horse Artillery" to  
"Shanghai Volunteer Artillery". The Council sanctioned  
the change being made.

Home Guard. Mr. Nichol's letter on behalf  
of the Home Guard Committee (no 857) asking



for a list of the members of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps was read - Secretary to reply that list will be sent as soon as possible.

## Finance -

Disposition of balances - The Secretary informed the Council that accounts had been opened with the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Oriental Bank Corporation. The balance in the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris was now under Fr. 50<sup>00</sup>

Cash State for the week ended 30<sup>th</sup> September was laid on the table. The state showed balance as follows

In the Banks Fr. 4,302.05

In Comrades hands " 4,852.72

Dues on merchandise - A letter from Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co in 85-2 was read in which they ask for a remission of dues levied upon cargo which as public carriers they enter at the Custom House for Chinese Shippers and consignees and for an abatement of dues in respect to that portion of their business which is conducted at their "Footing Wharf and Lodgings" and requesting that the subject may be brought to the notice of the Rate Payers meeting to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant.

Secretary to reply that the subject does not appear to the Council one that can well be brought before the forthcoming Rate Payers meeting as it was not *vis-à-vis* (as required by Art. III of the Land Regulations) as one of the items for which the meeting has been convened.

The letter was referred for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

## Watch -

Licenses - Sailors Home. The question was raised of whether liquor should be permitted to be sold at the Sailors Home without a license first obtained from the Council. In regard to this matter the Secretary was instructed to write to the Directors of the Sailors Home requesting them to show cause.

why they should not take out a license  
The Inspector of Nuisances reports that the roads and  
alleys of both settlements have been swept daily (Sun-  
days excepted) and watered when necessary.

Works.

Drainage - Mr. Purdon laid before the meeting a rough  
Memorandum giving extracts from various Reports,  
minutes &c concerning the drainage operations that  
had been undertaken by successive Councils since  
1862 together with a draft report by the Public  
Works Committee in regard to the same. After  
the latter being read, it was moved by Mr.  
seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and

No 615. Resolved.

That the report of the Works Committee  
with the Memorandum regarding drainage read to  
the Council this morning be adopted and together  
with the plans &c referred to, be placed upon the  
table as soon as printed, for public inspection  
for the time required by resolution of Rate Payers  
meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May 1870 and in event of  
no action being taken in the matter during that  
time by the public, the Works Committee to  
proceed with the drainage as provided for in  
the Budget.

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Secunder.

The Engineer's Report on Works in Progress in <sup>Wales</sup> of  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept was read and contents noted.

General

Mr. Woodward's letter no 827 proposing to raise a  
fund for the support of a Volunteer and Public  
Band by means of a monthly Lottery and asking  
if the Council will agree to take charge of the fund  
when raised. Council decided not to have  
any thing to do with the system of Lottery proposed.  
Mind Instrumental Society - In regard to Mrs  
Perrin's application for a subscription the Secretary  
to request him to furnish a statement of his dis-  
bursements.

Advertising. A letter no 832 from Mr. Day was read in which he submits that the "Courier" should receive a share of the Municipal Advertisements

After reconsideration of the decision arrived at on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1879 (vide p 53 ante) the Secretary was instructed to reply that the Council at present see no reason for inserting their notifications in more than one paper and therefore cannot accede to the request.

Register of

Attendance having been signed (vide p 501 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved

That the Council do now adjourn  
Geo. David Russell,  
Chairman

W. H. Johnston  
Secretary.

Council Room

15 Doonan Road

No 606

Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> September 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of September instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Doonan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be signed

Refuge Committee. Account in Brief

Mr. Jones request to reconsider decision as to rejected arms.

Mr. Scotts letter and news from Hong Kong.

Finance -

Ammunition supply &amp;c.

Cash State

Works -

Applications for leave

Watch

Engineers Progress Report

General

Wheelbarrows.

Remsat

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

To the Members  
of the Council

W. J. G. Sullivan  
Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> September 1870

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Arman Road Shanghai on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of September - (1870) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice

Present

G. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman

Daniel Reed Esq. Vice Chairman

W. Cameron Esq.

J. Anderson Esq.

J. G. Purdon Esq.

S. J. G. DeLore Esq.

W. Stern Esq.

F. Probst Esq.

M. S. Gubbay Esq.

Messrs J. J. Sanctions

No 616No 617

The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and the seal of the Municipality impressed.

General

postponement of meeting. It was arranged by the

members of Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. to defer the General meeting from the regular day to Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> instant.

From Remusat. Mr. Diemell said that two gentlemen had called on him during the past week in regard to the Council being the medium of obtaining funds for the continuance of musical performances in the Shanghai Public Garden.

The Secretary observed that the Council decided on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. to ask Mr. Remusat for a statement of Receipts and Disbursements.

This statement was published in the "North China Daily News" of the instant.

After consideration it appeared to the meeting that the season had so far advanced that it was unlikely that Mr. Remusat's performances would be largely attended.

Therefore it would be well to return the subscription list if in possession of the Council at the same time conveying the Council's congratulations upon the success of Mr. Remusat's enterprise.

Deference Committee. Armanent. The Secretary submitted a debit note from Messrs. Glover Dow & Co amounting to \$52.80 and requested the authority of the Council to liquidate it. Payment sanctioned.

Rifles rejected by the Armourer and Gunner of the "Zebr". With reference to the Council's decision of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. the Secretary was now instructed to accept as many of the rejected rifles as may now be certified by the above named persons to be in good condition provided the total number to be purchased does not exceed 500 stand of arms.

Artillery. Capt Scott's letters nos 877 and 878 together with the memorandum in 880 received from Mr. Perkins Military Store keeper at Hongkong giving details of the firearm necessary and the cost thereof of three different descriptions of guns, were brought before the Council. After some discussion the matter was referred to the

consideration of the defence Committee.

Ammunition supply. The contents of Mr. Sadler's letter to 899 was made known to the meeting, the Secretary stating that the package of ammunition accompanying it was taken from a box of cartridges pronounced by the Armourer and Gunner of the "Barroaga" to be unserviceable. The Secretary was instructed to confer with the proper officer in regard to the matter and report at a future meeting.

Mounted Rangers trotting through the streets of the settlements and on the Band. This matter was brought before the meeting, it being agreed that the Secretary would arrange with Mr. Brown to see Captain Dunn privately and request him not, in future to allow his troops to trot through the streets of the settlements.

Finance -

Cash State for the week ended 10<sup>th</sup> instant was laid on the table. The State showed balances as follows.

In the Bank	\$ 2,302.05
In Comrades' hands -	" 57,000.88

Leave of Absence. Applications from Messrs J. J. Adams and J. W. Malcolm for leave of absence had been received in the Secretary - he had also one from Mr. G. D. Duns standing over. With regard to them he would recommend in consideration of Mr. Adams long illness and upon the advice of his (Mr. D's) physician that that gentleman be granted leave at once. As to Messrs Malcolm and Duns applications he hoped they could shortly be accepted, as soon as the affairs of work consequent upon the additional duty thrown on the Secretary by the arrival of the Volunteers, was got up, the Council agreeing to leave the matter in Mr. Johnston's hands to be dealt with as he thinks best.

Works.

The Engineers Report on works in Progress to March 31<sup>st</sup> 874  
at September was read and contents noted.

Watch

Wheelbarrows - The Chairman said in course of conversation the other day with Mr. Medhurst & B. de Consul the subject of the license fee now charged upon barrows was brought up, Mr. Medhurst saying that a meeting between the French Consul General, the Chairman and himself had been fixed for Friday next to which he invited his (the Chairman's) attendance. Mr. Diswell stated he informed Mr. Medhurst that he did not consider he could be present at such a meeting until he had first conferred with his colleagues.

The system pursued with regard to wheelbarrows was fully known to the members, he would now be glad to hear their views in regard to the proposed meeting.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Council's decision of the 8<sup>th</sup> August viz to give the system a trial of three months, be adhered to.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 308 anti) Barrows Subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. David Diswell  
Chairman

Wm. J. ...  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 1879.

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W. Reine  
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Edm. Anderson  
W. Am. row

Council Room

15 Dorset Road

Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 1880.

S. P. ...

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Dorset Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee of Management & Expenses.

Minutes calling meeting to be read.  
Minutes of last meeting to be signed.

Defence Committee. Report Chairman, continuance of his services

Supply of Blank ammunition from Hongkong.  
Orders issued by the Adjutant General during the past week.

Subscription List

Ball ammunition - supply returned.

Engineers Progress Report

Cash State

Appropriations

And to adopt such Resolutions, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. G. ...

Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Council Room

Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> September 1880.

At the General Meeting of the Council

Works.  
Finance.



Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Simon Road Shanghai on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September (inst) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Sijwell Esq. Chairman  
 David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 J. Anderson Esq.  
 J. G. Purdon Esq.  
 S. J. G. Selkirk Esq.  
 W. Pinné Esq.  
 F. Probst Esq.  
 Abner J. Johnston Secretary.

NB 618

The summons calling the meeting was read.

NB 619

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Drill Instructor. The Secretary said he had had a conversation with Capt Brewer Adjutant General of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps in regard to Serjt Chapman. Capt Brewer was of opinion that, as the instruction in musketry was about to be commenced, it was desirable to retain the services of Sergeant Chapman for another three months.

Armament. Ammunition - Blank Powder Cartridges

The Secretary informed the Council that about 5,700 rounds of Blank Cartridge now remained in store, that it appeared to the Adjutant General desirable that the force ought to fire at least one a month, if not twice, that the present supply would only last at most for three occasions.

After consideration it was decided that the military authorities at Hongkong be applied to for a further supply of 10,000 rounds of Blank Cartridge.

General Orders. The General Orders issued by the Adjutant General for the past week.

viz 9. 10. 11 & 12 were read and approved by the meeting.

Artillery. The Secretary informed the meeting that in pursuance of the views expressed on his circular no. of the inst he had applied to H. E. the Major General Commanding at Hong Kong for 2. 12 pr Howitzers and filaments as per detailed list no 885. I. C. Book p 80.

Smiler Ball Cartridge. The Secretary informed the meeting that upon the recommendation of a Board of Officers no he had purchased for the use of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps 16,000 (sixteen thousand) rounds of Smiler Ball Cartridge.

Defence of Settlement. Some points in regard to this subject, the Secretary was instructed to confer with the Engineer upon.

Works.

The Engineer's Report on Works in Progress no 913 dated 16. inst was read and contents noted

Finance

Appropriations. The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council after which it was moved by Mr. Probst seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 620.

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

	Rs.	P.
Works. Bridges repairs to Hanking Road	50	
Bunding. Cha. Poo Road	30	
Drainage. Cao Poo's Fuhkian Road	200	
Roads. Butting Wall near to backintoshing raising of	25	
Genl. Establishment. Mr. Progers account for tiffin at Rate Payers meeting		93 <sup>37</sup>
Defence Committee. Gratuity to Gunner and Armourer of "Zebra" sig inover		50.
Preceder.		

Cash State for the week ended 17<sup>th</sup> instant was

laid on the table - The State showed balances as follows  
 In the Bank 35 1.022-08  
 In Comptroller's hands 6.010-06.

It also.

Bye Law XXXVI. The Council's attention was drawn to this Bye Law and after some discussion it was agreed that the Police should notify the owners or drivers of carriages outside the Shanghai Club between the hours of 6 and 8 pm that the vehicles should be provided with lamps as required by regulation.

General.

A discussion ensued in regard to the desirability of calling a meeting of State Payees - the Council adjourning without coming to any decision in the matter.

Register of Attendance

having been signed (vide p 377 anti) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table and it was resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn  
 Geo. Cecil Drywell  
 Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance

of members of Council at the General meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1870

W. Demie  
 J. H. S. Sallicoe  
 Geo. Cecil Drywell  
 David Reid  
 J. Probst  
 J. W. Moore

Council Room  
 15 Hoan Road

Shanghai 24<sup>th</sup> September 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the

26<sup>th</sup> Day of September instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Donan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Defence Committee - Report

Lane Crawford & Co - trucking guns

Extra Rifles - Glover Smith & Co.

Orders issued by the Adjutant General during the week.

Spare appliances for Rifles

Progress Report

Damage indmt.

Cash State

Appropriations

Proceedings of last Sitting of Fire Commission

License plates on Carrows.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

A. B. D. [Signature]

To the Members  
of the Council.

Secretary

Council Room.

Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> September 1870

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Donan Road Shanghai on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of September (inst.) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice

Present:

A. B. D. [Signature] Esq. Chairman

David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman

J. Probst Esq.

J. G. Landon Esq.  
 W. Reine Esq.  
 J. G. DeLacoe Esq.  
 Mrs J. Johnston. Secretary.

No 621 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read

No 622 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - A Report from the Defence Committee was received read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes

No 623. Report of the Defence Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to place before you a résumé of proceedings since their last report.

Armament. The armament of the Infantry Companies has been changed, the Enfield Rifles having been replaced by Sniders

Every Snider Rifle has been carefully examined and passed by experts before being purchased.

The Enfield Rifles so obligingly lent to your Committee by Messrs Glover Dow & Co have been cleaned, repacked &c and now await the convenience of that firm to remove them from the Municipal Armory

The Cavalry have sent to Calcutta for swords. The Artillery continue to use the Breaching field guns courteously lent by Mr Feig.

An indent has been made on the Dwyker Military Ammunition for 2. 12/2 Sniders' complete for field service.

Ammunition - A sufficient supply of sound, good Snider Ball ammunition is on hand

Arrangements have been effected for a periodical supply.

Members of the Volunteer Corps can purchase ball cartridge for private practice from the Municipal Stores.

Ball ammunition has been loaned out, under special conditions, to each member of the ~~Volunteer Corps~~

Blank Cartridge has been obtained and is issued as required. A further quantity may shortly be expected from Hong Kong.

The Artillery have an ample supply of all necessary munitions to meet any sudden call.

Estimate - A carefully considered estimate of the cost of the maintenance of the Sheng Kien Municipal Volunteer Corps, embracing all probable items of expenditure to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1871 is appended (for estimate will be £20,000 ) - It will be seen that the amount required for the support of the Corps is £13,200 - one half of which sum may be counted on as a permanent asset of the Municipality, should it be deemed expedient at some future time to dispose of the advance purchased for the protection of the Foreign Community at a critical moment when they were thrown on their own resources.

Home Guard - The Committee of the Home Guard have called on your Committee to supply them with a nominal return of the numbers enrolled in the various Corps "so as to be enabled to canvass the Settlements for recruits to the Home Guard" So soon as the necessary information is received by your Committee it will be handed to the Home Guard Committee

The Strength of the various Corps is as follows.

Artillery	
Rangers	46
Rifles in 1 Company	73
" " 2 " "	21
" " 3 " "	71
Sub. Ar. Long	77
No 2 Strength	67

Drill Instructor. Your Committee have applied to H. E. Major General Whitefield, Commanding H. M. Forces to be allowed to retain - for a further period of three months the services of Sergeant Chapman as drill Instructor to the Infantry Companies.

Executive Duties. - Your Committee viewing the necessity that existed for the military duties of the Corps being placed under one head, recommended the establishment of the Office of Adjutant General to which post the Chairman of the Council has appointed Captain Brewer.

Firing off guns in the Harbour. - Your Committee have been in communication with the Harbour Master and have solicited his co-operation in enforcing the existing rule in the Harbour Regulations which prohibits merchant vessels firing off guns, rockets &c while within the limits of the port.

Defences. Earth works or by other means. This subject stands over for the further consideration of your Committee as also the question of providing a permanent magazine.

The Variations in Companies since your Committee's last report have been as follows.

Resignation of Capt Maclean as Commanding Officer of the Volunteers - of Capt Stone, Captain Commandant of the Shanghai Fire Brigade - of Capt Crook of command of the 1st - 2nd - Long Company - Capt Fraser and Lieut McMillan of 1st Fire Company on its being disbanded.

These resignations your Committee have accepted with regret and take this opportunity of tendering to the above gentlemen the thanks of the Council for the valuable services they have rendered the Community while holding the respective offices they have just vacated.

Capt Price has been elected Captain of the Irish-  
 Co. Long Co vice Groom and Mr. McHenry Lieut.  
 enant-vice Price promoted.

The Rifle Butts, so soon as the cocks are off  
 the ground will require to be repaired &c &c

In Conclusion your Committee have  
 great pleasure in calling attention to the  
 creditable appearance the Volunteers present  
 at their weekly parades on the Race course.

The greatest credit is due to the officers  
 and men for the very satisfactory progress  
 they have made towards the desired efficiency

Members of  
 the  
 Defence  
 Committee

Council Room

15 Donan Road

Phanaglin 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1870.

It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by  
 Mr. Delaney and

Resolved

That the Report of the Defence Com-  
 mittee be approved

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Armament - Guns - A letter from  
 Messrs Lane Crawford & Co. tendering guns  
 &c to the Council was read. Secretary to  
 reply that negotiations were now pending for  
 a supply of guns &c

Extra Rifles - A letter was read from  
 Messrs Glover Dow & Co stating that 34 of the  
 Snider Rifles refused by the Council had  
 been repaired and passed by the Gunner  
 of H. M. S. "Zebrü" - The Secretary in



his reply (see ) accepted them subject to examination and trial.

The General Orders (no 138/14) issued by the Adjutant General during the week were read and approved by the meeting.

Spare Appliances for Rifles. The Secretary stated that an estimate had been prepared by Mr. Creagh Gummer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, of requirement for 500 stand of Indian Rifles (no 22) which he now laid before the Council with the suggestion that he be authorized to order them from England. Authority granted.

Works.

The Engineers Report on Works in Progress no 929 of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst was read and contents noted. Drainage Inland. The following draft Report from the Public Works Committee was received, & ordered to be inserted in the minutes (For Report vide no works no. 2.8 p )

Finance.

Cash State for the week ended 24<sup>th</sup> instant was laid on the table. It showed balances as follows.

In the Banks Rs 2,629-99

In Contractors' hands " 6,150-04

Appropriations. The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council after which it was moved by Mr. Selwee seconded by Mr. Probst and

No 625 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

D.C. Mr. Hanlon Refreshments 58-50

F.D. Jardine Matheson & Co's office 2082-24

D.C. Cost of Beer for Barracks men 20-00

By Mr. Selwee

Seconded

Fire Commission. A Resume (as F.D.) of the proceedings of last meeting of the Fire Commission was read and approved.

Watch. Wheelbarrows. License plates on barrows. This matter was considered - It was decided that plates be fastened on to the barrows in a conspicuous position.

Leave - Mr. Johnston stated that having been unwell for some time past, he was desirous, with the Council's sanction, of taking leave of absence for 2 or 3 weeks. Granted.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 387 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Paul Dixwell  
Chairman

✓ Mr. Johnston  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1870.

Wm. McElroy  
W. Hemic

Geo. Paul Dixwell

~~D. M. Reid~~

~~M. M. M. M. M.~~

M. J. G. G. G.

J. Probal

J. H. H. H. H.

John A. B. B. B.

No 626

Council Room

15 Donan Road

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> October 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October instant at 9 o'clock in the

Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Anson Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Defence Committee - Forage allowance to Mr Brewer.

Policeman - Rifle Bullets

Capt Dunn's report on Revolvers

Subscription list

Defence Parapet - Defence casks.

Finance

Cash State

Appropriations

Works.

Progress Report

Photographs

Watch.

Committee's Report.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

To the Members  
of the Council.

Secretary

Council Room  
Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1890

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Anson Road Shanghai on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October (inst) A.D. 1890 pursuant to notice

Present:

G. B. Dipwell by Chairman

David Reid by Vice Chairman

W. Cameron by

J. Anderson by

J. G. Purdon by

S. J. G. Selkirk by

M. B. B. B.

P. B. B. B.

M. S. G. B. B.

J. Mathias Lloyd - Offg Secretary.

AP 626 The Summons calling the meeting was read

AP 627 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed

Defence Committee - Capt Brewer. The Council were informed by the Offg Secretary that Capt Brewer had asked whether they would have any objection to provide forage for the pony which he rode at Parades. Decided both to furnish forage and to buy a pony (price \$300) for Capt Brewer as a slight recognition of his valuable services in the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps.

Policeman - Keeper of Rifle Butts. On the request of Capt Brewer it was decided to take the keeper of the Rifle Butts, who hitherto has had an independent position, into the Police Force so that he may be under the orders of the Supt of Police. His pay \$5.10 per month to remain as at present.

Capt Dunn's Report on Revolvers. The officiating Secretary not having received the report from Capt Dunn the matter was ordered to stand over to next meeting.

Subscription Lists on behalf of the families of the 2 boys accidentally shot at the Rifle Butts.

These lists - 2 in number viz one for \$107 from Rifle Brigade and Sub-ho-boys, the second for \$108 from general subscriptions, were handed to the Council as having been received from Capt Brewer, but the Council declined to recognize them officially being of opinion the subject was not one with which, as councillors, they could interfere and the Acting Secretary was accordingly instructed to forward the lists to the Captains of Companies in order that they might circulate them.

Defence Parapet by Defence Creek. After a long discussion on the matter of raising a Defence Wall along the bank of the Defence Creek the off Secretary was instructed to obtain from the Engineer estimates of -

1<sup>st</sup> For digging out the Defence Creek so as to render it navigable and

1<sup>st</sup> Forming with the mud so obtained a wall along the bank of the Creek of such height and thickness as he may consider necessary for the proper protection of a line of men fighting under its cover

2<sup>nd</sup> Filling up with mud so obtained the shallow pools of water on the Race Course.

Sand bags. Mr. Bine having produced some specimens of bags which he thought well adapted for defence purposes when filled with sand it was decided that the Defence Committee should obtain the number they considered requisite and the Officiating Secretary was instructed to inform the Engineer that the Council desired that the Parade ground adjoining the Central Police Station be covered with 3 feet depth of sand or to place the same quantity of sand in such manner that it will not interfere with the Volunteers continuing their exercises and will at the same time be instantly available for filling sand bags.

Finance

The Cash State for the 1<sup>st</sup> October was handed round for inspection. It showed a balance of General account of - - - - - \$17,727.56.

viz In Contractors hands \$8,097.57  
 in Banks - - - - - 4,029.98  
17,727.56

Balance of Deposit accounts 13,433.45  
 Total \$ 31,161.01

No 628 Appropriations. The following appropriations were passed on the proposal of Mr. Gubbay seconded by Mr. Jellicoe

D.C. Ball ammunition (100,000 rounds) \$ 2,000

D.C. Experiment Pouches (405)

\$279.

Mr. Sumner

Mr. Sanders.

The proposed appropriations for \$10 for removal of mud on Race Course was ordered to stand over till inquiries had been made as to whom the ground on which the mud stands belongs.

Works

The Progress Report of 31<sup>st</sup> Sept from the Engineer was read and passed.

Photographs of the Council. Mr. Pardon Chairman of the Works Committee stated that he expected to leave China by the next mail and would like to take with him a souvenir of the Council.

The best he could think of was a likeness of them and if they did not object he would suggest that on early day be fixed on for the photograph to be taken. Agreed that on Wednesday morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant the Council should meet at Mr. Sanders to be photographed.

Fire Department. Mr. Pardon stated that at the fire which occurred on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant in Deptment of he had noticed several instances where Chinese were roughly seized upon and made to work at the Engines and many of these natives were not coolies but respectable men. He objected very strongly to this mode of supplying labor for the Engines and he would therefore propose.

No 629.

That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be informed that the Council strongly object to the impressment of natives at fires for the purpose of working the Engines, and request that he gives orders that it be discontinued. A notice to the effect that all coolies who offer their services and are accepted will be paid at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ would in the opinion of the Council provide sufficient numbers and they recommend some such plan be inaugurated.

This was seconded by Mr. Arnie and passed and the Off. Staeling was directed to send a copy

Watch.No 630.

to the Acting Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department and ask him to submit some plan to the Council by which voluntary labor at fires might be obtained and paid for.

The following report from the Watch Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Report of the Watch Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to submit a report of their proceedings.

Beggars. A scheme for affording relief during the coming cold season to worthy objects of charity is being prepared and will be shortly laid before you.

Chinese Living Stables. In regard to these Mr. Heale reports as follows. "The Chinese Living Stables have fallen off in number and those still carrying on business have fewer animals for hire than formerly. There is not much improvement in the style of animal used but those kept are in a little better condition."

Dogs. Now that the cold weather has set in, your Committee have instructed the Police to refrain from capturing unmuzzled dogs found straying about the Settlements.

Foreigners unemployed. The number of these is as reported by the Police in (order to Watch in 28th p.)

Licenses. Your Committee have held a Licensing meeting. The issue of licenses to Foreign Taverns, Houses of Entertainment, natives vending foreign wines spirits &c. Sam-pans (foreign and native) Theatres (foreign & native) are now being made for the current quarter.

Market Branch. Mr. Heale reports as follows on the condition of the Markets. "Slaughter Houses, Cattle sheds &c. I have to report that the markets have been abundantly supplied with articles of consumption both for Foreign and native use."

Meat of good quality has always been obtainable although a good deal of lean, poor meat has been offered for sale. in Hongkew market, particularly, much of this low class meat is disposed of, fully three fourths of the meat seized this month has been from one shop in that locality. The seizures during the month amounted to 1,550 lbs. Fish has been in fair supply but confined to few varieties. Vegetables have been plentiful of the sorts usual at this season. Game was permitted to be sold on 25<sup>th</sup> inst being the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> Chinese month and since then the supply although small seems to have been sufficient to meet the demand. many of the pheasants brought in have been very young and far too small for foreign use - previous to the 25<sup>th</sup> game was occasionally sold at some of the shops in Smith's market and when discovered was confiscated. in all 22 head, chiefly pheasants were seized.

The cattle sheds and Slaughter houses are visited daily. no instances of disease have come to my notice, the cattle arriving from the country being healthy and generally in prime condition, the exceptions being those that are brought from the immediate neighbourhood which are mostly old worn out, working cattle.

The boiling down places have been busy, owing, doubtless, to the number of these old worn out cattle that have been brought in and the cheap rate at which they can be purchased. In one of the slaughter houses seeing the carcass of a large and very fat dog which had been properly cleaned and dressed in foreign fashion and not in the style usual with meat intended for Chinese use I seized it and sent it into the central Station.

The establishment of a public abattoir where cattle would be killed under supervision is much needed and would not only prevent a great deal of inferior meat coming into the market but



would save much of the cruelty at present practiced on cattle before being slaughtered - in the building now used in Hong Kong for slaughtering I saw a beast receive eleven blows with a sledge hammer before it was thought to be sufficiently stunned for the knife to be used, every blow being greeted with shouts of laughter from the numerous bystanders.

The working stock have all been healthy and are in good working order and condition.

The Rolling stock especially the water carts will require considerable repairs and additions before next spring, many of the water carts being very old and patched up to last this season. As soon as the carts are not likely to be again required they shall be thoroughly overhauled and a report made on what is required for next season.

Since the commencement of the 6<sup>th</sup> moon the slaughtering of animals eastward of the Hopek Road has not been permitted.

Nuisance Branch. The Inspector of Nuisances with respect to the working of his branch reports as follows.

"During the past month the roads and villages of the Foreign Settlements have been swept daily (Sunday excepted) and the roads have been watered when necessary."

Animals to be carried by carriages between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Your Committee have again called the attention of the Community to Art. XXXI of the Bye Law attached to the Land Regulations of 1876. It is to be regretted that some members of the Community will not conform to this rule. In the interests of public safety your Committee see no course left open to them but to rigorously enforce the above Bye Law after the 1<sup>st</sup> November next.

Sanitary Department: Medical Branch. Considerable and satisfactory progress has been

made with various sanitary matters. Open stagnant pools of water, also pools under native occupied houses have been filled up - Now that the cold weather is setting in active measures will be commenced to abate nuisances, totally which during the warm weather could only be temporarily dealt with.

Vaccination Dispensary - Dr Henderson reports in regard to this as follows - "A suitable place having been opened in the Bazaar Dr Jameson's co-operation in carrying out the objects of the Institution has been secured. The working will be in accordance with the scheme submitted to the Council in June last."

"The fact that the Dispensary was opened on the 19<sup>th</sup> of ~~August~~ <sup>September</sup> had been duly advertised by posters and through the Chinese newspapers."

Mr Dingeldt through the Sepoys of the various districts has been actively engaged in representing to the natives residing within the Municipal limits the benefits which the Dispensary offers to confer, and he reports that all seem very willing to avail themselves of them.

The continuance of hot weather has hitherto prevented applicants from presenting themselves as the Chinese have a well founded objection against submitting their children to inoculation until the commencement of the cool season. This objection applies equally to vaccination and is hardly matter for regret as vaccination is attended with much uncertainty during the summer months.

It would obviously be injudicious to impose the measure at the present moment when failure would be probable.

Council Room  
Singapore

} Members of  
} Watch  
} Committee

Gas Cans. Mr. Sinden and Mr. Cameron stated that the cans in the Broadway ought to be created at once and the latter informed the Council that the manager of the Gas Works had reported to him that these cans had been lying in a godown for the last 3 months and storage rent was being charged on them. The officiating Secretary stated that the matter was in the hands of the Superintendent of Police who had to mark out on a plan of Dingy Row where he wished the cans to be placed, and the Secy Secretary was directed to see Mr. Penfold on this matter (The Superintendent happening to enter the Board Room after the meeting but before all the members had left Mr. Cameron addressed him on the subject)

Register of Attendance

having been signed (vid p 388 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was Resolved.

That the Council do now adjourn

Geo Paul Dupwell  
Chairman

Secy Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1870

Mr. Rennie  
Wm. McDuffin

Geo. Paul Dupwell  
J. H. Jackson  
J. W. Brown  
Maurice  
W. G. Gubbay  
Samuel Reid

Council Room  
15 Honan Road

N 531.

Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> October 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of October - instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Honan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz  
Summan of Business

Works Committee. Progress Report

Digging out Defence Cretch

Watch Committee. Gas lamps & Anglers

Fire Department - Wilson & Todd's letter

Fire Commission Minutes

Defence Committee. Price of 12 pt. Howitzers from Hongkong.

Sergt Chapman's engagement

Smiler Rifles - Glover Down & Co.

Defence wall.

Covering drill ground with sand.

Mounts. Race Course.

Finance Committee. Cash State

Interest

Appropriations.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Off Secretary.

To the  
Members of  
the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> October 1890

At the General meeting of the Council for  
the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held  
at the Council Room 15 Horan Road  
Shanghai on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of  
October (inst) a.d. 1890 pursuant to notice  
Present.

G. B. Sigwell Esq Chairman  
David Reid Esq Vice Chairman  
W. Cameron Esq  
J. Anderson Esq  
J. G. Purdon Esq  
D. J. G. Selhore Esq  
W. Rime Esq  
H. S. Gubbay Esq.  
J. Matthias-Lloyd. off Secretary.

N<sup>o</sup> 631  
N<sup>o</sup> 632

Works.

The summons calling the meeting was read  
The minutes of the last meeting were con-  
firmed and signed.

The Progress Report of 7<sup>th</sup> October from the  
Engineer was read and passed.

Digging out Defence Creek. The Engineer's report  
on & estimate for digging out this creek so  
as to render it navigable, and throwing up  
a wall of defence, dated 6<sup>th</sup> October was, after  
much discussion referred to the Works Committee  
Soochow Creek Bridge. Mr. Purdon stated that  
from information he had collected he believed  
that the Soochow Creek Bridge Charter was not  
a valid one and he thought the Council should take  
steps to have the question finally settled. He  
would therefore propose as follows and being  
seconded by Mr. Selhore it was

N<sup>o</sup> 633

Resolved.

That the Council address the  
Councils through their Chairman requesting

to be informed whether the Charter under which the Sloochee Creek Bridge Company claim the monopoly of building bridges across the Sloochee Creek is a valid charter. That if on investigation the Councils decide it is valid the Council request that steps may be taken by the Councils to prevent a renewal of the Charter at the expiration of its present term.

Sig. Inver.

Secunder.

On the suggestion of Mr. Reid the Offg Secretary was desired to submit the Resolution before it was forwarded to the Councils, to Mr. Rennie the Councils legal adviser, to have it put into legal form -

Mr. Gubbay stated that he was certain there could be no doubt about the validity of the Charter, for his firm had obtained the best legal advice in England in the matter in connection with some documents relating to the Bridge which had passed through the hands of his firm - He however had no objection whatever to the Council taking what steps they might deem right for the purpose of having this much vexed question settled.

The Offg Secretary informed the Council that he had forwarded on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant to Mr. Inrad the Managers of the Gas Company, a plan of Hong Kow with the positions marked for the lamps in the Broadway.

Fare Department - A letter from Messrs. Wilson and Todd dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1870 enclosing plan & specification for Floating Engine was ordered to stand over to the next meeting.

Minutes of Fare Commission Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> instant was ordered to stand over as above.

Defence Committee - The Offg Secretary stated that from a letter received from Mr. Parker the Military Supt of Stores at Hong Kong he found that the 2-12 ft. Howitzers complete (as ordered on the

15<sup>th</sup> September) might be shortly expected with the exception of a Travelling carriage which Mr. Pickett was having made and which would probably take another 3 weeks to complete. Mr. Pickett in his detailed list of prices had omitted to include the Limber of the Ammunition Wagon which would cost £37.5.0 + 10% about \$150 (at 5/10) more for each gun.

The Offg. Secretary stated that he had received a letter (dated 29<sup>th</sup> Sept) from the Brigade Major at Hong Kong stating in reply to question in Council's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> Sept that H. E. the Major General Commanding agreed to the Council retaining Seryt Chapman for a further period of 3 months as Drill Instructor to the Volunteers - it being understood that he would have to return to Hong Kong immediately should his regiment be moved out of the Command.

Order Rifles - Messrs Glover and Co's application in letter of 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1880 for \$245<sup>00</sup> charge for use of 497 Rifles at \$<sup>00</sup> each was laid before the Council. After much discussion it was concluded to fall back on the terms of agreement made with Messrs Glover and Co at the time they sent the Council the Rifles and to throw out the claim.

Sale of Order Rifles to Volunteers } To stand over till  
Removing Records from Successors } next meeting.  
 Mr. Pickett stated that the Council were about to lose by the departure of Mr. Pickett in the steamer leaving on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, the services of a gentleman who by his untiring zeal and high abilities had afforded them the greatest assistance in their labors and who by his courtesy and kindness of disposition had won their respect and esteem and he proposed that the Council whilst thanking Mr. Pickett for all that he had done should express the

great regret they felt at his departure - carried unanimously -

The Offg. Secretary was desired to record the above resolution in the Minutes of the meeting

Finance -

The Cash State for the week ending 31<sup>st</sup> October was handed round for inspection -

It showed a Balance of - - - - - \$737.44<sup>63</sup>  
 viz Cash Bal: Impoundee \$10.37<sup>49</sup>  
 Bank - 13.629<sup>92</sup>  
 24.008<sup>41</sup>  
 Deposits Bank - 13.435<sup>25</sup>  
 \$737.44<sup>63</sup>

No 134 Appropriations - The following appropriations proposed by Mr. DeLancey seconded by Mr. Pindar were approved.

	\$	¢
Mr Donaldson for Tyrolise Auto	80	00
Justice Matthews No 8 & 2. Truck	22	84
Glover Ins No. 25 Sanders with	3	18
accountants at No 12 ca - \$300		
3 Infelix Rifle, damaged	15	
Native Constable - killed	300	
By Order		
Secretary		

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 397 ante) persons subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn.  
 Geo. Basil Dwyer,  
 Chairman

Offg. Secretary.



Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
General Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1890

Geo. David Dixwell  
 J. A. Kellie  
 W. Keme  
 Wm Madson  
 W. Millon  
 J. Robt

No 635

Council Room  
 15 Domain Road  
 Dunedin 15<sup>th</sup> October 1890

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October instant at 2 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Domain Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee etc.

Business of the Day

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be signed

Notes.

Progress Report

Seabrook Creek Bridge Charter

Francis letter relative to Road

Admiral - Police Range and Arsenals

Gravels - Race course

Sanitary -

Discharge of Gorge road drains

Stone Bonding Gully King King Creek

Dances Room.

Watch.

Chinese Sewer Improvements

Old? Associate letter

Police Plan

Fire Department - Fire-fighting Section

Fire Commission Minutes.

Defence Committee

Fire Bell - Telegraphic alarm  
 Sale of Binder Papers to Volunteers  
 Covering drill ground on the sand.  
 Home Guard  
 Returning Pelje's guns - trucks  
 Receipt of 5 Armstrongs by Blakely  
 Parapet Defence Creek.  
 Misc - empty powder  
 A.P.O.

Finance

Cash State  
 Appropriations  
 And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
 and other proceedings into Reference thereto as  
 the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant

To the Members  
 of the Council.

Wm Secretary

Council Room  
 Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> October 1890

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the  
 Council Room 15 Huanan Road Shanghai on  
 Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October (inst.) 1890  
 pursuant to notice

Present.

G. B. Dymell Esq. Chairman  
 J. J. G. Sellicoe Esq.  
 W. Rennie Esq.  
 John Anderson Esq.  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 J. Probst Esq.

Matthias Lloyd. Operating Secretary.

No 535

No 536

The summons calling the meeting was read  
 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed

Works.

and signed.

The Engineers Progress Report on Works for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> October was read and passed. Proposed Road from Spectimen to Heungai Road North end. A letter from Mr. Francis dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 1890 relative to this proposed road through part of his property was laid before the meeting when Mr. Johnston stated that the Council of 1868 promised on Mr. Francis' representations to widen this road. The owners of the houses necessary to be removed petitioned the District Court Magistrate to prevent their houses being interfered with. His Council enquired what action the Council proposed taking on the petition, the Council replied that they were willing to award reasonable compensation for the houses removed. Mr. Forest and Chen met on the ground without consulting the Council in the matter of compensation, and arrived at the conclusion that \$5000 is thereabouts ought to be paid to the owner of the property.

This award was so manifestly in excess of the real value of the property that the Council (of 1868) let the matter stand over for their successor to deal with, who in framing the Budget for the current year, included the widening of the above road as a necessary work. The open question now is the amount of compensation fairly due to the owners of the property for that portion of it taken for public use. The matter has been put in Mr. Bissetts hands - he promises to appraise the property.

Wattle Range and Wattle Range. The officiating Secretary produced a letter from Mr. Kinner (Capt & Adjutant of Engineers to the Volunteer Force) asking to have the Wattle Range widened & made into an uniform width of 12 feet and for gravel to be placed at the firing stations and the range to be made complete.

He also reported on the suitability of the Store Room in the Central Police Station as an armory estimating the cost of converting it into one including arm Racks, at from \$175 to 200

decided to put the Rifle Range into order and to convert the Store Room into an armory to hold our stand of arms.

Grounds Race Course. The Officiating Secretary stated that the Acting Engineer had accompanied Capt Brewer on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant to the Race Course to see what leveling was required to form the Parade ground and he was now obtaining estimates for the work required. It would appear that Captain Brewer wished to make about one fourth of the Race Course into a Parade ground on the side where the Base Ball ground is made and the expense would be heavy.

Lechurn & Joseph Road Sewers. Decided that a Resolution be prepared for the General Meeting to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant by which the Council may empower the Works Committee to proceed with these drains. The Offg Secretary pointed out that the 14 clear days allowed for the drainage drains and plans to be laid on the table for public inspection would expire on the evening of this day the 17<sup>th</sup> inst and that we yet we had not looked at the plans & scheme.

Stone Bunding - Yang Tsing Yang Creek. The Council were informed that the time for the receipt of tenders for this work would expire at noon this day 17<sup>th</sup> inst when all tenders would be submitted to the Works Committee.

Harness Room. The arrival of the Police Van necessitating the removal of part of the existing harness which had been kept in the house built for the carriage, and the existing harness room being too small to contain all the Council harness, it was decided that a new harness room be built

at the east end of the carriage shed, in the stable yard of the Council House, the cost to be from \$25 to \$30.

General.

Provisional Council Bridge Contract. The draft of a proposed resolution on this subject which had been drawn up by Mr. Gordon at the last meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, which the City had been asked to forward to Mr. Gordon, the Council's legal adviser, for the purpose of obtaining his advice thereon, having been approved by that gentleman was submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously. Mr. Gordon being the proposer and Mr. Bond's seconded. The City Clerk was instructed to write a letter, copying it, to the Chairman of the Council Bridge -

Hotels.  
Fire Commission

Approved fire labels forwarded. The City Clerk stated that he had received 200 fireproof labels from the Fire Commission with a request that the Council would allow them to be stamped with their stamp. The labels were to be worn by any member of those fields which had subscribed to the F.D. who might have occasion to be present at fires and the impress of the Municipal seal would serve as a pass to the wearers with the Police and would also prevent additional costs being made and worn without the knowledge of the Fire Department & Police - Decided to have them stamped.

Fire Commission Minutes. The City Secretary read the following extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Fire Commission held on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant.

Water Supply. Mr. Inome called attention to the great want of a proper supply of water at fires, illustrating the fire which occurred in the Exchange Street on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant when an hour and a half elapsed before water could be obtained. He was under the impression that if the defence cocks were turned into a reservoir and pipes from it laid down to the ground with fire plugs at intervals as required, sufficient pressure would exist to supply the

Engines from the pier by means of tugs and in this matter he was in communication with the Municipal Engineer. After a prolonged discussion as to the best means of obtaining a good supply of water at pier it was resolved in Mr. Cheverton's suggestion that the Chief Engineer should get a report from a competent Engineer as to the feasibility of turning the "Deluge" into a floating Engine, together with an estimate of the cost. Mr. Dignell was of opinion that tanks judiciously placed and filled by water from the defence dock by means of an Engine would prove extremely useful and the matter was ordered to be brought up again at the next General Meeting when it would be further discussed.

Floating Engine. A letter from Messrs. Wilson and Dal dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct accompanied by specification & plan of a floating Engine, was laid before the Council who agreed after discussion that they were not at present in a position to purchase an Engine of such description and the Offg. Secretary was ordered to return the documents to Messrs. Wilson & Dal with the thanks of the Council.

Fire Bell. Telegraphic alarm. The Chairman stated that Mr. B. B. B. Chief Engineer of the Municipal Fire Department had been speaking to him of the insufficiency of the present method of giving alarm in case of fire, the bell which was only being scarcely audible at even a short distance. Mr. B. B. B. it appeared wished to erect a tower over one of the Church doorward gates to a height of some 70 feet which he (the Chairman) thought would be about 20 feet higher than was necessary. As the Chairman saw in favor of the telegraphic alarm (by which could be put up in different parts of the Corporation for £5,000) proposed by Mr. B. B. B.

Mr. Blatten had promised a report on the system of alarms by the next general meeting.

The United States Consulate letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 1880 enclosing copy of despatch from Santiago relative to persons shooting on the Race Course at night time was ordered to be filed, an acknowledgement of its receipt having already been made to the U.S. Consul General.

Police Van. The Council <sup>were</sup> informed of the arrival of this van and inspected it. Mr. Johnston stated he would request Mr. Steele to report on the Van sent and see in what it differed from the article ordered.

#### Defence Committee - Sale of Smoker Rifles to Volunteers -

Applications having been made by some of the Volunteers to be allowed to buy the Smokers in their possession, it was decided that they might do so, the Council filling up with new Rifles the pieces left vacant in the Armory thus keeping up the strength to 500 stand.

It was also decided that the Captains of Companies should hold inspections of arms quarterly and verify them as to number and condition.

Covering Drill Ground with Sand. The Engineers estimate for covering the drill ground with 3 feet of sand at a cost of £5,787 was laid before the meeting when it was decided that the Defence Committee should determine the quantity actually required for defence purposes, in case of attack, and submit the estimate to the War Meeting.

Mr. Probat stated that he was greatly opposed to sand as the bags containing it would easily be broken by shot and the sand would run out whereas if mud were used shot would have but little effect.

Home Guard. The O.P.G. Secretary stated that he had furnished Mr. Enchie Chairman of the Home Guard Committee with a list

Volunteers on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant.

Mr. Selge's guns - These guns which Mr. Selge had sent to the Council having been sold by that gentleman the City Secretary was directed to give them up when required and in returning them to convey to Mr. Selge the thanks of the Council for his courtesy in giving them the use of the Albert & Bidwells' guns. The Council were informed that Messrs Albert & Bidwell had sent the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery 5 12 pt. Armstrong guns and 1. 12 pt. Blakely gun with small stores, shot & shell &c and that these were not in the Council's godowns.

Parapet Defence Creek. Mr. Johnston having pointed out to the Council that men fighting behind the wall which they were contemplating erecting along the bank of the Defence Creek, would be open to a flank fire from the City walls, the Council decided that no parapet should be erected.

Simple Powder. A letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 1870 from Mr. Dees offering some simple powder, large and fine grain, for sale to be used for blank cartridges, at \$2 per 25 lbs having been laid before the Council they agreed not to buy, at the same time they desired that sufficient to meet current demands of large grain should be obtained from the Army Store authorities.

Financial

Local Post Office. Copy of a proposed agreement between the French Consulate and the Local Post Office relative to the receipt and forwarding of letters for the 6 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1871 at a subscription of \$500 per annum - was laid before the Council and approved, it being in accordance with the existing rules of the Local Post Office.

Cash State. The Cash State for the week ending 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 1870 was read round the meeting for inspection - It showed a total



Balance of - - - - - £ 37,116.<sup>30</sup>  
 viz. With Comptroller - £ 7,052.86  
 " Bank 16,129.99  
 Balance of Cash a/c 23,182.85  
 In Bank - Deposit - 13,935.23  
£ 37,116.<sup>30</sup>

Balances in Banks

Comptroller & Comptroller de Paris 55.53  
 Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation 18,227.91  
 Oriental Bank Corporation 11,800.00  
£ 30,063.<sup>44</sup>

№ 635

Appropriations. - It was proposed by Mr. Jellicoe  
 decided by Mr. Cameron and  
 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following  
 sums be sanctioned

E. P. Brown, Gutters & down pipes (to be sold to persons requiring them)	} No 679-60
E. C. F. Ball, on leaving Police force from gratuity fund	
Given Dow & Co. 9 Orders complete with accretments	} 108-00
Armory in Central Station	
Harness Room	} No 25 to 30-00
viz horse & Sconder.	

Interest. The Off. Secretary informed the Council  
 that the following rates of interest were allowed  
 by the two Banks in which the Council had placed  
 its funds - viz

	on current a/c	on deposit account <small>12 months duration</small>	per cent
Hongkong & Shanghai Bk.	2	5	per cent
Oriental Bank	nil	5	nil

The Oriental Bank thus not allowing any  
 interest on money except when placed in their  
 hands, for 12 months certain and then only giving  
 the same rate as the Hongkong Bank allowed for

deposits for 6 months - The Council decided that the balance in the Oriental Bank should be transferred to the Amoy & Shanghai Bank and that a deposit should be made for 6 months of such a sum as it was considered would not be required for current expenses.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 403 and) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Basil Diswell  
Chairman

Wm. Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1890

MALCOLM

W. H. H. H.

J. H. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

Council Room  
15-Donnan Road

Abingdon 25<sup>th</sup> October 1870

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Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of October instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Donnan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read  
Minutes to be signed.

Defence Committee. to discuss letter

Admission of power for Artillery

Finance. Cash State

Appropriations

Watch. Fire Commission Minutes

Levin Tax

Numerous arrests recently

Works Report of Works Committee

Progress Report

And to add to such Report, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. ...

Secretary

To

The ...

Council Room  
Shanghai 24<sup>th</sup> October 1850

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Arnan Road, Shanghai, on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of October (inst) a.d. 1850 pursuant to notice

Present.

W. Cameron Esq. - Chairman  
W. Brink Esq.  
S. J. G. Jellicoe Esq.  
J. Anderson Esq.  
Alex J. Johnston. Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Brink an  
N<sup>o</sup> 639 Resolved.

That Mr. Cameron do take the Chair at  
this meeting.

See above  
S. Brink.

N<sup>o</sup> 638 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read  
N<sup>o</sup> 640. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed  
and signed.

Defence Committee. nominal Roll of members of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps. The Council's attention was drawn to that part of Mr. Michie's letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ultimo suggesting that the names of the volunteers should be published in the local news papers. After consideration it was decided that a list be prepared and suspended in the Council Room open to public inspection and the Community be notified of the same.

Artillery - Pouch. The Council were informed that Capt Scott had made an application as follows -  
a. If the Council would take over 4 pouches purchase by the members of the corps at a cost of \$115 - and reimburse the Corps that amount.

b. whether the Council would permanently keep the four pieces for the Battery and

c. if the Council would not keep the four pieces if they would keep two of them.

After some discussion it was agreed to let this matter stand over until a statement of the expenses of the Corps made up to date and the probable cost of its maintenance for the remainder of the fiscal year, was prepared and considered by the Council.

Arms, Ammunition &c. A letter to  $\frac{D.C.}{1823}$  from the Asst. Controller at Hong Kong was read stating that the Major General Commanding had sanctioned the issue of the various articles applied for in the Council's letters of 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Ultimo excepting the Blank Cartridge. In regard to obtaining a supply of this description of ammunition a letter to  $\frac{D.C.}{1842}$  was read, from Capt. Brewer.

After consideration it was decided that 50,000 (fifty thousand) rounds be ordered from England forthwith.

A letter to  $\frac{D.C.}{1840}$  was read, from Messrs. Sibert and Bidwell enquiring the reason of the Council refusing to accept certain cartridges offered by them in July last.

The Secretary explained that the cartridges referred to had been surveyed by the Armourer and Gunner of the "Barrosa" who pronounced them to be "bad, the Cartridges being inferior in their construction, the powder of indifferent quality and unfit for service". These were the

grounds of refusal to take the ammunition, given in the Council's letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> August to Messrs. Sibert & Bidwell & Giver, Dow & Co. Agreed to refer Messrs. Sibert & Bidwell to the communication previously addressed to them by the Council.

Field Rifles. The Secretary informed the meeting that the 500 stand of arms (less 3 damaged) and portion of the accoutrements

had been returned to Messrs Glover, Dow & Co.  
Finance - Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Cameron,  
seconded by Mr. Rennie and

18641 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following  
sums be sanctioned

Water Bonds - replacement of wall. Bower,	}	£20.00
Hambury's compound		
A.C. Blank Ammunition (Infantry)		500.00
F.C. Bell Tower - provided £2000 be	}	1000.00
raised in addition		
sig tower		
- Secunder.		

Bank Account. The meeting were informed that the  
account kept with the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris  
had been closed up to the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept and the then  
balance to the Council's credit transferred into  
the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Account with the Oriental Bank Corpor-  
ation had also been closed, the credit balance  
being lodged in the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking  
Corporation. £15,000 had been placed as a  
deposit a/c for 6 months with the latter Bank.

Stores. Police Van. In regard to the Van Mr. Keele  
reports as follows - "I took the Van out this  
morning (23<sup>rd</sup> Oct) & saws & Waverly drove it with ease  
- I went as far as the Grand Stand, turned there  
down the maloo, turned into the Roman road as far  
as the Poochoo Creek following that to the Heangsi  
road, turned the corner by the gorge down Heangsi  
road turning into Pehin road by Mr. Tate's, past  
the Caol into Gurn - ming - Gurn road, back of the  
Consulate & then down the Bund to Hankin road  
& back to Kungpoo - there is no difficulty in  
driving the Van through any of the main roads  
of the Settlement and I think any of the corners  
may be negotiated with safety - the thing is far

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"hardier than I expected and after some 8 "waverly"  
have been a few times together they will do the work  
"kindly enough."

Watch Committee - Fire Commission. The minutes of the  
sitting of the Commission held on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.  
were read and passed. The following  
points arising out of these were considered.

1. The opening in the Council's office of proper  
accounts of the plant of the Department  
(agreed to)
2. Construction of a Skew to float the Deluge Engine  
on (agreed to)
3. The construction of a Bell Tower to perfect the  
system of Fire Alarm. agreed to
4. Impresment of Chinese at fires. The  
Council wished it to be generally made known  
among natives that they would be paid for any  
services they rendered at fires
5. Construction of a new truck house - this  
matter was referred to the Public Works Committee  
for their views
6. Construction of Firewell in Hongkew (agreed to)

Leikin Tax. The Secretary informed the meeting  
that the Chinese authorities had revised the scale  
of Leikin Tax, increasing it by about one-third.

That a copy of the amended tariff had been  
placed in the hands of Mr. Ammecke the Consul  
for the German Confederation who was taking up  
the question of the right of the Chinese to levy  
Leikin tax at all on Foreign goods. Mr. Deane  
referred to a recent case which occurred to himself

After consideration it was agreed that as  
much information as possible be obtained in  
regard to this tax & that it be embodied in  
a draft memo by the Secretary to be circulated  
among the Council.

Arrests in the Foreign Settlements of natives by  
the Chinese Authorities. The recent number

A arrests induced the Secretary to bring the matter to the notice of the Council. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that a letter be drafted out to the address of the Foreign Consul's embassy the Council's views on this subject.

Wheelbarrows. Mr. Johnston read a letter he had addressed to the Secretary of the French Municipal Council in regard to a reason given by barrowmen for not being in possession of license plates "that this Council's plates were torn off by the French Police whenever they saw wheelbarrows with them on".

Public Works Committee. A draft report from this Committee was brought up for consideration, some points referred to in it were discussed, the meeting finally deciding to let it stand over until the following meeting when more members would be present.

Engineer Progress Report of 21<sup>st</sup> met was read and contents noted.

Bunding - Yang King Pang. In consequence of Sim-kees ( ) refusing to complete the contract in accordance with his tender, it was decided by the Public Works Committee to procure new tenders to construct a line of stone bunding from where the present stone bunding ends in a westerly direction to the Shantung Road Bridge. The most favorable tender appeared to the Committee to be Loong Shing which they recommended the Council to accept. In this connection it was

Moved & Resolved

That the tender of Loong Shing ( ) for the Yang King Pang Stone Bunding be accepted.

sig mover

" Seconder.

Register of attendance having been signed (with his 5 minutes talk), various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered.



and referred to the notice of the different Committees  
and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Bant Digwell

Chairman

Wm J. Submation  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General  
Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1870

Geo. Bant Digwell

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W. Gubbay

Wm Melapin

Mr. Reme

W. Cameron

J. G. L. L. L.

Council Room

15 Arnan Road

No 643-

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> November 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council  
which will be held on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
November instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon,  
in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the  
Arnan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman  
and Report from Committees viz

Business of Business.

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be signed

Defence Committee - Capt Dennis's letter asking for extra amount  
for Rangers.

Report of working expenses of the Artillery asked for  
at last meeting.

Capt Maclean's & Andrew's reply to Sir J. G. L. L. L.

Bidwell's statement in regard to Ammunition.  
Prize for Rifle Shooting.

Finance

Appropriations  
Cash State  
Consolidation of Rolling Stock.

Watch Committee. Letter from French Municipal Council in  
regard to Wheelbarrows.

W.M.s Committee. Report of Committee referred from last meeting.  
Engineers Progress Report.

General

The Church Trustees wish to see the Council  
in regard to the Bell Tower.

Dr. Anderson wishes to see the Council in  
regard to some sanitary matters.

Change of day of meeting.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and  
other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council  
may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Alex. J. Selkirk

Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Council Room

Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1870.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
15 Homan Road Shanghai, on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November (inst) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice

Present.

G. B. Bidwell Esq. Chairman

D. Reid Esq. Vice Chairman

M. S. Guthray Esq.

J. Anderson Esq.

H. Cameron Esq.

S. J. G. Selkirk Esq.

W. Deneby.

Alfred J. Johnston. Secretary.

No 643 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

No 644 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Armament. A letter in D.C. from Capt. Deneby was read, it asked for an addition to the grant voted by the Council in D.C. it also notified the arrival of some swords from Calcutta. After consideration it was agreed to increase the appropriation up to the sum of \$1000. The Secretary being instructed when conveying this decision to Capt. Deneby to inform him of the Council's inability during the current fiscal year to make further supplementary grants.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps. <sup>Artillery</sup> The Secretary in pursuance of the wish expressed at the last meeting of the Council now submitted a memorandum in D.C. of the expenses of the maintenance of this <sup>Corps</sup> made up as follows -

a. cost of what Council propose to appropriate for purchase of 2-12 pr. Howitzers

b. what I am lead to believe the members of the Artillery would like

c. the expense of the maintenance of the Corps - between July last & March next under basis of deducting the purchase of guns &c - in short the last 6 months

d. the cost for one year on basis of of the Corps.

I found that to afford the precise information required I was compelled to adopt the above classification. In the last clause d. of

my memorandum I take the bare figures.

In connection with this statement a memorandum in D.C. prepared - by request of the Secretary, in regard to the permanent armament of the Corps was brought forward. The Council agreed to

await the arrival from Hong Kong of the armament orders therefrom before deciding finally upon the various points raised as above.

Ammunition. Major J. D. Bell & Butwell's letter is read - It had been referred to Capt. Maclean & Sidner who stated in reply that "they never had a number of these cartridges submitted to them for trial nor did they give any report."

Prize in Rifle Shooting - The question of giving a cup to be shot for by members of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps was discussed, it being agreed to give one.

Finance - Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Egan seconded by Mr. Cameron and

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Works - Repairs to Rifle Butts	75.	
Compensation - Gangtze Post Road		10
Pontons - repairs to	380.	
Trucks - Irons	775.	
Cham Fong Road	155.	
J.C. Rangers armament - extra		272
Rifle Prize Cup	100.	
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Secunder		

Cash State for the week ended 29<sup>th</sup> October was laid on the table. It showed balances as follows

In Bank                      £ 19,166.43  
In Comrades' hands.      6070.34

Print & Printing Stock. The Secretary said that the question of consolidating the Council's Printing Stock, brought forward at a meeting in May last, had been gone into, he now submitted a scheme for stock in placing the Council's stock entirely under Mr. Neale's management by which Mr. Johnston estimated

a saving of about £2000 annually could be effected

In this connection and after some discussion & consideration it was moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. DeLacoe and

Resolved

That consolidation of the working stock as proposed in the Secretary's Memo of the 28<sup>th</sup> October be made and the new system put into effect at once  
sig. in over

Rescinded.

Dues on Merchandise. Mr. Reid said that it had been represented to him that some irregularity existed in rendering the accounts of Dues on Merchandise - the instance he particularly referred to was that goods arriving by the "Leith" steamer in July last were not charged for in the accounts for that month.

Mr. Cameron said a similar representation had been made to him. The Secretary said he would enquire into the circumstances of the case & inform the Council at the next meeting of the result.

Watch Committee. Threebarrows. A letter is <sup>Watch</sup> <sub>105-9</sub> from the French Municipal Council was read and considered the meeting instructing the Secretary to reply (vide letter to F. Severance is <sup>Watch</sup> <sub>747</sub> in L. Bk p. 128)

Seizure of Game. A letter from Mr. Lavers is <sup>Watch</sup> was read. After consideration it was agreed to obtain Mr. Dennis's opinion on the matter to which Mr. Lavers referred before finally replying to it.

Works Committee. The report of the Works Committee referred from the previous meeting was again brought up for consideration

At 6.27

Report of the Public Works Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to subjoin a report of proceedings

Drainage. In fulfilment of a resolution passed at the meeting of Rates Payers held on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

most, your Committee examined into the system of drainage and embodied their views in regard thereto in a report read at your meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo which together with a report from Mr. Oliver your Engineer, a schedule repair by him of the main sewers, an estimate of the cost to complete the present system of drainage, a memorandum in regard to drainage operations from 1862 to August 1870 and all necessary plans in connection therewith, &c. were submitted for the information and inspection of State Papers, in a period of 14 clear days.

No objections within the stipulated time were raised to retrospective works or to prospective undertakings. Indeed it is not without some degree of surprise your Committee learn that not one member of the Community availed of the information &c. collated on this very important subject, at very considerable labor, and at a time when there was an undue pressure of business galling on the Council. Your Committee propose with your sanction to forthwith invite tenders for the completion of such drainage operations, as funds have been provided for by the State Papers.

Note. The Secretary stated that Mr. Duff called on him on the 20<sup>th</sup> October and requested certain information in regard to the Drainage Memorandum. Mr. Johnston would now read the note he made immediately after their conversation. "Mr. Duff called at my office today, he asked for information in regard to the system of drainage, I offered to afford him that information of a general character I could - at the same time expressing my inability to discuss points purely of a technical character which an Engineer could alone do. I placed the drainage Memorandum and plans before Mr. Duff. Mr. Duff examined two of the latter."

Mr. Clark of the Engineer's Office happening to call at my office I requested him to afford Mr.

Drugg information upon any points in regard to drainage he might enquire about. Mr. Drugg asked Mr. Clark with respect to the system of drainage - east to west, the levels taken, and in regard to a general datum line - in the English Settlement, also as to subsidiary drains. Mr. Clark saying he would endeavour to find a plan showing levels - east to west taken some years ago. Mr. Drugg wished me to express to the Council, his dissatisfaction at what had been done, also at the absence of the Engineer at a time when his presence was most needed to afford information in regard to drainage upon which such large sums had been expended and would be expended, and a matter of such vital importance in a sanitary point of view to the Community.

I reminded Mr. Drugg that the terms of the Rate Payers resolution of the 13<sup>th</sup> May last had been fulfilled in all respects.

He said he could not agree to this "as the only man who could give an explanation left Shanghai before the stipulated period by the Council's notice had expired."

Mr. Drugg retiring expressed to me his thanks for the information afforded him and requested me to make known the substance of this conversation to the full Council meeting.

Also the following received since from Mr. Drugg  
My dear Wilmot,

I am obliged for your note - but regret to learn that there is no explanation obtainable on one of the most important points in the system of drainage. The plans I saw at your office were not, to my mind, at all a satisfactory exposition of the drainage scheme - and when it is considered that this is in reality the question - (both from a sanitary & financial point of view) above all others that should demand the care & attention of the Community, I must express

the greatest disappointment at the paucity of information given -

I have not taken any steps to call a meeting of Rate Payers for the consideration of the subject as I consider such a course undesirable and I think it may be enough to urge the Council to suspend further expenditure on drains until they are convinced of the completeness of their Engineer's scheme. It is possible there is this complete scheme, although it has not been forthcoming at my request.

Yours truly

21<sup>st</sup> Oct/70.

(sd) E. J. Hogg.

I beg you to lay my views before the Council

(sd) E. J. H.

The Charn Fay drain month, a piece of brick drain in the western part of the Foschou Road, the culvert in the Yang tze So Road, and the connection drain in the Fuhkien Road have been completed.

A box drain is being laid in the Boone Road. The side channels in the Fuhkien Road progress satisfactorily. Under cesspools drain month have been constructed repaired cleaned &c as required. Open trenches have been dug and ponds filled up.

Bridges. The various iron bridges ordered from England, your Committee have been advised, have been put in hand. The bridge for the Hong Kien Creek has been shipped by the "Albuera" and may be expected to arrive here during the early part of December.

The Hankin Road Bridge has been re-crooked paved. Brick drains have superseded some of the smaller bridges on the Butling Well Road. The system, where practicable of replacing failing bridges by new drains has been found to answer admirably -

The Bridges on the Singah Road have been repaired as needed.

Buildings. The Municipal buildings have been repaired as required



Binding. Yang-King-Ping - Your Committee have just concluded the terms of a contract for continuing the stone binding as far nearly as the Shantung Road to supersede the present defective wooden binding.

A small piece of binding is being constructed at the Soochow Creek end of the Chapiro Road.

The rest piece of binding extending from the Little Astor Dam to near Donald's Gate has been completed.

The Cemeteries are in good order.

Caissons in the Shantung and Kingpo roads have been completed, that proposed to be placed at the junction of the Shantung & Seward Roads will be proceeded with immediately. Open wells in the western portion of the Shanghai Settlement have been constructed.

Jetty's - The Tsiping and Chaow-Fong Jetty's in Army Lane have been constructed. Repairs have been effected to all landing places as needed. Dairies & Animals. Plans have been prepared by Mr. Oliver and conditional permission obtained from land owners for the erection of Dairies and Animals.

Lighting. Extra lights are being put up in the Broadway.

Railings - Yang-King-Ping - The railings have been completed and painted. The erection of a further piece of railing eastward of the Arman Road Bridge awaits the construction of the new stone binding.

Roads - Necessary repairs to the various roads as needed have been effected. The Yang-tze-Poo road is nearly completed and the busby turn close to the creek is being formed. Some wooden railing as a means of protection has been fixed at a rather awkward bend on this road.

The Bubbling Well Road is being raised between West's mill &

bungalows -  
repaired.

The Siccawei Road has been repaired. The two last roads have been measured and milestones are being placed in them.

The filling in & levelling of the Borne Road progress satisfactorily.

kerbs are being formed in the Fokhim and western part of the Canton Road.

Street Corner - Your Committee have received a letter from Messrs Bower Hamburg & Co the attorney of Messrs Sykes & Schwabe, owners of the King Ping property, annulling the permission granted to the Council by the first named firm, to round off the street corner at the junction of the Kamien & Szechuen Roads and requiring the "restoration" of the rightful boundary of the said land and the rebuilding and restoration in a fit and proper manner of the boundary walls thereof.

Your Committee avail of the present opportunity to tender the thanks of the Community to Mr. Hamburg for the temporary use, by the public during the past four months of ground now so urgently required by the owners. Since the rounding off of this corner, your Committee have noted the absence of carriage accidents so frequent formerly.

As it appears to your Committee that all matters affecting the public life & safety lie peculiarly within the Council's province, and as it is impossible that accidents can be avoided, since the replacement of this wall your Committee feel justified in the interests committed to their care to suggest being authorized to acquire for the Municipality the piece of ground about 18 square feet, it had until the other day the use of.

Shang hai Public Garden - The paths &c of the Garden have been metalled, sanded &c &c.

Members

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Members of  
Public  
Works  
Committee.

Council Room  
15- Arman Road  
Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1970.

It was moved by Mr. Gubbay seconded by  
Mr. Anderson and  
No 628 Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works  
Committee be approved.

sig mover

" Seconder.

Engineers Progress Report is  $\frac{22000}{1060}$  was read and  
passed.

General.

At the request of certain members of the Council  
the Chairman agreed to the present meeting,  
which should have been held on the 31<sup>st</sup> not being  
on account of the departure of a mail to Europe  
deferred until today.

It appearing to the  
meeting, in consequence of the mails arriving on Sun-  
days or Mondays by leaving on Tuesdays, desirable  
to alter the day and in this connection it was  
moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 629 Resolved.

That the meetings of the Council be held  
on Wednesdays until further notice.

sig mover

" Seconder.

Fire Commission. A letter to  $\frac{F.C.}{1070}$  from the Trustees of  
Trinity Church was read, Messrs. Michie and  
Krauss on behalf of the Trustees attending the  
Council meeting. Many points in connex-  
ion with the matter were discussed.

Trustees undertaking to see Mr. Hudson and request him to prepare a suitable plan for the erection of a Bell Tower on Trinity Church.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 7 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the notice of the different Committees and it was Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Paul Digwell  
Chairman

Herbert  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1870

Geo. Paul Digwell

J. H. Sellicoe

Daniel Keel

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W. Remé

Council Room

15 Arman Road

No 0000.

Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> November 1870

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of November instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Arman Road.

Summary of Business.

Defence Committee. Proposed conditions attaching to Council's Reg. Adjutant General's orders.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash & State

Collection of taxes from the Council's native employes

Information re dues per "Act".

Water Committee. License fee - Circus

Refuge for Poor

Consideration of system of allowing Chinese to  
levy unauthorized taxes in the Settlements

Public Works Committee. Progress Report from Engineer

Mr. Comrie's letter disputing the Council's right  
as surveyors of highways

Fire Commission - Opinion in regard to Bell Tower.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Walter J. Thomson

To the members  
of the Council.

Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> November 1870

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the  
Council Room 15 Aman Road, Shanghai on  
Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of November instant  
a.d. 1870 pursuant to notice

Present.

G. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman

D. Reid Esq. Vice Chairman

C. J. G. DeLacoe Esq.

W. Cameron Esq.

W. Arné Esq.

Ally J. Johnston, Secretary.

No 650

The summons calling the meeting was  
read

No 651

The minutes of the last meeting were con-  
firmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Proposed conditions attaching to Engs to be given

The Secretary stated that a Memorandum on this subject had been prepared and forwarded to Mr. Anderson but as Mr. Gunterson was not present he suggested that the subject had better stand over for the present.

Volunteers and Fire Engines leaving Settlements upon an alarm of fire outside Municipal Limits being given.

The Secretary read a Memorandum which he had addressed to the Defence Committee on this subject (vide p. 142 D.C.L. Book) since when the Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department had issued the following order.

"From this date no Engine or Truck will be taken beyond the limits of the Foreign Settlements without special orders or permission at the time."

"It is not intended to give a general alarm when the Fire is beyond Foreign Limits but if this is done through ignorance of the exact locality this order will be in force."

Adjutant General Brewer had also given orders that no Volunteers proceed to fires outside the Settlements without express command Committee. A letter in 1096 of 8<sup>th</sup> November from Messrs. Dillit & Bidwell stating that they could not permit the Council to issue the cartridges tendered in terms in accordance with their contract was read.

The Secretary was instructed to refer them to the Council's previous letters to D.C. of 1<sup>st</sup> August and to D.C. of 24<sup>th</sup> October & to request that they will address any further correspondence on this subject to Mr. Bennie the Council's legal adviser.

Arms. Conversion of Enfield Rifles. The Secretary's Memorandum to D.C. on this subject was submitted, the Board authorizing him to send 20 of the Enfield Rifles now in store to England for the 'striking' for conversion into Snipers.

Finance - Cash Statement for the week ended 8<sup>th</sup> November was passed over for inspection. It showed balances as follows -

In Comrades hands	Rs 5,794-63
In Bank	17,066-43

Taxes. Collection of Taxes from the Council's Native Employees. The Secretary informed the meeting that an application had been made to him to ask the Council to remit taxes on houses occupied by Chinese in their employ. After consideration it was decided that such a principle could not be admitted.

Watch.

Licenses. The Secretary drew attention to the rate of License Fee being paid nightly by Mr. Smitler which was \$50. Performances being given nightly the amount appeared large. The License fee for the first ten days had been paid, would the Council make any reduction in future on the present amount. Decided to collect the present rate until appealed against.

Relief for the Poor. Mr. Johnston offered a scheme to <sup>watch</sup> ~~the~~ 4<sup>th</sup> November which he had prepared for the consideration of the Council, in regard to relief of the poor during the approaching cold season -

The scheme was read and considered. The question of the relief of the poor being referred to the Watch Committee to deal with.

Consideration of system of allowing Chinese to pay unauthorised taxes in the Settlements. This matter was discussed the Secretary being instructed to collect as much information as possible in regard to it and to bring the result of his searches before an early meeting of the Council. In connection with this subject the question of the obstructive actions of certain Chinese Officers became a theme of discussion the Secretary receiving instructions to draft a letter for the con-

sideration of the Board.

Sanitary Department - Medical Branch. Dr. Henderson attended the meeting expressing his opinion that drainage works should be proceeded with at once, the weather being most favorable to such. He thought as it was impossible to utilize the present Chinese drains the best plan would be to clean them out and fill them up constructing out of the granite slabs they were formed of a center and side channel. Perhaps before this system was made general it would be well to make a trial for satisfaction sake. The Council concurred in Dr. Henderson's suggestion and referred the details to the Public Works Committee whose sitting Dr. Henderson would be invited to attend.

Inquest at the Mixed Court. Several members of the Council referred to a recent inquest held at the Mixed Court whereat the body of a Chinaman in an advanced stage of decomposition was exhumed on the public thoroughfare and lay there for some time during the afternoon - that an exhibition was resulting in the last night.

The Secretary was instructed to confer with the Superintendent of Police with the view of preventing any occurrence of the kind in future.

Dr. Henderson happening to be present when this discussion was going on, informed the Council that it was the intention of the Medical Practitioners at this Port to memorialize the Consular Body to obtain permission for holding post-mortem examinations upon natives whose deaths might be in any way attributable to

W. W. W.

Engineers Progress Report in Vol. 11 of 11 November was read and passed.

Roads. Shunoi Road. Mr. Conroy's letter in Vol. 10 of 10 1892 was read. As the point would be



involved the question of the Council's powers over  
 thoroughfares, it was decided that the legal  
 advisers' opinion be had in regard to the question  
Shankha Public Garden - Mr. Paul drew  
 attention as to the foreshore line on the north  
 side of the Garden, and suggested that the  
 line be carried out to a point he indicated  
 on the plan of the English Settlement - matter  
 referred to the consideration of the Public Works  
 Committee

Fire Commission - Bell Tower. The Council were informed  
 that this matter remained in the hands of  
 the Church Trustees, no plans, or communication  
 having been received from them since last  
 meeting

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p  
 18 ante) Various subjects were discussed,  
 correspondence laid on the table, consider-  
 ed, & referred to the notice of the different  
 Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Paul Dinsell

Wm. J. Solomonson

Chairman

Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
General Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1870.

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Geo. Paul Dinsell

J. H. Dinsell

D. M. Reid

M. Gubbar

Council Room

15 - Arnan Road

No 552.

Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> November 1870.

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of November instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Doman Road

Summary of Business

Summons calling the meeting to be read  
minutes to be signed.

Defence Committee - Conditions of prize to be sent for  
Value of Cup.

Finance Committee - Appropriations  
Cash State

Explanation re Deceper 'List'

Works Committee - Drainage matters

Engineers Progress Report

Public Roads. Mr. Rennie's Opinion

Mr. Hambury's letter.

Watch Committee - Butt markers

Refuge for the Poor.

Consideration of system of allowing Chinese to pay  
taxes in the Foreign Settlements.

Fire Commission - Bell Tower.

General draft letter etc. doim

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as  
the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. Schramm

Secretary.

To the members  
of the Council

Council Room

Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> November 18

At the general meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai held at

the Council Room 15 Devon Road Ching Hai on  
Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1890  
1890 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dixon Esq. Chairman  
D. Paul Esq. Vice Chairman.  
S. J. G. DeLacoe Esq.  
M. J. Gubbay Esq.  
W. Stone Esq.  
W. Cameron Esq.  
Alec J. Johnston. Secretary.

13.12.90 The Summons calling the meeting was read.

13.12.90 The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed  
and signed.

Delance Committee - Conditions of Prize to be shot for. The  
Min. No.  $\frac{D.C.}{1102}$  on this subject referred to at the  
last meeting having been circulated among and  
approved by the Committee, they communicated  
their views to certain members of the Volunteers  
who waited upon the Chairman and agreed with  
him upon the following.

1. Names of Shooting. The prize to be shot for  
with Snider Rifles that have been issued by the  
Council.
2. Range. The range to be 400, 500 and 600 yards.
3. Competition. Any enrolled Volunteer appearing  
on the Company, Troop, or Battery Muster Rolls on  
the day of the closing of the entries, to be entitled  
to compete.
4. The cup to be won two years in succession by  
the same man before it becomes his absolute property  
but in the event of the successful competitor for  
the Challenge Cup at any one meeting failing to appear  
at the Council will present him with a prize  
in evidence of his having on one occasion been  
a holder of their Challenge Cup.
5. The cup to be shot for will be the same as the

meeting in each year.

3. The cup to be called the "Municipal Challenge Cup"  
 4. The value of the cup to be £100. all other matters  
 to be settled in the Volunteers themselves.

The amount of the value of the cup to be held at the  
 disposal of the Adjutant General or Instructor General  
Arms. Conversion of Enfield Rifles. The Secretary  
 informed the meeting that as arranged at last  
 meeting 20 Enfield Rifles had been sent to England  
 per "Earling" for conversion into Sniders.

Returning loaded Rifles into the Municipal Store.

The Council were informed that a loaded rifle  
 had been returned into store by Mr. W. D. Macomber  
 - it had been carried through the public streets  
 of the Detachment during the absent time of the  
 day. The Secretary stated he had seen the  
 Adjutant General who had promised to speak  
 about the matter at the next parade and cause  
 Volunteers against a repetition of such a  
 proceeding. The Council strongly animad  
 verted on Mr. Macomber's conduct in this matter.

Loan of Rifle. Mr. W. D. Shaw applied through the  
 Captain of his Company - Capt. Macomber is to enquire  
 if he allowed to take his Rifle to Burlington.

Decided that such an application could not be  
 acceded to.

Subscription for the benefit of the families of  
 the sufferers by the accident at the Rifle Butts  
 on the

Mr. Johnson informed  
 the meeting that a sum of \$217 had been collected  
 by paid into the Municipal Bequest. After  
 some discussion, it was decided to re-circulate  
 the subscription list with the view of obtaining  
 further subscriptions.

Finance Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Bond  
 seconded by Mr. Cameron and

Resolved

That the expenditure of the

sums to be sanctioned	%	\$
<u>Water</u> Cemeteries - Sexton per ann.	25	
Roads. brick drain in piece of bridge on Rumbling Well Road	}	00
widening P. pa. doo		
— — King's Road		520
Marker Rifle Butte per month		10
Danger Signalman — —		5
Appropriations to Chinese Hospital to be equally divided	}	100
sig known		
. Sundry.		

Cash State for week ended 15 November was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows

Gov Comptroller's hands	\$ 8,674-65
Gov Bank	19,764-11

Dues on Merchandise - The Secretary in furtherance of what passed at the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant (vide p ante) said he forwarded a further explanation to Mr to Messrs Cameron & Ferris, in regard to the alleged omission of dues on goods consigned to Gilman & Co per Letter. Messrs Gilman & Co had addressed a further communication to Mr which was laid on the table by Mr. Cameron. Mr. Johnston said he would look into this letter and be prepared to meet it at the next meeting of the Council.

Works -

Drainage - It was explained to the Council that Mr. Oliver had had a further consultation with the Public Works Committee in reference to drainage matters. Mr. Oliver explained to the Committee that the system pursued was the utilization of the original system initiated by Mr. Carlisle and improved upon by Messrs Clark & himself. Mr. Oliver further informed the Committee that

general scheme of drainage as advanced by Mr. Clark in 186 (see his report) had been set aside by the Council of that day on account of want of funds.

The Committee requested Mr. Oliver to prepare a general drainage line which he said would be ready for their next meeting.

Engineers Progress Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> inst was read and passed.

Roads. In regard to the wish of the Council expressed at the inst meeting that the legal advisers opinion should be obtained in regard to the Council's powers over the several thoroughfares of the Settlements under their jurisdiction, the Secretary submitted the following question to Mr. Dennis & received the annexed opinion thereon

Mr. Johnston's question

Art VI pp 13, 15 of Land Reg. Ordinance says "that land heretofore surrendered by the various foreign renters to public use such as roads and the beach grounds of the river within the aforesaid limits shall remain henceforth dedicated to the same use"

Mr. Dennis is asked

a. whether all the several squares, streets, places, lanes courts, alleys, quays, bridges terraces and other passages or any part thereof, that have been and are used de facto by the public, patrolled by the Police of the Council and over which the proprietors of the ground have exercised a claimed or special use.

Mr. Dennis's opinion

With regard to the question of "land heretofore surrendered to Public use" it is of course possible that questions (and even very difficult ones) may arise as to what lands have or have not been surrendered to Public use but all that I can advise the Council to do in the meanwhile, is to assume that all the different squares streets &c mentioned in your question have been dedicated to the Public, and to exercise over them (until interfered with) all the powers vested in them by the Bye laws annexed to the Land Regulations & claimed as special use.

of ownership a reservation  
and over which the public  
had a prescriptive right  
prior on the date  
of the new Land Regulations  
becoming law, may be  
considered and taken  
equally as an act of  
surrender as if a note  
recording the former surren-  
der existed, and  
b. Do such thoroughfares  
then come into the category  
of "highways" & "public streets"  
defined by Art 9 S. 1 & 33  
of the Land Regulations.

#### Bounding Off Street corners. The Hung Ping Corner.

The question was discussed whether any reply  
should be made to Mr. Staunbury's letter appearing  
in the "North China Daily News" of

After consideration it was decided that  
no notice be taken of it. But that in  
the event of accident the Council obtain their  
legal advisers' opinion as to the measures, as  
guardians of the public, they should adopt.

Obstructions. In reply to an enquiry made at a  
former meeting the Secretary stated that he had  
ascertained from the local architects that it was  
the custom of the place to permit architectural  
facings to overlie public thoroughfares, provided  
such did not obstruct free traffic. The  
Chairman said that he wished to know if the  
Baluster of the building in the Hung Ping Compound  
exceeded the boundary limits. The Secretary  
said he would enquire from the Engineer if such  
was the case.

Water

Butcher - A statement is not of the

markers was read to the meeting. It was decided to increase his pay as requested.

Regulations for the Hill Range. The Secretary suggested, with the view of preventing further accidents, a code of regulations be drawn up submitted to the Consular Body for approval and copies handed to the Officer commanding when he was arriving at this port. The suggestion

was agreed to, Mr. Johnston being requested to confer with Mr. Redner as to the best code of rules for the object in view.

Beffars. The Secretary suggested that as soon as the Refuge for the Poor be ready the Superintendent of Police be instructed to cause all Beffars found within municipal limits to be sent to the Refuge - agreed to.

In connection with this subject the question of the relief of destitute Foreigners was referred to the Secretary informing the Board that the system of indiscriminate alms giving was objectionable as it tended rather to foster idleness than otherwise, no Foreigner need starve or be homeless as the Police buildings were at all times open to him, he could obtain food there, he could sleep in the cells &c. Mr. Johnston was requested to ask the Editor of the "North China Daily News" to make these facts public.

Municipalities. The Secretary said Messrs. Governor came on him on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst and proposed the following arrangement which on behalf of this Council he had provisionally accepted.

- a. That the French Municipal Council would commence issuing barrows on 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10<sup>th</sup> inst but beginning from the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.
- b. That the French Municipal Council would send the same description of plate as this Council did except that their plate would be marked C. M. while ours was M. C. and that the



the same rate viz 50 (sixty) cash per plate as this Council

C. that the rate of license fee collected by the French Municipal Council would be the same as that charged by this Council viz 200 (two hundred) cash per month.

d. that the French Municipal Council would collect the license fee as we did, monthly

e. that the question of the division of the license fees by both Councils would stand on the basis given in this Council's letter in month of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

General. Bill Tower. The Secretary informed the meeting that he had not received any further communication in regard to this matter since the last meeting. The matter therefore stood over.

General.

Mr. Stone called attention to a rumour he had heard that the Soochow Creek Bridge Company intended to build a foot bridge at the north end of the Soochow Road.

Mr. Gundry replied that he was not aware that such was the intention of the Company until they decided as to the disposition of the material of the present bridge.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p. 23 ante)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do not adjourn

Geo. David Diswell

Prop. Secy

Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1881

Geo. David Diswell

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David Peirce  
Wm. Anderson  
J. P. Rowland

Council Room

15-Donnan Road

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1894

No 655

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November next at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Donnan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes of last meeting to be signed

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Mr. Solomon's

Transshipments.

Works Committee. Drainage matter

Engineer's Progress Report.

Watch Committee. Mr. Dick's letter

Consideration of system of allowing Chinese to carry  
squeezes in the Foreign Settlements.

Mr. Paterson's letter

Beggars. Mr. Penfold's remarks.

Sea & Steamship Shops.

Fire Commission. Bell Tower

Permanent Engineer. Mr. Kelt

And to adopt such Reports.

Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto  
as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. Johnston

To the Members of  
the Council.

Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1870

At the General meeting of the Council for  
the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at  
the Council Room 15 Arnan Road Shanghai  
on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of November 1870  
pursuant to notice

Present

G. S. Dinswell Esq. Chairman

D. Reid Esq. Vice Chairman

W. Cameron Esq.

W. Rennie Esq.

J. J. G. Dehve Esq.

J. Anderson Esq.

J. Probst Esq.

Wm. J. Johnston Secretary

No 5. The summons calling the meeting was read

No 6. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed  
and signed.

Defence Committee - Arms. The Secretary informed the Council that  
the armory was now completed. He suggested that  
those arms at present in the hands of the Volunteers  
should be inspected and those damaged, exchanged  
for serviceable weapons.

Finance Committee. Appropriations. It was moved by Mr.  
seconded by Mr. and

Resolved.

That the expenditure for the following is

		Rs	P
be sanctioned			
<u>Buildings</u> - Stores			75
	Carpenters Shop	25	
<u>Furniture</u> - Extra Keys for		25	
<u>Bridge</u> - Gang-way Road		20	
	See above		
	Secunder.		

No 658 The Cash State for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows  
 In Comrades hands. Rs 6,701-53.  
 In Bunk 21,764-11.

Dues on merchandise - The Secretary handed to Mr. Brier Mr. Malcolm's explanation by Finance in regard to the omission of some 20,000 pieces of juncy shirting from Messrs. Gilman & Co's accounts for goods per Ceitra arriving in July last. The explanation of Mr. Malcolm appeared satisfactory.

A letter by Finance of 17<sup>th</sup> inst was read, from Mr. E. A. Solomons declining to pay Dues on Opium because he resided on the French side. It was explained to the Council that there was reason to believe Mr. Solomons was acting as the servant of one of the large opium importing houses whose Central Establishment was within the jurisdiction of the Council. The Secretary said he had conferred with Mr. Brier on this matter. That gentleman suggested that the Council should try the case. After consideration it was agreed to proceed against Mr. Solomons.

Dues on Transshipments - A Memo from Mr. Malcolm on this subject was read. Before further action the Secretary was requested to ascertain what the amount of transshipment annually amounted to

W.D.W. Drainage - The general datum line referred to at the last meeting of the Council, the Board were informed had been prepared by Mr. Oliver and the drainage

of it in regard to the present system of drainage, with the plans before them, was explained to the Council.

Mr. Johnston stated that Mr. E. J. Pegg had met Mr. Oliver by appointment at the Council Room on the 21<sup>st</sup> instant and after examining the plans prepared, having the system explained to him and being shown the datum line, as well as the information he asked for on points upon which he was doubtful, stated to Messrs. Oliver and Johnston that he was quite satisfied with what had been done that he had no further objection to offer and that he would be prepared to support the present course of action as well as that contemplated in regard to the drainage operations proposed in the Budget. After some discussion on the subject of drainage. It was moved by Mr. Bone seconded by Mr. Schieve and

No 009 Resolved

That in view of the conditions of the resolution passed at the Rate Payers' meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1870 requesting the Council to abstain from proceeding with drainage operations until "full plans and schedules thereof had been completed and exhibited in the Council Room for a period of not less than fourteen days" having been in all respects fulfilled; the Public Works Committee be hereby empowered to proceed with at once such drainage operations as funds have been provided for by the Rate Payers.

sig mover

" Secunder.

Obstructions. The Secretary said that in furtherance of the Chairman's inquiry at the last meeting he had asked Mr. Oliver if the Selasters of the new building in the King's Compound abutting on to the banking Road exceeded the Boundary limit on the south side.

Mr. Oliver had informed Mr. Johnston that they had

msb.

The Engineers Progress Report - by  $\frac{1122}{1123}$  of 18<sup>th</sup> inst was read and passed.

Shamsher Public Garden - Mr. Reid adverted to the works now in progress in bunding out to the abutments for the new Lachow Bridge. He thought it would be desirable to continue out the bunding in a straight line to the proposed "starting point". Mr. Jellicoe replied that the matter should have the attention of the Public Works Committee who would ascertain the cost of the work Mr. Reid proposed.

Water Supply - Some desultory conversation in regard to a supply of water for the English Settlement took place, the subject being referred to the Public Works Committee to confer with the Engineer upon.

Roads. Extension of the Canton Road. It was agreed that Messrs. Dignell, Cameron, Jellicoe and Brind should visit the ground in the afternoon through which it was proposed to carry the extension in a westerly direction.

Daosung (River bank) Road. The Public Works Committee informed the Council that they intended going over this line of road the following day - (Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst)

Watch Committee - Beggars. The Secretary enquired if the Council desired, now that the cold weather was commencing, that the system of deporting beggars to Pootung should be continued. Decided on the 1<sup>st</sup> occasion of finding a beggar in the Settlement to remove him to Suizat Refuge and warned and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> occasion of finding the same man soliciting alms in the Settlement to deport him to Pootung. The Secretary and Superintendent of Police were instructed to confer with the Committee for the relief of the native Poor regarding other details.

Licenses - Native Houses of Entertainment - The question of licensing these establishments was brought before the Board who requested the Secretary to ascertain the

Superintendent of Police to send in a list of the above houses in the Settlements together with the rates of license fees he considered should be levied from them.

Obstructions. Mr. Paterson's letter no <sup>2042</sup> 1119 of 16<sup>th</sup> inst was read - stating that a quantity of debris in front of the new Oriental Bank Premises was being removed by the Council and requesting that the same be replaced at once. The Secretary stated it had been referred to the Inspector of nuisances who reported as follows "none of the mud has been removed from the mud flat between landing and 'Kinkiang Road jetties', but has been levelled down so as to prevent the Settlement of stagnant water during neap tides, which was very offensive".

The Secretary was instructed to reply to this effect.

On beach ground. Mr. DeLieuve thought that the Police should be instructed to prevent boats from remaining on the mud flats in front of the Settlements and also that notice should be given to the owners of all obstructions such as timber - stone, rubbish &c on the ground between high and low water marks, to remove the same forthwith. The Secretary was instructed to act in accordance with above.

Police. The following letter from Mr. Dick, Commissioner of Customs - no <sup>2244</sup> 7126 was read.

Custom House

Shanghai 18<sup>th</sup> November 1890

Sir,

I beg to enclose an extract from a letter from the Harbour Master regarding a misunderstanding which has arisen between the Municipal Police and the Harbour Police.

I shall feel obliged if you will inquire into this case, and if you will also inform me what view the Council takes of the powers of the Municipal Police. It has always been understood hitherto that as regards Chinese subjects

the authority of the Municipal Police ceases at low water mark

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
(signed) J. Dick  
Commissioner of Customs.

So

Alfred J. V. Weston Esquire  
Secretary to the  
Municipal Council,

Enclosure in above.

Harbour Masters office  
Shanghai Nov<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that yesterday morning Acting Sergeant Harris of the River Police being on duty saw some drag-boats picking up some casks of beer lost out of a Chinese boat, capsized a week ago in the Chow-chow water, and in accordance with his instructions went to order the boats to deliver the recovered goods to the Police Hulk for safe keeping until claimed. He found a Sergeant of the Municipal Police who told him that he had been instructed by Mr. Inspector Stimping to take charge of the goods and had already taken one cask to the Police Station and detained the Chuanaman in whose possession it was found. Sergeant Harris after telling him that it was his duty to take the goods to the Police Hulk sent them alongside and came on shore to report the case to Mr. Anderson in charge of the River Police.

During his absence Mr. Stimping boarded the Hulk with a Police Sergeant and some Chinese and told Acting Sergeant Farthing, on duty, that he would take the casks away and that if he or any one of the River Police interfered with him he would lock him up. Sergeant Farthing having no means to



present Mr. Stripling taking them by force was compelled to allow them to be removed to the Municipal Police Station.

True Copy

(signed) Walter G. H. Cable.

Decided to circulate the foregoing for the information of the Watch Committee -

Consideration of system of allowing Chinese to levy unauthorised taxes in the Settlements. The Praetory informed the meeting that it would take some time to collect the information they required on this subject as it could only be obtained on opportunity offered.

Fire Commission - Bell Tower. The Praetory was instructed to thank the Trustees of Trinity Church for their courtesy in offering to lend one of their bells for the purpose of a fire alarm. Further consideration of this matter was referred to the Fire Commission with the recommendation from the Board that the Bell Tower be constructed on Municipal premises X

Mr. Kite. The question of engaging Mr. Kite as a permanent Engineer for the 'Deluge' Steam Engine was brought up and referred to the Fire Commission.

Defence Committee - Subscription for the benefit of the families of the sufferers by the accident at the Raffle Butts. Mr. Thurston informed the Council that the Subscription list, according to their instructions (vide p 26 ante) had again been put in circulation

Watch Committee - Correspondence with Mr. Lavers in regard to the seizure of two pheasants. Messrs Cameron and Reid were of opinion that this matter should now drop; the other members of the Council appearing to take the same view the Secretary stated he would therefore file the correspondence, without making further reply to Mr. Lavers, in the Municipal archives.

Wheelbarrows - Rule of the Road. The Secretary was requested to direct the Superintendent of Police to instruct the members of the Force, to compel horse men to observe as far as possible the rule of the Road.

Sanitary - Market Branch. Poisoned Game. Mr. Keele's special report to <sup>1147</sup> ~~the~~ was read. The Secretary was instructed to forward it to Dr. Anderson (together with the mallard accompanying Mr. Keele's report) and request his opinion as to Mr. Keele's surmise, and on the matter generally.

Register of Attendance having been signed (order p 31-2 and various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees, and it was resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn  
 Geo. Benil D. G. M. C.  
 Chairman

Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1890.

L. J. Dringwell  
L. S. G. Sillcock

Mr. Meunier

J. Probst

W. Morrison

W. Stubbay

D. Reid

Council Room

15- Arman Road

Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> December 1890

No. 1590

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of December inst at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Arman Road

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz:

Summary of Business

Summonses to be sent

Deference Committee - Admitters for "Dial in the Isles"  
Capt Scott S. V. C. leave in absence.

Water - Inner Office - Mr. Dickes letter

Oriental Bank - Devises

Report of Inspector of nuisances for November.

Native Pop. Mr. Danbury's letter and the Superintendent's

Report

Treasurer's subscription.

Works -

Engineers Progress Reports of 25<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Bell Tower.

Gas Burners - Mr. Meads letter

Gen. Sec. Dow & King's Po. Bill

Local Board of Health

Appropriations  
Cash State.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders, and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant.

To the Members of  
the Council.

Off Secretary.

Council Room  
Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> December 1890

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 10 Amoy Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of December (inst) A.D. 1890 pursuant to notice

Present.

E. B. Digwell Esq. Chairman  
David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
L. J. G. Jellicoe Esq.  
T. Probst Esq.  
H. Cameron Esq.  
M. S. Gubbay Esq.  
W. Stone Esq.

J. Matthias Lloyd - Off Secretary

Notice The summons calling the meeting were read.  
Service Committee - The Council were informed that the 2. 12 P.M. cartridges with fuses & waggons complete which had been ordered on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept from Ding Hong Government Store for the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery Corps had arrived per "Lord of the Isles" and were about being landed.

The Off Secretary informed the Council that the Chinese had granted leave for 4 or 5 months to Capt Scott of the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery and that during his absence Capt Joyce would take charge of the battery.

Watch.

Poisoned Ducks. Dr. Anderson attended and stated that he was still prosecuting enquiries and making experiments to discover in what way ducks brought to the market for sale without any signs of violence on them, were killed.

Misunderstanding between Municipal and River Police. A letter from Mr. Dick Commissioner of Customs, dated 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. reporting a misunderstanding between the Municipal and River Police was submitted to the Council and the App. Secretary was directed in reply to forward a copy of the Supdt's report of the subject and to state that the Council were of opinion that their Police has as much right to arrest criminals and seize stolen goods on the river as they had on land.

A letter from the manager of the Oriental Bank relative to the debris which the O. B. Corporation had placed on the foreshore in front of the new Bank Building, was considered and the App. Secretary was desired in reply to point out that the debris having formed a nuisance the Council had proceeded under Bye Law ~~XXIII~~ and abated the nuisance.

The Report of the Inspector of Nuisances for November was referred to the Works Committee.

Native Port. Mr. Stanbury's letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. together with the Superintendent's report on it, were discussed when the Council desired the App. Secretary to inform Mr. Stanbury that the sum of Rs 1000 as per Budget of 1870 was at the disposal of the Relief Committee as also a sum of Rs 100 received from the Sanitar, and to state that Police would be placed on the two bridges (Swiza & Maloo) to keep beggars out of the Settlement and that the Council would be most happy to assist the Committee in enforcing the labour test.

The Engineer's Progress Reports of 25<sup>th</sup> Nov & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec were laid before the meeting.

Gas burners. A letter from Mr. Mead, manager of the Mangalore Gas Co stating that the present platinum plates in the Street Gas lamps were being replaced by Adams burners which it was held would give

a much better light, was read -

Dr. & Ladder in meeting house - This matter was referred to the Works Committee who promised to have an interview with Mr. Bissett on the subject.

Finance - Local Post-Office - The objection was desired to give notice to Messrs. Bower Dunning & Co, an attorney, for the late Mr. Empton, that the Council would be ready on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1871 to hand over to them the buildings in the Rankin Road used as the local by British Post Office quarters &c, that being the date on which the present lease will expire - The matter for a new building for Post-offices was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Johnston had offered while in Dingleton to see Mr. Mitchell and arrange terms on which the local by British Post-Office might work to their mutual advantage and that these would be submitted to the Council for their approval or rejection on Mr. Johnston's return.

The Cash State for 5<sup>th</sup> December was handed round for inspection. It showed a general balance for - - - - - £ 23,752.96.

viz. With Comrades £ 3055.20  
 - Bank 20,086.76  
23,752.96.

Deposit account - Balance in Bank 13,741.15  
37,494.11

Appropriations - It was moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 660 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned -

For cleaning drains in Chinese streets	£ 100
- making 2 latrines	750
- - - - - turn in Piccadilly road (laying out)	100
viz. more	
- - - - -	

Register of Attendance having been signed (see p. -)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do not adjourn.

Geo. Paul Digwell  
Chairman

By Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 14th December 1870.

W. Acme  
W. Ansell  
Wm. Maduppe

Geo. Paul Digwell  
J. H. Sellars  
Dan Keel  
M. Tinsley

Council Room

15 Dorset Road

Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> December 1870.

No 061

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of December instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Dorset Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business.

Watch.

Reports from Mr Keel dated 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Letter from Commissioner of Customs relative to mis-  
understanding between Municipal and Water Police

Finance Committee. - Departure of Sgt Chapman

Fire Commission. - Pay & Quarters for Engine of Fire Dept.

Police. - Engineers Progress Report of 8<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Edman & Co corner.

Book of Ladder & in the Council meeting House

Finance - Local Post Office  
Cash state.

And to adopt such reports, Resolutions Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

To the members  
of the Council.

W. Secretary

Council Room  
Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> December 1870.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 5 Dman Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of December (inst) A.D. 1870 pursuant to notice.

Present

G. D. Diswell Esq. Chairman  
David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
C. J. G. Seltice Esq.  
M. S. Gubbins Esq.  
W. Irvine Esq.  
H. Cameron Esq.  
John Anderson Esq.

D. Mathias Esq. W. Secretary.

No 661 The summons calling the meeting was read.

No 662 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Watch - The Inspector of Markets Report of 30<sup>th</sup> November 1870 was read and Mr. Reid was informed in answer to an enquiry that those portions relative to the sale in the market of Badgers for sucking Pigs and the seizure of good meat for human consumption would be published in the next printed Report of the Council's proceedings. Police. A letter from Mr. Dick Commissioner of Police.



dated 9: inst on the subject of a misunderstanding which had arisen between the Municipal and the Water Police in reference to the seizure of some casks of beer, was read, and the Council decided that a deputation (which consisted of Messrs D. Reid, J. Anderson, D. M. S. Gubbay) should wait on Mr. Dick and explain to him the relative positions of the two Police Forces and the cause of the existing misunderstanding and they trusted that the explanations would be in every way satisfactory and would ensure, for the future, the harmonious working of the two Forces.

Defence Committee. The Council were informed that the Defence Committee had given Seryt Chapman leave to proceed to Hong Kong as his services would not be required in Shanghai at Christmas time. He was accordingly about to depart on the "Deus" (to sail on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> December) and the Adj. Secretary was desired to write to the Brigade Major at Hong Kong requesting him to thank the Major General Commanding for having so readily acceded to the Council's request for a Duke Instructor and to state that Sergeant Chapman's leave will not expire till the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1871.

The Adj. Secretary informed the Council that the Fire Commission proposed to engage an Engineer of the name of Hill for the purpose of looking after the "Deluge" No 6 and the Steam Engine expected daily by Messrs Augustus Heard & Co. that they intended paying him \$100 per mensem and would like to know whether the Council would accept his services as an armorer and give him on their side \$50 per month & Quarters.

Should this arrangement suit the Council, Mr. Hill would have charge of the Armory and effect all repairs without further cost. After discussion the Council decided that they did not require a foreign Engineer for their armory and that they could not meet the request of the Fire Commission as they had not the requisite money at their command.

Notes -

The Engineers Progress Report of the 8<sup>th</sup> December was read at the meeting.

Street Corners - To a letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> inst from Messrs Gelman & Co requesting the Council to recognize their right to a corner of the Seangai & Sumbakang roads (Lot 107) which they had cut off from their property by altering their wall, the Off Secretary was desired to reply acceding to the request.

The Off Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Lambay and inform him that the Council were prepared in the event of his cutting off the corner of the building now being altered for Messrs Churton & Co at the junction of the Kankin and Sechem roads so as to give the public the use of a footpath 5 feet to the west and the same to the north, to contribute the sum of Rs 50 towards cost of alteration, it being understood that the public will have the use of the above mentioned space for at least as long a time as the present lease of the house is 6 years.

Benches - The Off Secretary was desired to offer the 12 Benches formerly belonging to the mortuary chapel and now lying in the Godown, for sale to the Masonic Body should the Engineer not require them.

Fire Department - The proposed addition by Mr. Bletten to the new 400's and saddle Truck House of a building 24 feet by 25 feet for 2 meeting rooms viz one for 400's & Saddle Co and one for "Deluge" Co, for about Rs 400 was discussed when the Off Secretary was desired to request the Engineer to obtain Estimates from native Contractors for the work and to submit the same to the Works Committee at their next meeting.

Finance

Mr. Cameron (who had applied for the agreement between the two Post Offices) was informed that the Secretary at Ipoh had taken it to Amoy but that if Mr. Adams could find his copy it would be forwarded to him.

The Cash State for 13<sup>th</sup> December 1890 was passed round for inspection.

balances as follows

In Comrades Funds	Rs 4-489-49
In Bank	10-5-80-76.

Stocks. In connection with a Board held on the contents of the Godown in October the off Secretary was instructed to sell all the useless articles to the Chinese and to open the iron bars to the manager of the Sun-chung-mann Arsenal.

Reports of Attendance having been signed (vide p 40-ante)

Various Subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table considered and referred to the different committees and it was

Resolved

that the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. David Dignall  
Chairman

Council Room

15- Annan Road

No 663.

Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> December 1900

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of December instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Annan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summons to Members

Summons to be read

Minutes to be signed

Progress Report

President Bank. Mr. Bird's Letter

Notes

Watch

Defence Committee's Application for Secret Chaplain

to Hong Kong -  
Regulations for the management of Rifle Range - H. Matthews  
Letter

Finance

Cash State

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
Geo Basil Digswell  
Offg Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1930

W. Rame

Geo. Basil Digswell

S. D. G. Sells

~~D. Reid~~

T. Probst

Council Room

Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> December 1930

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
15 Amoy Road Shanghai on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> Day  
of December (inst) A.D. 1930 pursuant to notice

Present:

G. B. Digswell Esq. Chairman

D. Reid Esq. Vice Chairman

S. D. G. Sells Esq.

T. Probst Esq.

W. Rame Esq.

J. Mathies Lloyd Esq. Offg Secretary.

82.663 The Council's summons calling the meeting on  
19.12.30

11. 1866 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed & signed  
Notes. The Engineer's Progress Report of 16 December was read.

Mr. Jellicoe stated that the Works Committee accompanied by Mr. Oliver Engineer and Dr. Henderson, Medical Officer had visited, just before the meeting, the Chible road and inspected some feet of the Chinese drains which they had made arrangements with the Engineer should be opened for that purpose and they had found a rich deposit about deep of black shiny mud which emitted a most offensive odour and which appeared to be the accumulation of years. They had no doubt that most of the Chinese drains were in the same state and as their existence in the Settlement was most dangerous to health the Committee had determined to have all these drains filled up and side channels formed instead. Mr. Oliver had informed him that from Grants from the Fokien road, a credit of some \$2500 would come to the Works Committee and he would therefore ask for that sum to be appropriated to the filling in of Chinese drains.

The Council agreed and on Mr. Drue's suggestion increased this amount to \$3000 (vide appropriation for post). Dr. Henderson stated that in his opinion all Chinese drains ought to be cleaned out & filled up as he had no doubt that such filth as he had seen when accompanying the Works Committee before the meeting might at any time sow the seeds of malignant fever or other dangerous diseases in the Settlement and as Health Officer he must strongly urge on the Council to take the matter in hand at once.

A letter from Mr. Hamburg to the Chairman asking for \$100 for the purchase of trees for the Bund was read & passed.

The Off. Secretary was desired to ascertain whether the proposed addition of meeting rooms to the new North by Ladder & "Deluge" Shed would meet entirely the wishes of both those Companies so that there

Watch -

might not be any complaints hereafter as to the same. A letter from Mr. Bird who as Counsel to the Oriental Bank Corporation, called on the Council to replace some men belonging to the Corporation and which the Corporation had stated have been removed by the Council from the front of their premises, was ordered to be referred to Mr. Bence.

A letter from Mr. Johnston dated Hongkong Dec stating that the Major General Commanding the troops at that station wished Serjt Chapman to rejoin his regiment at once, was read and the Council was informed by the Offy Secretary that Serjt Chapman had left for Hongkong the day before the receipt of the letter.

A letter from H. B. his Consul dated \_\_\_\_\_ was read to the meeting. It stated that the Consular Body approved of the Regulations for the Rifle Range in all respects but one viz that "The Police have instructions to prosecute for trespass any person &c" should be read for "The Police have instructions to proceed against \_\_\_\_\_

A letter dated \_\_\_\_\_ from Lieut Hughes commanding the Shanghai Volunteer artillery asking the Council to take over 4 pieces which with purchase and keep to date had cost \$\_\_\_\_\_ was read and the pieces were ordered to be taken over.

The Offy Secretary was desired to write to Mr. Carter, Architect drawing his attention to the encroachment on the bankin road in front of Messrs Plyphant & Co. caused by building material &c & requesting him to remove the same at once.

The Offy Secretary was instructed to have a light placed on the scaffolding outside the premises at the corner of bankin & Keangsi road opposite to Messrs Sayle & Co.

Mr. Penfold attended and answered some questions relative to the Refuse for Chinese Poor at Suiza.

Finance -

The Offy Secretary was desired to inform the Secretary on his return that the Chairman was anxious to have the matter of native speices taken up.

possible:

The Cash State for 17<sup>th</sup> December was circulated. It showed balances as follows.

In Comrades hands	Rs 5,710.33
In Bank	15,086.76

Appropriations - It was moved by Mr. Sellwood, seconded by Mr. Penic and

No 665 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned

Rs	\$
200	100
for Trees in Bund - to Mr. Stambury	
50	
for Dr. Ladder & Deluge meeting rooms	about 200
500	3,000
for filling up native drains	
50	
for known	
50	
for Sewer.	

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 50 note)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn  
 Geo. Baird Dringwell  
 Chairman

Sp. Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1911

G. Penic

Geo. Baird Dringwell  
 J. G. Sellwood

W. McNeil

J. Trovob

Council Room

15- Roman Road

Shanghai 31<sup>st</sup> December 1870No 666.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of January prox at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber, at the Public Office in the Roman Road

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be signed

Finance Postal convention with British Government.

Cash State

Appropriations.

Fire Commission. Minutes - Fire alarm matter

Confirm election of Officers

Mr. Heale's Report about possibly taking animals from the Council's stable.

Defence Committee. Artillery Points.

Rules Rifle Range

Refreshment a/c.

Watch Mr. Stapling's energies at fire

Facilities mode of collection by French Council

Water. Engineers Progress Report

Water supply.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Stanley

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant



Council Room  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1891.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room, 15 Roman Road, Shanghai, on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January A.D. 1891 pursuant to notice

Present.

G. B. Diswell Esq. Chairman  
David Fitch Esq. Vice Chairman  
J. S. G. Jellicoe Esq.  
F. Probst Esq.  
W. Brim Esq.  
W. Cameron Esq.

Alfred J. J. Bondson. Secretary.

No 666 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read  
No 667 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Arms. The Secretary informed the Council that the Armory was now completed. He suggested that three arms at present in the hands of the Volunteers should be inspected and those damaged exchanged for serviceable weapons. Agreed to Mr. Bondson to arrange details with Capt Brewer Artillery - Louis. Secretary informed the Council that Mr. Lloyd J. H. Secretary had written to Mr. Dawson (in the) stating that the Council would take over the four pairs, as requested, by the Artillery Corps on condition of their being passed as sound by Mr. Wells. Mr. Wells' Report to the in reference to the above was brought forward. In it he states that the Council have already more pairs than they have work for and that these pairs would only be of use for working the guns for the Artillery. It was decided to circulate the Report among the members of the Defence Committee.

Bill of Fare - The draft rules for management

of the Rifle Range having at a previous meeting (vide p  
 ) been considered and recently approved by the  
 Consular Body (in D.C.). It was now moved by Mr.  
 Jellicoe, seconded by Mr. Sturtevant and

N 668. Resolved

That the rules for the management of the  
 Municipal Rifle Range as approved by the Consular  
 meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1890, such approval being  
 conveyed in Mr. Medhurst's letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 and now read, be approved and passed and  
 come into effect on & from this date

sig. mover  
 .. Stender

Miscellaneous - Replenishment Account. An account  
 approved by Capt. Brewer amounting to \$28<sup>50</sup> for  
 refreshments supplied to the volunteers on the occasion  
 of their marching out and skirmishing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 December last, was laid before the meeting - after  
 some comments by the members present it was  
 agreed in this instance to pay the amount but the  
 Secretary was instructed to inform Capt. Brewer that  
 the Council were of opinion that future charges of  
 this nature, should be borne by the members of  
 the Corps instead of the Municipality.

Finance - Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Bail, seconded  
 by Mr. Probst and

N 669. Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums  
 be sanctioned.

	\$	¢
<u>Works.</u> Buildings - 1/2 cost of meeting rooms for		
works of Sander and in of "Seize" Company	100	
<u>D.C.</u> Photographs of Breach of Sanders		10
Artillery Laboratory manual		20
<u>Fun</u> Chinese house numbering	16	25
<u>Police</u> Gratuity P.C. Parnell	3	00
Passage — ditto —	2	75
Gratuity P.C. Hore		15

D.C. in Scales account for refreshment  
 of dinner  
 - Secunder.

£28<sup>00</sup>

Cash State in the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1850 was handed  
 round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Compradores Lands	£ 5,239.52
in Bank	11,586.50

Local Post Office - Total, convention between A. B.  
 his Government and the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai - Mr. Johnston informed  
 the Council that agreeably with instructions received  
 from the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council he  
 immediately after his arrival at Hongkong called  
 upon Mr. Mitchell, Postmaster General of that colony  
 and had a long conversation with him in regard  
 to the working of the current postal convention dated  
 25<sup>th</sup> June 1849. Mr. Johnston said in course  
 of conversation with Mr. Mitchell, he referred to the  
 Council's letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1850  $\frac{£130}{345}$  and now  
 read to the meeting, suggesting certain verbal alter-  
 ations and additions to clauses 8 & 10 of the  
 Convention and to which Mr. Mitchell replied under date  
 of 29<sup>th</sup> June by  $\frac{£130}{572}$  that the Governor of Hongkong saw  
 no reason for altering the present contract - As to  
 the legal reading of clause 8 of the present convention and  
 the necessity for the alterations Mr. Johnston quoted  
 Mr. Dennis's opinion (vide p. 20 - Legislative Board) -  
 Mr. Johnston urged on Mr. Mitchell the necessity for the  
 alterations above referred to being made, as by the present  
 course of action adopted by the British Post Office, the  
 Council were somewhat embarrassed in keeping parities with  
 the subscribers to Local Post Office. Mr. Mitchell  
 replied that he considered this question settled and  
 thought it was useless to reopen it. Mr. Johnston  
 remarking to Mr. Mitchell that he regretted he could  
 not concur in this view.

then read to the meeting the letter he addressed Mr. Mitchell on general postal matters on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1850, in L.P.O. Book p. 48 and that of Matthews reply in  $\frac{L.P.O.}{1261}$  having special reference to the question of the present premises. Further correspondence on this question viz. Mr. Johnston's letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec L.P.O. Book p. 49. and Mr. Mitchell's reply in  $\frac{L.P.O.}{1262}$  were also read to the meeting.

In regard to Conseques letters Mr. Johnston states that he enquired of Mr. Mitchell, as some doubts had arisen in Shanghai, as to the power of the Local Post Office under the present contract to receive them.

What were Mr. Mitchell's views on this question - Mr. Mitchell replying most distinctly "that he considered the Local Post Office had the right to receive Conseques letters." To set this point at rest Mr. Johnston a day or two after addressed a letter (dated 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1850 L.P.O. Book p. 50) asking Mr. Mitchell to confirm in writing the opinion he had given verbally - Mr. (Mr. Mitchell's) reply in  $\frac{L.P.O.}{1263}$  he would now read stating that he saw no necessity for relaxing the terms of the Postal Convention. In connexion with this last letter Mr. Mitchell enquired if Mr. Adams had the confidence of the Council and could be relied upon to hand over to the British Post Office all the letters received from Hongkong. as it appeared strange that where letters had formerly been handed over by thousands they were now only handed over by hundreds, in fact Mr. Mitchell inferred as broadly as he could do, without actually stating so that there was evidently some underhand work going on. Mr. Johnston replied to Mr. Mitchell that Mr. Adams enjoyed the Council's confidence and he considered Mr. Adams a thoroughly reliable and trustworthy man. Mr. Johnston informed the Council of how the discrepancy Mr. Mitchell referred to was to be accounted for by the fact that the mail from Hongkong were not sent to the Local Post Office after the Convention of 1842 but to the British

Post Office so that they did not fall into the hands of the former office at all - Any Hongkong letters that had come to the Local Post Office, the Local Postmaster positively assured Mr. Johnston had been regularly and promptly handed over to the British Postmaster.

Passing to the Convention of the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1869 Mr. Johnston pointed out to the Council the disadvantages their Office labored under by the present agreement especially clause VIII running as follows.

"That all letters (Government correspondence excepted) received at the Local Post Office, addressed to, or sent from all other places whatever, not ports of the United Kingdom shall be dealt with by that Office."

It would be observed that the words "not ports of the United Kingdom" were used - There was a special reason for the use of these terms as they were the most comprehensive terms that could be employed - The main disadvantages were -

1<sup>st</sup> That the covenant provided for the Council sending and receiving letters from Japan - yet as early as after the agreement the British Postmaster advertised mails for that country he was remonstrated with twice. He declined giving any satisfaction and finally refused to even receive the letters addressed to him.

The Agent of the P. & O. Company and this Post had been written to enquiring if he would receive the mails made up by the Local Post Office for Japan - He referred the question to the Superintendent of the Company at Hongkong who conferred with Mr. Mitchell Postmaster General at Hongkong - Mr. Mitchell deciding that the relations between the Company and H. M. S. Post Office were of such a complicated nature that the Company would not be justified in carrying mails other than those made up by the British Post Office.

2<sup>nd</sup> That all letters addressed to Canton, forwarded by vessels touching at Hongkong were received by

the General Post Office at that port and dealt with as if the Convention did not exist being taxed by that Office not less than 8 cents per cover - subscribers to the Local Post Office being under the impression that their subscription fully covered their correspondence to and from Canton.

3<sup>d</sup> There is reason for believing that letters arriving from and being despatched to ports other than those of the United Kingdom are received and dealt with by the British Post Office.

4<sup>th</sup> Mr Johnston informed the meeting that mails are made up at the different British Consulates at the ports which come to Shanghai in covers marked "In Her Majesty's service" - these mails are received by the British Post Office, though they should be handed over to the Local Post Office, as they cannot be considered "Government Correspondence" simply because they happen to come in a Government envelope.

Respecting clause X of the agreement providing for the settlement of differences arising between the respective Postmasters, it would seem that the decisions given by Mr Medhurst when adverse to the British Post Office were not regarded by either the British Postmaster at this port or the Postmaster General at Hongkong.

Mr Johnston read a minute dated 22 June 1869 in 280 P. 56 made by Mr Cunningham for the information of the Council - This minute was written before the present convention had been made and would clearly show the Council's intention as to the basis of it.

An extract from the minutes of the Council's meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1869 (vide G. M. B. K. No 5 - p 142/3) defining the terms of the arrangement was also read to the meeting.

The Secretary read clause I of the subsidiary agreement dated the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1869 running as follows -

Premises - Six months notice of expiry of present lease "to be given in order to allow of change of premises" should such be desirable. The meeting decided that this clause was met by the action of the British Postmaster having rented other premises and the Council desiring not to renew the current lease. He further stated that with the view of the two Offices continuing in the same building which was a convenience to the public the Local Post-master had been instructed to confer with the British Postmaster as to the practicability of getting suitable accommodation for Offices and native staff in the building the British Postmaster had just rented. Mr. Adams' report in L.R. was read, it stated that there was room sufficient for the Offices but no accommodation for his native staff.

After considerable discussion and deliberation on the entire subject it was moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Rowe and

Sp. 670 Resolved.

That the Convention between the Local Post Office and the British Post Office be terminated and the necessary notice to that effect be forthwith sent to the British Postmaster at Hongkong.

of honor  
Recorder.

The Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> December were read and passed.

Alarm Bell - The Council considered Mr. Dixon's report in F.R. circulated the previous week, based on the proceedings of the last sitting of the Council, suggesting that he be authorized to renew the offer made to the Trustees of Trinity Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> October last, that if they would lend the church bells to the Municipality upon certain conditions, to be placed in a Bell Tower and used as a fire alarm, also the remarks made by the several members of Council thereon - Mr. Dixon's report -

that Mr. Austin was not at the meeting of the Council which discussed and decided the fire alarm should be on the Municipal premises that the Engineer be instructed to prepare a plan & obtain an estimate of the cost of a Bell Tower to be put up on the Municipal premises.

The order for the Bell sent to Mr. Baker by Order was reconsidered and the following amendments agreed to

- a. To remove the limit as to cost.
- b. To get the most suitable kind of bell whether such be steel bronze or iron
- c. That the Bell be sent out by the Suez Canal instead of by the Cape of Good Hope.

It being further decided that the Council's views on this matter be communicated to the Fire Commission for their information and guidance, it being understood that the Commission would finally deal with the question of procuring an effective fire alarm.

Election of Officers for 1871. The names of the Gentlemen elected to fill the principal offices in the Shanghai Fire Department having been approved by the Fire Commission with the recommendation that they be approved by the Council were now submitted for that purpose.

It was moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Cameron and  
no. 671. Resolved

That the following gentlemen elected by the members of the Shanghai Fire Department and approved by the Fire Commission as Officers for the year 1871 are hereby confirmed in the respective posts to which they have been elected to serve -

Chief Engineer -	C. P. Bletcher Esq.
District Engineer No 1	J. L. Dammund Esq.
—do— do — 2.	W. P. Stephenson Esq.
—do— do — 3.	A. Feild Esq.

sig. moved  
 " seconded



Mr. Keeble's report in March 1223 about the Councils mules being taken in a lawless manner by dint of threats and "intimidation" out of their stables, was communicated to the meeting who decided to refer it to the Fire Commission for settlement.

An application in March 1250 from Mr. Birtles Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department to connect his residence with the Dongkew Police Station by telegraph so that he might have the earliest information on the outbreak of fire was referred to the consideration of the Public Works Committee at their next meeting, the Secretary in the meantime being instructed to obtain an estimate of cost of the work.

#### Watch Committee - Sanitary Department nuisance Branch.

The Inspector of Nuisances Report in March 2 was read the Secretary being instructed to forward it to the Engineer, to note those points that had reference to his office, the report being brought before the next meeting of the next meeting of the Public Works Committee.

Wheelbarrows. Collection of License fee. The Secretary informed the Council that the Superintendent of Police had reported to him, that the fees from barrowmen were collected hitherto in shroffed cash (i.e. large cash) and the full number not as the mace mace a string.

The French Municipal Council accepted the mace a string of cash without shroffing it, this of course put this Council at a disadvantage when compared with the French Council. The barrowmen found that the French Council would take unshroffed mace a string of cash and therefore went to that Body for their license. The Secretary enquired what action the Council wished to take in the matter.

Decided to instruct the Superintendent of Police to accept the mace a string of cash in payment of barrow license fee, as tendered.

A Memo. in March 1179 from the French Municipal Council showing the number of wheelbarrows.

licenced between the 15<sup>th</sup> & 30 November, was submitted. The Secretary informing the Council that Mr. Severinus had requested in behalf of the French Council a like return for the same period also that the division of the receipts as proposed by that Council in their letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> October is  $\frac{1}{10}$  might be made for the last half of the month of November.

Mr. Johnston referred to this Council's letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1874 as to the decision arrived at on this question at their meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> November - reading the concluding paragraph of the letter then written and running as follows "The question of an equal distribution of the license fees it would appear better for the present to defer determining, it being one not affecting the public convenience or security.

It might at this juncture appear premature to decide on any moiety of the receipts until the result on each side be ascertained by experience, therefore and as such can only be arrived at after some six months trial and without in any way committing the successors in Office of either board, this point may fairly in the opinion of this Board be left an open question.

Decided to refer the French Council to this decision stating that this board see no reason for changing their views, so recently come to on this question.

Relief of the Poor. The Secretary was instructed to call on Mr. Hambury for a report upon the working of the Single Refuge which was to be laid before the Watch Committee at the meeting proposed to be called on Thursday.

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Reports nos 1244 & 1250 are read and passed.

Drainage. Mr. Reid enquired what steps were being taken towards dealing with the Chinese built drains in the native quarter of the English Settlement. Mr. Jellicoe replied that the work was going on.

Water Supply. Dr. Anderson attended the meeting and

Opened some remarks on the analyses made by Professor Frankland on the water sent home.

Some conversation on this subject took place between the members of Council and Doctor Anderson, resulting in the Council giving permission to Dr. Anderson to publish his opinions on this question and requesting the Public Works Committee to confer with Mr. Oliver the Municipal Engineer on this subject.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 53 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved,

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Baird Digwell  
Chairman

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1871.

Geo. Baird Digwell  
J. H. Irvine

J. Probst

David Reid

Wm. Anderson  
W. G. Subbitt  
W. Rennie  
M. Wilson

Council Room

15 Roman Road

Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> January 1871no 672

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of January instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz  
Summary of Business.

Resolutions to be read

Minutes to be signed

Finance Committee - appropriations

Cash State

Office for Local Post.

Fire Commission - minutes of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst for approval

Watch - Inspection of Police Force.

The Superintendent request - to be authorized to feed the Greek Prisoner Vrijer. at the Public expense.

Inspector of nuisances weekly Report.

Watch Committee meeting with Mr. Hamburg concerning the Refuge for the Destitute

Works. Resolution approving drainage Contracts

Progress Report of Engineer.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Smith

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai 9: January 1871.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Arnan Road Shanghai on Monday the 9: Day of January (mist) a.d. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present.

- G. D. Deynwell Esq. Chairman
- David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman
- W. Cameron Esq.
- J. Anderson Esq.
- S. J. G. Delucio Esq.
- W. P. Smith Esq.
- J. Probst Esq.
- As S. Gubbing Esq.

Alfred J. Wilkinson Secretary.

No 672  
No 673

The summons calling the meeting was read.  
The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed

Finance -

Appropriatives. It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 674

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

	\$	¢
Works. Roads. Compensation for removal of two houses on Yang tze Joo Road		50
S.C. Magazine - - - - -	50	
Books Printing Cemetery Jetty	75	
Inst. Instruments meteorological	100	
By order		
Secunder.		

The Cash State for the 7: January was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows -

In Comptroller's hands - \$ 8,174-79.  
In Bank 11,552-76

Local Post Office - The Secretary informed the Board that in pursuance of resolution no. passed at the last meeting of the Council the Post-master General at Hongkong had been notified of the Council's desire to terminate the current postal convention of the June 1869 - at the end of the required six months notice which would be on the 1<sup>st</sup> July next.

Office for the Local Post Office - The meeting were informed that eligible offices could be had at the junction of the King's and Keungsi Roads, in the premises of the Union Insurance Company of Canton.

The Local Postmaster's Report no.  $\frac{280}{20}$  on these premises was read, after consideration the Council, thinking it desirable, as a matter of public convenience, that the Local Post Office and the District Post Office should be as close together as possible, decided as Mr. Lyubray agreed to lease the building at present known as the 'Evening Courier' Office, to take it instead of the rooms in the Union Insurance Office.

Fire Commission - The minutes of the Commission meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst were approved and passed, the Council being informed that all outstanding points had now been satisfactorily arranged.

Watch - The Police Force was paraded, inspected and dismissed. Prisoners - A special report no.  $\frac{117}{11}$  from the Superintendent was read, asking for the Council's authority to maintain at the public expense a Greek prisoner named George Edge sentenced by the Council Court to one month's imprisonment for cutting and mauling and at the expiration of that period to be expelled, or kept in prison for twelve months - Request to maintain the prisoner while undergoing sentence at the public expense.

The Inspector of Prisoners report no.  $\frac{117}{12}$  was read and passed - In regard to his former report which was referred to the Public Works Committee, the Council were informed that, such action as could be taken on it by that Committee, would be taken, but

until the arrival of the cast-iron drain pipes it was not practicable to drain and fix side channels in the Roads, especially referred to in the Report.

Analyses of Water - The Secretary said Dr Anderson had requested him to ask the Council's permission to publish Dr Frankland's letters giving the result of the investigations made by him as to the quality &c of the samples of water sent home in the Spring of the past year. Agreed to grant the permission asked for.

Meteorological Instruments - The Secretary said that Dr Anderson thought it highly desirable in certain Barometrical and other instruments should be obtained from England for the use of the Municipality. The meeting concurred with Dr Anderson and voted \$500 for this purpose.

Beggars - Mr. Bird informed the meeting of the result of the Watch Committee's interview with Mr. Hambury on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst in regard to the Pungku Refuge.

A Special Report to ~~select~~ from the Superintendent of Police was read, together with a Return of Destitute Foreigners of various nationalities living in Shanghai. After discussion and consideration of the papers on the table the Secretary was instructed as follows.

- a. to put \$50 (fifty dollars) in the hands of the Superintendent of Police for the relief of the Chinese poor living within the Foreign Settlements north of the Yangtze River.
- b. to forward a return of those Destitute Foreigners which had been in Shanghai for a period of over three months, requesting the Consuls to take measures to send these men away, at the same time stating that the Council are disposed to assist the Consuls in the attainment of this desirable object, and to
- c. inform Mr. Hambury that the Council were making provision out of the Rate Payers' money

-provision for the relief of Foreign and native destitute within municipal limits.

Wheelbarrows - The Secretary informed the Council that the licensing of wheelbarrows progressed most satisfactorily and instanced that over five hundred of these machines had been licensed in one day.

Public Works Committee, Drainage - The following Contracts were brought up for approval, in this connection it was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Seida

No 675 Resolved

That the tender of Tsung-Yu Guhn for the construction of a drain in the Hoohoh Road be accepted

By Mr. Jellicoe  
Seconded by Mr. Seida

It was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Seida and  
No 676 Resolved

That the tender of Wong-Yung Kee for the construction of a drain in the Hoohoh Road be accepted

By Mr. Jellicoe  
Seconded by Mr. Seida

The Engineer's Weekly Progress Report No 2070 was read and passed.

Water Supply - The Secretary informed the Council that in pursuance of their instructions he had written to the French Municipal Council informing that body that this Council were at present giving consideration to the question of a system of water supply for the settlements north of the Chung-King River and enquiring if it would be agreeable to that Council to participate in such deliberation that may be held in regard to this important question.

Mr. Johnston stated to the Chairman that he had arranged with the manager of the "North China Herald" office to print off one hundred copies of



of any articles, letters &c &c appearing in the newspapers published by that office in regard to the question of water supply

The Chairman instructed the Secretary to ascertain the Engineers opinion in regard to the sufficiency or otherwise of a supply of drinking water being obtainable by saving the rain water.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 65 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondents laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

G B Dignall,

Wm J. Johnson  
Secretary.

Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1851

G B Dignall

Wm Madup

J. G. S. S. S.

D. S. S.

W. S. S.

J. Probst

to Remind

Council Room

15 Annan Road

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> January 1851

No 677.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January instant at 9 o'clock in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Annan Road to receive Communications from the

and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be signed

Defence Committee Examination of Arms.

Refreshment account

Storage of Ammunition.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Terms of lease for Local Post Office

Robert Maclelland and Perkins' mortgage Dues

in: Burns' Union as to action to be taken toward recovery of dues on Opium passed through the Customs in Solomon's name.

Fire Commission - Minutes of meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> inst for approval.

Watch Committee - Inspector of nuisances' Report.

Removal of night-soil by Tong King Sing.

Letter from Messrs Jarvis, Passmore and Allen.

Works Committee - Report from Committee

Engineers' Progress Report.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Walter J. G. G. G.

Secretary

Witness my hand

at Shanghai

Amelia Brown

Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> January 1851.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 10 Green Lane Shanghai on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1851

G. B. Dismell Esq. Chairman  
 David Esch Esq. Vice Chairman  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 O. Anderson Esq.  
 J. J. G. DeLacoe Esq.  
 W. Deane Esq.  
 W. Probst Esq.  
 A. J. Johnston Secretary.

No 677 The summons calling the meeting was read  
No 678 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed

Defence Committee - arms - The Secretary stated that in furtherance of what had passed at the Council meeting of the 2nd instant, he had seen Capt Brewer Adjutant General of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps and arranged, as would be seen from the following order issued by that officer for the return of the small arms into store -  
 "No 20 - In order to carry out the quarterly inspection of arms, Capt Maclean will be pleased to issue orders for the return of No 1 Company's arms into store for inspection."

Ammunition - The Secretary requested authority to arrange with Messrs Hall & Holtz for the storage of the Council's ammunition. Authority granted.

Refreshment Account: The Council were informed that Capt Brewer had been acquainted with their views in regard to accounts for refreshments and that in future charges of this nature should be borne by the members of the Corps instead of the Municipality.

Finance Committee - Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Cameron seconded by Mr. Probst and

No 679 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Notes - Store for Armoury 18

Storage of iron bridge to cross Angkor Creek 12/10

	\$	94
Waks - Jetty - Phansi Road	300	
Gravel mung Gravel drain mouth	200	
Wheelbarrows - 4 doz @ \$5 4 each	192.	
Sij' mover		
" Stender.		

The Cash State for the 1st January was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comproducers hands	\$ 5:144-97.
In Bank	16.473-09.

License Fees - A letter to <sup>Finance</sup><sub>48</sub> from Messrs Passmore Allen and Jarvis, complaining of letters addressed them by the Secretary upon a representation made to him by Mr. Rogers as to the difficulty he had in collecting their License fees and Mr. Rogers explanation to <sup>Finance</sup><sub>32</sub> (together with a verbal explanation from Mr. Johnston) was considered by the Board. The matter to be noted. The correspondence is filed, it calling for no special reply.

// Local Post-Office - The Secretary stated that Messrs Daniel Sassoon Sons & Co had advised him that the lease of the premises occupied at present by the "Evening Courier" office would terminate on the 15th March next. He enquired, as Messrs D. Sassoon Sons & Co had agreed to lease the premises at a monthly rental of \$75 for what period he should conclude a lease. He was instructed to conclude a lease for a period of three years with the option of renewing it on its expiration for a further term of two years, but in event of Messrs D. Sassoon Sons & Co not agreeing to this he was empowered to conclude a lease for five years.

Mr. Johnston drew attention to the decision of a former Council as to taking buildings on a "repairing lease". After consideration the meeting decided that an exception might be made in this case as the house was nearly a new one and very strongly built. It was however desirable that no other should be made and

report upon the premises before the case was signed.  
Dues on merchandise. The Secretary asked the Council's instructions upon the following point - Messrs F. A. B. Jenkins and John Maitland were in the habit of returning the Harpuz Dues debit notes rendered them with the remark "landed for the Chinese Government" apply to custom for payment" &c. By art. 14 of the Land Regulation he thought that these gentlemen as being the persons through whose names the goods were passed through the Customs were liable for the dues. The Council concurred in this opinion and instructed the Secretary to apply for payment which if not made within a reasonable time, measures were to be taken to enforce it.

Dues on Opium passed through the Custom House in Mr. Solomon's name. The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November last he had been instructed to request Mr. Brumie to take proceedings for the recovery of the sums owing by Mr. F. A. Solomon's. Mr. Solomon, he was informed upon the authority of Mr. Rogers (vide Finance letter No 31 & No 38 which were read) was in the employment of Messrs David Sassoon Sons & Co. Mr. Brumie had been informed of this and after consideration of the matter gave the following opinion. "I have been considering Sassoon's question and have come to the conclusion that we ought to proceed against them. I have a number of dues for which debit notes seem to have been presented to Mr. Solomon by Rogers on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Perhaps I had better in the first instance write Mr. Gubbay a formal demand for this amount but as he is on the Council I should like to have express instructions from the Council to that effect. I find that under the rules of procedure of this Court I shall be able to frame my petition in such a way that - by means if necessary of an order - to compel a specific answer - the Defendants will be compelled either to pay or to

the facts upon which if at all our case must rest.  
 after some discussion it was decided that the Secretary  
 be instructed to request Messrs D. Sassoon, Sons & Co to  
 pay the amount of the dues viz \$297<sup>00</sup> (vide no  $\frac{297}{37}$  Finance  
 State Book p. 63)

Works

A Report from the Public Works Committee was received,  
 read and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

No 680.

Report of the Public Works Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to lay before you  
 the subjoined report of their proceedings.

Bridges. Hongkong Creek. The iron bridge to span this  
 creek is now being landed from the Albion. Until  
 its erection it will be stored at Elephant and  
 Company's Wharf. Tenders for the construction  
 of the stone abutments and putting up of the bridge  
 have been invited.

The Bridges crossing the Deference Creek, the  
 Yangking Pump and those on the Successer, Singan  
 and Bubbling Well Roads, have been repaired as  
 needed and all are now in good travelling condition.

Buildings. A wooden house has been constructed for  
 the Hook and Ladder and the Steam Fire Engine "Deluge"  
 Companies. Provision is also to be made for  
 rooms for these Companies to keep their fire dress in  
 and meet in occasionally. These rooms are  
 being built according to the ideas of Mr. Blithen  
 Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department who  
 represented the above Companies in the matter.

A tower 110 feet high is being constructed in the  
 inner yard of the Central Police Station. As soon as  
 completed, a bell, very graciously loaned by the Trust  
 of Trinity Church will be temporarily hung until the  
 Fire Alarm Bell written to England for, arrives which  
 will be in about six months. +

Minor repairs to Municipal Buildings have, as required  
 been effected.

An Armoury capable of holding 500 stand of arms has  
 been built.

A small magazine just of sufficient size to contain one days requirements of Ammunition is being constructed.

Bunding.

See the Yang King Ping progress so satisfactory. The piece of bunding at the Bome Road is completed.

Cemeteries.

The cemeteries are in good condition.

The French Municipal Council have notified your Committee that they have opened their portion of the new Cemetery for burials.

Drainage.

The northern section of the Beechum Road sewer has been commenced as also the Hoopah Road - both these works progress in a satisfactory manner.

The southern section of the Beechum Road sewer will be begun at once.

Box drains have been constructed across the Goeshwa to low water line in front of Messrs Russell & Co, D Turner & Co, two others will shortly be laid in front of Messrs Adamsen Bell & Co and the Shanghai Club.

Minor culverts have been formed or repaired as needed. The mouth of the Sevard Road drain is being diverted consequent upon the position of the northern abutment of the new Poschov Creek Bridge. The work though undertaken by your Committee is at the expense of the Bridge Company.

Sinks, Cesspools and open ditches have been cleaned as necessary.

In accordance with a suggestion made by Dr Henderson your Committee considered it advisable, in the interests of the health of the Community to cause the Chinese built drains in the western portion of the Settlement to be cleaned out, the brick work removed and the site filled up with dry earth &c. - Some was added in every case to the existing deposit before its removal was proceeded with.

Stone gutters made out of the roofing slabs of these drains now take the place of what were formerly only imperfectly covered and broken down channels in which, from want of the necessary fall and communication with the existing main sewers, filth had accumulated to a considerable extent.

by your Committee that this measure should be considered. Under existing circumstances it appears the most expedient course to pursue and your Engineer does not think that an additional expense & consequence, will be incurred, should the ground at any time be re-opened with a view to the construction of efficient drains.

The filling in of the water drains in the Sing Sing-ku Sing Cha-ka - Shauze Road between the Hamlow and Hamking Roads, the alleys dividing properties numbered 35-1-2 the Chihki Road north and south, the Berrin Young Loong Hsing Fung Loong are in hand, the Chihki Road is being completed.

Firewells - are all in good order. All the firewells have been fitted with iron tops and each Engine Company has been provided with a set of keys.

Jetty - The Portugal Cemetery Jetty is about being lengthened in consequence of the setting up of the mud bank which prevented boats coming alongside the jetty at very low tides.

The pontoons have had slight repairs effected to them, the fenders and outside corners have been plated with iron and ring bolts fixed for small craft to moor to.

Your Committee recognizing the necessity that exists for a landing stage at the north end of the Shauze Road recommend your sanctioning the construction of a suitable timber Jetty.

Lighting - 13 lights have been put up since your Committee's last report and 21 additional with shortly be erected.

A further number of bracket-lamps have been submitted for pillars where considered desirable.

Roads - Extension or widening of - Your Committee have had an interview with Mr. Wm. Bamford, agent of Mr. H. A. Ince in regard to continuing the Hongking Road to the Beecham Road.

The Shauze Road between the Hamlow and Hamking Roads has been partially regraded.

Notices have been served on the owners of properties in the I-pa-doo on lots nos 332 & 326 on the Hamlow Road from the Council.



Reconstructions are going on for the extension of the Canton Road in a westerly direction as also for the extension of the Shantung Road from the Hanking to the King's Roads.

The widening of the Seward Road from the Jim Song Road to the Hongkew Creek has been completed.

The work of filling in the Boone Road and extending it to meet the Seward Road is advancing fairly.

In answer to a letter addressed to W. Seward U.S. Consul General asking him to request the Chinese Authorities to define the boundaries of Hongkew, as provided for and required by Art I of the Land Regulations and Bye Laws for the Foreign Settlements of Shanghai north of the Yangtze River, by a road from a point opposite the entrance of the Defence Creek to three li from the mouth of the Yangtze and thence along it to join the eastern terminus of the Railway.

It has been suggested to your Committee that the Councils Engineer shall mark the boundaries of the Hongkew Settlement by placing stones, or otherwise.

When this has been done Mr. Seward will write to the Chief Chinese Local authorities to take notice that the boundaries have been marked.

Compensation has been paid to the owners of the houses necessary to be removed wholly or in part, to permit of the carrying through of the Yangtze River Road.

Several persons have expressed themselves fully satisfied at the way they have been dealt with. The proposed driving turn on the Seward Road has been marked out and every effort is being made to arrange for the purchase of the land with as little delay as possible.

Street Corners. Your Committee have to acknowledge the courtesy of Messrs. David Sassoon Sons & Co. in permitting the rounding off of the corner opposite Messrs. Sayle & Co. premises, also to Messrs. Lewis & Co. and Gilman & Co. for permitting their corners being rounded off.

Your Committee addressed Messrs. ...

to Co on the 4<sup>th</sup> November last, enquiring the sum Messrs Dykett & Schwaik would be willing to sell to the Municipality the piece of ground required for rounding off the corner of the Franklin Road at its junction with the Speckhorn Road.

The actual area of the land required being 18 feet - but up to the present time have not been favored with a reply - This is probably owing to it being necessary to refer the matter to England.

The Triple Butts have been improved, the paths have been widened to 2 feet the arms to 4 feet, a ditch 4 feet broad has been dug round the ramp the height of the Butts - have been increased to 10 and their thickness to 10 feet.

Every reasonable precaution has been taken against accident.

An application has been received from the agent of the Peninsular and Oriental Company enquiring if the Council would have any objection to the Company's Flagstaff being created on the ground forming the approach to the Company's premises.

In view of the Flagstaff being of convenience to the public on the arrival of mails &c and seeing that its erection would not impede traffic and the Land Reverters whose properties it might overlap being agreeable to the request - Your Committee favorably endorse the application and recommend your according your sanction to it.

Members of  
the Public  
Works  
Committee

Council Room

15 Queen Road

Shanghai 10 January 1901

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Paul &  
No 681 Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee  
 be approved.

Sec<sup>r</sup> mover  
 " Seconder.

The Engineers weekly Progress Report of 13<sup>th</sup> inst was  
 read and passed.

Outside Roads. The meeting were informed by the Secretary that  
 Mr. Hedhurst acting for a Committee of Councils was  
 now drawing up a bill for reference to Peking  
 on the subject of the remission of Government  
 Ground taxes on all the roads outside the Settlements.

Buildings - Dangerous. Mr. DeLuce stated that Messrs McKenzies  
 and Hull & Holtz's houses were considered unsafe  
 substantial buildings and likely to be effected by the  
 drainage operations in the Speckman Road, that the  
 Works Committee had ordered a survey to be held on  
 them by Mr. Kidner, so soon as that gentleman's  
 opinion was obtained, he thought it desirable that  
 it should be laid before Mr. Rennie with the view  
 of ascertaining what powers the Council had to deal  
 with unstable houses likely to be effected by municipal  
 works. In this connexion the Secretary was in-  
 structed to follow the matter up.

The Chairman stated that he had received a letter from  
 the manager of the Great Northern Telegraph Co, applying  
 for permission to unite its submarine cable with the  
 land line, carrying the same through the Foreign  
 Settlements. He (the Chairman) was of opinion  
 that the application should be granted, the Telegraph  
 Co's letter having been circulated for the approval of  
 the members he would be glad to have their views.

Several members of the Council stated that they  
 had not seen the letter. The Secretary informed  
 the meeting that it had been circulated through  
 the usual medium of the local Post.

institute inquiries as to the cause of the irregularities.

after consideration the meeting agreed that the Secretary should be instructed to convey the Council's assent to the application.

Fire Commission - The Secretary informed the Council that all matters referred to the Fire Commission had been arranged, the minutes of the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst were approved.

Watch Committee - Sanitary Branch - Nuisance Department - The Inspector of Nuisances Report by <sup>Walk</sup><sub>57</sub> was read & passed.  
Removal of night soil - Mr. Tong King Sing's letter to the Council he had made a contract for the removal of night soil from certain properties therein enumerated, was read, and as Messrs. Drumby, Basse, Sassoon and others had the privilege of removing the night soil from their properties the Board agreed to extend the same advantages enjoyed by others to Mr. Tong King Sing.

Wheelbarrows - Mr. Drumby stated that when he informed the Board at their last meeting that 500 wheelbarrows had been licensed in one day he labored under a misapprehension as he had subsequently ascertained from the Superintendent of Police that between 800 to 1000 had been licensed in one day.

Police - A letter by <sup>Walk</sup> from Mr. P. J. Hogg on behalf of Mr. Conley asking for the services of P.C. Welch was read. Agreed to give the Constable's services upon the usual terms.

Relief of Poor - A letter by <sup>Walk</sup><sub>46</sub> in reply to the Council's letter to Mr. Drumby was read. After discussion it was agreed that

- a. the rate payers appropriation might, in view of the subscriptions collected from members of the Community Foreign & Native be now looked upon as a reserve fund until the subscriptions had been expended.
- b. that in the meantime out of the Budget appropriation provision was to be made for the relief of Chinese from residing within Municipal limits.

Foreigners

C. as the amount needed for these sources would be small the Council conceived that it became a legitimate charge in the Budget appropriation -

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p. 71 ante)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the Council do now adjourn

*H. D. Drywell*

Chairman

*H. S. ...*

Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1871.

*H. D. Drywell*

*D. ...*

*W. ...*

*J. ...*

*W. ...*

*Wm ...*

*...*

Council Room

15 Henan Road

No 682.

Shanghai January 21. 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council, which will be held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January instant at 7 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council's Chamber, at the Public Office in the Henan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees

Summary of Business

Memoranda to be read

Minutes to be signed

Finance Committee Cash Notes

• Mr. Johnston's statement on Municipal finances

Works Committee Inspector of nuisances Report

Works Committee Inspectors Progress Report

Sanitary Roads Extension - Conditions to be improved upon

Telegraph Company

Prosser's Building - To be done

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto, as the Council may deem advisable.

Yours obedient Servant

Wm. J. G. ...

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Council Room

Shanghai 25 July 1891

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Monday the 25 day of January (first) A.D. 1891 pursuant to notice

Present

A. B. D. ...

Chairman

David Reid

Secy Chairman

Mr. C. ...

T. ...

W. ...

John ...

Mr. ...

Alfred ...

No 682 The summons calling the meeting was read.

No 683 The minutes of the last meeting were  
performed and signed.

Resolves The Cash Book for the 31 January was audited  
found for inspection. It showed balances as  
follows.

In comparison books 2/1

In Bank

No 684 Finance 1870-71 The following Board of  
Municipal Finance prepared by Dr Johnston,  
was read, approved & passed.

Minutes of Municipal Finance for the  
first year 1870-71.

A detailed statement of the Municipal  
Finance has been made up to the 31st  
December 1870.

It shows the actual receipts and dis-  
bursements to that date and the anticipated  
income and expenditures for the current  
quarter of the year.

Under the head of

Receipts a grain will be subscribers of

In General Municipalities

£11,038

in absence of

1118

By receives

Receipts

Taxation

30811

Interest on M. Co. Bonds & Municipalities

126 38

Billed at meeting tables

81 36

Expenses

Regular Salaries

175 60

Stamping

577 77

Expenses

577 75

Provision

870 13

Wheelbarrows

1221 48

Theater

147 65

Minutes  
 omitted to be inserted  
 here - vide Board  
 Resolutions No 683 &

In the ordinary Department.

By an increase in the amounts  
 obtained by the sale of right-shit, Rs 377  
 By right-shit food collected  
 before the passing of the  
 current year Budgets " 569 " Rs 1,118

In the Engineering Department.

About Rs 1000 will accrue to  
 the Municipality by the sale of  
 slabs of granite taken up which  
 covered the water drains " 1000  
 By sale of Plans " 113  
 and  
 By subscriptions towards the  
 formation of the Gangotri bus  
 Road " 571 " Rs 1,631

Miscellaneous

By sale of coal, Dust,  
 Ammunition & sundries } " 310  
Provision for the National Poor " 70

The Land Tax now in process of  
 collection, with it is anticipated  
 realize the Budget amount of " 13,478

Chargew Dues The total amount of the debit  
 notes for the current year is anticipated will  
 be about " 126,000  
 as against last years " 114,000

The receipts for last year were 70% of the  
 debit notes. If the Budget should show the  
 receipts for this year to be only 67%, it is  
 confidently expected that 10% more on this  
 amount, will be easily realized, thus increasing  
 the Chargew Dues by Rs 12000 over the sum of  
 Rs 85,000 as shown in the Budget.

Expenses - There will be a saving  
 on the pay of the Police, mostly  
 caused by taking on business



in place of Foreground of Rs. 7311  
 while under the head  
 of Police charges a saving of Rs. 1,333  
 may be effected. Rs. 5,467  
 In Lighting a clear saving appears of Rs. 721

Public Works & have enumerated the items  
 where an actual amount has been  
 incurred whereas a saving has been effected.

<u>Bridges</u>	Additional saving Charges	Remarks
Dofenera Creek	2,500	
Bridges over Donghuo Creek & of Yangkingfang	1,000 730	At termination of expanding road
<u>Bunding</u>		
Shochow Creek (Hunan)	3,000	
Roads to Boat houses Yangkingfang between Kiangsi & Hunan roads	1,300	
Ferries etc	1,100	
<u>Roads</u>		
Red White Channels	1,000	Since decided to be expanded
Contingencies	2,000	
	<u>13,150</u>	
Iron Bridges	11,200	
Yangkingfang (Hunan) Shochow Kiangsi and Shangtung Roads	3,740	
Additional Bunding near interhouses	344	
Municipal Buildings	700	
Alterations, additions & repairs	700	
Erecting Telegraph	422	
Drainage Operations	2,000	
Ditches & Ponds in Kiangsi		
Police Division (working field) channels	3,390	
Police Shan-tai Road	350	
Buildings	380	
etc etc	700	
Grants & Timber	1,1450	
Electric Roads	880	
	<u>2,400</u>	

The Local Post Office balance will be about £200 to debit, owing to a diminution in the receipts, caused principally by loss in the subscriptions.

In the General Establishment there is an excess or expenditure of about £3,400, this is easily accounted for, by temporary additions to the Staff Foreign & Native, Office furniture, Stationery, printing, advertising, and revision of the Land plans and completion of assessment, the two latter alone showing £800 of the excess.

The Fire Commission appear to think the funds already subscribed, will meet current outlay.

The Voluntary Expenditure have been carefully estimated, and by pursuing the most rigid economy, can be kept within the amount, £15,000 which it was originally thought would be the expenditure.

In the Contingencies of 1% on the total expenditure as shown in the Budget, there will, it is calculated be at least £1000 saved. In conclusion it would appear by a comparison between the estimated and the actual receipts & expenditure a deficit of £11,700 which will be covered by the £12,000 anticipated to be received, in excess of the amount shown in the Budget for Wharfage Dues and £2,500 saving on the Refining of the Oron line.

Wm J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room  
21 January 1891

Local Post Office The Secretary stated that, in accordance with the Council's instructions he intended to discuss David Asserson's committee of the terms upon which he was empowered to consider a lease of the premises at present occupied by the Glasgow Evening Courier, but as it had not received their adhesion to his proposition.

Council on Merchandise The Secretary stated that, in accordance with the directions of the Council, he had written to Messrs David Asserson and Co for the dues payable by them on opium passed, that the Customs House in the name of Messrs Messrs Reid, Adamson, but up to that period had not been favored with a reply to his letter.

Lands Office, Valuations Scheduled The Secretary placed on the table copies of the Schedule and Report of the General Lands Assessments Committee of 1867 English Settlements and suggested that he be authorized to hand each Land Owner one copy of the Schedule, in free of cost, and that for other copies required by Land Owners, or others he be empowered to charge the sum of one dollar for each copy. Agreed to.

### Water Committee Sanitary Department -

Guidance Branch The Inspector of nuisances Report No <sup>1067</sup> was read, approved, and passed.

Wheelbarrows Mr. Reid was of opinion that measures ought to be taken to compel Barrowmen to carry lights on their machines after dark.

Some little discussion ensued on this subject the Secretary being instructed to request the Dept of Police to furnish his views in regard to this matter for the information of the Council at their next meeting.

### Works Committee Engineering Progress Report

No <sup>1068</sup> was read, approved and passed.

Buildings - Dangerous Mr. Kidman reports to <sup>1069</sup>

was made. The Secretary being instructed, to forward extracts therefrom, to His Council and request him to order the same to be laid under his power to take down, rebuild, repair or otherwise secure to the satisfaction of the Council the buildings comprised of Telegraphs. The Secretary informed the Council that he had communicated their conditional assent to the request proposed in the letter of the General Agent of the W. & A. Telegraph Company to erect telegraph posts, and build a land line through the American and parts of the English Settlements. The conditions it was proposed to impose had been considered by the Public Works Committee and were now submitted for the confirmation of the Council, before they were communicated to the General Agent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co.

After some discussion the following conditions were unanimously agreed upon. The Secretary being instructed to obtain the ratification of the General Manager of the Great Northern Telegraph Company to them

- A. That the course of procedure you intend to adopt be made known to the Council in writing or by plan and their approval obtained before commencing operations.
- B. The works through undertaken by the Company's Engineer must be considered to be under the supervision of the Council's Engineer
- C. That the height above the roads should not be less than eighteen feet (18 ft)
- D. The payment of an annual rental of £s 25 (twenty five) for the privilege of using public thoroughfares
- E. That this permission extends only to public property it being for the Company to arrange with the proprietors for the various properties along the line proposed, for the use of their properties.

Roads Bascom Road. Mr. Rens informs the meeting that he had been in communication with Mr. Rothwell, in regard to the removal of a house standing on the road and it is necessary to be taken away to permit of the extension in a westerly direction of the Bascom Road. Mr. Rothwell agreeing to the removal of the house upon receiving such compensation as Mr. Beisel might award. In this connection the Secretary was instructed to request Mr. Beisel to arbitrate in this matter, his award received the work to be gone on with.

Beesides Road The Secretary stated that agreeably with instructions he had received from the Chairman, he had seen Mr. J. C. Endicott Attorney of West Roxbury, in whose hands the papers connected with the Woodbury Road were. Mr. Endicott writing to Mr. Robinson says "I have seen Jenkins who says no compensation was paid the villagers through whose land the old Woodbury road was made, but in one or two instances a small sum was paid to buy some land to remove a coffin to. The value considered that the advantage of having a road through their property was in offset for the value of the land taken. The Municipal Council paid the taxes for two years, and Jenkins thinks that a resolution passed by them to keep it always in repair. P.S. At the time the road was built the villagers were paid for the value of the crops destroyed in consequence of making it."

Trees Mr. Rens thought it highly desirable that a small appropriation should be made for the purchase of trees, to be planted in the Western portion of the Settlement, he explained that there was a two fold object in his suggestion it would improve the appearance of the Settlement,

and the loss would not be a mark to refuse road boundaries. Councils appropriate the sum of \$100 (in hundredths) for this purpose.

Water Supply for HongKow. The Chairman instructed the Secretary to request the Engineer to make up an estimate of the probable cost of a water supply for HongKow.

Registers of Attendance having been signed (vide p 83 ante), various subjects were discussed, correspondences laid on the table, considered and referred to the different committees and it was

Resolved

That the Councils do now adjourn  
 12/17/1891

Chairman

Stuart Robertson  
 Secretary

Council Room

15 Norman Road

Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> January 1892

No 685.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Councils which will be held on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January instant, at 4 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Councils Chamber, at the Public Office, in the Norman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and report from committees, viz:-

Summary of notice

Deacons Committee Report in regard to Petition

Storage of communications - Messrs Smith & Co's tender subscriptions for families of sufferers by accidents at High Street.

Finance Committee Appropriations

Cash Note

Public Garden accounts

Debt in French currency owing by Messrs Russell Smith and Jenkins

Collection of Chinese Houses Tax by which it is thought over Rs 2,500 may further accrue to the Municipality

Re-arrangement of Office duties

Works

Inspector of nuisances Report

Wholesale - carrying lights

Business rates for certain houses of entertainment

Consular reply re Admitted Foreigners

Works

Engineering Progress Report

General

Loosehow Creek Bridge matter

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant

J. B. Duggell

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 30th January 1871.

J. B. Duggell

David White

Mr. W. P. Duggell

W. P. Duggell

Wm. Underpin

Council Room

Shanghai 30th January 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
15 Noan Road Shanghai on Monday the 30th Day of  
January (inst.) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present.

G. B. Dismore Esq. Chairman  
 David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman  
 S. D. Esq. Solicitor Esq.  
 W. Cameron Esq.  
 Dr. Reid Esq.  
 John Anderson Esq.

Alfred J. Johnston. Secretary

No 685 The summons calling the meeting was read

No 686 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. The following Recom<sup>d</sup> by DC<sub>112</sub> prepared by Mr Johnston in regard to the working of the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery was read and approved.

Recom<sup>d</sup> in regard to the working of the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery.

In regard to this Corps it will be in the recollection of the members of the Defence Committee that during the past half year I advanced some suggestions with regard  
 a - to the working expenses of the Corps - and  
 b - to the description of armament most suited to our local requirements.

The favorable consideration given by the Council to my minute on these subjects prompts me to enter upon an additional one. The practical working of the Corps taken in connexion with its maintenance.

As the remarks I have now to offer are more in continuation of the points I have dealt with already, than a new subject, I submit my notes for reference together with the recently prepared estimate of the cost of the Corps from the date of its formation to the end of the current fiscal year.

These documents are marked A, B, & C. respectively (vide Recom<sup>d</sup><sub>112</sub> and Recom<sup>d</sup><sub>113</sub>).

Finance - A comparison between my estimate (A) of the 28<sup>th</sup> October last and that (C) prepared to the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo shows a difference of \$5084 the former being



that amount in excess of the latter. Upon going into the items it will be seen that in reality the latter is \$250 in excess of the former by reason of the Corps being kept at the Armament proposed by the members instead of that intended by the Council - or in other words by the Corps using Field Guns their own arm - instead of the Howitzers provided by the Council.

It may be reasonably assumed that whatever basis the Corps may be on at the end of March next, they will expect to continue on during next Municipal year. The difference being \$1325 viz

a. What they would like - - - - \$1945  
 b. What it would cost the Council by  
 the Corps using Council's armament 620  
 difference as above \$ 1325

Animals. In the sum of \$620 I allow for keep of four ponies 1/2 cost being debited to the Corps the other half to the Drivance or Engineer branches as the case may be.

I think the Council will agree with me when I say that it would not be unreasonable for the members of the Corps finding four ponies and the Council finding four ponies - the Guns (the Councils) are then hoisted. When it is borne in mind that the Drivers prefer riding their own ponies and putting the Councils in the shafts such a request on the part of the Council would not be unreasonable.

While on the subject of ponies I would wish the Council to understand that they are not the class of animals best suited for Municipal work.

Mules and Horses suit us best, they last longer - they do more work and the keep is the same as a pony, in short they are better suited and more economical than Ponies. Besides which regular work cannot be provided by the Council for more than four ponies. The Armament of the Corps consists of  
 a. 5 Armoring Guns - breach loader

b. 1 Blackley Ordnance Gun - muzzle loader.

c. 2 - 12 lb Brass Howitzers

Total 8 Guns.

a & b are on loan from Messrs Albert & Bidwell - they may be called in at any moment - as I understand Mr. Liguier is at present in Shanghai treating for the purchase of arms, Guns &c. The Artillery

use the Armstrong Guns for their practice and drills

These guns being breach loaders, of course the drill is quite different to muzzle loading drills. I do not think the Corps has yet used the Howitzers or drilled with them or even know Howitzer drill.

The present practice - blank cartridge - is of little real value, as the Armstrong Guns may be withdrawn at any time beside with these guns are not the permanent arm of the Corps.

Would it not be well for the Corps - even if they use the Armstrong guns - to, at least, make up the Howitzer drill?

It might be awkward if the Armstrongs were suddenly withdrawn and necessity arose for using the Howitzers especially if the working of them devolved on the two or three men in Shanghai who know the drill.

I think in connexion with this Corps the questions for the Council's consideration would be -

a. the guns the Council would wish the Corps to use and for which the Council will provide ammunition for practice, keep points &c &c

b. the necessity for making up the Howitzer drill

c. returning the Armstrong guns - the keeping clean of which now costs \$30 a month or if retained that Albert & Bidwell bear at least  $\frac{4}{6}$  of the expense

Wm. J. ...  
Secretary

Council Room

26 January 1871.

After consideration of and discussion on the foregoing item it was agreed that the members of the Defence Committee should meet delegates to be appointed from the artillery corps and make known to them the Council's views in regard to the Corps.

Communion - Storage of 1825's Hall & Nobby's  
-trader for  $\frac{80}{88}$  was accepted the Secretary being instructed to call upon them for an inspection report and then to ask them to state definitely what rate they will store the communion at per month.

Subscription List for the benefit of the families of the sufferers by the accident at the Rifle Butts. A. Island for  $\frac{20}{125}$  from the Chairman to the members of the Council suggesting that a contribution of \$100 (one hundred dollars) should be given from the municipal funds was read.

Some of the members of the Council commented on the delay which had occurred in the closing of the subscription list. In this connection the Secretary read an extract from the minutes of the Council of the 31<sup>st</sup> October last (vide G. M. B. No 5 p. 390) which stated that the Council "declined to recognize the matter officially". The meeting decided to await the result of the circulation of the subscription lists now in Mr. White and Mr. Nelson's hands before coming to a decision on the Chairman's Island.

Finance Committee - Accounts - Rates - Native Rental Rate. The subjoined item prepared by Mr. Johnston for  $\frac{20}{115}$  in regard to the collection of Native Rental Rate by the Foreign or native month was read.

Item in regard to Native Rental Rate  
I have learnt during the present week - yesterday in fact - that at least so far as Mr. Stambury is concerned the rents of his properties are collected by the Chinese month instead of the English month. Generally every third Chinese year there is an intercalary or thirteenth month. The taxes are collected

on the actual rentals. These rentals are given in by the month, thus on the first of January it is notified to me that a certain house is rented at \$12 a month this rate multiplied by 12 gives \$144 as the year's rent while the actual rent received by the owner of the property is \$15-6. The difference assuming all Chinese house owners do the same as H. H. Hambray would in every third year, taking the Budget figures for the current, be about \$2000 loss to the Municipal Exchequer. I think as the tax is supposed to be collected on the actual rental, that the tax ought to be levied on the sum paid to the owner.

While on this subject I beg to quote an extract from the Report of the Finance Rate & Appeal Committee read at the Annual Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1890 (vide G. M. B. No 5/14 221-2).

In conclusion I would venture to suggest - though for the present year it is too late to include the 13<sup>th</sup> month in the year's collection, a resolution be passed on this subject for the guidance of future Councils as expressing the views of the present board on this matter.

H. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room

28<sup>th</sup> January 1891.

After due consideration the Council approved and passed H. Johnston's motion fully recognizing their right to collect on the actual rental received by the owner of the house for the year and recommending the subject to the consideration and action of their successors.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Jellicoe, seconded by Mr. Rennie and

No 687. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Works Refuge for destitute - Surgeon \$ 500  
 Works Public Garden due Treasurer \$ 211<sup>87</sup>  
 Defence Committee - Storage of ammunition per month \$ 12  
 Works Warming Road \$ 250  
 sep. boxes  
 Recorder.

The Cash State for the 25<sup>th</sup> inst was being round  
for inspection. It showed balances as follows:  
 In Comrades hands - \$ 7,042.27  
 In Banks 16,225.53

Debt on Merchandise - The Secretary stated that in accordance with the decision come to on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst (vide p 75 ante) he had applied to Messrs J. A. B. Durkin and John MacLennan for the amount of dues owing by them, the former had not replied to the application made and the latter called and stated he refused paying the sum claimed. Secretary instructed to institute proceedings for the recovery of the amount due to the Council.

Taxes. Exemption from Municipal Tax on Land used by the public. A letter (no <sup>200</sup>/<sub>78</sub>) on this subject from Mr. Ashton and a report (no <sup>200</sup>/<sub>117</sub>) there by Mr. Johnston was ordered to be circulated among the members of the Council.

Public Garden Account. Mr. Probst's letter (no <sup>200</sup>/<sub>24</sub>) handing a/c current to 31<sup>st</sup> December last was read.

The Secretary being instructed to

hand Mr. Probst a cheque for the balance due to him \$ 211<sup>87</sup>

b. offer to relieve Mr. Probst should he desire it of the trouble of keeping the accounts and to inform him of the system in operation with the Fire Commission in this respect:

c. keep the sum of \$5 unaccounted for by Mr. R. P. Forrest as a debit against the Public Garden Committee.

Watch.

Foreigners - destitute - letters in regard to these were received from Messrs Seward, Wellbourn and Amack in reply to the Council's letter of 19<sup>th</sup> inst to the Consular Body. The first named requested all American subjects to be sent to his consulate, the second as Chairman of the Consular Body handed the Council the following copy of a resolution passed at their meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. "The question of the relief of destitute foreigners brought before the meeting on the reading of a letter from the Secretary of the Municipal Council was considered and it was agreed that it is better to leave such persons in the hands of their consuls respectively. The Chairman of the Council Body was however requested to suggest to the Municipal Council that it may be possible to extend a degree of relief by giving work to persons who are willing to work for their food and lodging and are recommended by their respective Consuls."

The Council after consideration decided that Foreigners having Consuls at this port are to be sent to their Consuls for relief. Those not having Consuls will be relieved out of funds provided by the Council.

The Secretary being instructed to call on the Superintendent of Police for his views in regard to a general system of labor for the destitute Foreigners.

Licenses - Rates of License Fees for Native Houses of entertainment - The following report called for at the Council's meeting of the from the Superintendent of Police was read.

January 24<sup>th</sup> 1881

I have to report for the information of the Watch Committee that I have made careful enquiries concerning Chinese Hotels (where liquors are sold) Grog shops and Tea Houses and would recommend that the following monthly license fees be charged to the above class of houses.

Hotels.

First class \$3<sup>00</sup> per month  
Second --- 1<sup>00</sup>

Group of Sea Shavers

First Class	\$ 4 <sup>00</sup>	per month
Second --	3 <sup>00</sup>	"
Third --	2 <sup>00</sup>	"
Fourth --	1 <sup>00</sup>	"
Fifth --	50	"

I believe this will not press heavily on the above class of houses and would produce probably about \$250 per month

(Signed) C. Fenfold

Supt.

It was moved by Mr. Fild, seconded by Mr. Jellicoe and  
No 688. Resolved

That the rates of license fees proposed in the attached memo (in  $\frac{100}{96}$ ) for private houses of Entertainment be approved and the collection be proceeded with at once

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The Inspector of Nuisances weekly Report in Health was read and passed.

Wheelbarrows - Carrying of lights by - This subject adverted to at the last meeting was referred to the Superintendent of Police for his views, he reports as follows -

January 28<sup>th</sup> 1881

In reference to wheelbarrows carrying lights at night I would remark that no case of accident from collision &c between barrows and carriages after dark has been reported to or seen by the Police, this shows that danger to traffic from barrows at night is not very great and excepting to prevent accidents there is nothing from a Police point of view which calls for a light being carried on barrows at night

(The expense, not less than 500 Cash per month)

for carrying a light on the barrow at night.

no doubt reduce the number of barrows going for hire after dark and would thus tend to diminish the chance of accidents.

(Signed) C. Kempford

Supt.

It was, after reading this Report, decided to let the matter drop.

Collection of License fee. The Secretary stated that Messrs. Quinby & Reid accompanied by Cho King and two other Chinese had called at the Council Room on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. and proposed that some wealthy Chinese should be allowed to purchase certain number of tickets every month for distribution among the poorer class of barrow-men.

Mr. Johnston informed these gentlemen that such a measure as that proposed would materially interfere with the Police Control - that the Barrow-men were now being so successfully brought under the system of registration that the main object of the whole scheme would be defeated as well as the effect on the barrow-men of being obliged to go once a month to the Police Station for their tickets by which they became known to the members of the Force. A knowledge of the barrow-men was of the greatest service in detection of robberies so frequently occurring among them.

Mr. Johnston said he proposed to the Gentlemen who took the matter up that their object might be obtained, but in a different way - it was simply for the respectable Chinese to give the barrow-men a note for 200 cash upon presentation of which at the Police Station the usual ticket would be issued to them.

The notes so received would be collected from the grantors at the end of the month. The Gentlemen agreed on Mr. Johnston's suggestion which was now submitted for Councils approval.

Arrangement sanctioned, and to have effect at



once.

Finance Committee (continued from page 99 ante). Staff. Re-arrange-  
ment in duties of the Secretarial Staff. The  
 following memorandum (in Finance) on this subject  
 was read.

Order in regard to the re-arrangement of the  
duties of the Secretarial Staff.

The death of Mr. Adams causes a vacancy in  
 the Staff. By the following re-arrangement  
 of duties I do not think it will be necessary  
 to have additional assistance. In this  
 connection I propose that:

Mr. McMillan - who has had at various times  
 about four months experience of the workings of  
 the Local Post Office he appointed Local Postmaster.

Mr. McMillan has been over six years in the  
 Public Service he is a thoroughly reliable man  
 very steady and a man in whom I have the  
 fullest confidence. The duties of Postmaster  
 require that he should be constantly on the spot  
 but the manual work is in reality very light and  
 permits of his undertaking such duties as keeping  
 the Land Records, indexing up the Letter Books,  
 copying &c. the General Store accounts &c. work which  
 he has been familiar with for years. His

appointment was to run for 1<sup>st</sup> January 1892 and  
 he is quite satisfied to undertake the duties I  
 have enumerated without any increased emolument  
Mr. Malcolm. I think for the interests of the  
 service it would be desirable to have this gentle-  
 man in my office as he would become conversant  
 with details more suited to his ability than the  
 duties of sharpshooter Dub's Clerk - besides which  
 the change I am given to understand would not  
 be distasteful to him.

Mr. Day who I have reason to be satisfied with  
 so far, appears to me to be better suited to defined  
 duties than those of an ever varying nature.

find the office I propose taking Mr. Malerkin from, more congenial to his taste and more fitting to his abilities.

Irrespective of the change necessitated by the death of Mr. Adams I had it in contemplation to have the permits given in to the Custom House compared with the Wharfage Dues Ledger in order to avoid the possibility of any error or omission creeping into our accounts.

The Wharfage Dues is a source of revenue - the most elastic of all sources - which requires fostering and careful attention and for this reason I think every effort should be made to have the books kept in the most careful manner possible. I would like to be in a position to define the details of the accounts of the Wharfage Dues office so minutely that they should accurately compare with the port trade returns.

Mr. Jones is a very promising young officer and so versed in the details of his duties that unless under an emergency I would prefer keeping him as my immediate assistant.

Mr. Lewis's branch - The account-branch - suffers no disturbance by the contemplated changes.

Therefore in conclusion I would recommend the adoption of the changes I propose, fully satisfied that every requirement will be met, the duties met fully and efficiently performed and an annual saving effected of \$75,000 on the present expenditure.

I give it as my eight years experience that the more municipal work is consolidated the more efficiently it can be performed and the greater the saving to the public.

Wm. J. Buchanan  
Secretary

Comal From

28<sup>th</sup> January 1891.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Cameron and  
 No 689. Resolved

That Mr. John McMillan be appointed  
 Local Postmaster on and from this date and that  
 the re-arrangement of the duties of the Secretariat  
 Staff proposed in Mr. Johnston's Memorandum of  
 25<sup>th</sup> January be approved

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An application from Mr. Gwyn in  $\frac{2}{122}$  for the  
 office of Local Postmaster was read. Secretary  
 to inform Mr. Gwyn that the vacancy had been  
 filled.

Works - Engineer's Progress Report ( $\frac{10000}{120}$ ) was read & passed  
 Roads. The following memo prepared by Mr. Johnston  
 in regard to the old (inner) wooden road was read.

In regard to the old (or inner) wooden road  
 at the last State Dayers meeting Mr. Drumby proposed  
 a resolution that the Council be empowered to repair  
 this road to long-man or so far as the Municipal  
 finances will allow. Unfortunately for the  
 resolution the Municipal finances did not permit  
 of the repair of the road, there were other claims  
 of a more important nature to be met.

Before however undertaking any repairs or change  
 of the road the tenure by which it was assumed  
 to be public property was fortunately questioned,  
 and it turns out that the slender claim of the  
 public to the road rests on the payment of two years  
 Chinese Government Ground Rent in 1867 at the  
 solicitation of Mr. Winchester which may be viewed  
 in the light of an act of charity on the part of the  
 Council.

It has been ascertained that the natives whose  
 land had been taken to carry the road through, never  
 received compensation for the land though some  
 slight award was made them for the removal of

the Corps.

The cost of putting the entire road to Wosung in good travelling order the Engineer estimates at \$25,000 exclusive of the sum required for the purchase of the ground. The road is low, it is flooded at high tides, it would be necessary to raise it, besides there are 32 bridges which it would be necessary to rebuild.

The primary outlay would require to be supplemented by an annual appropriation of \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the keepings up of this road.

The question of the remission of taxes was discussed at the last meeting of Council and a Memo prepared by Mr. Medhurst was to be forwarded to the several Legations, recommending the Supreme Government be moved to remit taxes on all roads surrendered to public use by the local authorities.

Now the old Wosung Road was.

1<sup>st</sup> never surrendered to public use.

2<sup>nd</sup> the Land Owners never agreed to take the road over.

3<sup>rd</sup> the Council never assumed charge of it and

4<sup>th</sup> at the last State Sagers meeting the late Council stated that they abandoned it altogether.

It is now suggested that the Council in pursuance of the action of their predecessors renounce any charge or connexion with this road.

It is now proposed to proceed so far as funds will permit with the construction of the road as authorized by the State Sagers from the Yangtze to Wosung. There are several reasons for this work being proceeded with at once.

The Chinese look on the formation of the Road as a settled thing, delay may shake them in this belief and they may therefore become obstructive.

The question of the construction of the road from the Settlement was opened by Mr. Medhurst and had better be settled before he leaves.

There is a satisfactory prospect of obtaining \$5,500 from private sources towards the construction of the Road. Nothing now remains but to proceed with the work and order an iron bridge for the creek next below the Yangtze-poo. In this connexion a resolution has been prepared.

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room

28<sup>th</sup> January 1871.

After some discussion

It was moved by Mr. Seligson, seconded by Mr. Reid and

No 690. Resolved

That the next or river line of the Hoosung Road as decided by the State Survey be proceeded with at once so far as Municipal funds permit and that an iron bridge be ordered for the creek next below the Yangtze-poo, forthwith.

Wm. J. Johnston

Secretary

In connexion with this subject the Secretary was instructed to write to Comte Mejan, Consul General in France enquiring if his Government, having a naval depot at Hoosung and thus benefitted by the proposed road would contribute towards the expense of making it.

Telegraph Conditions. Mr. Johnston informed the meeting that W. S. E. Snelson General Agent of the Great Northern Telegraph Company had called upon him and represented that the height the line of wire above thoroughfares all over Europe was not required to be more than 16 feet while the Council have required it should be 18 feet - the posts the Company had would not enable them to comply with the Councils conditions as they were not intended to take the wire more than 16 feet.

They asked in this motion therefore

Council would amend the condition and permit the wires being placed at an elevation of 16 feet. Agreed to comply with this request.

General.

Powellon Creek Bridge Charter. The chairman stated that this matter had been discussed by the Consuls, referred to the Taviton and discussed again by the Consuls at their last meeting, - they adjourned before coming to a decision but intimated to meet tomorrow (31<sup>st</sup>) and decide upon the reply they would give to the Council's letter.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he intended leaving for Hong Kong for a short time

Fire Commission. "Andromeda" case. The amount of salvage to be claimed for extinguishing the fire on board this ship was discussed. The Secretary being instructed to place the matter in Mr. Dennis's hands with instructions -

- a to claim salvage on the ship and cargo - if that were possible - if not - to
- b make a specific claim say of 5% on the value of the ship and cargo.

The List of Officers (No <sup>70</sup> 99) and Members of the "Victoria Steam Fire Engine Company" was submitted for the approval and confirmation of the Council. It was therefore moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Sollice and

No 696 Resolved

That the enrolment of the following gentlemen as members of the "Victoria Steam Fire Engine Company" be approved and confirmed.

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mr. B. A. Clark, Foreman | Mr. D. Glass             |
| J. Sharp                 | A. McIvor                |
| J. S. Mason              | W. A. Gubbins            |
| J. H. Cheverton          | P. Orme.                 |
| A. P. Tennant            | A. M. Case               |
| L. A. Summers            | T. O. S. Perkins         |
| W. E. Gibb               | R. Redgwick              |
| E. Ward                  | J. E. Riding - Secretary |

W. J. Brown  
President

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 93 ante) -

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved,

That the meeting do now adjourn.

Wm. J. Schuster  
Secretary

Wm. Smith  
Vice Chairman

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1851

Wm. Smith  
Vice Chairman  
W. H. Stubbay  
W. Peoni

Council Room

15 Arman Road

No 692.

Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> February 1851.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of February instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the Arman Road

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz,

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be signed.

Defence Committee - Results of meeting with Artillery.

Finance

Appropriations

Cash State

Interest Taxation on Lima surrendered to public use

- Collection by Council of Chinese Government - ground rent.  
Local Post Office.
- Works. Engineers Progress Report  
Telegraph Co's amendment to conditions  
Waterworks - French Councils Repts.
- Watch. Inspector of Nuisances Report.  
Scheme of labor for destitute foreigners  
As to Singah Refugee.
- General. Consuls reply. Soochow Creek Bridge matter  
Court of Consuls for 1851.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant  
Wm. Johnston  
Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> February 1851

At the General meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the  
Council Room 15 Arman Road Shanghai on  
Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February (inst) A.D. 1851  
pursuant to notice

Present.

J. Frid Esq. Vice Chairman in the Chair.  
J. Anderson Esq  
P. J. G. Jellicoe Esq  
W. Smith Esq.  
Mr. S. Gubbary Esq.

Also J. Johnston Secretary.

No 692  
No 693

Summons read  
minutes signed

Defence Committee. Shanghai Volunteer Artillery. A report  
detailing the result of the conference held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>



list between this Committee and Lieut. Mayo and James of the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery, was read. After discussion and certain slight amendments being made, in the terms of the conditions, it was decided that the following be the footing upon which this Corps be maintained by the Community.

1. That the Council make an appropriation of \$5 00 per month to cover all charges (including purchase of animals) on account of the Corps.
2. That the Drivitzer Drill be commenced as soon as convenient to the members of the Corps but not later than the middle of April next.
3. That the Council formally binds over upon the ratification of the Corps to the conditions herein, six pistols (including the four now in possession of the members of the Corps), on the understanding that these pistols are used for Artillery purposes only or if for other purposes the nature of such be made known to and the consent of the Officer commanding the Battery first obtained before being used, and that in event of the Corps disbanding &c &c they be restored to the Council.
4. That the Corps when ordered out for practice by the Commandant of the Volunteers or the Adjutant-General will be supplied with ammunition by the Council free of charge.
5. That the Guns not now actually required by the Corps and at present in the Municipal Godown be retained to the owner's disposal.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Lieut. Mayo and Dallas asking their confirmation to the above conditions. (vide in  $\frac{20}{114}$  S.C. B. B. p. 23)

Subscription list or families in the two boxes called at the Rifle Range. The Secretary stated that he had written to Capt. Maclean to hand in the additional subscription list in circulation and to Capt. Duma to let the Council have the list.

to the stranger mounted Rangers - The latter gentleman expressed that it was in Mr. Preston's hands, he was at present away from Shanghai - on his return it would be sent to the Council.

Finance Committee. Appropriations. It was moved by Mr.

Boyd seconded by Mr. Anderson and

18694. Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

Wages - Gas - Council House	25.
Road Road	322
Compensation P. ca. do.	107.
— " — Graves new Anglican Roads	60.
Salaries	050
Blankets approximate	100.

Exp. more  
Secundis.

The Cash State for the 4<sup>th</sup> inst was handed over for inspection - It showed balances as follows.

In Comrades' Hands.	5,204-99.
In Bank	21,725-03.

Taxation. Resolutions from municipal taxation on land used by the public. Mr. Johnston said that at the last meeting of Council he was instructed to circulate among the members, a paper he had prepared on this subject, consequent upon a letter received from Mr. John Ashton on this subject. Upon consideration he thought it better to defer circulating the paper but read it at this meeting, giving such explanation as presents in it as they arose. (For the minute vide his Finance dated 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1871. J. Letter Book p 51.)

In connection with the last paragraph of the foregoing minute Mr. Johnston was requested to mature his views, and lay them before the Council on some future occasion.

Collection of Chinese Government of Shanghai

15-00 Cash per month. Mr. Johnston proposed that as the workings of the Land Office now permitted of it, the Government Land Tax should be collected by the Council, which would be a source of convenience to the Community if his suggestion was followed as it would do away with the present annoyance to persons of having Chinese debit notes presented by natives unacquainted with English and who were unable to give any information if such should be required. The proposition was favorably received by the Council, Mr. Johnston being instructed to submit it for the consideration of the Consular Body.

Local Post Office. The Secretary informed the meeting that two letters Mr. McMillan the Local Postmaster had addressed to Mr. Martin the British Postmaster, had been returned by that official stating that he had no official connexion with him (Mr. McMillan).

Secretary to forward copies of the correspondence to H. B. his Consul and the Postmaster General at Hongkong and write an explanation in regard to this matter from the latter.

H. B. Committee. Engineers Progress Report is  $\frac{1000}{132}$  was read and passed.

Telegraph Conditions. A letter by  $\frac{1000}{130}$  of 2nd inst from Mr. Sulson General Agent of the Great Northern Telegraph Company was read. In it he represents that the annual rental of \$25 asked for by the Council was very high and asked if they would not alter it and make it a nominal sum.

Decided to reduce the rate to the nominal one of one tael per annum. The Secretary was instructed to enquire of Mr. Sulson if, in the event of their (the Telegraph Co) erecting a line of telegraph along the Bund from Shanghai to Wauwong they would permit the Council to carry their wires on the company's poles. (vide Mr.  $\frac{1000}{126}$  of 24 Dec. 1876)

Water Supply. Mr. Johnston said that Mrs. Stevens had informed him that the French Municipal Council were willing to meet this Council and discuss the question of a general system of water supply.

Watch Committee - Sanitary Dept. Inspector of Resources Report - No. <sup>706</sup>/<sub>13</sub> dated 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. was read & noted.

Distressed Foreigners - a scheme in regard to distressed foreigners (by <sup>note</sup>/<sub>174</sub> dated 4<sup>th</sup> inst) was received from St. Paulo the Secretary being instructed to forward it to the Consular Body, stating that if it found favor with them the scheme would be elaborated for their approval.

General - The Secretary read the following -

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of Consuls held pursuant to notice at H. M.'s Consulate at 2 pm of the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 1891

Composition of Court of Foreign Consuls "a vote for the members of the Court was taken and resulted in the choice of Messrs. Dumestre, Hedderst and Seward by votes of seven, seven and six respectively. It was then resolved -

"That this Court subject to the approval of the Body of Consuls shall establish the Rules of Procedure to be used in the Court and cause their publication"

Soochow Creek Bridge. The matter of the Soochow Bridge was brought forward. It was considered "undesirable to give an opinion as to the validity of the Charter as the question may come before the Court of Consuls for examination." The Senior Consul was requested to reply to the Council accordingly."

The Secretary said he had enquired from Mr. Hoag what time the new bridge would be opened to traffic. Mr. Hoag replied that he feared the opening might be a little late.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p. 109 and Harwin's subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees.

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Dain Reid  
Vice Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1871.

Dain Reid  
J. S. Bellis  
M. J. Gubbay  
W. P. R. M.

*Council*

*Summons b.c.*

Council Room

15 Hsuan Road

No 695

Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> February 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Hsuan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be signed.

Defence Committee. Return of arms.

Shed for Artillery guns.

Officers leave.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Report from Committee

Collection of Chinese Ground Rent.

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Report.

appropriation for abatement of Hongkong Bridge  
Subscription - Woosung Road.

Watch.

Inspector of nuisances' Report.

Mr. Skanburg's report on the workings of the Suezak Refug

General.

Election of Vice Chairman

Mr. Hogg's letter - Szechow Bridge

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Mr. J. Johnston

Secretary.

To the Members

of the Council

Council Room

Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> February 1891

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
15<sup>th</sup> Aman Road Shanghai on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Day of February (inst.) a.d. 1891 pursuant to notice  
Present.

David Reid Esq. Vice Chairman in the Chair

Samuel James Gardner Solicitor Esq.

William Cameron Esq.

John Anderson Esq.

Ervideca Union Gubbey Esq.

William Ross Esq.

Alexander John Johnston - Secretary.

Absent.

George Basil Dixwell Esq.

Theodor Probst Esq.

N<sup>o</sup> 695 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

N<sup>o</sup> 696 The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed  
and signed.

Defence Committee - Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps - Amus. actio

of by Infantry Companies. It was moved by Mr. Cameron seconded by Mr. Delucie and

No 697 Resolved.

That it appears expedient in the interests of the Public and provided that it meets the views of the members of the Infantry Companies of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps, that the arms at present in use be called in, examined and re-issued for parades, after which they are to be returned into the Municipal Armory.

Signed

President.

Artillery. The letter by <sup>D.C.</sup>/<sub>116</sub> p 230 to Lieut Hayes by Dallas from the Council and embodying the conditions arrived at and resulting out of, and generally agreed to, at the conference held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst between the members of the Defence Committee and Messrs Hayes and Dallas, was read passed & adopted.

Ponies. The question of giving the Corps eight instead of six ponies was considered. Decided to grant them \$60 for the purchase of two ponies making the number up to eight.

Shed. The Council were informed that Messrs Dallas and Woodward thought it desirable that a shed similar to what had been put up for the Hook and Ladder Company should be put up by the Council for the Artillery guns and appurtenances. Decided, in view of the Municipal plot being likely to be required within the next year or year and a half for building purposes, Council regretted they could not accede to the request.

Officers - Variations - Resignations. by <sup>D.C.</sup>/<sub>157</sub> Lawson  
Lieut Hayes resignation for acceptance.

It was moved by Mr. Delucie seconded by Mr. Cameron

No 698 Resolved

That the resignation of Lieut A. A. Hayes of the Shanghai Municipal Artillery be

accepted with approval

by Mr. Cameron

and Mr. Anderson

The Council's letter no  $\frac{90}{116}$  p 242 accepting it was read, passed and adopted.

Leave to It was moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Cameron

No 99 Resolved

That in view of maintaining the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps, in the highest state of efficiency it appears inexpedient as a general practice to grant leave of absence to officers, except for short periods and then only to enable them to take short trips on the China and Japan Coasts.

by Mr. Cameron

and Mr. Anderson.

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee. Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Cameron seconded by Mr. Gubbins and

No 100 Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

General Establishment - Commutation ticket

26 \$

Cochon Bridge Company

20

Works Decree for Broadway

75

by Mr. Cameron

and Mr. Anderson.

No 101. The Cash State for the 11<sup>th</sup> mo was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows.

In Comrades hands

No 6,854-10

In Bank

10,675-53.

The following Report from the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the minutes



N<sup>o</sup> 702. Report of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to submit a report of their proceedings.

Local Post Office. Mr. John McShellan has been appointed to the office of Local Postmaster, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Adams.

In regard to the working of the office Mr. McShellan reports as follows.

Local Post Office  
Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> February 1851.

Alfred A. Johnston Esq

Secretary

Municipal Council

Sir,

I beg to hand you the following brief Report of the general state of the Local Post Office.

During the short time I have had charge of this office (about a week) every thing appears to have gone on satisfactorily.

The mails by the different steamers are received and dispatched as usual - have heard no complaints from anyone.

The books of the Office such as they are, seem to have been kept correctly but are at present a little behind by reason of the illness of the late Mr. Adams but will soon be brought up.

There is an accumulation of unclaimed letters which I would suggest be advertised once in the Daily Papers.

There are 6 coolies and a Sampan man employed, one of the coolies remains inside to attend to the office, the other five are delivery, the Sampan man also delivers letters on board ships and at Postings.

The office furniture is in order

I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant

(Signed) J. McShellan

Local Postmaster

Your Committee have arranged to rent the premises in the Hankow Road at present in the occupation of the 'Shanghai Evening Courier,' for the Local Post Office.

Notice has been given to H. B.'s Government of the Comer's desire at the end of six months to terminate the present postal convention, which so far as your Office is concerned, is found to work most satisfactorily.

Land Office. The valuation schedule of land situated between the Yang-tung-tung and Sauchow Creeks has been published. Each Land Rentee has been supplied gratis with a copy. Rate Payers wishing copies can purchase them at the cost of one dollar each copy. The schedule for Hongkew is in the printer's hand and will be got out with all dispatch.

The Land Plan of the English Settlement has been thoroughly revised, it now shows the Lot numbers, Register numbers &c &c. The plan on a reduced scale of 200 feet to one inch, with the Municipal lot numbers has been completed, it is proposed to have it copied faithfully and sent to England to be lithographed.

Your Committee would suggest that Land Rentees be requested to examine and verify the boundaries of their lots within a period of ten days, this it appears to your Committee is all that is now necessary to be done to place the Municipal Land Office upon the most satisfactory footing.

The plans will be open to inspection at the Council Office No 15 Hovan Road.

Mr. Johnston has suggested to your Committee the convenience it would be to the Community for the Chinese Government Ground Rent to be collected by the Council instead of, as now, by sumers from the City Gammas. This proposition having already been approved of by you and H. B.'s Council (vide No  $\frac{2}{165}$ ) having viewed it favorably, and promise

at his request, it has been referred for the sake of the Consular Building.

Consular Accounts—Your Committee have received an application from Mr. A. A. Lawrence the Municipal Auditor for increase of remuneration. He conceives the duties he is called on to perform are in excess of the stipend he now receives for them. They therefore suggest that the amount be increased to \$1500 per annum for the future.

Rolling Stock. By consolidation of the rolling stock of the different branches under Mr. Steele a saving of about \$2000 per annum can be effected.

To enable the working to be effectually done it is necessary that the whole stock should be placed under one roof, the present stables are inconvenient and do not meet this necessary requirement.

Therefore your Committee, after going fully into details with Mr. Steele recommended that his proposition "to furnish suitable stables for thirty six horses, quarters for horse boys, harness and fodder rooms, house for dogs and a yard for all the Council's Rolling stock for the sum of \$5000 per annum be accepted."

Your Committee have provisionally sanctioned an outlay on account of the coming Municipal year for the repair here and purchase from England of Rolling Stock.

Allowance to Officers in lieu of Quarters. Your Committee have conferred with the gentlemen requiring quarters to be found them, in consequence of being dispossessed of those provided for them in the present Post office building. The feeling of the gentlemen being that they would rather accept a money allowance and provide their own quarters than have them provided by the Council. The allowance your Committee propose giving is based on that granted to the Consular and Customs officers viz. \$6000 per annum, which is

from municipal taxation during the currency of their present agreements

Members of the  
Finance  
Rate and  
Appeal  
Committee

Council Room

10<sup>th</sup> Arnan Road

Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> February 1898.

It was moved by Mr. Jermé seconded by Mr. Gubbay and

No 703 Resolved

That the Report of the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee be approved

sig. Jermé

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Public Works Committee. The Engineers Progress Report for  $\frac{21st}{1897}$  was read & passed.

Bridges - Hengtseu Creek. The abstract of tenders for the construction of abutments and putting up the iron bridge was considered. In view of the lowest tender being in excess by \$63000 of the estimated cost of the abutments and no provision having been made for the putting up of the bridge in the current year's budget and it appearing from the plan that there was to be a pier in the centre of the Creek, it was decided to remit this matter for further consideration of the Public Works Committee.

Ports, Waosung Road. The Secretary informed the meeting that there was a likelihood of the French Government, the Customs, the Great Northern Telegraph Co and Mr. Reswick, contributing towards the expense of the new river line of Road to Waosung. Possibly others interested might do the same if a subscription list were put in circulation. He asked for the Council's approval to the

rough draft of the one he had prepared. <sup>inserted.</sup>  
Claims Gas Company - A letter no <sup>24762</sup>/<sub>143</sub> from Mr. Head  
 was read, in which he makes a claim for an escape of  
 gas which "occurred on Friday night in the Kings Road"  
 near the junction of the Lisard Road. The said  
 leak was occasioned through the sinking of the main  
 in the filling in the ground recently excavated there by  
 the Council. This letter had been referred to Mr.  
 Oliver who stated as follows - "Notice was sent Mr.  
 Head on 5<sup>th</sup> inst of intention to open road. The escape  
 was discovered by one of our foremen on Saturday morning  
 24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>. He was at once sent to the gas works to report  
 one of the gas co's foremen immediately accompanied  
 our foreman to examine into the matter."

The sense of the meeting was taken on this  
 matter, all the members but one being of opinion that  
 the claim should be ignored. Secretary to reply in  
 this connexion.

### Watch.

Sanitary - The Inspector of Nuisances Report no <sup>4144</sup>/<sub>244</sub>  
 was read and passed.

Sanitary Refuse - Mr. Stanbury's letter of 9<sup>th</sup> inst no <sup>4144</sup>/<sub>168</sub>  
 was read and the Report contained in it adopted.

The Secretary to call on the Engineer and Inspector  
 of Nuisances to give their experience in writing for the  
 information of the Council, with reference to the following  
 extract from Mr. Stanbury's Report - "Mr. Powell com-  
 menced with thirty men and has gradually increased  
 the number until he has now one hundred and sixty  
 and who he states, under the pressure of his constant  
 and immediate superintendance do more work per man  
than the same number of unwatched ordinary coolies  
at four or five times the rate."

Police - The Supt of Police Report no 107 was read.  
 Decided to continue the services of the Policeman.

Destitute Foreigners - The Secretary informed the  
 meeting that he had received from Mr. D.R. Gamwell  
 Army Treasurer & Trinity Church the sum of Rs 285<sup>00</sup>  
 the proceeds of a collection on 5<sup>th</sup> inst.

instructed to notify the Senior Consul of this and ask the disposition he desired to be made of the funds Fire Crackers. It was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Anderson and

No 704. Resolved

That the article on p 28 of the Rules and Regulations for the Guidance and Instruction of the Shanghai Municipal Police Force, headed "Bonfires Crackers &c" is suspended from 17 February to 5<sup>th</sup> March in consequence of its being Chinese New Year time. <sup>sig move</sup> <sup>2<sup>nd</sup> comdr</sup>

General.

Resignation Vice Chairman. Mr. Anderson expressed on behalf of the Council their regret at the resignation of Mr. Reid consequent upon his approaching departure from Shanghai. They could not let him go without recording their appreciation of the value of the public services he had rendered to the Community and which they were sure were fully shared by their fellow residents. It was then moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Gubbay and

No 705 Unanimously Resolved

That the Council accept with great regret the resignation of Mr. Reid their Vice Chairman and on behalf of the Community they wish to tender to him their best thanks for the very able, zealous and conscientious manner in which he has discharged the functions of his Office.

<sup>sig move</sup>

Recorder.

Election of Vice Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 706. Unanimously Resolved.

That Mr. John Anderson be elected Vice Chairman in the room of Mr. David Reid resigned on account of his departure for Europe of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the remainder of the present year.

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See above

in Minutes

Opinion Resolved by Mr. Gubbay seconded  
by Mr. Anderson and

No 707 Resolved

That in all future engagements made with  
employees of the Council, it shall not only be perfectly  
understood before completing negotiations but that  
a clause shall be inserted in their agreements re-  
quiring them to devote their entire time, attention  
and ability to the services of the Council and that  
they shall not be concerned in trade or business  
of any kind whatsoever except such as appertains  
to the Municipality.

See above

• Secunder.

Saschun Creek Bridge - A letter was read, from  
Messrs. Hogg & Co. in answer to a letter from the  
Council asking the probable date on which the new  
Saschun Creek Bridge would be open to traffic.

In it Messrs. Hogg & Co. state as follows - "We  
"must defer a definite reply at present but we take  
"the opportunity of recording the fact that the Bridge  
"works would have been much further advanced at  
"this moment but for certain obstructions imposed by  
"the Municipal Council in the matter of mud-filling  
"these obstructions caused delay of six weeks to two  
"months."

In reply to this charge the  
Secretary was instructed to deny most emphatically  
that any action of the Council had obstructed or  
delayed the works of the Bridge Company and  
trust that they will rectify their error by withdrawing  
their communication above referred to.

Office Closing - The Council granted permission  
for the Municipal Offices to be closed on the 1st of

to 21<sup>st</sup> instant that being Chinese new year time.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p. 115) and various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Members

Secretary

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Council Room

15 Anson Road

No 508.

Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> February 1891

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February inst at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber in the Public Office in the Anson Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed & signed

Defence Committee - Mr. Dallas' letters

Volunteer Artillery to communicate through the adjutant

General

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Auditor

Scheme for new Municipal premises

Collection of Chinese House Tax - monthly

Rules for Land Office

L.P.O. building - Mr. & Mrs. Stasson's letter

Supply of ... for ...



Reports.

Mr. Servants letter  
 Engineer's Progress Report  
 Shung Ping Comer  
 Mr. Hamburg's letter

Watch.

Abutments Hong Kong bridge  
 Licenses - Chinese Houses of Entertainment  
 Light. Mr. Meado's letter  
 Inspector of Nuisances Report

General

Resignation of Mr. Probst.  
 Mr. Birds letter  
 Leave to Officers  
 Consul's letter - general matters.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
 and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
 Council may deem advisable

Yours, Sir,

Your obedient servant

To the members  
 of the Council.

Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
 General meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1871.

Wm. Mackay  
 M. S. G. G. G.  
 W. Rennie  
 W. G. G. G. G.

Council Room  
 Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> February 1871

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room  
 15 Arnan Road Shanghai on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 February (mid.) 1871 pursuant to notice

Present.

John Anderson Esq. Vice Chairman in the Chair  
 William Cameron Esq.  
 William Peake Esq.  
 Mordecai Simon Gubbay Esq.  
 Alex. John Johnston. Secretary.

No 708 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

No 709 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Shanghai Volunteer Artillery - Officers. Lieut Dallas letter to  $\frac{D.C.}{231}$  reporting variations among officers of this corps was read. After consideration, it was moved by Mr Peake seconded by Mr Cameron and

No 710 Resolved

That the election of Officers of the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery as notified in Lieut Dallas' letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst to  $\frac{D.C.}{231}$  be approved and confirmed

Ag. Moved

Recorded.

Council's proposition of 6<sup>th</sup> instant (vide pp 110-111 mtg) - Lieut Dallas' letter of 17<sup>th</sup> instant to  $\frac{D.C.}{232}$  accepting them was read.  
Points - Mr Peake's report to  $\frac{D.C.}{248}$  giving result of the examination of the Points the Council agreed to purchase in their letter to Lieut Dallas of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec: 1890 to  $\frac{D.C.}{259}$  - was read.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of it to Lieut Dallas, enquiring if he had any explanation to offer in this matter, and requesting that several animals may be submitted for inspection.

Shed for Artillery. In Lieut Dallas' letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst to  $\frac{D.C.}{232}$  he suggests the building of a shed for the guns &c. Secretary to state that the Council regret they are unable to entertain his request.

Finance Rate & Appeal Committee -

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr Cameron, seconded by Mr Gubbay and

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums in  
 1870 - Purchase of 2 ponies £60  
 L.S.O. Rent of local Post Office premises £100  
 20/100. Interest on D. Sassoon's loan & Co's - Shantung loan £50  
 Civil Establishment - Pony Carriage (Secretary) £100  
 S. J. Turner  
 S. J. Turner

Auditor - Mr. Lawrence's application to <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  $\frac{2}{1871}$  of 1870 was read & considered. It was moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Gubbay and

No 712 Resolved

That Mr. A. C. Lawrence be appointed Auditor of the accounts of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1871

S. J. Turner  
 S. J. Turner

The Secretary informed the Council that Mr. A. C. Lawrence had accepted (vide  $\frac{2}{247}$ ) the increase remuneration offered to him as Auditor.

No 713 The Cash State for the 25<sup>th</sup> instant was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows  
 In Comptroller's hands. £6,062-38  
 In Bank 21,175-53.

Buildings for new Municipal Premises, The following item<sup>s</sup> were read.

No 714 Inform<sup>n</sup> in regard to providing buildings for municipal premises in the ground at the junction of the Roman and Douthett Roads, purchased by the Council in 1869.

The time has arrived I apprehend for the Council to consider the best disposition to be made of the piece of ground bought in 1869.

It may not be out of place to give the reasons for the purchase of the ground - Principally they were the

- 1<sup>o</sup> That the buildings in which the public business is now carried on are unsuitable and inconvenient.
- 2<sup>o</sup> That the present lease of the Council House will expire in a few years (31<sup>st</sup> December 1875). That the owners of the property have refused to sell it but offered to re-lease it. It will take about three years to build new premises.
- 3<sup>o</sup> That the land in question was the best situated piece in the Settlement for Municipal offices and buildings both because of its central position and its forming part of the Municipal plot upon which the Police buildings stand at present.
- 4<sup>o</sup> There being no buildings on it there would be no loss or useless structures.
- 5<sup>o</sup> That it was offered under its fair value.
- 6<sup>o</sup> These reasons met with the views of the Ratepayers at their last meeting, the Council's action was ratified and the purchase money Rs 16,901 = £20,000 sterling authorized to be paid.

It will be admitted that Shouhien has attained that degree of importance to justify warrant its having suitable Municipal buildings, with a Hall for public meetings to be held in.

The Archives of the Municipality are yearly increasing and proper provision, I submit ought to be made for their due preservation.

Even so far back as 1864 the want of a building analogous to a Town Hall in England was noticed.

For the information of the Council I append a statement shewing that during the past eight years the sum of Rs 81,496, has been expended on the one item of "Rent" alone (for the statement vide no  $\frac{300}{208}$ )

The present Council House and Godowns during the currency of the lease, will have stood the Municipality in the sum of Rs 62,250 an amount more than what the new Central Bank premises here, I am informed, cost.

The sum of Rs 62,250 may fairly be increased by about Rs 300 a year for repairs which the Council, by the terms of their agreement, have to effect. Say the premises

will have stood the Municipality in all its glory by the time the lease expires.

I presume it will be the object of the Council to utilize the land purchased in 1869 in some use or arrangement. With this end in view I beg to offer the following suggestions for consideration.

- a. That the object will be to have a good, substantial, plain building, to meet present requirements with due regard to prospective wants. That nothing expensively ornamental or unnecessary is projected at the present time. Yet that the community would like a building in dignity worthy of the place.
- b. The requirements can, I think be best ascertained by means of a Commission or Committee composed of the Council's officers assembling to report to the Council what they consider the present and prospective requirements to be.
- c. Suggestion b should it meet with approval and be acted upon, the Council will have before them some data to go upon, towards getting plans and estimates for a suitable building and ultimately an appropriation from the Rate-Payers for its construction.

Alfred Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room

20<sup>th</sup> February 1871.

In regard to the Municipal Minutes. It occurred to me after finishing my letter of yesterday that it would make it more complete if some reference had been made in it, as to providing for

- a. plans for a building
- b. raising funds to build with

In regard to the first I would suggest that the plans be obtained from architects on the spot for two reasons first that they understand better our local conditions and

requirements, than strangers can possibly do, and secondly, it would be a pity to pass over, entirely, our local professionals.

That so soon as the requirements are ascertained, considered and decided upon by the Council from the report - their officers furnish them with, the local architects be invited by advertisement and otherwise to prepare and hand in "Sketch Plans" for a Municipal Building -

of course it cannot be expected that architects will prepare plans for nothing, or on the chance of getting the work, or even a gratuity for their trouble.

I would therefore suggest with the view of the services rendered being paid for, and putting the Council in an independent position, that something of the nature of the following be decided upon by the Council.

That the Council invite plans for Municipal premises from the various local architects upon the following conditions.

1. That a premium of say \$2,000 be offered to be distributed as follows.
2. For the plan that may be accepted \$1,500 in addition to the usual commission in case the person whose plans may be approved is employed to carry out the works.
3. For the plan considered second most suited \$1,000.
4. For the plan considered the third most suited \$500.
5. That the premiated plans become the property of the Council.
6. That each architect will be required to hand in a rough estimate of the cost of the building he furnishes a plan of.
7. That the plans and estimates, after consideration of the Council be open to public inspection of all State payers for a period of not less than say one month.

That the estimates, Plans &c be considered and approved at the next meeting of State Payers.

With respect to raising funds. The first object in this connection will be to spread the repayment of the amount borrowed and the interest payable on it over a series of years. This will fairly divide the cost of the building over five or six generations of the Community, taking five years as the average of a generation. It would be manifestly unfair to expect the Community of today who has borne the cost of purchasing the land to contribute more than a nominal quota towards the cost of such a permanent work.

I would therefore propose for your consideration.

- a. that the necessary funds be raised by debentures  
b. it is assumed proper Municipal buildings will cost about £100,000 perhaps more, perhaps less, however this sum will act as a basis on the present occasion  
c. the repayment to extend over twenty years or five thousand £200 a year, a fair sum I take it to fall on the Community of the day.  
d. before the interest question is dealt with, consideration will have to be given as to where the loan is floated. If in Shanghai you cannot expect to get money much under, if you can get it - 10% per annum. While if you float a loan in England say through your Bankers I think money could be got at 6% with the good security the Council could offer. Thus for the first year of the loan the Council would have to pay
- |                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| 1/20 of Loan   | £5000  |
| 6% on £100,000 | 6000   |
|                | 11,000 |
- or £4,000 less than paid during the last Municipal year.

A reference to the former Annual showing that £81,500 have been spent in recent

during the past eight years, with I am sure convince the Council of the necessity of having their own premises.

There is one point it would be well to give consideration to, that is whether it would be altogether desirable not to raise the loan wholly or in part in Shanghai giving the Community an opportunity of investing their money but in doing this the question of 10% or 6% interest will bear its weight.

W. G. Cameron

Secretary

Council Room

21<sup>st</sup> February 1871.

It was moved by Mr. Reed seconded by Mr. Cameron and  
No 715 Resolved

That a Committee, consisting of the officers of the Council, as suggested in the attached plan (the Finance R.) assemble for the purpose of considering the present and prospective requirements for the Municipal premises, resulting in the result of their conclusions in the form of a report for the information of the Council.

W. G. Cameron

Secretary

Land Office. The following draft rules for its management were read -

- No 716.
- I. Title of Office. The Office will be designated the Municipal Land Office.
  - II. Purpose of Office. For the correct Registration of all Land situated within the limits defined by clause I of the Land Regulations of 1870.
  - III. Office hours. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon daily & from 3 to 5 daily except Saturdays.
  - IV. Scope of Office. a The correction and registration of the different plots of Land situated within the limits defined in clause 2.  
b: The definition of boundaries of all lots and



corrections of area &c

c. The nature of transfers

d. The particulars of assessments.

f. The filing of surveys and generally speaking all matters connected with the circumstances of the land whether Chinese or foreign owned, which may now, or hereafter become subject to Municipal regulations.

V. Land Plans. The issue of tracings of plots of land already mapped on the corrected surveys at a rate of drawings five cents

VI. Standard for contents of maps. The contents of all land registered to be calculated at the rate of 600 superficial feet per mow.

VII. Enumeration of lots. For the better identification of properties the Municipal number will be attached to the Consular Registry and for the purposes of Municipal taxation the Municipal number to be held sufficient description of the property.

VIII. Publicity of plans and registers. The Councils Land plans and registers to be open to the inspection of Land Renters or their duly authorized agents free of charge.

IX. Amendments of rules - That amendments shall be made in the foregoing from time to time as appears desirable

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room

15 - Arman Road.

20: February 1871.

1871

It was moved by Mr. Cameron seconded by Mr. Jubbay and Resolved

That the draft rules for the management of the Councils Land office as set forth in the attached form (in  $\frac{2m}{219}$ ) be approved and passed and put

in force on 15 from the 15 March next, the public be  
 duly apprized of the same, in the usual manner.

sig. Inver  
 Recorder.

Mr. Seward's letter to Finance <sup>233</sup> was read. Secretary  
 to reply it would be inserted in the Council's  
 annual Report for the current year.

Local Post-Office - Premises. Mr. J. Jackson Son  
 & Co's letter to <sup>£170</sup> <sub>276</sub> was submitted. Mr. Gabby  
 stated that the Gate would be open at all times and  
 that the entrance to the British & Local Post-offices  
 were by different avenues. His statement  
 appeared satisfactory to the Council.

Postal Convention - Relation of the respective Postmasters.

Mr. Mitchell Postmaster General at Amberg's letter  
 to <sup>£10</sup> <sub>245</sub> was read and ordered to be filed.

Stews. Mr. Newfield's report to <sup>Finance</sup> <sub>234</sub> of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst  
 was read. The Council after consideration agreeing  
 to discontinue ordering a supply of Beer from  
 England for the future. Members of the Police  
 force making their own arrangements for obtaining  
 the supply of Beer they required.

Rates, Taxes, Dues &c. General Municipal Rate

Rate. Collection &c. Mr. Stone's report to <sup>Finance</sup> <sub>215</sub>  
 suggesting that it would be of great advantage  
 to all concerned if the Council would undertake  
 the collection of the Chimney-Scove tax monthly instead of  
quarterly was read and approved the Council deciding  
 to adopt the suggestion in framing the budget for  
 the next municipal year.

Outstanding Rates - Dues - Dues - Disqualification of  
persons to vote standing indebted to the Council.

The Secretary called the Council's attention to the first  
 part of Clause LIX of the Land Regulations of 1850  
 which enacted that Electors indebted to the Municipality  
 were in consequence disqualified to vote at the forth-  
 coming election. After consideration it was

by Mr. Bime seconded by Mr. Gubbay and  
18718 Resolved.

That the Secretary be hereby directed to publish a notification calling the attention of persons standing indebted to the Municipality, to Art. III, 23 of the Revised Land Regulations, which enacts that Electors not having paid all taxes due are disqualified to vote at the forthcoming election.

By Order

Secord.

The Public Works Committee. The Engineers Progress Reports

for  $\frac{\text{works}}{192}$  &  $\frac{\text{works}}{230}$  were read and passed.

Bridges. Arroyito Creek. Tenders for the construction of abutments and putting up of this bridge. The Public Works Committee reported in regard to this matter that they had examined the plan with the Engineer and found that there was not to be a pier in the centre as supposed. That substantial abutments were necessary in consequence of the strength of the current running into the creek and that the iron bridge from England could not be used for any other purpose than to span this creek.

The Council after consideration decided to defer action in regard to these works & embody the cost of the abutments and putting the bridge up, in their Budget for the forthcoming year.

Claim. Gas Company. Referring to what passed at the last meeting of the Council (vide p. 123 ante) the Secretary read a letter no 184 from Mr. Mead which stated that the Councils decision contained in their letter no  $\frac{\text{works}}{139}$  would be laid before the Board of Directors of the Company.

Roads. Street corners. Messrs. Bowers Danbury & Co's letter no  $\frac{\text{works}}{227}$  Mr. J. Bowers to  $\frac{\text{works}}{227}$  and the terms of agreement it enclosed (see Contract Book no 108) were read.

After consideration it was moved by Mr. Bime, seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No. 19 Resolved

That Mr. A. J. Johnston, Secretary to the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, be hereby empowered to sign on behalf of the said Council, a memorandum dated this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1891 making over, on the conditions therein stated, a piece of ground at the junction of the Hankin and Szechuen Roads containing eighteen square feet, for the purpose of widening the aforesaid roads.

of order  
doe. Secretary.

Defence Ditch. Mr. Hanbury's letter in <sup>vol. 188</sup> of the 16<sup>th</sup> February stating the mud taken from the Defence Ditch will be held at the disposal of the Foreign owners of Chinese Houses having stagnant pools of water under the floors, and suggesting that the mud taken from the creek be deposited in the form of a bank, was read and contents noted.

The Watch Committee. Licenses - Chinese Houses of Entertainment

The Secretary's book in <sup>vol. 210</sup> together with letters received from Messrs E. J. Hoeg (no 196) J. Hanbury (no 206) J. P. Bines (no 229) J. M. Milne (no 222) and also on behalf of Mr. E. M. Smith (no 223), a book in 211 in regard to a conversation between Mr. E. M. Smith and Mr. Johnston, and the Supt of Police's Report in <sup>vol. 216</sup> as well as a book in 212 by the Vice Chairman, circulated for the information of the Council, were now brought up for consideration. After discussion it was decided.

- a. That the Council have no wish to assume powers not conferred on them by the said Regulations and the State Judges.
- b. That art 34 of the Bye Laws, appeared sufficient authority for their licensing the collection of a fee from this class of establishment.
- c. That as there may be some doubt as to the strict interpretation of the article in question in charging a fee not expressly voted by the State Judges the collection

to be suspended.

d. That the proceeds of the collection will be temporarily carried into the General fund.

e. That the system of licensing all Amuses of Entertainment as required by Page 215 XXXIV attached to the Land Regulations of 1850 be continued.

As objection was taken by some foreign owners of Chinese Game Property to licenses being signed by the Superintendent of Police, the Secretary was instructed to sign, on behalf of the Council, all licenses in future.

Sanitation - nuisance Branch. Inspector of Nuisances report to Walter 237 was read and passed.

Brothels - Return of - The Secretary was directed to instruct the Supt of Police to furnish a return of all Chinese Brothels within Municipal limits, giving the following information.

- a. Settlement.
  - b. Road & Municipal number
  - c. No of Amuse
  - d. Name of Landlord
  - e. Name of Brothel keeper if possible
  - f. Description of Brothel - whether purely native & where foreigners are not admitted or solely used by foreigners or used by natives & foreigners.
- And any other information Mr. Penfold may think useful to the Council.

General.

No 720 Resignation of Councillor. The Secretary read a letter to Walter 218 from Mr. Probst tendering his resignation as a Councillor and Chairman of the Watch Committee. It was moved by Mr. Purné seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 721 Unanimously Resolved

That the Council accept with great regret the resignation of Mr. Probst and on behalf of the Community, the Council beg to tender their best thanks to him for the very able, zealous and courteous manner in which he has discharged the

letters of his post of Chairman of the Watch Committee.  
 sig. books  
 Alexander

Mr. Grids' letter in ~~1871~~ <sup>1870</sup> conveying his thanks to the Council for the copy of the resolution transmitted in their letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. was read and ordered to be filed.

Consular Body - Referring to what had transpired at the meeting of the Council of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. the following had now been officially communicated to the Council by Mr. Seward in a letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 1871.

United States Consulate General  
 Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> February 1871

No 2174

Sir,

I am requested to inform you that at a Consuls meeting held yesterday the Consuls present were of the opinion that as the question of the validity of the Charter of the Soochow Bridge may come before the Court of Consuls it is undesirable for the Consuls acting politically to give an opinion upon it.

I deem it well to inform you also that the meeting determined.

1<sup>st</sup> That three Consuls be chosen to constitute the Court of Consuls as provided in the said Regulation with power to any two of them to choose a third in case of the absence of one of their number subject to the approval of the Body of Consuls.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the Court shall establish, subject to the approval of the Body of Consuls, Rules of Procedure to be used in the Court and cause their publication

3<sup>rd</sup> That a vote for members of the Court was taken, and resulted in the choice of Messrs. Medhurst, Ames and Seward.

I have the honor, &c &c &c  
 signed G. D. Seward

To the Chairman of

The Municipal Council. Shanghai

Senior Consul

Staff. Leave of Absence. The following letter to General  
23  
was read

No 22

Council Room

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1851

Sir,

We beg to draw your attention to what we venture to think is an exceptional position in which the Municipal Staff are placed in regard to leave.

So long as the status of the Council has been open to question we have had some diffidence in approaching this subject.

The new Land Regulations, however have removed all doubts on this point and we now have to congratulate ourselves on belonging to a regularly organized service, on a footing with the Consular and Customs services and we trust we may not be viewed as asking too much from the Community on seeking to be allowed the same advantages as these services enjoy in at least one respect that is occasional leave to go to England.

In advancing this point we would wish the Council to bear in mind that we have made the Municipal Service essentially our profession.

We submit that the public would not be losers in any respect by the Council giving their servants periodical leave say for a period not exceeding nine months in every five years on full pay. The officers before leaving to make such arrangements in the way of providing additional assistance as should be deemed satisfactory by the Council and the dates of their entry into the Council's service to determine their seniority as regards their leave.

Our term of residences in China vary from 11 to 2 years and it is a well known fact that an uninterrupted stay in the East is detrimental to a man's health.

To ensure no inconvenience to the public service it is contemplated unless under very extraordinary circumstances only one head of a branch may be on leave at the same time.

As we see the desirability of all officers being at their respective posts towards the termination of the Municipal year the period of leave would be somewhat longer between leaving and returning.

We remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants

(Signed) Alex J. Wharton

— — — J. Matthews Lloyd

— — — E. A. Oliver

— — — Chas Fenfold

— — — C. B. Clark

— — — Wm. Stripling

— — — Ed. Foster

— — — A. Wilson

— — — John Brown

— — — A. Steele

— — — J. D. Malcolm

— — — J. M. Millin

— — — George Day

— — — A. E. Jones

— — — George Rogers

It was moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Cameron and

Resolved

That the Council approve of the principle of allowing periodical leave of absence to Europe to the Municipal officers, and recommend the subject to the consideration of the Council for their action during the ensuing year. 1871

Wm. Brown

Secretary

Register of Attendance having been signed



p 127 ante) Parsons Subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was  
Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn  
 Mr. Medford  
 Sec Chairman  
 Mr. J. Johnston  
 Sec. Sec.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1851

Mr. Medford  
 Sec. Chairman  
 Mr. Johnston  
 Sec. Sec.

Council Room  
 15- Armin Road

No 724.

Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> March 1851

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of March instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Armin Road to receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz

Summary of Business

Secretary's Minutes to be read

Minutes of last meeting to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee. Artillery Corps - Mr. Dallas's letter

Mr. Haslewood's letter.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State

Buildings - Mr. Goodwin's letter

Land Office - Mr. King's letter

Mr. Seward's letter  
 Local Post office  
Public Garden - Mr. Probst's letter  
Works. Engineer's Progress Report  
 Mr. Seward's letter  
Watch. Inspector of nuisances' Report  
 Mr. Seward's letter

General. Amendments - Rules of Procedure -

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders, and other proceedings with reference thereto, as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. G. [unclear]

Secretary

To the Members

of the Council

Wm. J. G. [unclear]  
Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> March 1871

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Arnan Road Shanghai on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of March (inst) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present

John Anderson Esq. Vice Chairman in the chair.

William Cameron Esq.

William Bond Esq.

Alfred J. Weston. Secretary.

No 724 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

No 725 The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Artillery. Police. Genl Dallas letter no  $\frac{29}{27}$

was read and considered. Secretary instructed to reply to Genl Dallas as follows.

- a. That the Council hand over to the Battery the 4 ponies examined by Mr. Keeler, upon the conditions expressed in Genl P. A. Woodwards letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. viz \$ $\frac{25}{26}$
- b. That 2 more ponies will be sent to any address he may appoint.
- c. That \$500 will be placed at his disposal for the purchase of two ponies making the total number of animals supplied to the Battery, up to eight as agreed.
- d. That the correspondence in this connection be understood as terminated, until after the Inter-Ranger meeting.

Amn. Calling in of Snider Rifles. A discussion ensued in regard to this matter. Decided to defer action until Mr. Doyewells return from Hong Kong.

Subscription List for benefit of families of two boys killed at Rifle Butte. The Secretary stated that he had received the following letter from Mr. Dorris

March 4/71

Dear Mr. Johnston,

Subjoined is the acc of the monies received and paid out by me to the Rifle Range Villagers

I have received -	\$ 370
You have from Brewer	183
Rangers	2
Artillery	17
Maclean	55
Total	<u>627</u>

I suppose the Council will make up the amount so that each villager will have \$200 invested in the Municipal Bank.

Yours truly  
(signed) F. B. Dorris.

subm.



February in reply to the Council's letter No  $\frac{2A.0}{120}$  was read.  
Shanghai Public Garden - The Secretary suggested that as Mr. Probst had resigned the Treasurership of the Committee of the Shanghai Public Garden, it will be well in future to adopt the same course in keeping the accounts as that pursued towards the Shanghai Fire Department, he therefore submitted a resolution in this connexion.

After some discussion it was agreed that he should see Mr. Pottnwell and ascertain if the proposed system would be agreeable. /

Public Works Committee - The Engineer's Progress Report - No 2108 was read and passed.

Boundaries - Hongkong Settlement - Mr. Swards letter No 253 containing the inscription he wished placed on the stone defining the limit of this Settlement was read and adopted.

Roads - Shansi Road - Mr. Johnston stated that Mr. Corie had called on him in regard to that portion of the Shansi Road between the Namkoo and Kintiang Roads, which Mr. R. P. Westall claims to be his property and disputes the Council's power over it as "Surveyors of Highways". Mr. Corie explained that his object was to avoid litigation and amicably adjust this matter. As Mr. Westall would not surrender his rights gratuitously he (Mr. Corie) thought the Council ought to pay Mr. Westall \$1000 for the land taken up by the Road and whatever amount Mr. Westall had laid out on improvements.

After consideration of the subject, it was agreed that the Secretary inform Mr. Corie that the Council have no desire to re-open this question.

Roads - Footpaths, Kerbing in Dochoo Road, opposite Mr. Cameron's property. Mr. Peiris pointed out the necessity for kerbing and side channelling being laid down in the above position - Decided to refer matter to Public Works Committee

Watch Committee - The Inspection of Amusements Report by the Watch 258 was read and passed.

A letter was read from Messrs. D. Sassoon Sons & Co (by the Watch 257), stating that they had made arrangements for the removal of all amusements from their properties from the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. Secretary to reply that Council could not recognize their arrangement - until the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Licenses - Chinese Amusements of Entertainment - The Secretary stated that Mr. E. M. Smith had requested him to ask the Council to refund the amounts collected as fees from these establishments, in order to save further trouble. Mr. Johnston referred Mr. Smith to the Council's decision contained in their letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ultimo on this subject. Mr. Smith requested the Council to re-consider their opinion.

After deliberation, it was agreed that there appeared no reason for departing from the conclusion already arrived at.

General - Rules of Procedure - A draft with certain amendments and additions, prepared by the Secretary was brought up for consideration. After revision Mr. Johnston was instructed to confer with Mr. Binnie in regard to the rules and bring the matter forward at the next meeting.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 143 ante) Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered, and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the Council do now adjourn

S. C. Johnston  
Secretary.

Chairman

Council Room

15 - Human Road

Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> March 1851

No 727

Shi,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March instant at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the Arnan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Artillery - Song.

Recall of Arms from the Volunteers

Arms for Russian Minister

Finance Committee. Appropriations.

Cash State

Mr. Doss. allowance. in lieu of Quarters

Printing of Municipal Report & Budget

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances' Report

Mr. Lavers - Pheasant.

Chinese Actors of Entertainment. form of License

Inspector of Markets' Report.

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Report.

Church Trustees' letter - rounding off corners.

Fire Commission - Mr. Rennie's opinion as to desirability of abandoning further proceedings and accepting compromise.

General. Rules of Procedure

Nomination of Councillors for 1891-2.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Secretary

To the Members

of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 1871.

G. B. Dwyer  
C. H. ...  
Wm. ...  
to ...  
M. ...

Council Room

15 - Arman Road

No. ...

Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> March 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of March instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Arman Road

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be signed

Defence Committee - Artillery Guarantee

French Council's proposition re Powder Dulk

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Mr. ... letter re statements by Mr. Kingmill

Land tax on Custom Arman Land Mr. ... letter

Printers - printing Report and Budget

Resolution insurance Rate

Mr. ... Sardine Matrosson's Wharfage Duls.

Claim by Gas Company.

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report

Resolution re D<sup>r</sup> ... burial

Watch Committee - Inspector of Amusement Reports

Engraving Barbaza - application increase of Salary

Engraving ...



Dismissal of native Detective  
Washing Bonds in Hongkong.

General.

Rules of Procedure

Appointment of officers to receive nominations

— " — of officers to receive votes

— " — of Scrutineers

in? Remit's opinion re Mrs. Sykes Schwabe's vote

Fire Commission. "Andromeda" matter.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions  
orders and other proceedings in the reference  
thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Wm. J. Strickland

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1871.

Geo. Paul Drywell

M. Gubbay

J. G. Bellis

Wm. Anderson

W. Allison

W. P. P. P.

Council Room 1.

15 Arman Road

Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> March 1871

No

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
your attendance at a General Meeting of the  
Council which will be held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day  
of

Council Room  
Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> March 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Arnan Road Shanghai on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March (inst.) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present

G. B. Dipwell Esq. Chairman.  
J. Anderson Esq. Vice Chairman  
Ed. Cameron Esq.  
S. J. G. Jethroe Esq.  
Ed. Ferné Esq.  
Alby J. Johnston Secretary.

No 27 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
No 28 The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps - Artillery  
Ponies. Messrs Dallas and Woodward were present and conferred with the Council in regard to ponies for the Artillery, the Council deciding to give them No 300 in all with which to provide ponies.

Shed. Mr. Dallas suggested that a shed similar to that put up for the Hook & Ladder Company should be put up for the Artillery. The Council declined to entertain the suggestion.

Recall of Arms from the Volunteers. It was decided to let this matter stand over until Mr. Brewer return to Shanghai.

Arms for Russian Minister at Peking. The Secretary stated that on an application from the Russian Minister six Rifles with accoutrements, ammunition he had been sent up to him at Jernstun. This action was approved.

Finance Committee. appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Jethroe, seconded by Mr. Anderson and  
No 29 Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Works. Compensation removal of Avenue Bone Road	\$75 3 50
Public Garden balance of Mr. Probst's acc	Rs 54
Herbary Doshon Road	Rs 145
Driving turn Piccadilly Road	\$150
Works. Artillery	Rs 125

sig move  
stander.

No 730 The Cash State for the 16<sup>th</sup> inst was handed round  
for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comptroller's hands.	Rs 8,396-71
In Bank.	20,057-43

Mr. Dobb's allowance in lieu of Quarters. Mr. Dobb's letter No 197 of 22<sup>nd</sup> applying for an allowance in lieu of Quarters were read. Matter referred to the Finance Committee.

Printing of Municipal Report & Budget. Secretary instructed to advertise for tenders to be laid before the Council at their next meeting.

Interest. Pawnshops. Mr. Penfold's Report is <sup>reduced</sup> <sub>300</sub> was read. Decided to reduce the rate of license fee as requested.

Dues on Merchandise. owing by Inter: Dwyer & Co and Schellhess & Co. Secretary to request Mr. Rennie to obtain payment of the sums owing by these firms.

Local Post Office. A letter was read, from Inter: D. Sasson Sons & Co stating, in answer to the Council's No 199 of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, that they could not allow the Council exclusive control of the gate by the side of the new Local Post Office premises as there were other tenants who required the use of the same. Contents noted.

Watch Committee. The Inspector of Nuisances' Report No 292 was read and passed.

Mr. Lavers. Pheasants. The correspondence in regard to the pheasants seized by Mr. Keeble from Mr. Lavers' cock, was brought up and re-considered. Decided to refund Mr. Lavers the cost of the pheasants viz \$100.

(vide no 249 onward of 28<sup>th</sup> March)

The Inspector of Markets Report no 275 was read and approved.

Light Soil Boats. The Secretary explained that in consequence of the damming up of the Defence Creek close to the western end of the Yangtzing Pang, the light soil boats were obliged to come out of the Yangtzing Pang and into the River.

Works Committee. The Engineer's Progress Report no 282 was read and passed.

Roads: Street Corners. A letter from Mr. Gamwell on behalf of the Trinity Church Trustees was read, granting permission to the Council to round off the corners of the Church Compound. Secretary to reply thanking them.

Dangerous Houses owned by Chinese. The Engineer reported that house no in the E. pa. was in a dangerous condition. Decided to pull it down and in consequence of its being owned by Chinese the sum of \$10<sup>00</sup> to be given as compensation.

Municipal Telegraph Line. The Secretary stated that on receiving the Superintendent's Report no 287 that the telegraph lines were out of order, he had immediately requested Mr. Bishop to attend to them. Action approved.

Market place. A letter no 291 from Messrs J. Hanbury and S. W. Kingmill was read, offering a plot of ground for the purpose of a market place.

Decided to refer to the matter in the Budget for the ensuing year. Secretary to reply in this sense Guttering &c. A list of houses requiring guttering &c prepared by the Inspector of Nuisances was brought forward. Referred to the attention of the Public Works Committee.

Light Soil. removal of. A letter from Messrs J. Sassoon Sons & Co no 303 handing a list of properties from which they had made arrangements for the removal of the soil.

soil. Secretary to reply that the Council would recognize their arrangement from the 1<sup>st</sup> proximo foreshore. Inspector. Mr. Amiche's letter no 298 was read, complaining of the state of the foreshore in front of the North German Consulate.

Engineer to be instructed to remedy the same at once.

Fire Commission. 'Andromeda' matter. The Secretary stated that Mr. Pernie thought it desirable that further proceedings be abandoned and a compromise effected approved subject to the confirmation of the Fire Commission.

General. Rules of Procedure. These rules were discussed various allegations made and deferred for further consideration to the next meeting.

Register of Attendance having been signed, various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

W. G. Johnston  
Secretary.

Chairman.

Council Room  
Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> March 1871

at the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Arnan Road, Shanghai on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of March (int.) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dipwell Esq. Chairman  
J. Anderson Esq. Vice Chairman  
W. Cameron Esq.  
S. J. G. Selkirk Esq.  
W. Pernie Esq.

M. P. Gubbay Esq  
 Alex J. Johnston - Secretary.

No 731 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
No 732. The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps - Artillery - Points. The Secretary stated that it was left an open question at the last meeting as to the form of guarantee the officers of the Artillery should be called upon to give - that is, whether they should guarantee the return of eight points (to be passed to Mr. Keele) to the Council or return the sum of \$500 given to the Artillery for the purchase of animals. After consideration it was decided, with the view to close the matter, to accept the guarantee in whatever form it was tendered by Messrs Dallas and Woodward.

Ammunition - Storage of. The Secretary said that Mr. Severaux had informed him that a resolution had been passed at a recent meeting of the French Municipal Council to charter a boat as a Powder Hulk, provided this Council would share the expense which it was estimated would be \$100 per month. It was pointed out to the Council that Mr. Conderon undertook to store the Council's ammunition at a cost of something like \$5 per month.

Decided that the proposition of the French Municipal Council could not be entertained.

Finance Committee. Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Bruni seconded by Mr. Sellice and Resolved

No 733. That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

	\$
<u>Works</u> . Extension - Jessfield Road	250
J. D. Bishop. repairs telegraph	105
Digging ditches & deepening drain } under Defence Creek Road	100

	Dls.	¢
<u>Works</u> . Removing houses at top of Canton Road, compensation to Mr. Portwell	5	00
Drain King's Road sig mover - Recorder.	2	00

No 734. The Cash Note for the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comptrolers hands -	No 11,333.07
In Banks	10,946.79.

Accounts. The Secretary stated that the sum of \$596<sup>76</sup> had been collected during the months of April and May last year as right soil fees before the imposition of the General Municipal Rate was authorized by the State Payers. Properly speaking this sum should be refunded but this would be a difficult task and in many instances it would be impossible to return the money to the persons paying it. Under these circumstances it was moved by Mr. Cameron seconded by Mr. Bennet &

No 735. Resolved

That the sum of \$596<sup>76</sup> collected as right soil fees during April and May 1890 be carried into the general fund of the Municipality.

sig mover  
- Recorder.

Books for printing the Municipal Report and Budget in Finance were submitted. It was decided to accept that sent in by the North China Herald office.

Dues on Merchandise. Mr. J. Cardinal Matheson's letter to Finance was read and considered. After discussion it was decided to defer coming to any conclusion on it for the present.

Claim by Gas Company. Mr. Mead's letter in

was read (vide p 137 ante). After consideration of this matter it was agreed that the Public Works Committee be requested to instruct Mr. Oliver that all care should be taken to prevent injury happening to the Company's property by the opening of Municipal Roads. This explanation appeared satisfactory to Mr. Cameron but the Council came to no decision on the claim itself.

Land Office. Mr. Seward's letter no 321 thanking the Council for sending him a copy of Mr. Kingmill's letter is

was read and ordered to be filed. Taxes due by Custom House. Mr. Dick's letter no 296 was read and considered. Secretary instructed as to form of reply.

Public Works Committee. The Engineer's Progress Report no 309 was read and passed.

Cemeteries. It was moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Gubbay and

Resolved

That the Council accede to the request made by the Relatives of the late Dr. Perkins that his remains be interred in the Shunting Road Cemetery - such permission not to form any precedent for a like course in future.

By mover  
Secunder.

Damage. Dr. Anderson attended the meeting - He referred to the flooding of the King's road by the recent rains. Mr. Stone said he visited the spot on the previous day with Mr. Gubbay. After some conversation the matter was left in the hands of the Public Works Committee.

Watch Committee. Sanitary. The Inspector of Nuisances Report no 324 & 325 were read and contents noted.

Prisoners. Mr. Penfold's Report no 316 was read.

Decided to continue to keep charge of the prisoners Constantine.



General.

Washing Bonds. Mr. Smith adverted to this subject & stated that he was giving it consideration.

The Draft Rules of Procedure to be observed at Rate Payers meetings were read, discussed, and ordered to be printed and laid before the next meeting of the Council.

Election of Councillors. Nominations. It was moved by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and Resolved

No 737

That the Secretary of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, be appointed in accordance with Art. XVIII of the Land Regulations of 1870 to receive the names of Candidates proposed and seconded for election as Councillors for the said Council for the year 1871-72.

By Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment of Officers to receive the votes of Electors.

It was moved by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and

No 738 Resolved

That Messrs. A. E. Jones and G. Pegg be appointed in accordance with Art. XVIII of the Land Regulations of 1870, to receive the votes of the Rate Payers at the election of Councillors for the Municipal year 1871-72.

By Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment of Scrutineers. It was moved by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

and

No 739 Resolved.

That Messrs. Cameron and Anderson be appointed in accordance with Art. XVIII of the Land Regulations of 1870, Scrutineers to examine the Voting Lists and declare the result of the Election.

By Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Number of votes Electors are entitled to. Mr. Hambury's claim is General for two votes, as follows, having been remitted to Mr. Bennie for his opinion

To the Secretary of the  
Shanghai Municipal Council.

I hereby give you notice that I claim a separate vote for A. Sykes and G. C. Schwabe on the grounds that they are each owners of land of over 1/2 000 in value and each contributes more than 1/2 10 per annum taxes. They are not members of a firm. The Land regulations now in force state that the qualification for voting is the owning of separate lots of land or that a joint-owners but dis-qualifies from a separate vote where the other conditions are fulfilled.

Dated at Shanghai this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1871

(Signed) J. Hambury

I beg to enquire what action has been taken by the Council in this matter on Mr. J. J. Miller's resolution at last Rate Payers meeting. See bottom of page 8 of the printed report on the meeting

(Sd) J. H.

That Gentleman (Mr. Bennie) having considered the subject gave his opinion as follows.

Mr. Hambury applies that the names of two absolute owners of land be placed on the voting list of Rate-payers. It is admitted that they are joint and not separate owners of land but that the property jointly owned by them would amply suffice to give a qualification to each if divided equally between them.

The point thus raised is novel and cannot be decided by a reference to the law of any one country or nationality but must be judged with regard to general principles and a reasonable and common sense construction of the Land Regulations and

specially of the 19<sup>th</sup> Article.

Seeing that hitherto only one vote has been placed on the list in respect of lots of land owned & registered in the names of several individuals, I am of opinion that the Council should decline to accede to Mr. Stanbury's application and thereby avoid taking upon themselves a responsibility and establishing a precedent which I do not think they ought to incur or make. As however Mr. Stanbury or the gentlemen he represents, would, if aggrieved, have their remedy by means of an application or suit by or to the Court of Foreign Consuls I advise the Council in rejecting his application to offer to state a case for the opinion of that Court which might be easily and inexpensively obtained

(signed) R. J. Rennie.

24<sup>th</sup> March 1871.

The Secretary was instructed to hand a copy of Mr. Rennie's opinion to Mr. Stanbury.

Fire Commission. The Secretary stated that the Fire Commission recommended that the compromise offered in the "Andromeda" affair as per No 334. be accepted. Agreed to.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 157 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Paul Digwell

Chairman

Secretary.

Council Room

15 Roman Road

Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> April 1870

I am instructed by the Chairman of the Council to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of April instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Aman Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee Artillery guarantee for Council's approval

Finance Committee appropriations

Cash State

Jardine Matheson's Sharepage Dues

M. Inada's letter re reduction in price of Gas.

Innes & Co's Sharepage Dues

Loss of Dollars by Shroff.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Watch Committee Inspector of Insurances Report.

Refusal to pay license fee by Chinese Merchant

General Rules of Procedure for final adoption

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Alfred Johnson

Secretary.

To the Members

of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1891.

G. P. Dingwell

J. H. Johnson

M. J. Gubbay

Wm. B. Johnson

Wm. B. Johnson

Council Room  
15<sup>th</sup> Amoy Road

N<sup>o</sup> 744.

Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> April 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of April instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Amoy Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Business.

To consider Draft of Budget for 1871-72.

————— " ————— Annual Report for 1870-71 so far as prepared.

Mr. Dawson's letter

Petition re Hoosung Road

Mr. Kingdell's letter.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
H. J. Schuster  
Secretary

To the Members of  
the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1871.

L. B. Dwyer  
W. G. G. G.  
J. H. Jellicoe  
W. Renie  
W. (unintelligible)

Council Room  
15 Arnan Road.

No 749.

Shanghai 19: April 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 20: Day of April instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Arnan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz.

Business.

To pass the Budget for 1871-72  
And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
H. J. Johnston

To the Members  
of the Council.

Secretary

Shanghai 19: April 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request the favor of your attendance at a meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber No 15 Arnan Road, tomorrow Thursday the 20: instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Business

To consider and pass the Budget for the Municipal year 1871-72

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

To the Members of the Council  
elected for 1871-72.

Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1871.

Geo. David Digwell  
 W. Gubbay  
 J. G. Seltman  
 to Notice

Council Room  
 Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15, Simon Road, Shanghai on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of April inst. a.d. 1871. pursuant to notice.

Present

G. D. Digwell Esq. Chairman.  
 J. Anderson Esq. Vice Chairman.  
 J. G. Seltman Esq.  
 W. S. Gubbay Esq.  
 Ed. Cameron Esq.  
 Alex. J. Houston - Secretary.

Absent.

Ed. Smith Esq.

No 740 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

No 741 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee - Artillery Guarantee. A letter from Dallas & Woodward was read, in which they guarantee to return the cost of the powder three hundred taels (¥300) supplied them by the Council "at such time as may be convenient to the Corps, but not later than on the dissolution of the Artillery."

The Council agreed that this guarantee was sufficient and ordered it to be filed with the Contracts.

Finance Committee. Appropriations. It was moved by Mr.  
 recorded by Mr. and

No 742 Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be  
 sanctioned

Dr. Macdonald	Rs	100	extra
Shri Pat. Garden. J. P. K. etc for flowers	Rs	16.2.	

By Mr. [unclear]  
 Secy. [unclear]  
 Secy. [unclear]

No 743. The Cash State for the 1<sup>st</sup> instant was handed round for  
 inspection. It showed balances as follows -

In Comptroller's hands	Rs	6,437-80
In Bank.	Rs	22,946-79.

Dues on Merchandise - Mr. J. D. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

A letter by  $\frac{Dm}{372}$  from this firm was read, the Secretary  
 being instructed to try and get them to pay the balance  
 of their account viz Rs 862<sup>00</sup> which they state is  
 charged on goods belonging to Chinese.

Mr. Russell & Co. Mr. Johnston stated that the  
 amount owing by Mr. Russell & Co as per Account  
 letter book p was Rs 25,622-74. Mr. [unclear]  
 of Mr. Russell & Co had gone through the accounts  
 with Mr. Malcolm, & showed him the items disallowed

Mr. Russell & Co agreeing to pay Rs 6,614<sup>14</sup>  
 deducting Rs 19,008<sup>60</sup> for cargo landed or shipped  
 or transhipped from the French side - The Council  
 decided to receive this amount giving Mr. [unclear]  
 Russell & Co a receipt on the form prepared  
 by Mr. [unclear].

Lighting - Price of gas. A letter from Mr. [unclear] by  $\frac{Dm}{381}$   
 in reply to the Council's by  $\frac{Dm}{302}$  of 2<sup>nd</sup> March, was read,  
 stating that the Shanghai Gas Company did not  
 for the present contemplate making any further  
 reduction in the price of gas.

Analysis of taxation. Mr. Johnston's Memo. by  $\frac{Dm}{213}$   
 was read and considered, the Council deciding that



The subject should be elaborated for the rate-payers' meeting though not referred to in the Annual Report. So soon as complete the Memorandum to be printed.

Allowances in lieu of Quarters. Mr. Soro's letters nos 197 and 224 were again considered.

Mr. Cameron thought from a hint he received in last - from Mr. Lloyd that Mr. Soro could be provided with quarters in the Central Station.

Mr. Johnston said he would look into the matter and report the result of his enquiries at the next meeting.

Loss of Dollars by Shroff. Mr. Johnston stated that \$119 had been lost by the Shroff while collecting taxes, the circumstances being as follows.

It appears from the statements of the Compadore and P.C. Gale which agree that Mr. Gale goes on first with the debit notes the Shroff following him and collecting the amounts which the Coolie carries, but as they were to collect as quickly as possible the Coolie was helping the Shroff and while going into a house to change some small cash (leaving his basket outside) the dollars were stolen.

The Council decided that the Compadore must pay the amount but that if he performed his work well and his conduct was satisfactory he should be given a cushion of \$100 at the end of the year.

In coming to this decision the Council were actuated by the feeling that the principle of holding the Compadore responsible for all monies he received, (the custom of the port) should be strictly adhered to.

Workers Committee. The Engineers Progress Report No 595 of 30<sup>th</sup> March was read and passed.

Watch Committee. The Inspector of nuisances weekly Report No 397 was read and passed.

Watering & Sweeping Streets on Sunday. In regard to this Mr. Selhove requested the Secretary to instruct Mr. Jones to have the streets swept and watered on Sunday.

Licenses. Mr. Penfold's Report in <sup>March</sup> 377

"the proprietor of the Chinese Theatre in 100 G. Finkler Road, refuses to pay his license fee for the current month, on the plea that Mr. Smith has directed him not to do so" was read. The Secretary explaining that the amount had, since Mr. Penfold first furnished his report, been paid to the Council.

Eight Soil - A letter was read, from Messrs Adams & Bell & Co in <sup>Walt</sup> 399 stating that they had made a contract for the removal of eight soil from their properties from the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

Secretary to reply that Council could not recognize their arrangement until the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

The eight soil contractor to be informed that Messrs Adams & Bell & Co would arrange for the removal of the eight soil from the houses shown in their list attached to letter in <sup>Walt</sup> 399, after the above date.

Dr. Macgowan's letter in <sup>Walt</sup> 378 was read, as also Mr. Johnston's in <sup>Walt</sup> 490. attached thereto, as well as Mr. Penfold's report in <sup>Walt</sup> 490.

After discussion, it was decided to give Dr. Macgowan a donation of \$100 leaving the question of his stipend for the Municipal year 1871-2 to be dealt with by the incoming Council.

General.

Rules of Procedure to be observed at meetings of Rate payers. The consideration of these rules was deferred until next meeting.

Annual meeting. The Secretary was instructed to ascertain how soon the necessary documents could be prepared, Mr. Dixwell remarking he wished the meeting to be held as early as possible on account of his departure shortly for Kingston.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 16 ante) Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Dixwell  
Chairman

Wm. Johnston  
Secretary.

Council Room  
13<sup>th</sup> April 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Arnan Road Shanghai, on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of April inst. A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present.

G. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman  
W. Cameron Esq.  
S. J. G. Sellicore Esq.  
W. Brand Esq.  
M. P. Gubbay Esq.  
Alfred J. Johnston Secretary.

Absent.

J. Anderson Esq.

No 744 The Secretary's Summons calling the meeting was read.  
No 745 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Deference Committee. Mr. Webb's claim. Mr. Haussens's letter No 412

was read - bringing forward Mr. Webb's claim against the Old Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

This matter was fully considered by the Council the Secretary being instructed to reply that they regret they cannot recognize any responsibility as attaching to them in reference to the claim preferred on Mr. Webb's behalf but that should Mr. Haussens consider the matter one upon which the sense of the Rate-payers should be taken at the forthcoming meeting the Council venture to suggest that it would be more appropriate that the subject should emanate from him acting for Mr. Webb than from a body declining any responsibility in the matter. With regard to the Rifle Butts, the Council have assumed no rights of ownership over them but acknowledge having sanctioned the Municipal Volunteers using

them. Should however, any objection be seen to this action they are prepared to negotiate for the use of them or should this be declined to provide other butts.

Finance Committee. Appropriations. The following appropriations were submitted for approval of the Council. It was moved by Mr. Selkirk, seconded by Mr. Gubbay and

No 746 Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

	Dls.	¢
Walth. Sanitary. Dr. Jamieson - vaccination	250.	
Works. Dr. Stanbury. Trees		140.
By Invoice		
By Order of Mr. Selkirk		

No 747. The Cash State for the 12<sup>th</sup> inst was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comptrolors hands	To 6.418-96
In Bank	31.165-93

Budget. The draft Budget for 1871-2 was considered, item by item, discussed, amended and ordered to be printed.

The Council then adjourned to 1.30 p.m. of Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst

President.

G. B. Deynwell Esq. Chairman

W. Cameron Esq.

P. J. G. Selkirk Esq.

W. P. R. Esq.

M. S. Gubbay Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston Secretary.

Works Committee. The Engineers Reports nos 416 & 422 were read and noted.

Bridges - Iron - Mr. Naswells' letter no 435 read, action approved, contents noted.

Drainage - Leather drain pipes - Mr. Pook's letter no 438 read and contents noted.

Firebell. Mr. Scott's letter no 457 was read and noted.

Roads. Petition - Inner Woodway Road. Letter no 450 read, also draft minutes by Public Works Committee, in regard to the Inner Woodway Road generally - Subject referred back to Public Works Committee for further consideration and a draft of reply to petition to be drawn up.

King's Road. Mr. Kingsmill's letter no 452 and former correspondence was submitted to the Council who referred it to the Public Works Committee to report upon.

Watch Committee - Sanitary - Nuisance Branch. The Inspector of Nuisances Reports nos 410 to 411 were read and contents noted.

Medical Branch. Vaccination. Dr. Anderson attended the meeting. He explained that about \$500 were to the credit of the Vaccination Institution. Some 200 patients have been vaccinated. He was assisted in the duties by Dr. Jamieson who paid 65 visits. He considered the institution making fair headway and that it should continue under municipal control.

The question, as to the direction of the establishment was considered, it appearing to some of the members present that it would be desirable to arrange with the present Oregon Chinese Hospital to undertake the vaccinations instead of having a separate establishment. Decided to discuss the subject with the new Council when they met the present Council.

General Rules of Procedure. After further consideration of these rules it was moved by Mr. [ ] seconded by Mr. [ ] and

18748. Resolved.

That the Rules of Procedure for Rate-payers meetings as now read be approved, subject to Mr. [ ]'s opinion, and printed, and copies forwarded for the information of the Consular Body

By mover  
" Secorder.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 163 ante)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo Basil Dinnick  
Chairman.

Wm J Johnston  
Secretary.

Council Room

15 Anson Road

No 754.

Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> April 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Anson Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - appropriations

Cash State

Mr. Jones' allowance in lieu of Quarters

Arrangement as to keeping accounts of Public Garden  
Committee

Diffin. Rate Payers meeting.

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report

Mr. Olivers letter No 471 re taking outside work.

Woosung Road Petition. Draft reply to.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Vaccination Establishment - remuneration Dr. Henderson.

Question as to additional Bye Law re market licenses and sale of game.

Fire Commission - Resolution appointing.General.

Points of Budget and Report that members of Council will take up at Rate payers meeting.

Signatures of members of Council to Report & Budget -  
Destruction of Voting cards &c

Advertisement-notice of Resolutions intended to be proposed at Rate payers meeting.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions and other proceedings with reference thereto, as the Council may deem advisable.

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

To the members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

G. B. Digwell  
J. B. S. Silliman  
Mason  
W. Rennie

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the Special meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

John Daulton  
J. B. S. Silliman  
W. Rennie  
J. W. Garrison  
H. D. Homan  
O. W. Corryell  
Wm. Starwood  
E. H. Homan  
W. J. H. Homan

Council Room  
15- Arnan Road  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> May 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a special meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May instant at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the Arnan Road.

Business.

To hand over the affairs of the Municipality to the incoming Council.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

Secretary.

To the Members of  
the outgoing Council.

Council Room  
16- Arnan Road  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> May 1871

No 75-8.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a special meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May instant at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public office in the Arnan Road.

Business

To receive over the affairs of the Municipality from the outgoing Council.



And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

Secretary

To the Members of  
The Incoming Council

Council Room  
Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> April 1871

at the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community in Shanghai held at the Council Room 152 Roman Road Shanghai on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April (inst) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present.

- G. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman
- M. S. Gubbay Esq.
- P. J. G. Jellicoe Esq.
- W. Kinnaird Esq.
- W. Cameron Esq.

Ally J. Johnston - Secretary.

The following gentlemen being members of the Council elect for 1871-72 were also present by invitation

- John Dent Esq.
- Wm. Harwood Esq.
- A. P. Hansson Esq.
- W. J. Rhydenburgh Esq.
- E. A. Lavers Esq.
- M. Coryell Esq.
- F. Wesson Esq.

M. 749 The Secretary's summons calling this meeting was read.

No 750 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon -

Finance Committee - Budget for 1891-92. After consideration it was moved by Mr. Dixwell seconded by Mr. Dent and

No 751 Resolved

That the Budget as now agreed upon by the present and incoming Councils together with the recommendations and remarks by the Council and sub. Committees of 1890-91 be printed and circulated among the Rate-payers.

W. J. Dixwell

Secretary

Works Committee - The new lines of Roads proposed to be carried through during the ensuing year having been considered. It was moved by Mr. Selkoe seconded by Mr. Plume and

No 752 Resolved

That the new lines of roads as follows and as marked in the accompanying plans be extended under the provisions of Act-VI, pp 13-15 of the Land Regulations, as opportunity offers.

1. To widen and extend the Long St. Road from the Aman to the Keangse Road.
2. To continue the Bannong-Long to the Kingso Road.
3. To continue the so-called Quance Road from the new Jail to the Maloo

W. J. Dixwell

Secretary

Watch Committee - Refuge for Destitute Foreigners. The Secretary stated a scheme for an institution of this description had been drawn up by him and approved by Messrs. Anderson (Chairman of the Council) and Guthrie (acting Chairman of the Watch Committee). It was then

submitted to the Consular Body who requested that a further scheme might be elaborated, which was done (vide No 452) and again submitted to the Consular Body who requested that a further scheme might be elaborated by Mr. Johnston at their meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst (for what passed vide No General 462). He now brought it before the Council for their approval.

The Council approved the scheme, deferring action for their successors, in the meantime the matter to be advanced as far as practicable.

Wheelbarrows. Collection of License Fees. A letter in Waltham received from the French Municipal Council was submitted. The Secretary read the Council's letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1890 in reference to a proposal as to division of the proceeds of the collection.

Mr. Johnston was instructed to inform the Secretary of the French Municipal Council that this board saw no reason for departing from the conclusion they arrived at in November last and left action on the question of an equal division of license fees between the two Councils to their successors.

Prostitution. Dr. Anderson attended the meeting and handed members of the Council copies of his pamphlet on prostitution which he stated he had printed for private circulation only at present.

The Chairman informed Dr. Anderson that the subject his pamphlet had reference to, would receive the careful consideration of the Council and the question of the establishment of a Lock Hospital would be discussed between the present and incoming Council.

General.

Annual Report. Part of the draft of this Report prepared by the Secretary was read and announced. Meeting of Present and Incoming Council to discuss the Budget was arranged for Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.

Date of holding Rate Payers meeting was after consideration fixed for Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr. Hamburg's claim to two votes for Mrs. & Sylla, Sikwa (vide p 160 ante) The Secretary informed the Council that in accordance with their instructions he had forwarded to Mr. Hamburg, Mr. Abumie's opinion on this subject. Mr. Hamburg had stated to Mr. Johnston that he intended to lay the matter before the Foreign Consuls. Mr. Johnston suggested that he be authorized on the part of the Council to request Mr. Hamburg to do so at once. Suggestion agreed to.

Rules of Procedure. Various amendments having been suggested by Mr. Abumie these rules were again brought up for consideration, finally amended and placed in the Secretary's hands to be printed.

Municipal Report - accounts &c &c for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1871. The draft of Preamble the Committees Reports &c were read and considered. It was moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Cameron and

No 75-3. Resolved

That the accounts duly audited for the Municipal year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1871, be received, passed, printed and circulated among the Rate-payers - That the Reports &c of proceedings for the past year received from the respective Committees be also approved, passed and published

By Mover  
Secunder.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 160-ante) Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Wm. Johnston  
Secretary

Geo. David Draycott  
Chairman

Council Room  
Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> May 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15- Roman Road Shanghai on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May inst. a.d. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present:

G. B. Dixwell Esq. Chairman

J. Anderson Esq.

P. J. de Lethbridge Esq.

W. Cameron Esq.

W. Rhine Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston. Secretary

Absent:

M. S. Gubbay Esq.

No 754 The Secretary's Summons calling the meeting was read

No 755 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee - Accounts of Shanghai Public Garden Committee. The Secretary stated that he had seen Mr. Rothwell who now agreed that he would countersign all accounts, sending them to the Council offices for payment so that the Garden Committee's accounts would be kept in a similar manner to the accounts of the Fire Commission.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Cameron seconded by Mr. Anderson and

No 756. Resolved

that the expenditure of the following amount be sanctioned.

Sanitary Branch - do Dr. Anderson

Rs 250

of move

do Secunder.

The Cash State for the 29<sup>th</sup> April was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Compradores hands.	No 4,626-17
In Bank	27,005-23.

Public Works Committee. Engineers progress Reports No 458 & 459 were read and passed.

Roads. Wooding Road petition. The draft reply to letter No prepared by the Public Works Council was read and approved, clean copy to be forwarded to the signatories of the above memorial.

Watch Committee. Sanitary Department. Nuisance Branch.

The Inspector of Nuisances' Reports Nos 460 & 458 were read and contents noted.

Medical Branch. Vaccination. Mr. Johnston said in conversation with Dr. Anderson on the subject of the establishment of the Vaccination Dept, there were some points which Dr. Anderson, who Mr. Johnston thought would be present, wished the Council to give consideration to - they were: -

- a. That Dr. Anderson had all the trouble and responsibility of establishing the dept though in its working afterwards he had the assistance of Dr. Jamieson.
- b. That Dr. Anderson had given a good deal of time to the working of the institution to the detriment of his own consulting practice.
- c. That Dr. Anderson did not think the small number of persons vaccinated a criterion to judge the time and trouble the establishment of the institution entailed.

Mr. Johnston wished to lay these facts before the Council; in doing so he stated that Dr. Anderson had not made any application for remuneration for his services.

An appropriation of No 250 was voted for Dr. Anderson. The Secretary being instructed to ascertain from Dr. Anderson, what he con-

*[Faint handwritten text, possibly a signature or date]*

ceived the duties of the Officer of Health to be.

Mrs. Dipwell & Cameron again expressed their opinion that vaccination would be more successful in its results if performed by the Native Hospitals.

Market Branch. The contents of Mr. Keel's letter to <sup>Health</sup><sub>26</sub> were considered. After discussion the Secretary was directed to confer with Mr. Brumie in regard to the latter preparing a bye Law to be added to the Land Regulations of 1870 empowering the Council to license dealers in market produce &c including Poultry, Game &c &c.

Fire Commission. Constitution &c. It was moved by Mr. Dehew seconded by Mr. Bruce and

18757. Resolved

That the formation of a Fire Commission consisting of the Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department, the Secretaries of the two Councils and one other member to be elected by them (subject to the confirmation of the Council) - to manage the affairs of the Shanghai Fire Department - be approved

L. H. Oliver, Secy. mover  
" Recorder.

Council.

Meeting of Rate-payers. Dinner. The Secretary enquired if the Council wished a dinner to be provided at the Rate Payers meeting.

The Council decided to provide sandwiches cold meat &c a moderate but inexpensive collection.

Staff. Mr. Oliver taking outside work. His letter to <sup>General</sup><sub>47</sub> was read and considered the Secretary being instructed to reply.

a. that the part of the annual Report he refers to is inserted as recording the opinion held by the Council on a particular subject on a



particular day.

- b. that their successors may take a different view of the matter
- c. that under these circumstances the Council regret they cannot see grounds for rescinding the resolution.

Notice of Propositions of Questions. - The Secretary suggested that he be authorized to advertise calling the attention of Rate payers to rule II of the Rules of Procedure at meetings of Rate Payers and request them to comply with the rule in question

Mr. Johnston was directed to advertise accordingly

Points in Budget and Report that members of Council intend dealing with at Rate payers meeting.

Mr. Dixwell said he would, in a few introductory remarks present the Report and Budget to the Rate Payers. He hoped that members of Committees would deal with matters falling under their respective branches

This was agreed to. The Secretary remarking that if members wishing specific information on any particular point, would let him know as early as convenient to themselves he would see that the required information was got up.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p. 173 ante)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Geo. Baint Dixwell  
Chairman

Secretary

Council Room  
 -15- Anson Road  
 Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> May 1871

At the Special meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15- Anson Road Shanghai on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May inst. a.d. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present.  
 Wm Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W. J. Blydenburgh Esq.  
 M. Corryell Esq.  
 A. P. Hansson Esq.  
 Wm Harwood Esq.  
 D. J. G. Jellicoe Esq.  
 E. A. Lavers Esq.  
 J. Wisser Esq.  
 W. Rennie Esq.  
 Alex. J. Johnston - Secretary.

No 758. The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

Mrs<sup>rs</sup> G. B. Dixwell, J. Anderson, W. Cameron and M. S. Gubbery were present, having received their successors in office; and after referring to some matters outstanding, Mr. Dixwell said the retiring Council in handing over the affairs of the Municipality to their successors had to congratulate them on having an efficient and hard working staff who not only zealously discharged their duties but carried out the wishes of the Council in the most satisfactory manner.

Police - The Police Force was paraded, inspected, and after a short speech from Mr. Dixwell, expressing the satisfaction of the retiring Council with the conduct of the Force under Mr. Penfold's management was ordered to be dismissed.

The old Council then retired.  
The members elected by the Rate-payers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of April last, to serve as Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, met for the dispatch of business.

No 759 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.  
Election of Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Blydenburgh seconded by Mr. Seltice and  
No 760 Resolved unanimously;

That Mr. John Dent be elected Chairman of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the Municipal year 1871-72.  
sig mover W. J. Blydenburgh  
" Seconder. J. S. Seltice

Election of Vice-Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Seltice seconded by Mr. Seltice and  
No 761 Unanimously Resolved

That Mr. W. J. Blydenburgh be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, for the Municipal year 1871-72.

sig mover  
" Seconder. J. S. Seltice

Election of Members of Committees. Finance Committee  
It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Blydenburgh and  
No 762 Unanimously Resolved

That the following members of the Council be appointed to serve on the Finance Rate and appeal Committee for the Municipal year 1871-72.

viz: J. Dent. E. A. Seltice and A. P. Harwood

sig mover  
" Seconder. W. J. Blydenburgh

Works Committee. It was moved by Mr. Lavers  
 No 763 seconded by Mr. Rhydenburgh and  
 Unanimously Resolved

That the following members of  
 the Council be appointed to serve on the Public  
 Works Committee for the Municipal year 1871-72  
 Messrs: S. J. G. Jellicoe, W. Blunt and M. Coryell.  
 sig mover

Secunder

Watch Committee. It was moved by Mr. Jellicoe  
 No 764 seconded by Mr. Blunt and  
 Unanimously Resolved

That the following members  
 of the Council be appointed to serve on the Watch  
 Committee.

Messrs: W. J. Rhydenburgh, J. Hissin and W. Hamwood.

sig mover

Secunder

Defence Committee. It was moved by Mr. Rhydenburgh  
 No 765 seconded by Mr. Lavers and  
 Unanimously Resolved

That the following members  
 of the Council be appointed to serve on the Defence  
 Committee

Messrs: J. Dent, J. Hissin and W. Hamwood.

sig mover

Secunder

Finance.

The following Report from the Finance, Rate  
 and Appeal Committee, was received, read and  
 ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

No 766.

Report of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee  
Soochow Creek Bridge. Your Committee in compliance  
 with your instructions have caused the following  
 letter to be addressed to Messrs: Jagg & Co Agents  
 for the Soochow Creek Bridge Company in regard  
 to the purchase by the public of the new iron

Bridge

Finance  
327Council Room  
Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

Gentlemen,

I am instructed by the Council to hand you copy of a resolution (subjoined) passed at the annual general meeting of Rate-payers held on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant and to enquire the terms upon which the Soochow Creek Bridge Company would be willing to sell to the public the new iron bridge (now being erected) connecting the English and Hongkong Settlements together with existing obligations and the rights, if any, the Company may consider they possess under the so-called charter.

The Council desire me to solicit an early and definite reply to this letter.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Do

E. J. Angg Esq. on behalf  
of Messrs Angg & Co

Agents - Soochow Creek Bridge Company.

Resolution.

That the incoming Council be empowered to open negotiations with the Soochow Creek Bridge Company for the purchase of the new iron bridge connecting the English and Hongkong Settlements subject to ratification of a meeting of Rate-payers to be held hereafter.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy

(signed).

J. M. Lloyd  
Secretary  
of Rate-payers meeting  
held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

No 767. The Cash state for the 5<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> was handed round for inspection. The Secretary explained that a balance of \$19,739<sup>00</sup> was kept in the Bank as a deposit and that the balance of General Account was \$28,112<sup>98</sup> - the amount in the Comrades' hands being kept as low as possible - only just sufficient to meet current expenses as would be seen by the Cash State now circulated

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 173 ante), various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different committees and it was Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

H. J. Johnson  
Secretary.

John Dick  
Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

John Dick  
T. W. Johnson  
W. D. Aldenborough  
C. W. Campbell  
~~James ...~~  
H. Rowe  
H. J. Johnson  
E. J. ...  
W. J. ...

Council Room  
15<sup>th</sup> Arman Road

No 768.

Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> May 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the

Council which will be held on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Anson Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz.

Summary of Business

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Deference Committee - Col. S. Meldrum's letter

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State.

Works Committee - Engineers' Progress Report

Shipment of drawn papers

Watch Committee - Inspector of Insurances Report

Inspector of Markets monthly Report

Coolie's petition

General - Mr. Oliver's re-engagement

Office of Interpreter.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council

Council Room  
Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> May 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room, 13 Anson Road Shanghai on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May instant a.d. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present

Wm. Dent Esq. Chairman

W. J. Rydenburgh Esq.

A. J. G. Selmer Esq.  
 M. Coryell Esq.  
 F. Insein Esq.  
 W. Brund Esq.  
 A. P. Hawash Esq.  
 E. A. Lavers Esq.  
 Wm. Harwood Esq.  
 Alex. J. Johnston. Secretary.

No 768. The Secretary's Summons calling the meeting was read.

No 769 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

### Defence Committee.

Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps. Col. Mildmay's letter to <sup>DF</sup>~~DF~~ placing this corps on the roll of the National Rifle Association and forwarding the silver medal of the association together with some copies of the report 1870 and also stating that the association had decided upon offering for annual competition by teams from the Mother Country, India and the Colonies, a challenge cup to be shot for at Wimbledon. Letter referred for action to the Defence Committee

### Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

#### Appropriations.

It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Blydenburgh and

No 770 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

		Rs	¢
Rs. Rs.	Mr. Bockhoff	per month	45
	Purchase of pony for Mr. Bockhoff	No 30 to 40	
	Compensation Mr. Botwell	490	
	Drain Doochun Road	620	



	7/6	\$192
Water - Laying of gas in new stables		25
Stained glass - windows Cemetery Chapel	100	
Widening Road near flat.		370
Keeping outside Roads in order viz Sungat, Bubbling Well and Picconee Road for 6 months (6-30 sept) - per month	40	
Forming Road from Jahwah to Leasfield	300	
Purchase of ground - Puffe Butte	26	
Sij. Invoys		
" " " " " " " "		

Cash State

No 771 The Cash State for the 13<sup>th</sup> instant was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

Balance as per Bank Book.	<u>7/6 27,875<sup>00</sup></u>
General a/c	23,015 <sup>89</sup>
Deposit a/c, amount standing at - -	7/6 19,859 <sup>00</sup>
less deposit in bank as per receipt - -	<u>15,000    4,859<sup>00</sup></u>
Amount of deposit funds in general balance - - -	<u>7/6 27,875<sup>00</sup></u>

Public Works Committee.

Progress Reports. The Engineer's Reports no 504 and 521 were read and approved.

A Report from the Public Works Committee was received read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes

No 772.

Report of the  
Public Works Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to submit the following Report.

Upon assuming office the works commenced by their predecessors were continued. These works were:

Bunding. Stone along Yangking Pang between the Roman and Shantung Road Bridges.

Drainage.Main Sewers - relaying of -

1. In the Szechuen Road from Yang King Bay to Soochow Creek.
2. In the Hoopoh Road between the Yang Ye-Kah and Stanlow Roads.
3. Forming connecting drains where possible with the main sewers in the native streets and alleys of the English Settlement.

works which have not been completed.

Cleaning of Sinks and Cesspools.

Foreshore - Hongkong, between Howards and Jardines Streets. filling up the hollows of and grading to low water line, is now finished

Roads.

1. The necessary repairs to roads, inside and outside the Settlements.
2. Metalling the newly laid out roads in Hongkong, viz the Miller, Boone, and hanging roads and sanding the Hoosung Road as far as the Bridge near the Rifle Butts.
3. raising with mud, bricking and sanding the Chinese streets and lanes in the west part of the English Settlement.

Kerb and Side Channel. forming up in the Fokkien and Soochow Roads, and also in the native roads and lanes. Preparing 100 changs of Kerb to keep in stock

Contracts.

Your Committee, upon taking over charge of their duties find the following contracts in force.

Tsang - Ja - Yuen for repair of Bubbling Well, Licansen and Suizah Roads and constructing main sewer in Hoopoh Road.

F. R. Wheelock renting of Lot no 270 corner of Soochow and Szechuen Roads, for purpose of storing road metal upon.

G. W. Burton. renting ground for storage of road metal. North Shantung Road.

A. S. Rake for four iron bridges and a fire bell and in whose favor a credit has been

given through the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank  
for £1440.

Soochow Creek Bridge Company - forming approaches  
to new bridge

Woo. Wong. Shing - constructing stone binding on  
Yang King Pump.

Lah. Jung. Kee - Erection of two latrines

Wu. Sun. Jung. Cha - constructing main sewer in  
Szechuen Road - south end.

Isang-tak-too - taking up Chinese drains.

Ang. Ah. Hong - Laying side channel in Fooksin  
Road.

Wong. Shing. Kee - constructing main sewer in  
Szechuen Road - north end.

Do? Cowen & Co for earthen drain pipes

E. J. Hoop for ordering and repair of Jessfield  
Road.

The amount standing incurred on 1<sup>st</sup> April last  
on account of Public Works, your Committee find  
to be

76,333-74

Bridges - Soochow Creek bridge }  
abutments } 2,550-00

Binding - Yang King Pump Creek -

Between Kowan & Keungsi Roads 722-00

--- " --- Shantung --- 4,346-00 5,068-00

Drainage -

Szechuen Road Sewer 11,250-00

Koospek - " - 3,550-00

Drains in streets in native  
parts of Settlement } 1,600-74

Cleaning Peking road drain 24-00

" Small drains 30-00

Drain pipes 5,400-00 21,854-74

Latrines and Urinals 650-00

Road and Footpaths

Kerbs and side channels 80-00

" " " " Fooksin Road 1,685-00

" " " " Soochow --- 65-00

Grand Total 1830-00 30,122-74

Brought-forward	1,830-00	30,122-74
<u>New Roads-English &amp; HongKew Settlements</u>	1,157-00	2,987-00
<u>Outside Roads-</u>		
Bubbling Well road-raising	224-00	
Bubbling well and Yang-tze-poo roads - vicinity of cost of 4 iron bridges viz: 3 for Bubbling Well road and 1 for Yang-tze-poo Creek	4,300-00	
Jessfield Road. For improvements etc	700-00	5,224-00
		<u>38,333-74</u>
Of this sum - - - - -		5,761-09
have been paid leaving a balance of		<u>32,572-65</u>
on date -		

With regard to existing works and those projected in the Budget and approved by the Rate Payers on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant your Committee beg to report as follows -

Advances to Contractors. Advances on account of works, to Contractors for main drainage operations, are approved by your Committee before being granted.

Boundaries defining the limits of the Foreign Settlements.

Stones have been fixed on the HongKew side also in the English Settlement. In regard to the first a letter has been written to Mr. Seward U. S. Consul General asking him to apprise the Chinese authorities of the action taken and request them to proceed to move in the matter of forming a road from a point opposite the Gas Company works to the Stone bridge known as Kow-loong-jaw (高即橋)

Mr. Markham N. B. his Consul has been informed of the fixing of the boundary stones on the English side and requested to note the same.

Note. The Engineer reports that the HongKew Boundary stones were fixed on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and the English Settlement boundary stones during the

Bridges

week ended 11<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

Stongthow Creek. Abutments for. A modification has been made in the original plan and new tenders invited on this basis.

Yangtong Pump. Most of the bridges crossing this Creek are in fair condition, some require the flooring to be relaid.

Defence Creek. Peking, Hanking, & New Cemetery bridge are in good condition, judging from the present no repairs will be needed to them during the current year.

The outside Road Bridges will last for some time.

The existing wooden structures as they become unserviceable will be replaced by iron bridges or where practicable brick culverts.

The Bridge crossing Distillery Creek Stongthow is in good order.

Iron bridges coming out from England. The bridge for the Yangtong Poo will be erected as soon after its arrival as possible. The three iron bridges will be held in stock to be used as required.

Buildings. Local Post Office. The outside has been colored a kitchen for the Postmaster is being fitted up.

Repairs to. The Engineer has been instructed to prepare a detailed statement of the repairs necessary to municipal buildings.

Mortuary Chapel. The west window of the Mortuary Chapel, your Committee are of opinion should be glassed with stained glass, to be obtained from England.

Buildings for municipal purposes. With the view of ascertaining the necessary requirements the Commission of Officers appointed by the Council have had a recent sitting.

Prestons Bungalow. A survey will be held on Prestons Bungalow with the view of ascertaining the precise liability of the Municipality in regard

to repairs to it, provision for which will have to be made in next year's budget. note. The lease expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1892.

Bum dump. Yang King Pang-Creek. between the Roman and Shantung Road progresses favorably. For the greater convenience of removing garbage and to meet the requirements of the water works a flight of stone steps will be placed opposite to Smith's market.

Soochow Creek. The piece of bunding necessary to be constructed, in consequence of the formation of a new drain north to the Upper Yuen King Yuen sewer has been completed.

Shanghai Public Garden bunding on the north side of the Garden is finished and the mud filling will be commenced as early as possible. This work has been undertaken by the Soochow Creek Bridge Company.

Cemeteries. The several Cemeteries as well as their mortuary Chapels are in a satisfactory condition.

Defence Creek. The deepening and cleaning of this Creek has been deferred for sanitary considerations until late in the Autumn, when the cool weather sets in.

Drainage. Main Sewers. The Szechwan and Stropeh main sewer works have advanced with as much speed as circumstances will permit. No effort has been wanting to complete these drains at the earliest moment. The works have recently been prosecuted at night as well as day. Your Committee acting on the advice of Dr. Henderson have decided to bring these drainage works to a close at the end of the month. The old sewer of the Szechwan Road will be connected with the new one during the hot weather. Early in Autumn this line of drainage will be resumed and be completed.

Your Committee have received a petition

from Messrs Bower, Hambury, Bull, Purdon and others complaining of the slow progress made in connection with the Sze-chuen Road drainage works, to which they have replied that during the past month there have been twelve rainy days, that it requires the same number of fine days to pump out the accumulated water. That the drain could not be carried across the Hankow Road without stopping all traffic as it was open at the eastern terminus of the Hankow Road.

Your Committee would remind those persons complaining of the Council carrying on drainage operations so late in the season, that the delay did not rest with the Council but with the Rate Payers who required a narrative from the commencement in 1862 down to November last and which took much time and labor to prepare and until it was approved of the public no drainage works could be commenced.

Song Kien drainage Scheme. Mr. Shuen has prepared a drainage scheme for central Song Kien from the Seward Road at its junction on the western side, close to the Wo-chang Road, to the Song Kien Creek on the eastern side.

A main sewer will be laid in the Song Kien Road, its terminus being the Little Astor House and the Song Kien Creek. Transverse sections follow the Wo-chang, Sing Hong, Hangy, and Sing Poo Roads. The Bone Road joins on the south side with the Song Kien Road main culvert while that on the north side forms a junction with the eastern end of the Seward Road drain, both discharging into an arm of the Song Kien Creek. The entire cost of these works is estimated at \$16,003.

Towards this, \$5,000 has been appropriated this year.

The main sewers are the ordinary egg shaped

drain. The smaller culverts are arched tops with flat bottoms.

The plan is open at the Engineer's Office 14. Roman Road, to public inspection and any information Rate Payers may desire, will be afforded upon application.

The portions proposed to be undertaken this year are the northern section of the Boome Road. The length of the Seward Road as marked on the plan. The south section of the Hanging Road, and the north section of the King's Road, both forming a junction with the Seward Road drain. Also in the Seward Road from the Boome Road to the Creek, including the formation of the drain mouth at the S. W. angle of the south abutment of the new bridge. The highest levels are taken from

and the culverts have a fall of The Kinkaid Road. The drain at the west end of this road has been cleaned out.

The Stanton Road drain has been lowered so as to enable the surface water to be drained off the old Race Course. This drain discharges into the Defence Creek.

The old drain across the Thibet Pond leading into the ditch near the Stanton Road has been taken up and a new one, level with the bottom of the Defence Creek has been constructed.

Drain mouths have been extended across the foreshore to low water line by the Oriental Bank Corporation.

The Seward Road drain mouth - north end action is deferred in regard to this until the winter when the tides are lowest.

Ditches have been dug as needed.



Caseroles and sinks have been cleaned as required. These pools receive careful attention, are inspected constantly and are cleaned on an average once a month. Instructions have been given for the use of disinfectants.

Gutters and Down pipes have been fixed for, and at the expense of, Messrs. and Messrs. Adamson Bell & Co. on buildings that shed water on the streets, and a connection formed with the main sewer. A connection from Messrs. Adamson Bell & Co. guttering to the Canton Road sewer has been effected.

Earthen drain pipes - Your Committee telegraphed to your London Agent to use all possible dispatch in forwarding these pipes out. A communication dated 6th March from Messrs. Jos. Green & Co. says "all the drain pipes are quite ready but we have been unable to secure a vessel to take them".

Following the action of previous Councils and with the assent of the Rate-payers Your Committee, subject to your approval now, proposing ordering at an early date £800 worth of earthen drain piping for use during the present year.

Firewells - Your Committee have requested the Fire Commission to have the several wells tested by the Steam Fire Engines, with the view of ascertaining their condition which there is no reason for assuming is other than satisfactory. The Firebell may be expected to arrive from England during the next month.

Foresore - Your Committee have addressed the agents of Messrs. Robert Reid and Edward Cunningham, enquiring if they will commence the filling in of their beach ground on the Douglas side between Howards and Jardine's Jetty.

Landing Accommodation - The hanging Rock Jetty is being temporarily repaired.

Portion for Hongkong. Mest<sup>r</sup>. S. C. Farnham & Co have been applied to for an estimate of the amount they will construct a boat portion for.

Pending the settlement of the question of the removal of Edwards jetty your Committee defer definitely fixing on any particular position for the new jetty on the Hongkong side.

Latracks and Urinals. - The Inspector of Nuisances has been instructed to report as to the sites he considers extra latrines &c most needed on.

Lighting. - Instructions have been given for the substitution of bracket for Pillar Lamps where the latter appear to obstruct free traffic.

Roads. - Extensive repairs have been effected to the roads of both Settlements, many of which have been levelled, metalled, and dressed wholly or in part as needed.

The Speckhorn Road has been graded. Where the completion of drainage operations would allow parts of this road have also been metalled.

In consequence of the wet weather planks have been laid down for the convenience of foot-passengers.

The Booing Road has been raised, metalled and levelled as far as the first bridge, near the Rifle Butts.

Outside Roads. - The Bubbling Well Road is being raised between Mest<sup>r</sup>. Lambs and Mercers Bungalows, the continuance of rain has materially retarded this work. On Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst when it was possible to re-commence work, no less than 1500 coolies were employed.

The Cross Road Extension has been completed. In carrying out this work your Committee found it only just to purchase a small plot of ground measuring 2800 square feet for which they paid Rs 18<sup>4/11</sup>. This land has been

transferred in the British Consulate to the Council name.

The Jessfield Road. repairs, widening, metalling &c of this Road is being proceeded with.

The Yangtze Row Road on the east or further side of the Creek is being proceeded with.

Extension of Roads. The Engineer has been instructed to report as to the lines of projected roads he deems the most desirable to be first commenced.

Mr. Flower is now framing his report and so soon as it has been received and approved your Committee propose issuing the usual notices requiring the surrender of land and removal of houses.

The English Road by extension and widening. Action in regard to this is deferred by reason of the opposition of the Foreign Renters of Land, the same may be said in regard to the Dawson Road extension.

The Seward Road has been widened at the south end by Mr. Stambury moving back the boundary of wall of Lot No 70 on the municipal plan; the community are indebted to this gentleman for this concession.

This road has also been widened at its junction with the Hanging Road. A slight compensation (\$125) has been entailed in effecting this improvement.

Yangtze Road. Your Committee propose widening this road from the mouth of the Yangtze Canal to the Canton Road.

This portion of the Bund is the narrowest and the traffic has increased to such an extent that it becomes desirable to form a broad footway outside the present bund line. In this connection your Committee have intimated to the persons concerned their intended action, at the same time giving them an assurance

that the work about to be undertaken does not in any way compromise their beach rights whatever they may be.

Canton Road Extension. The amount of compensation to be awarded to Mr. Thomas Rothwell for the surrender of his land and removal of his houses has been settled by arbitration to the satisfaction of both sides viz

for land		2/6 150
erection of 3 - 2 storied houses	360	
less old material	<u>90</u>	270
allowances to brick long		<u>70</u>
		<u>490</u>

In connecting the Dun. long. long with the Kings Road, Your Committee awarded compensation amounting to \$150

(Works continued on page 207 post)

This sum may seem large for the removal of two houses but then the value of the land which was skewed off at one corner will have to be taken into consideration

Stagnant Ponds. The following ponds of stagnant water have been filled up with earth, viz on land belonging to Messrs Dallas and Cameron & others.

As many others will be filled up before the very hot weather, as possible.

Your Committee are having a list of persons raising stagnant ponds of water under them, and state those below the street level, prepared with a view of notifying the owners to fill up under their properties to at least the street level.

The mud recently excavated from the DeFrance Creek will be placed at the disposal of House owners and the use of the municipal carts when not otherwise engaged offered to them so that every facility within the Councils reach will be afforded to ensure a strict compliance with Bye Law No XXVII.

Land Regulations which enacts that 'no person' shall suffer any offensive, wastes or stagnant water to remain in any celler or other place within any house.

In a matter of such vital importance to the health of the Community, Your Committee anticipate the most-heartly co-operation of the owners of Chinese house property.

Shanghai Public Garden - Foreshoie. Your Committee incidentally learned that the Soochow Creek Bridge Company contemplated building a toll house on the land set aside for the recreation of the Foreign Community. In fact the Company had erected for the erection of the house and building materials were being taken on to the ground. Your Committee upon becoming aware of the Company's intention obtained the opinion of Mr. Rennie.

- 1<sup>st</sup> as to whether by the agreement of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1870 the Company could claim the right of erecting a toll house at all and
- 2<sup>d</sup> as to whether by the agreement of the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1870 and the plan and specification annexed thereto the Company could claim the right of erecting a toll house.

In both of these questions Mr. Rennie replied that the agreements referred did not touch upon the question of a toll house at all and that therefore the Bridge Company could make no claim under the covenants for the erection of a toll house.

Your Committee also placed the Doutrais official declaration (vide Annual Report - p. 59 - 60 for 1870) of the gift of the land to the British Consul as a recreation ground or park for the use of the Foreign Community of Shanghai, before Mr. Rennie for his opinion, enquiring if the Council were desirous of granting permission to the

Bridge Company to put up a toll or dwelling house, had they the power to do so, seeing the Doulais conditions of making over the land as a Recreation ground.

Mr. Rennie replied that the Council had not the power to grant such a permission. If they did the land could be confiscated as stated in the deed in these words:

"Immediately on the infringement of this condition the land will be confiscated, this certificate cancelled and such other legal steps taken as are necessary."

With the view therefore of preventing the Bridge Company any inconvenience and protecting the Council's trust Your Committee addressed the following letter to the agents of the Company.

Works  
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Council Room  
Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Council to hand you herewith a copy of the Municipal Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1870 and to draw your attention to pp 59-60 whereon will be found a translation of an official declaration under the Doulais seal setting apart the reclaimed land from the jetty opposite the Pekin Road up to the Souchon Creek Bridge as a Recreation Ground or park for the Foreign Community of Shanghai.

The conservation of this ground is entrusted to the Council. The right of occupancy determines, whenever the land shall be applied to any other purpose than those set forth in the translation.

In this connection the Council desire it to be distinctly understood

that they are unable to accord sanction or permit the Soochow Creek Bridge Company to construct any buildings on the land set apart for the recreation of the foreign community.

In communicating to you these views of the Council I am instructed to state that they have no wish to initiate any measure that would in the least degree incommode or be prejudicial to the Company but having accepted a public trust they feel they have no course left open to them but to administer it in the most thorough and impartial manner.

I am to add that with the view of clearly defining the portion of the public garden land set aside for public use, with the consent of H. B. his Ministers at Peking, the Council have instructed their Engineer to place a bamboo fence marking out the line of Road from the Garden wall on the Bund to the south abutment of the new bridge.

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant-  
(Signed) Alex. J. Johnston  
Secretary.

E. J. Hoff. Jr on behalf of  
Messrs Hoff & Co

Agents. Soochow Creek Bridge Company.

Confirming the views held by the Council of 1868 and its successors as to the undesirability of permitting any claim on the part of the Chinese authorities to the bund foreshore, your Committee propose sending a cheque as usual for the annual ground rent amounting to Cash 45,709 for the current year, to H. B. his Consul.

The cheques sent in former years have either been returned to the Council or retained by the Consul but in no instance cashed.

Telegraph Line. Your Committee have concluded a contract with Mr. J. D. Bishop for keeping the Council's telegraph line (including instruments) in good working order for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> April last for the sum of \$250. In regard to the present condition of the line Mr. Bishop telegraph Engineer reports as follows (for report vide in <sup>201/25</sup> 5-25)

Roads (continued from p 203). Miller Road. To form this road of a uniform breadth Your Committee in consideration of the incidence of the land have awarded the owner (Mr. Brown) \$13 <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> as compensation for what he surrenders to the public.

Road material. a considerable quantity has been constructed for current use.

Herbing and Side Channelling. Tenders have been invited for the supply and laying of 3000 Cheng of Herb and side channelling.

The Doo-traths &c now being placed in the back parts of the English Settlement in the Sankey Dohkian and Doo chow Boai's progress satisfactory.

Street corners. Your Committee have to acknowledge the courtesy of Mr. Darwood agent for Mr. Rice in giving a provisional consent to the rounding off of the corners on both sides of the Amoy Road at its junction with the Upper Yuen Sun's Yuen Road. Also to Mr. Boyce for his concession in surrendering land to the public for the rounding off of the corner at the junction of the Pekin and Lower Yuen-hung Yuen Road.

Your Committee are in treaty for the rounding off of additional corners.

Asphalt. Your Committee have decided to obtain a small supply of asphalt with the view of testing its suitability to Shanghai.



Trees - 330 have been planted in the Broadway, so as to join the line of those on the Yangtze River Road.

Your Committee have given instructions for the lopping off of dead branches and trimming of the trees in the various Washing Ponds, where foreigners clothes are washed. Your Committee have under consideration measures which they trust will at least ensure foreign clothes being washed in clean water.

The piece of Riding along the Yangtze River between the Kansai and Amoy Roads will be erected as soon as the bunding works are completed.

The Public Range is in a satisfactory condition.

Chairman of Committee - Mr. Selkirk was elected Chairman of your Committee at its first meeting.

Staff - Mr. Bickhoff has been engaged for outdoor duty at a monthly rate of pay of \$40.00

In Conclusion Your Committee regret to be obliged to state that the continued wet weather during the past month has in a greater or lesser degree retarded the progress of the various works

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L. H. Selkirk

Indubious of  
the  
Public  
Works  
Committee

It was moved by Mr. Rydenburg, seconded by Mr. Hansson and

No 773 Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee be approved and published in the local newspapers with the exception of the paragraphs written in blue ink.

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W. H. Rydenburg  
Secretary

## Watch Committee

Sanitary Branch. Market-branch. - Inspector of Markets Report - no 506 read and referred for action to the Watch and Finance Rate & Appeal Committee  
Cooler's petition no 538 - matter referred to Supt. of Police to report upon. To be brought up at next meeting.

### General.

Engineer. - Re-engagement of Mr. Oliver. The terms of this gentleman's re-engagement were discussed after which it was moved by Mr. Blydenburgh seconded by Mr. Coryell and

No 774 Resolved

That the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee be authorized to conclude an engagement with Mr. E. D. Oliver the Council's Engineer for a period of three years from 1<sup>st</sup> March 1892 based on the following terms

- a That Mr. Oliver devote his entire time & attention to the Municipal service
- b That his pay be \$325 per month with the allowances he at present receives.

Sd. J. W. Blydenburgh  
 " Secy.

Interpreter. - A letter to from the Rev. J. M. Clatsie was read, after consideration it was decided to advertise for candidates

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 189 int.) Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved. That the meeting do now adjourn

Wm. J. ...  
 Chairman

J. W. Blydenburgh  
 Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1871.

John Dalrymple  
J. B. Sellicie  
W. D. Dymally  
Miss Corryell  
Commissioner  
to Revue  
E. H. A. A. A.  
H. J. Hansen  
Wm. Warwood

Council Room  
15-Forum Road

No 775.

Dunedin 20<sup>th</sup> May 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of May instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Forum Road

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Reports from Committees viz

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State

Report from

Defence Committee - Report from -

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Special Report from.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances' Report

Loche Petition

General

Post of Interpreter

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
Council may deem advisable

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
Alex. Johnston  
Secretary

To the Members of  
the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the  
Council Room 15- Doan Road Shanghai on  
Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of May 1871  
pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

E. J. Rhydenburgh Esq.

M. Corryell Esq.

A. P. Danoson Esq.

W. Darwood Esq.

J. J. G. Dehve Esq.

E. A. Laners Esq.

J. Missin Esq.

W. R. R. Esq.

Alex. Johnston. Secretary.

No. 775.No. 775.

The Summons calling the meeting was read  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read, con-  
firmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary  
and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

Defence Committee.

a Report from the Defence Committee was received,  
read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

No 777.

Report of the Defence Committee.

Your Committee have the pleasure to report - proceedings as follows: -

Arms, Ammunition &c. Small Arms. Capt Brewer the Adjutant General of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps attended the meeting of your Committee held on the 16: inst. He explained that the members of the Corps entertained a strong feeling against returning their arms for permanent safe keeping into the Municipal Armoury. He believed that the end, the late Council had in view, viz the preservation and keeping in good condition of the arms, might be attained by periodical inspection. Your Committee concurred in Captain Brewer's view and in this connection it was decided that the arms at present in use be called in, examined and re-issued every two months to the Volunteers.

Band.

Captain Brewer said he thought the expenses (about \$500 per annum) of keeping up the Fifed Drum Band might be defrayed out of the Rate-Payers appropriation for the maintenance of the Volunteer Corps. Your Committee in view of the sum voted by the Rate-Payers for the support of the Corps being small and not knowing at this early stage what important claims - such for instance as repairs to arms, providing blank ammunition for practice &c - will be made upon it - and with every desire to meet Capt Brewer's suggestion, could at present only give him an assurance that if the funds permitted the Band should participate in the distribution of them.

Artillery.

The conditions arranged by your Committee's predecessors upon which this Corps is maintained were brought up for confirmation. They are as follows: -

1. That the Council make an appropriation of \$500<sup>00</sup> per month to cover all charges including purchase of animals on account of the Corps

2. That the Kowitzger Drill be commenced as soon as convenient to the members of the Corps but not later than the middle of April next.
3. That the Council formally hands over upon the ratification of the Corps to the conditions herein, eight pieces (including the four now in possession of the members of the Corps), on the understanding that these pieces are used for Artillery purposes only, or if for other purposes the nature of such be made known to, and the consent of, the officer commanding the Battery first obtained before being used, and that the Battery undertake to repay the cost of the Pieces viz \$300. to the Council at such date as may be convenient to the Corps but not later than the dissolution of the Artillery.
4. That the Corps when ordered out for practice by the Commandant of the Volunteers or the Adjutant General will be supplied with Ammunition by the Council free of charge.
5. That the guns not now actually required in the Corps and at present in the Municipal Godown be returned to the owners forthwith.
6. That it be clearly understood that the present arrangement is conditional upon the Corps being maintained in a state of efficiency.

Dated February 1871.

Your Committee recommend your approving and confirming the above arrangement providing the concluding paragraph is strictly carried out.

The Subjoined letter <sup>in 2/5</sup> from Col: Meldray was read & referred to the Adjutant General to reply to

No  $\frac{66}{100}$

National Rifle Association  
12 Pall Mall East - S.W.  
London  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 1871

Sir,

Mr. Cameron of the Shanghai Volunteers having on behalf of his Corps made an application to the Council of the National Rifle Association for the Shanghai Volunteers to be placed as a Rifle Association in connection with the National Rifle Association on the same footing as the Yokohama Association, I am directed by the Council to inform you that the Council have had great pleasure in complying with Mr. Cameron's request. I have consequently this day sent to your address thro' Messrs Richardson of Pall Mall, the Silver medal of the Association together with some copies of the report 1870 which contains Rules and Regulations as well as the proceedings of the past year.

The Council have decided upon offering for annual competition by Teams from the Mother Country, India and the Colonies a Challenge cup to be shot for at Dumbarton - the first competition to take place this year when a Team from Ontario will be present.

In the event of the cup being won by a Colonial Team the Council will add a Purse of £100 to the Prize. I need not say that we are looking forward with pleasure to the day when India, the Colonies, and the Settlements will be represented at Dumbarton.

by their respective Clauses.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

(signed) Edmund H. Hildmay  
Secretary N. P. C.

The Chairman of  
the Municipal Council  
Shanghai.

Members  
of the  
Finance  
Committee

Council Room  
15- Horn Road  
25<sup>th</sup> May 1891.

No 778. Resolved It was moved by Mr. Bellive, seconded by Mr. Hildmay &

That the Report of the Finance Committee  
be approved

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Mover J. Bellive  
Second Mr. Hildmay

Finance Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Plumé seconded by  
Mr. Harwood and

No 779 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following  
sums be sanctioned

Works. Sewer road, loaded box drain 150  
hanging board letting repairs to





through the Custom House. Your approval obtained to the scale as now revised by Your Committee, it is proposed to ask the views of the Chambers of Commerce on it before putting it in force. It is proposed that the revised tariff will come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> June.

As will be seen by the accompanying statement (vide Compt. Ann. Book pp 30/3) the principal alterations have been made in reducing the scale of charges on piece goods and stockings and increasing the rate on silk, opium, Deasome wine and spirits. The effect of these alterations in the Budget may be taken thus

Increase  
Decrease  
Balance.

Soochow Creek Bridge Company. Your Committee have not been favored with a reply to their letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst to Mr Hoff, inquiring the terms upon which the Company would be dispensed to sell the iron bridge.

Local Post Office. Your Committee have received a report from the officer in charge of this office, in regard to its working between the 1<sup>st</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> May which says in regard to it

Mails. 82 were received and 86 dispatched

Correspondence. 6082 letters and 468 papers were received by the office and 3889 letters, 6012 papers were dispatched. The number of letters, papers, circulars &c received for down delivery was 9297. 94 Expresses were delivered.

Postage Stamps. An ample supply is on hand.

Subscribers. The number of names on the subscribers list is - - - - -

viz at the 50 tael rate

at the 35 tael rate

The Sun Gas Co at 1/12 box rent

75	} less 1. the chartered mercantile Bank subscribers for 1/2 year only
39	
35	
1	
75	

The amount which it is anticipated will be derived from subscriptions is \$3162 as against \$2150 estimated. The sum collected up to date is \$2590 being \$440 in excess of the estimate.

38 @	75	=	1900
35 @	35	=	1225
1 @	25	=	25
1 @	12	=	12
			<u>3162</u>

Amount received to date			
31 @	75	=	1550
29 @	35	=	1015
1 @	25	=	25
			<u>2590</u>

outstanding		=	572
			<u>3162</u>

Deliveries. Your Committee instructed the Postmaster on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. for the greater convenience of the Community to deliver correspondence every hour instead of every two hours as before.

Mail Cart. The Cart is found of great service ensuring the speedy conveyance of mails from the Steamers to the post-office and by its means it is hoped to keep the night mail bag open to  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour before the sailing of the steamer.

Obtaining delivery of mails from steamers after arrival. Your Committee have this matter on note and will confer with the agents of the River Coast and Japan Steamers with the view of getting the mail bag as soon as possible after the vessel anchors.

Agencies at outports. Your Committee will see what arrangements can be effected towards the establishment of agencies at the various outports.

Plant-Rolling Stock &c. In regard to these Mr. Keele reports as follows: - Animals are in good working order and condition. The stabling now in

course of erection is nearly completed and I propose moving all the animals into it about the 20<sup>th</sup> of next month. The arrangement made with Mr. J. Williams having given every satisfaction I beg to recommend that it be renewed for twelve months. By it all the Council's animals are shod and their feet pared and attended to whenever necessary at the rate of \$2 per animal per month the farrier erecting his own forge on the premises and furnishing all material and labour required, but having room for a forge rent free.

Rolling Stock. The repairs to the water carts and the new carts are approaching completion. The nuisance carts have been painted and any trifling repairs effected as required. Now that the carts have been put in an efficient state the necessity for more protection against sun and rain is apparent. I would suggest that instead of re-erecting a mat-shed a more permanent building should be erected as being really more economical and affording greater protection from the weather.

Taxes, Rates and Dubs. The collection of these will be proceeded with at once as authorized by the last meeting of Rate Payers.

Members of  
the  
Nuisance  
Rate  
and  
Appeal  
Committee

Council Room  
15 Swan Road  
19 May 1891.

It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Paine and

No 782. Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Rate and  
Appeal Committee be approved  
by  
Mover  
Seconder

### Public Works Committee.

A Report from the Public Works Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted in the minutes

No 783.

### Report of the Public Works Committee

Your Committee beg to lay before you the following special Report.

Soochow Creek Bridge (Wooden) It having been represented to your Committee that some portions of the present Soochow Creek (wooden) Bridge, are very weak and unsafe for carriage or passenger traffic and that an accident may occur at any moment, your Committee advised Mr. E. J. Stagg acting for and on behalf of Messrs Stagg & Co agents for the Soochow Creek Bridge Company of the substance of the representation made to them, at the same time informing Mr. Stagg that in the interests of the public safety and with a view of preventing accidents they had decided to cause a survey to be at once held on the present structure.

Accordingly Mr. Kidner was requested by your Committee to hold a survey. The bridge Company were represented by their Engineer Mr Kingsmill on the occasion. The following is Mr. Kidner's report - No. 569

Shanghai 19 May 1871

To the Municipal Council of Shanghai.

Gentlemen,

As requested by you I have made a careful survey of the old Sochoo Bridge with the view of ascertaining the condition of the same and forming an opinion as to its stability.

I find many of the piles are completely rotten above the low water line and the planking of the bridge all more or less decayed. The girders appear to be sound with the exception of those on the outsides which have been more exposed to wet than the others in consequence of the drainage of rain water over them. The piles which are rotten are chiefly of round timber and occur in the centre of the bridge; those of square timber are nearly all sound or very little decayed.

I am of opinion, provided no very heavy loads are allowed to pass over that there is no immediate danger to be apprehended or any necessity for you to close the bridge to light traffic but in view of the bridge being required for another year at least it is absolutely necessary that some repairs should be made.

The weakest parts are the "draw" and the two wide spans on the south side of it. There is very great vibration at these points whenever a carriage passes over.

To obviate this it will be necessary to put struts and straining pieces under the wide spans and to reconstruct the draw.

New piles must be driven to take the place of those rotten and the present covering of the bridge should in my opinion be removed entirely and 3 inch planks substituted; this done away with the earth and stone paving altogether.

The weight of this alone is very considerable, a greater load than almost anything which could be placed on the bridge in the shape of traffic.

I estimate the weight of this earth and paving

to be not less than 400 tons or rather more than one ton for every foot in length of the bridge. In reconstructing the draw it should be made to form a continuous sweep with the roadway on each side of it. There would be no difficulty whatever in doing this and it would make the passage over the bridge much easier than it is at present. If the draw could be done away with and the space covered in the same manner as the other parts of the bridge it would be a great advantage.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant  
(Signed.) W. Kidner

In conclusion Your Committee would be glad to be advised by you what course you think desirable to be further pursued.

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J. S. Bellenger }  
Members of  
The  
Public  
Works  
Committee

Council Room

15 Swan Road

19 May 1891.

It was moved by Mr. Bydenburgh seconded by Mr. Smith and

No 784

Resolved

That the Special Report of the Public Works Committee be approved

That the Secretary be instructed to hand the Chairman of the Souchon Creek Bridge Company, copy of Mr. Kidner's report expressing the wish





Council Room  
15 Roman Road

No 786

Shanghai 27: May 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Sunday the 29: Day of May instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Works Committee - Engineers' Progress Report

Archon Creek Bridge. Inst: Aug 1870 Letter

Watch Committee - Report from Committee

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Wm. J. G. Smith

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 29: May 1871.

Present

H. P. Hansen

Wm. Harwood

John G. G. G.

J. B. G. G.

W. D. G. G.

Miss G. G.

E. G. G.

Council Room  
Shanghai 29: May 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Honan Road Shanghai on Monday the 29: Day of May instant a.d. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present:-

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
W. A. Blydenburgh Esq.  
M. Corryell Esq.  
N. P. Dawson Esq.  
W. Darwood Esq.  
Z. Mason Esq.  
J. J. G. Delmeide Esq.  
P. A. Lavers Esq.

Alfred J. Johnston Secretary.

No 786 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read  
No 787 The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee

National Rifle Association. The medal and books received from the Secretary of the N. R. A for 1870, to be handed to the Adjutant General of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps to be dealt with by him as may appear best for the interest of the Corps.

Finance Committee

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Dawson seconded by Mr. Lavers and

No 788. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned



per package. This was considered high. It was there fore decided.

That in future the charge be one mace per package for unenumerated articles. This amendment to be included in the amended tariff.

Soochow Creek Bridge. Purchase of. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. E. J. Hoeg on behalf of Messrs Hoeg & Co agents. Soochow Creek Bridge Company asking him to favor the Council with a reply at his earliest convenience, to their letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

### Public Works Committee.

The Engineers Progress Report No 594 was read & approved.  
Soochow Creek Bridge (Wooden). The following letter received from Messrs Hoeg & Co was read

Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> May 1871

To the Secretary  
Municipal Council

Sir

We have to acknowledge your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst enclosing Mr. Hudson's report on the wooden bridge over the Soochow Creek.

The Council will be glad to learn that so soon as the accident to the Iron bridge showed that the wooden structure would be required for an extended period, the Bridge Company promptly commenced preparations for its efficient repair.

The work is already in progress and will probably extend beyond Mr. Hudson's suggestions.

We are, Sir,

Yours obedient Servants

(signed) Hoeg & Co

Agents Soochow Creek Bridge Co

Watch Committee.

A Report from the Watch Committee was received, read, and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes

No 790.

Report of the Watch Committee

Your Committee have the pleasure of laying before you the following Report:-

Beggars.

It is reported that the Punjab Refuge has been closed and measures will be taken to keep the foreign settlements as free as possible from beggars especially the professional ones, who will be apprehended by the Police and deported to the Pootung side. This course has been pursued for the last three years.

Brothels

Your Committee have instructed the Supt of Police to furnish a return of all Chinese brothels within municipal limits, classifying these establishments under three heads.

- a. purely Chinese
- b. mixed i.e. brothels frequented by foreigners and Chinese - and
- c. brothels receiving the visits of foreigners only.

From this return your Committee hope to be able to form some accurate idea as to the receipts anticipated to be derived from brothels towards the maintenance of the Lock Hospital

Foreign and Native Livery Stables. In regard to these Mr. Keble reports as follows - (vide No 491 of 27 April) off the four scales of license fees submitted by Mr. Keble, your Committee recommend your approving the following:-

For each Foreign and Native Livery stable \$3<sup>00</sup> per month.

Dogs.

Your Committee have issued the following instruction to the Police - The Superintendent of Police will be

so good as to give instructions to the Force for the extermination of mangy or loathsome looking native dogs. Your Committee would strongly recommend the Community, during the heat of the day to keep their dogs in doors, as the Police have instructions to take possession of all dogs found straying in the streets of the Settlement and destroy them if not claimed within forty eight hours.

Furious riding and driving. - Your Committee have given stringent orders to the Police to prohibit this practice as far as possible. Your Committee would draw the attention of the owners of carriages to the danger arising to the Community from native horse-boys being allowed to drive traps about the Settlement, especially just before dark. It would be a prudential measure on their part of the owners to prohibit this and instruct the horse-boys to lead, not drive the horse.

Owners of Entertainment. - The Superintendent of Police has been ordered to supply a classified return of all Chinese Owners of Entertainment (except brothels) viz. Sketels, Dra, Samshu shops &c &c in order that your Committee may have before them the fullest information in regard to these establishments before proceeding to license them.

Police Force. The following report has been received from the Superintendent of Police in regard to the supposed arrest of one of the Council's native Constables by the Chik-Nsien (for Report vide No 592 of 25<sup>th</sup> May)

Condition of Force. - Mr. Penfold attended your Committee's last meeting and reported the Force in a satisfactory condition.

Composition of Force. - The state of the Force on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst was.

- 1 Superintendent
- 3 Inspectors

7 Sergeants  
 23 Constables  
 or 34 Foreigners which with  
 87 Chinese make a total  
 of 118 of all ranks  
 against 121 the strength authorized by the Rate-payer  
 The force was distributed as follows:-

Distribution	Superintendent	Inspectors		Sergeants				Constables					Authorized force	Actual strength	
		Present	Sick	Present	Sick	In hospital	Wanting to complete	Present	Sick	In hospital	Wanting to complete	Chinese			Prison
Central Station	1	1	.	3	.	.	.	12	1	.	.	38	.		50
Longa Station	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	25	.		31
Wangthw Station	.	1	.	3	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	21	.		31
	1	3	.	7	.	.	.	22	1	.	.	84	.		112

Mr Penfold was of opinion that the strength of the force was sufficient for the present, but if necessity occurred for increasing it, he would bring the matter to the notice of the Committee.

Leave of Absence. An application from Inspector Fowler for nine months leave of absence, under the rules approved by the late Council, has been received and favorably considered by your Committee who, with your sanction propose granting Mr. Fowler the leave he asks for.

Sanitary Department. Your Committee have had an interview with Dr. Anderson, officer of health in regard to various matters coming under his department, especially vaccination and the establishment of a Lock Hospital. Dr. Anderson has promised your Committee to furnish a memorandum giving his views in regard to these subjects.

Market-Branch. In regard to the markets, the Inspector Mr. Keele reports as follows: (vide his 506 of 29 April)

Mr. Keele addressed the following letter to the late Council who deferred taking action on it (vide his <sup>note</sup> 20)

of 7<sup>th</sup> January 1871 (p. 92). Your Committee are of opinion that the seizure of market produce should be continued and to this end have prepared a resolution to lay before the meeting. Your Committee are of opinion, when occasion offers, a bye law should be added to the present Land Regulations empowering the Council to issue licenses to vendors of market produce.

Nuisance Branch. The Inspector reports the working of this branch to be satisfactory.

Accident to Mr. Brown. Your Committee regret to state that an accident occurred to Mr. Brown, your Inspector of Nuisances on Tuesday last while taking a pony out of one of the carts the animal plunged, and darted forward upsetting Mr. Brown over whose right arm the cart passed breaking it.

It is a source of satisfaction to your Committee to learn from Dr. Anderson that Mr. Brown is progressing favorably.

Disinfectants. A small supply has been ordered

X

W. S. Widdemans }  
Members of  
Watch  
Committee

Council Room

Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> May 1871.

No 791 Resolved

It was moved by Mr. Harwood, seconded by Mr. Hanson and  
That the Report of the Watch Committee be approved

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Secunder.

No 792 Resolved

It was moved by Mr. Widdemans, seconded by Mr. Jellicoe &  
That the Inspector of Markets be instructed to seize without recourse to force, market produce found



to be unfit for consumption

sig move W.A. Blydenburgh  
 Secunder. J.H. Seltman

It was moved by Mr. Seltman seconded by Mr.  
 Blydenburgh and

No 793 Resolved

That the Superintendent of Police be instructed  
 to seize all indecent or obscene prints, photographs &c  
 exhibited for sale within the limits of this Municipality

sig move

Secunder. W.A. Blydenburgh

General

Recreation Fund Trust. Mr. Dent thought it would be well if  
 the members of Council had no objection, that the  
 Trustees of the Recreation Fund should hold their sittings  
 at the Council's offices. Also that an officer of the  
 Council should attend the sittings to take down the  
 proceedings, from which he would frame minutes  
 supplying one copy to the Committee of Trustees and  
 another to the Secretary of the Council to be filed  
 in the Council's archives. The Recreation Trust  
 must sooner or later fall into the hands of the Council  
 Mr. Dent thought measures were being concerted  
 for classifying the different documents and transcribing  
 their contents into a Minute Book.

Decided.

To place the Council's Room at the disposal  
 of the Trustees of the Recreation Fund, for their  
 meetings.

Leave of absence. It was moved by Mr. Seltman seconded  
 by Mr. Blydenburgh and

No 794 Resolved

That Mr. Oliver Engineer to the Council be  
 granted nine months leave of absence

sig move

Secunder. W.A. Blydenburgh

The Chairman read a printed letter now being sent round for signature addressed to the Court of Foreign Consuls requesting them to urge on the Council the necessity for taking measures to legalize the proceedings of the Rate Payers meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, which the letter contended were invalidated by the Chairman of the Council holding the proxies of Resident Rate Payers.

Mr. Dent considered that the letter called for no action from the Council until they at least heard from the Court of Foreign Consuls.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 224 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary.

J. H. Kellicott  
Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

J. H. Kellicott  
J. H. Kellicott  
Miss George  
W. J. Johnston  
Edwards  
H. P. Hassen  
Wm. Harwood

Council Room

15- Roman Road

No 795

Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1871

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request

your attendance at a General meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Swan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be signed

Defence Committee - Statement of Account

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Local Post-masters Report

Chamber of Commerce letter re amendments in Wharfage Dues tariff

Works Committee - Engineers Report

Contract - Kinglow Creek Bridge

Appropriation to cover Mr. Olivers travelling expenses

Telegram - drain pipes

General

Consideration of applications for post of office assistant.

Lochow Creek Bridge - Mr. Hoops letter and Mr.

Reunis opinion

Mr. Olivers agreement

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
 Messrs. Johnston  
 Secretary.

To the Members  
 of the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 13<sup>th</sup> Awan Road Shanghai on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June instant A.D. 1871 Pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. D. Blydenburgh Esq.

P. J. G. DeLuce Esq.

Messrs Coryell Esq.

E. H. Lavers Esq.

A. P. Sausser Esq.

Wm. Drummond Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston Secretary.

Absent.

Wm. Rime Esq.

D. Sisson Esq.

No 795 The Summons calling the meeting was read.

No 796 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee. Statement of Finance (vide D.C. small letter Book p 277) read and approved. to be passed on to the Adjutant General for his information.

Band. Gift to Drum Band. The Adjutant General asked the Council to appropriate \$500 towards current expenses of Band. agreed to vote that sum

Finance Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. DeLuce seconded by Mr. Coryell and

No 797 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum

be sanctioned

Works - Extension Ingers Road	Rs 600
Def <sup>n</sup> Cont <sup>n</sup> . Pipe & Drum Band	Rs 100
Works Cart shed	Rs 400
sig. Inver	
" Recorder.	

### Cash State

No 798

The Cash state for the 3<sup>rd</sup> June was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 6,141-69
In Bank	3,411-55

The Shanghai & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1891

I hereby certify that the balance standing in the name of the Municipal Council Shanghai on this date is -

on fixed & c/a	Rs 20,000
Current - c/a	3,275
	<u>Rs 23,275</u>

(signed) John Walker  
for manager.

Cash state of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1891

Deposit account - Balance	Rs 19,868-45
Current " " "	3,411-55
	<u>Rs 23,275-00</u>

Local Post-Office - The bi-monthly report - to  $\frac{240}{530}$  to the 31<sup>st</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> was read and approved.

Duties, Rates and Taxes - Duties on Merchandise - Revision of Tariff. The amendments proposed by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce on the tariff recently revised by the Finance Committee came up for consideration of the meeting - after some discussion it was Decided

To ask Mr. Nasson to act on behalf of

the Council in discussing the basis of the revised scale with the members of the Committee of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce

Public Works Committee.

Contracts. - Kingstons Creek Bridge and Abutments. Schedule of Tenders No 263. & 650 laid on the table. After consideration it was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Blydenburgh and

No 799 Resolved

That the tender of Mr. David Muirhead for the construction of abutments to the Kingstons Creek iron bridge and the erection of the bridge according to plans specifications to be accepted at a cost not exceeding Rs 40,500.

sig. mover

J. L. S. Jellicoe  
Secy. Mr. Blydenburgh

Damage. Eastern drain pipes. The following telegram had been received from the Council London Agent

"Some pipes gone by City Aberdeen and Aleta  
"Covers made all freight arrangements themselves  
"balance going from Tyne immediately urge despatch  
(copy) Robt.

Engineer. The Chairman of the Public Works Committee said that Mr. Oliver while on leave had undertaken at their request to visit several cities in America and England with the view of gathering information upon different Engineering subjects especially water works. This would shorten the time Mr. Oliver would otherwise have had to himself as well as increase his expenses. So that Mr. Oliver should not be out of pocket it was moved by Mr. Jellicoe seconded by Mr. Conyell and

No 800 Resolved

That Mr Oliver be granted the sum of Fifty pounds (£50) sterling to cover his extra travelling expenses in the United States and England.

of money  
- Secunder -

The Enquiries Progress Report - no 620 was read and approved.

### Watch Committee.

Refuge - Chinese Refuge at Pungah. The Concluding Report no 623 was passed.

### General.

Staff. Mr Oliver's Agreement. Mr Johnston informed the Council that Mr Oliver was of the idea that clause 4 of the draft of agreement prepared for his signature by Mr Rennie was to his disadvantage, as it gave the Council power to dismiss him on the occasion of the most temporary absence. Mr Oliver in connection with all the other members of the Council's staff felt sure it was not the intention of the Council to do more than insert a protective clause by which the public would be secured against paying a salary to an officer incompetent to perform his duties for a prolonged period.

Hitherto such clauses had not appeared in the officers' agreements. The members of the Council having read and considered the clause were of opinion that it ought to appear in agreements but with the view of clearing up any apprehension in the minds of the officers as to the exact meaning attaching to the word "temporary" the Secretary was instructed to ascertain from Mr Rennie his definition of that word in the sense he applied it in the present instance.

Office Assistance. The applications (No 653) in answer to the Council's advertisement, received from candidates for this post were considered, after which it was moved by Mr. Lavers, seconded by Mr. Dawson and

No 801 Resolved

That Mr. Geo Davis be appointed clerk in the Council's service at the rate of  $\text{Yr } 1200$  per annum on the following conditions. In the first instance on the probationary trial of one, which if satisfactory will be extended to a further period of two months when the question of a permanent engagement will be considered by the Council

sig mover  
Secunder.

Soochow Creek Bridge Company. The following letter from Messrs. Hoyle & Co was read

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> May 1871

To the Secretary

Municipal Council

Sir,

It is not through inadvertence that your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst has not received reply but since the accident to the Iron bridge it has seemed desirable that we should have some further data than are at present in our possession before entering into negotiations with the Council.

We shall address you shortly on the subject in the meantime it would be as well to consider what course should be adopted after the end of June in regard to the Company's contract with the Municipality as it is evident that owing to an uncontrollable accident the Iron bridge cannot be open to traffic

We are



Sir,  
 Your obedient Servants  
 (signed) *Hugh W. C.*  
 Agents Southon Creek Bridge Co.

This letter was circulated for the information of the members of the Council, the Chairman instructs the Secretary to place it before the legal adviser for any remarks he might wish to make on it.

Mr. Plummer attaches the following remarks.

"As the Contract with Bridge Company stands on having regard to the impossibility of their performing their undertaking to construct the Iron bridge by the appointed time, only one question arises from a legal point of view viz:-

Whether the Council have the right absolutely to rescind the contract or whether there has been only such a partial failure of performance by the Bridge Company of their undertaking as would entitle the Council to compensation in damages.

"It is a rule of law that inevitable accident does not excuse a contracting party from the non-performance of his engagements but it is also a rule of law that unless there has been a total failure of performance by one party the other cannot rescind the contract in toto but must seek his remedy in damages.

"In this case there is not a total failure of consideration for the Company have allowed and I presume are still prepared to allow right of way to Foresters over the existing lower bridge. The Council cannot therefore I think rescind the contract in toto but would be entitled to recover damages against the Bridge Company for non-completion of the Iron bridge according to their contract.

"If the Council desire to bring matters to an issue with the Company the proper course would be for them to decline making any further payments

on account of commutation of toll giving notice before hand to the Agents of the Company of their intention to do so. If the Company then contest the matter they will have either to sue the Council before the Court of Direct Consuls where (as the procedure is not formal) the Council would probably be allowed to defend on the ground of non-performance by the Company - or they might stop the free passage of foreigners which would be a very dangerous course for them to adopt. If the Council should desire to arrange amicably with the Company I think the best course would be in replying to their letter to propose the waiver of any legal technicalities and that the yearly commutation be reduced or altogether suspended until the completion of the new bridge.

(Signed) R. D. Rennie

3/6/71

After full consideration of the matter the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. St. J. 13<sup>42</sup> in the following sense.

- a. to enquire if the Council are to understand that the repairs proposed by Mr. Sadler will be carried out in detail by the Company.
- b. if not to ask for full and explicit information as to what the company intend doing
- c. that upon the Company's answer will depend the course of action the Council may desire as to the early termination or otherwise of the convention of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1870
- d. to convey the Council's assurance of their wish to treat with the Company in an amicable and liberal way on the existing basis provided such be <sup>insistent</sup> ~~consistent~~ with a due regard to the interests of the public.

The Council instructed the Secretary to ask Mr. Rennie to draft a letter in the sense of the concluding paragraph of his minute as above

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p. 233 ante)  
Various subjects were discussed, correspondence  
 laid on the table, considered and referred to  
 the different Committees and it was  
Resolved  
 That the meeting do now adjourn

Wm. J. Johnston  
 Secretary.

J. J. Deane  
 Chairman

Council Room

15-Donan Road.

No. 802.

Shanghai 10: June 1891

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to  
 request your attendance at a General Meeting  
 of the Council which will be held on Monday the  
 12. Day of June instant at 9 o'clock in the  
 forenoon in the Council Chamber at the  
 Public Office in the Donan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman  
 and Report from Committee viz.

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Revision of scale of dues on merchandise as agreed  
 to by Chamber of Commerce

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report

Watch Committee - Inspector of Markets Report

General Staff - Mr. Dennis's definition of the word temporary  
 occurring in clause 4 of Mr. Oliver's agreement -  
 Szechow Creek Bridge. Draft letter for approval  
 Renewal of Mr. McMillan's agreement -  
 Rate Payers' letter to Consuls in regard to resident  
 Elector voting by Proxy.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

Present:  
J. H. Selkirk  
W. J. Bydenburgh  
M. Coryell  
J. W. Mason  
E. A. Lavers  
W. J. Johnston  
Wm. Karwood

Council Room  
Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> June 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15  
Noman Road Shanghai, on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of  
June instant A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
W. J. Bydenburgh Esq.  
J. H. Selkirk Esq.  
M. Coryell Esq.  
J. W. Mason Esq.  
E. A. Lavers Esq.  
W. J. Johnston Esq.  
Wm. Karwood Esq.  
Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

Absolut

Wm. R. S. J.

- No. 802 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
No. 803 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Hansson and Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

	<u>Yd</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Foreign Hospitals</u> quarterly subscription each hospital	50 <sup>00</sup>	
<u>Works</u> Impgo Road extension Mr. Hanbury's claim	300 <sup>00</sup>	
<u>Gen. Exp.</u> License numbers	£5-	
<u>Works</u> Stone Crusher	£30-	
" Drain pipes to meet Cowen & Co. 60/ day's bill for - - - - -	£269.3.3.	
<u>Police</u> Gratuity to relatives of late J. Shea carried from Police Gratuity fund to General Balance - - - - -	540 <sup>00</sup>	
<u>D. C.</u> Remittance to Capt. Millmay	£10-	
<u>Works</u> Yang King Pang Bridges repairs to	187 <sup>00</sup>	
" { Extension Impgo Road for removal of Sai-ee-dung houses - - - - -	490 <sup>00</sup>	
if he takes material, if not - - - - -	550 <sup>00</sup>	
as per Mr. Binnett's valuation.		
" Extension Ang Hong Road		\$ 200 <sup>00</sup>
Points	100 <sup>00</sup>	

of mover  
 Secunder.

Cash State

No 805 The Cash State for the 10<sup>th</sup> June was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows: -

In Comptrollers hands	Ys. 6,484-15
In Bank	5-382-68

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai, 9<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

Balances at Ord<sup>y</sup> of Shanghai Municipal Council this date:

on fixed deposit	Ys 20,000
current a/c	4775

Ys 24,775

(signed) John Walter  
of manager

Cash State of 10<sup>th</sup> June 1871

Deposit Balances: Ys 19,392-32

Current a/c - 5-382-68

24,775-00

Duties Rates & Taxes. Duties on Merchandise - Mr. Hansson said that agreeably with the Council's request he had conferred with the Committee of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce as to the revision they proposed should be made in the amended scale lately drawn up by the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee. Certain revisions had been made at the instance of the Chamber which were mainly in the duties on Cotton & Woollen goods silk, Treasure &c. In this connection it was moved by Mr. Hansson seconded by Mr. Larsen and

No 806 Resolved

That the amendments made by the Finance Committee in the tariff of Duties on Merchandise, and agreed to by the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce be approved and adopted.

That the revised scale comes into operation.

on and from 1<sup>st</sup> June  
 that the amended tariff be printed  
 & moved  
 Secunder.

Local Postoffice - The following report from the Local Postmaster in regard to the miscarriage of the mail for Hankow by the "Fire Queen" sailing on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, was read (vide L.P.O. of 11<sup>th</sup> June). The Secretary was instructed to hand Messrs Russell & Co a copy of the Postmaster's Report and the correspondence referred to in it and to request that firm to be as good as to institute such inquiries in connexion with the matter as appear to them desirable.

### Public Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No 637 was read and approved.

### Watch Committee

Sanitary Department - Market Branch - The Inspector of Markets Report No 628 was read and approved.

Illegal Exactions. It was represented to the Council that a proclamation had been issued by the Chib. Asien requiring Chinese shops to be secured by four other shops before opening business in the Settlement (vide L.C.D. No. of 9<sup>th</sup> inst in translation).

In consequence of this proclamation much uneasiness had arisen in the minds of natives whom had been to the Council's office. Various native Pawnbrokers had been summoned into the City but most of them refused to go or to pay the charges demanded (vide W. Penfold's Report No 680)

A draft of a proclamation was read and after some amendments it was  
Decided.

a to have it rendered into Chinese

- b. to enclose copy of it to the Chairman of the Consular Body with the view of ensuring their co-operation in the event of any course of procedure detrimental to the interests of the Settlements being resorted to by the Chinese authorities - and
- c. if no reply be received from the Consular Body, copies of the proclamation to be posted up at the end of three days.

### General.

Staff.

Mr. Oliver's agreement. In accordance with the Council's instructions (vide p 238 ante) the Secretary stated that he had requested Mr. Rennie to define the exact meaning attaching to the term temporary used in Art 4 of Mr. Oliver's agreement in the sense he employed it. Mr. Rennie gave the following definition of this word: -

"With regard to the meaning of the word temporary as employed by me in the clause of Oliver's agreement relating to sickness, it is only intended to express that which the law implies viz that sickness unless it be of such a nature as to permanently incapacitate a man for the performance of his duties - does not justify his employer in dismissing him on that ground alone."

Mr. McMillan (No 616) applied for renewal of his agreement expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> December next, prior to his applying for leave. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Lavers, seconded by Mr. Garwood &

No 807 Resolved

That the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee be authorized to enter into a re-engagement with Mr. John McMillan, Local Postmaster for a period of three years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1892, pay being at the rate of Rs 2000 per annum with the allowances he at present enjoys



sig. Inver  
- Recorder.

Yocchons Creek Bridge Company. The following draft of  
a letter to the Company was read

Gentlemen,

In reply to the inquiries contained  
in your letters of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo and 8<sup>th</sup> instant  
as to the course the Council intend adopting after  
the end of the present month with respect to  
the continuation of the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1870

The Council desire me to preface their  
reply by a re-iteration of the assurance con-  
tained in their letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant as to  
their desire to negotiate in an amicable and  
liberal spirit consistent with their obligations  
to the public for the extension of the agreement  
the stipulations of which the Company are not  
now in a position to carry into effect. They  
therefore instruct me to submit for your  
confirmation or rejection the following proposition  
viz:— That with the following alterations &  
modifications the existing agreement shall  
continue and remain in force.

1. The Council shall grant to the Bridge Company  
an extension of time for the completion and  
opening to traffic of the new lower Bridge  
say up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1872.
2. The Bridge Company shall in the meantime  
on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> July next place the  
existing lower bridge in an efficient and  
complete state of repair to be approved by  
Mr. Hedder acting as Surveyor for the Council
3. The Company shall bind themselves to keep  
the same in good repair and travelling  
order up to the completion and opening  
to traffic of the new bridge.

4. In the event of their failure so to do or to complete the new bridge within the specified time they shall pay to the Council the sum of Jacks Fifteen Hundred (£1500) us and by way of liquidated damages and this agreement shall be put and end to and rescinded.

5. The Council shall have the option at any time during the continuance of the agreement of purchasing all or any part of the property of the Company with all rights attaching to it or vested in the Company by virtue of their alleged Charter, at such price as may be agreed upon between the Council and the Company or if they shall be unable to agree as may be fixed by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party, or an umpire chosen by the Arbitrators.

6. The temporary sheds now in the Public Garden shall be removed by the Company on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of August next

7. That on the acceptance of the above conditions, such acceptance be communicated in writing to the Council within 14 days from date.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant  
Wm. S. Strickland  
Secretary

Wm. S. Strickland  
Agent to Lovchow Creek Bridge Company.

It was moved by Mr. Blydenburgh seconded by Mr. Coryell and

No 808 Resolved

That the draft letter as now read and amended addressed to the Lovchow Creek Bridge Company be approved and adopted

sig. mover W. Blydenburgh  
seconded

Letters of certain Rate payers to the Foreign Consuls at Shanghai  
dated 26<sup>th</sup> May as follows was read

Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> May 1871

To the Foreign Consuls at Shanghai  
Gentlemen,

We the undersigned, representing various proprietors in the English and American Settlement beg to bring to your notice the necessity that exists for determining the right to vote by proxy at the Rate payers meetings, in other words to fix the true meaning of rule IX of the land regulation.

Without wishing to overthrow the resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting of Rate payers held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May or even to ask for a reconsideration of the important Municipal Affairs then decided, we nevertheless express our conviction that the admission of a large number of proxies obtained from resident land owners and householders present in Shanghai, was in contravention of the land regulations which only provide for the using of proxies for absent owners of land

We therefore protest against the action being taken as a precedent for the future and beg that the matter may have your careful attention and that you will define what proxies may be used, so that illegality may be prevented in the meetings of Rate payers.

We enclose copy of the opinion of the legal adviser of the Council and are

Your obedient Servants  
(signed) Bower, Hambury & Co represent  
eight owners of land  
David Sassoon Sons & Co.  
R. D. Sassoon } by their  
S. D. Sassoon } attorneys  
J. P. Bickersteth & others } J. S. S. & Co.

(signed) Birley Worthington & Co  
 " Russell & Co  
 " Carter & Co.  
 " representing four votes  
 " Grand Mondo & Co  
 " Gibb Livingston & Co  
 " Charles J. King  
 " E. James Hogg  
 " Tho. Rothwell  
 " Shaw Brothers & Co  
 " Gro Barnet & Co  
 " Reid & Co  
 " Turner & Co  
 " J. P. Priset & Co  
 " representing five votes  
 " R. Francis  
 " Bliss & Co  
 " representing two votes  
 " E. M. Smith  
 " F. Mont. Milne  
 " Holliday Wise & Co.  
 " Coutts & Co  
 " Westall Grand & Co  
 " Walter Pearson  
 " Executive of the estate  
 " of the late C. L. Richardson  
 " Olyphant & Co  
 " A. A. Haygo Jr.  
 " Gro. J. W. Cowie

Official opinion of the Law Adviser of the  
 Council on the matters above referred to (read at  
 the Rate Payers Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 1871).

" As to the interpretation to be placed on Rule  
 XIX of the Land Regulations with reference to  
 the qualification to vote in the election of members  
 of the Municipal Council as also the qualification  
 to vote at public meetings.

I am asked what qualification is necessary to entitle a member of the Foreign Community of Shanghai to vote at the meetings of Ratepayers.

This question must be decided by reference to the Land Regulations and especially Articles IX, XIX and XXIX.

Upon the construction which it appears must be put upon these provisions I am of opinion that there are two and only two classes of qualifications viz:—

1<sup>st</sup>—Ownership of land within the limits of the Settlement of the value of not less than Rs 500, upon which the annual payment of assessment on land or houses or both amounts to the sum of Rs 10 and upwards.

2<sup>nd</sup> The occupation of the house and payment of taxes in respect of it on an assessed rental of not less than Rs 500 per annum.

I may further observe that under Art 18 proxies for absent owners of land are empowered to vote at the meetings held under the provisions of that article, and that it would be incumbent on persons holding such proxies to show that the absent owner would have had, had he been resident a proper qualification under the first of the above heads.

The Secretary was desired to insert this letter on the Minutes.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 243 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was Resolved.

That the meeting do now adjourn

Secretary.

John D. ...  
Chairman

Council Room  
15 Anson Road

No 809

Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> June 1851

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of May instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Anson Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz.

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Mr. McMillan's application for leave of absence

L.P.O. Mrs carriage of letters of "Fire Queen"

Local Postmaster's Report.

Watch Committee - Grievances on Parishes

Grievance Proclamation

French Municipal Council's letter re Home for Distressed Foreigners

General.

Lochow Creek Bridge Co's letter of 14<sup>th</sup> instant

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Secretary

To the Members of the  
Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai

Council Room  
Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> June 1891

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15-  
Kuan Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of  
June instant A.D. 1891 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. J. Blydenburgh Esq.

S. J. G. Jellicoe Esq.

M. Coryell Esq.

J. Mason Esq.

E. H. Casen Esq.

H. P. Hainden Esq.

J. Matthews Lloyd Esq. Secretary

Absent.

W. R. Rine Esq.

W. Harwood Esq.

No 809 The Summons calling the Meeting was read

No 810. The Minutes of the last meeting not having been entered up, it was decided to leave the confirming of them to the next meeting.

Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee

Cash State

No 811 The Cash State for the 20<sup>th</sup> June was inspected by the Council. It showed a Balance on 20<sup>th</sup> June of General account of No 12-921-04

viz With Compadore 4-438-34

Atk 1<sup>st</sup> Bank 8-482-70

and a balance of Deposit of of 19-292-30  
making a total of 32-213-34

viz With Compadore 4-438-34

In Bank 27-775-00 32-213-34

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Certificate No 4 of  
16<sup>th</sup> June (since which date no transactions had been  
carried on between the Bank and the Council) showed

Balance of Fixed Deposit of	Rs 20,000
Current a/c	<u>7.775</u>
	<u>27.775</u>

To Herdwick  
in 812 vol p 260 post

Local Postmasters Report of 16<sup>th</sup> June (No 687) was read as was  
also the continuation (No 693 of 17<sup>th</sup> inst) of the Special  
Report in reference to the missing mail per Fare  
Queen's Miss<sup>rs</sup> Russell & Co's letter dated Hankow  
13 June and their letter dated Shanghai same date  
on the subject of the missing mail were also read  
when it was decided that no action could be  
taken in the matter till the result of Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Russell & Co's enquiries on board the Fare Queen  
(daily expected from Hankow) had been communi-  
cated to the Council.

### Dutch Committee

Illegal Exactions - the acting Secretary read the Superintendent's  
Report of 13<sup>th</sup> June <sup>whitch</sup> ~~680~~ on the subject of  
Customs and the attempts of the Native Author-  
ities to squeeze their owners, and he informed the  
Council that 24 Proclamations on the squeeze -  
subject had been posted up in various parts of  
the Settlements - The Chairman explained  
to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lavers and Haussen with reference  
to <sup>whitch</sup> ~~683~~ that he had authorized the issue of their  
proclamation seeing that 5 of the members were in  
favour of it whilst only 2 viz Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lavers and  
Haussen were opposed to it.

Destitute Foreigners - A letter of 17<sup>th</sup> June <sup>whitch</sup> ~~691~~ from the French  
Municipal Council offering to subscribe Rs 200 for  
1891-2 to the Destitute Foreigners Fund on certain  
conditions was referred to the consideration of the  
Dutch Committee.



Loochow Creek Bridge Company. Mr. Hogg's letter of 14 June  
<sup>reference</sup>  
 681 was read to the Council, as was also that  
 of the Council to Messrs Hogg & Co of 12<sup>th</sup> June and  
 after discussing the various points of objection in  
 the former letter it was decided that before coming  
 to a determination as to the reply to be made,  
 the officiating Secretary should interview Mr. Pimm  
 on clause 14 with a view of getting him to name  
 some nominal sum as damages in place of the  
 £1500 now proposed and that Mr. Pimm's opinion  
 should be obtained as to whether it was or was  
 not imperatively necessary that the footpath on the  
 present wooden bridge should be, like the roadway  
 removed and plankings substituted. The letter  
 under consideration to be laid before the Council  
 meeting on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> instant together with  
 the information required.

Various Subjects having been discussed, correspondence laid on  
 the table, considered and referred to the different  
 Committees, it was  
Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

John Dick  
 Chairman

offg Secretary

Council Room  
 15 Anson Road

No 813.

Shanghai 24<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

Sir,  
 I am directed by the Chairman to  
 request your attendance at a General Meeting  
 of the Council which will be held on Monday the  
 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June instant at 9 o'clock in the  
 Forenoon in the Council Chamber, at the Public  
 office in the Anson Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman

and Report from Committee, viz  
Summary of Business

Resolutions to be read  
Minutes to be signed

Finance Committee - appropriations

Cash State

L.P.O. { missing mail p "Fire Queen"  
Russell & Co's letter  
Chapman King & Co's letter

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report

General. Looshow Creek Bridge matter

And to adopt such Reports Resolutions  
Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto  
as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir

Your obedient Servant  
Wm. J. Struhs  
Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

Present:

J. K. Johnson

W. D. Lydenburgh

Miss Corryell

J. P. Johnson

A. J. Johnson

W. J. Johnson

W. J. Johnson

W. J. Johnson

W. J. Johnson



forward for approval. It was moved by  
 Mr. Ruml, seconded by Mr. Harwood and  
No 875. Resolved

The the expenditure of the following  
 sums be sanctioned.

<u>Buildings</u> - Municipal repairs to.	Rs 300
<u>Buildings</u> - Ashley & McQueen in front of	- 300
<u>Drainage</u> - Canton Road sewer	- 594
<u>Roads</u> - Cross Road. metalling	- 300
" Doolpatha Yum Yum Yum	- 150
<u>Buildings</u> - Alterations Godown	- 50
Water Tank	- 100
Messes Drain	- 100
Lamps for Garden of house " Secunder	\$162

Cash State  
No 876

The Cash State for the 24<sup>th</sup> June was handed  
 round for inspection - It showed balances  
 as follows.

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 6,905.85
In Bank	5,482.70

The N. Hong & S'hai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> June 1891

Balances on this date in the name of the  
 Shanghai Municipal Council

on fixed deposit	Rs 20,000
" current a/c	4,775
(Signed) John Walter	<u>24,775</u>
for manager	

Cash State of 24 June 1891

Balance deposit a/c -	Rs 19,292.30
Current " -	5,482.70
	<u>24,775.00</u>

Local Post-office - missing mail per "Fire Queen". Mr. Russell & Co's letter (no 709) stating that "the Chief officer of Steamer 'Fire Queen' asserts that the mail bags were delivered at Hankow in the same condition as when received" - was read, as also a letter from Mr. Russell & Co's Hankow Agents, stating that no local Post-bag came by that Steamer as usual.

In consequence of these discrepancies the Secretary was instructed to request Mr. Russell & Co to have further investigations made. Mr. Chapman King & Co's letter (no 712) asking what progress had been made in the enquiries regarding the missing mail - was read - also Mr. Penfold's remarks as follows.

"I have not been able to trace the theft - the bag was no doubt taken from the Kin-ke Yuen wharf but by whom at present I am unable to say. I am still pursuing enquiries in the matter."

### Public Works Committee

The Engineer's Progress Report (no 717) was read and approved.

### General.

#### Staff

Mr. Ingham's leave - The following paragraph was inadvertently omitted to be inserted in the minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

Mr. Ingham's application for leave dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 1871  $\frac{270}{77}$  together with letter of 13 June 1871  $\frac{280}{672}$  and 12<sup>th</sup> June  $\frac{280}{566}$  having been read, it was proposed by Mr. Ramsden, seconded by Mr. Lavers and

#### No. 812 Resolved

That leave of absence for 9 months

from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1871 be granted to Mr. Macmillan  
and that Mr. Gale be accepted as his Secun-  
darius

By Order  
Secunder

Yorshon Creek Bridge. The following letter received from  
Messrs Messrs B & C was read. (W 681)

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> June 1871.

To the Secretary  
Municipal Council.

Sir

We have received your two letters of the 12<sup>th</sup>  
inst and in acknowledging the amicable professions  
of the Council, we wish to assure that body that  
this Company is not actuated by the slightest feeling  
of hostility towards them. On the contrary the  
Company's desire is to act in such a spirit as  
shall ensure the public benefit, while on fair and  
reasonable regard is maintained for private  
rights.

It was in this spirit that the Company made  
terms with the Council for the Amputation of  
Foreign tolls from the beginning of 1870. They  
are prepared to continue the same liberal consideration  
towards the public and they will regret exceedingly  
if arbitrary terms are now insisted, or such as  
shall compel the Company to resume the collection  
of Foreign tolls, recognizing as they do that the  
habits of the Community render this course trouble-  
some and consequently objectionable.

The existing agreement with the Council will  
expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst by reason of the inability  
of this Company to fulfil the clause binding  
them to open the Iron Bridge for traffic by the  
end of this month.

It is well known that this inability has

resulted from no fault on the part of the Company but through the misfortune of the recent accident.

It will not be denied that the Company has shown every desire to keep faith with the public and the progress of the works at the time of the accident was endeavored to show that if it had not occurred, the bridge would have been completed by the stipulated date. There would appear therefore, nothing to justify any attempt to drive a harder bargain than was previously considered fair to both parties.

The position now is that as the agreement is on the point of expiry, a fresh one must be entered into if it be deemed expedient to continue the commutation of Foreign tolls and the Council must recognize that they are negotiating on behalf of the public with the owners of a private property, which is in reality more valuable without than with the commutation that has lately been accepted.

With reference to the terms you propose, we have to reply -

Clause 1. The Company do not consider that they would be justified in binding themselves to complete the Iron Bridge by 31<sup>st</sup> March 1872. Though every exertion would certainly be made to do so - weighty difficulties have arisen which may cause delay - viz that this is expected for we believe that the scheme which has been devised will answer

It is desirable however that our Engineers in England should have full time to consider it thoroughly

Clause 2 - The Company willingly agree to, except in so far as stipulated in your 447, which calls for an expenditure. That is quite unnecessary while a wooden path would be most unpleasant for foot passengers -

The total weight of the footpath along the

whole length of the bridge, which the Company propose to leave, is only 30 to 35 tons. While the roadway will be relieved of about 220 tons. Seeing that the bridge has stood for five years with these combined weights and is now being made stronger than ever, it appears unreasonable to complain of the continuance of 30. or 35 tons when it is hoped that the structure is only required for about a year longer.

Clause 3. Agreed to with pleasure.

Clause 4. Cannot be accepted. The Company's interests are to have the bridge completed within the shortest possible space of time - if they are so unfortunate as to be delayed, it would not be fair that they should find themselves additionally burdened to the extent of \$1500.

Clause 5. It is quite out of our power to accede to. The Chief shareholders are in England and America and no one here is authorized so to dispose of their property.

Clause 6. The sheds could be removed as desired though it would certainly be a convenience to the Bridge Co if they were allowed to remain - as it is possible that work might be resumed not very long after the date named

We are

Sr,

Yours faithfully  
(signed) *W. J. P. H.*  
Agents Archer Creek Bridge Co.

Upon it, Mr. Bennett's opinion as follows was read:-

"I have perused the Council's letter to Messrs. J. & J. and their reply, from which it appears that the latter assume the existing agreement will expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> instant. They also, - I believe - they accede on behalf of the Bridge Company



to certain of the Council's proposals - distinctly state that they are not authorized to dispose of the Bridge Co's property -

The agreement for the commutation of Foreign tolls alone does not appear to satisfy the Community and bearing in mind the instruction of the Rate Payers to the Council to negotiate for the absolute purchase of the Bridge property and privileges, I think the Council would be ill advised in making concessions or fresh proposals to Messrs. Hogg. The Company whom they profess to represent are admittedly unable to carry out their contracts, yet instead of making concessions they (by implication at least) demand them from the Council under the threat of again levying toll on the Foreign Community. As Law Adviser I deem it my duty to point out that should the present opportunity of rescinding the agreement be lost it may not occur again and the Community may find itself bound to the payment of £5,000 per annum without a new bridge or any definite prospect of acquiring the property and privileges of the Company by purchase. Further negotiations from Messrs. Hogg would from a legal point of view be unsatisfactory and I advise that before any new agreement for a lengthened period be made with them they are required to procure authority from the members of the Company to sell and dispose of the Company's property. Probably the very difficulty with which they threaten the Council viz the levying of toll on Foreigners, will recoil more strongly upon themselves and stimulate them to procure authority and make negotiations. I think therefore the existing agreement should be put an end to in accordance with Messrs. Hogg's admission that it will terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> June

I objected to Mr. Hoag's lack of activity - from the Company when the present agreement was executed but as no question of purchase was then raised the then Council decided to waive the point

(signed) R. D. Bruce

26 June 1871.

The Chairman said it would be well to consider the subject fully before Mr. Hoag came round to the Council Room which would be at 9.30 am.

The question of the removal of the footpath was referred to the Public Works Committee who were unanimously of opinion that it should be removed.

The Chairman said the next point to be settled was for the Council to agree as to the course of action to be pursued and he hoped in this connexion the subject would be treated in a liberal spirit by the members.

The objection of Mr. Hoag to the insertion of liquidated damages of £1500 (fifteen hundred pounds) could be met by the substitution of the words "penalty not exceeding £1500". It would, in this connexion, be well, Mr. Bruce thought that some protective clause appeared in any future arrangement entered into with the Company - after consideration it was decided.

- a. That whatever arrangement the Council might make they must insist upon the Company removing the present footpath
- b. to definitely ascertain whether or not the Company are prepared to sell the lower bridge.
- c. and if not that the agreement of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1870 which Mr. Hoag says for the Company state expires on

the 30<sup>th</sup> June be cancelled, as they advocate  
in the interests of the Shareholders in  
the Bridge

Mr. Hoyle attended the meeting and after having  
been introduced to the Board.

The Chairman said the meeting would be happy  
to hear what Mr. Hoyle had to say. The Council  
had come to one decision which was that what  
ever further arrangement might be entered  
into with the Company, the Council would  
require the footpath to be removed.

Mr. Hoyle said he had little more to say than he  
said in his letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst (vide p 261 ante)

The Company's Engineer did not consider it  
necessary to remove the footpath, as the weight  
of it was inconsiderable especially as the bridge  
had taken the whole weight for many years  
and now that it had been relieved of the  
bulk of the roadway, the bridge could surely  
bear the footpath for another year.

The Chairman thought that so far as the Council  
were concerned arrangements for another year  
between the Council and the Company were  
at present rather problematical

Mr. Hoyle said the Company would meeting the  
Council on the point of removing the footpath  
The Chairman - one point we must now clearly

settle with you, will you sell the bridge or not?

Mr. Hoyle. What basis are the Council proposed  
to treat on, would the Council take as a basis  
the cost of the iron bridge as it now stands  
or after completion allowing a discount for  
the unexpired term of Charter, possibly  
this would be as fair a basis as could be  
proposed.

The Chairman. Are these the only negotiations  
we can enter upon?

Mr. Hoyle. The Company were going to make

a proposition, but after the accident refrained from doing so, as they would be only laughed at at any offer they might make.

The Chairman. The existing agreement terminates on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. we must therefore rescind it Mr. Hoop. Yes. it lapses owing to the accident - as to the rates of taxes?

The Chairman. If there is not any contract there will not be any assessment.

Mr. Hoop. Yes. but so far as the new bridge is concerned

The Chairman. That is another question. will you now state whether you will sell the bridge, and if so on what terms.

Mr. Hoop. Several of the shareholders are not here, their agents cannot sell their property without special authority.

The Chairman said then what is the use of intermingling negotiations.

Mr. Hoop. There are some shareholders here. I represent two or three, I have no direct interest in the company. The property is individual property. Mr. Hambury represents some of the shareholders. Mr. Forrest for instance Mr. Hambury has no power to sell Mr. Forrest's shares and Mr. Forrest won't sell his shares.

The Chairman. If you cannot sell what is the use in proposing anything?

Mr. Hoop. I have offered some basis which you can't agree to.

The Chairman. How have you done so when you say you can't sell?

Mr. Hoop. The general terms I have offered are I think fair

The Chairman. If you agree to sell the bridge the price and conditions can be settled by arbitration

Mr. Hoop. Do you think that is a fair way

of disposing of private property.

The Chairman - Then you have no proposition to make in regard to the sale of the bridge as you have no right to do so, as you must submit any basis for disposing of the bridge to the share holders.

Mr. Hoff. What would the basis of the agreement to be made from the 12<sup>th</sup> of next month be.

The Chairman - Perhaps none at all. Suppose we put a bridge alongside yours - We have them to commence de novo if we want to purchase. We won't meet on the rights or no rights, that is another question.

Mr. Hoff. And a very difficult one, as the Courts cannot even give a decision on it.

The Chairman - As to its being private property it is no doubt was, but it was got up for a special object and when that object was attained, the public neglected to take it out of private hands, it has now become a good property and private property rights are set up.

Mr. Hoff. That is a popular fallacy.

The Chairman - The subscriptions were raised from private individuals - Don't Co subscribers but never did so with the view of making a profit, however this is away from the question.

Cannot you make reasonable concessions or do you want the Community to drive you into a corner.

Mr. Hoff. We cannot help ourselves then - I suppose then we would have to agree to some basis, are you prepared to buy at the present cost, with a discount on the Charter.

The Chairman - We will write you our views. We are not going to resume the discussion unless you are prepared to make reasonable concessions.

Mr. Hoff - We can't sell the bridge at a moment's notice.

The Chairman - Then by your action you may put us in a position to compel you to sell the bridge hereafter. We have no personal object in the matter, we are only acting for the public and it would appear Mr. Hoff has no power to negotiate. We have nothing further to advance. Have you?

Mr. Hoff - No. The negotiations come to a dead lock. We can't sell on any terms you may propose.

The Chairman - No, but can't you make some concessions.

Mr. Hoff - No. you don't offer anything. I have made a suggestion for you to purchase the bridge - the cost of it and a discount on the Charter.

Mr. Blunt - What do you mean as a discount on the Charter, what would you want?

Mr. Hoff - Say base the terms on an assessment on the receipts for 18 years, making an allowance for discount.

Mr. Blunt - You mean 18 years profits?

Mr. Hoff - Yes or a proportion of them.

The Chairman - After 17 years we might come in and resume the Charter and levy tolls across the Creek.

Mr. Hoff - The Charter don't lapse. The charter expires, the idea might - there be that there would be no tolls to levy at all.

The Chairman - Yes but we know what the millennium to be - but an answer ought to be given now.

Well we must write you our views - as you won't make any concessions we may wish to rescind the agreement.

Mr. Hoff - We have no wish to rescind the agreement - we will be happy to go on, on the old terms.

The Chairman - We will write immediately and

let you know whether we rescind the agreement or not.

Mr. DeWine - What is the cost of the bridge?

Mr. Huff - It has cost \$33,000 already and it will cost us a further sum of \$10,000.

are there any other points the Council wish to discuss.

The Chairman - Nothing further thank you. The great point in our meeting was to discuss the question of the sale of the bridge.

Mr. Dent thanked Mr. Huff for his kindness in attending the meeting.

Mr. Huff then withdrew.

The Chairman asked if the members had anything more to say. After some discussion it

was moved by Mr. O'Neil seconded by Mr. Pfydenburgh and

No 817 Resolved.

That the agreement with the Souchon Creek Bridge Company dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1870 agreeably with the terms of Mr. Huff's 13<sup>th</sup> letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. be cancelled in consequence of the inability of the Company to fulfil the terms of said agreement

by motion

Seconded W. J. Pfydenburgh

The question as to some temporary arrangement then came up for consideration - after a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Lavers and

No 818 Resolved

That a temporary arrangement be entered into with the Souchon Creek Bridge Company for the commutation of the foreign tolls for one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> July next at a sum not exceeding \$1500 -

by motion

Seconded

In connexion with this resolution the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Hoff 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 1890 as follows:—

- a. to convey the terms of the above resolution
- b. that the pathway must be removed
- c. that the bridge must be kept in good travelling order and to the satisfaction of the Council's Engineer
- d. that the Council were not prepared to make any proposal on the basis advanced by Mr. Hoff.
- e. the letters and other points of detail to be submitted to Mr. Rennie.
- f. that the Bridge Company be written to requesting them to remove the shed in the public garden by the 1<sup>st</sup> July as the Garden Committee wanted to build a hot bed for the plants before the cold weather set in.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 257 ante)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

that the meeting do now adjourn

Wm. J. Sturton  
Secretary.

J. H. Sturton  
Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
the General Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1891.

J. H. Sturton  
W. Rennie  
Miss Coryell  
W. H. Sturton  
Esq. Secy.  
A. J. Sturton



Council Room  
15 Arman Road

Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> July 1871

No 819.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of July instant at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Arman Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee - Resignation of Capt Serle

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Works Committee - Damage Contract, Angled - resolution

General Correspondence inward and outward with  
Soochow Creek Bridge Company.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions  
Orders and other proceedings with reference  
thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Henry Johnston

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Council Room  
Shanghai, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Honan Road, Shanghai on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July inst. A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq Chairman  
W. J. Plydenburgh Esq  
S. J. G. Jellison Esq  
Wm Reine Esq  
Miss Corryell Esq  
E. H. Havens Esq  
H. P. Hansen Esq

Absent

J. Visser Esq  
Wm Harwood Esq

Alex J Johnston  
Secretary.

No 819

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The summons calling the meeting was read.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Rates Appeal Committee

Appropriations

It was moved by Mr Jellison and seconded by Mr Corryell, and

No 821

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

over

Works - approaches to Soochow Creek Bridge No 2043 -  
 additional " 55 No 2098 -  
 Commutation of tolls July to December " 750 -

12/31/1907 J. H. Williams  
 1/1/1908

Cash State

No 822

The Cash State for 1<sup>st</sup> July 1891 was handed round  
 for inspection.

It should balance as follows

Balance as P Bank Book		No 24,775 -
General a/c	No 15,461.99	
Deposit a/c	No 19,282.98	No 34,744.97

say with Comptroller	No 9969.97	
In Bank	No 24,775. -	No 34,744.97

Copy of letter from Manager Hongkong Shanghai  
 Bank.

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> June 1891.

To Credit of Municipal Council Shanghai  
 of this date

On Term Deposit	No 20,000 -
Current a/c	4,775 - No 24,775.

J. John Walter  
 - Manager

Defence Committee - Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps - a  
 letter dated Hongkong from Captain  
 Scott, commanding the Shanghai Volunteer Corps  
 Artillery, tendering his resignation was read  
 after which

No 823

It was Resolved

That the Council accept with regret the  
 resignation of Mr. J. St. Scott from this  
 post

port of captain of the Shanghai Volunteer Artillery  
as conveyed in the Adjutant General's letter of 29<sup>th</sup>  
June 1871

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Public Works Committee.

Drainage Hong Kong - The tender of Tsang Tsu Tsun  
being the most favorable for the construction  
of main sewers and other drains was considered  
(after which it was

N<sup>o</sup> 8211

Resolved

That the tender of Tsang Tsu Tsun for the  
construction of drains in Hong Kong at  
a cost of the sum (Six thousand Pounds)  
be accepted.

1 sig/ minor

1. / 1/ section

Engineer's Progress Report of <sup>748</sup>725 was read and approved.

General

The Council's letter of 29<sup>th</sup> June 1871 as follows,  
was circulated among the members of Council

Business  
No 5111

Council Room  
Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> June 1871

Gentlemen

Referring to Mr. Wagg's interview  
with the Chairman of the Council yesterday,  
and now instructed to add to the conditions  
enumerated in my letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst.

That upon the completion of the new Iron  
Bridge and the opening of it to traffic, the  
Soochow Cant. Bridge Company shall possess  
the same right of approach to the Bridge as  
if the convention of 1<sup>st</sup> January 1870 was  
in force - and no subsequent agreement  
shall

entered into between the Council and the Company shall be considered affecting or nullifying the rights granted under said Convention

I remain, Gentlemen  
Your obedient Servant

Secretary

George Hoff Esq

Agent, South-west Bridge Company

The Chairman stated that he authorized this letter being written. To some extent there was an error on both sides, in Mr Hoff applying for a renewal of the guarantee, when he had one in his possession from St. M's Minister at Peking and in the Council not referring to Mr Hoff to the guarantee he held. However the error was of little consequence as the letter written was only in confirmation of a guarantee the Council had no power to annul.

Mr Reine was of opinion that the facts undertaken given was entirely against the sense of the decision arrived at on last Monday (26<sup>th</sup> June)

The Chairman replied to Mr Reine that the letter referred only to the portions of the Convention relating to the "approaches" - The letter was based on fact, while it would appear that Mr Reine was arguing on an assumption. Mr Reine considered that no guarantee of rights should have been given to the Bridge Company who claimed to have exclusive rights under a Pontai's Charter

After some general conversation the Chairman enquired if any member wished to offer any further remarks.

Mr Reine requested that the remarks made on this subject should be placed in the Minutes. The

The question of the removal of the foot path  
came up for consideration, it being decided that  
the Secretary be instructed to write to Messrs  
Hogg Bros, requiring the removal of the foot path  
across of the conditions upon which the Council  
agreed to accommodate the Foreign Bells in and from  
the 1<sup>st</sup> July,

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence  
laid on the table, considered and referred to the  
different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

John Daulton  
Chairman

Wm. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General  
Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1871

John Daulton  
J. H. Bellhouse  
Miss Coryell  
J. W. Wilson  
Captains:  
H. J. Hanson  
W. J. Seymour

Council Room

11 Honan Road

Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> July 1871

No 825.

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I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July Inst at 9 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Honan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz

Government of Consulars

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defense Committee - Captain Rivers letter as to disposal of funds in hands of Treasurer of Consulars

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Report from Committee

Public Committee - Superior Report

Acceptance of tender in trading and salt channel

Water Committee - Inspector of Ordnance's Report

Proposals of Brant's vessel

Chinese River Steamer Service

and to adopt such reports, resolutions, orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, gentlemen

Yours obedient servant

Wm. J. S. [Signature]  
Secretary.

To the

Members of the Council.

Council Rooms

10 Heron Road

Stratford 17<sup>th</sup> July 1871

at the General Meeting of the Board for the English Community of Stratford to be held at the Council Rooms, 10 Heron Road, Stratford on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1871 pursuant to notice

Present

- John Dent Esq. Chairman
- W. J. Hymantingh Esq.
- L. J. G. Jellison Esq.
- C. West Corryell Esq.
- F. A. Vignier Esq.
- E. H. Canters Esq.
- S. P. Harrison Esq.

Absent

- Wm. Hammond Esq.
- Wm. Woods Esq.

Oliver J. Johnston  
Secretary

No. 825  
" 826

The Minutes calling the meeting was read  
the Minutes of the last meeting were read, explained and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the rest of the Community expressed their assent

Report of the Finance Audit & Appeal Committee

No. 827.

Your Committee have the pleasure to submit to you the following report of their proceedings

Resolved that the purchase of by the Community

Your Committee in accordance with the sense of Resolutions 21 passed at the meeting of late papers held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day last, wrote on the 10<sup>th</sup> of that month to Messrs. Messrs. Brown



inquiring the terms which the Company would be willing to sell to the Council, the Iron Bridge then in course of erection, together with existing obligations and the rights, if any, said to be possessed by the Company under the so called Charter.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> March, your Committee again wrote to the Company, requesting to be favored with a reply to their previous letter.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> March, Messrs. Hogg & Co. replied that "it went through unadvised that the letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst had not received reply, but since the accident to the Iron Bridge, it seemed desirable that we should have some further data than at present in our possession, before entering into negotiations with the Council - We shall address you shortly on the subject."

With the view of facilitating negotiations towards the end in view your Committee proposed the following terms for the consideration of the Company.

Terms proposed by Council

"The Council shall grant to the Bridge Company an extension of time for the completion and opening to traffic of the new lower Bridge say up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1872.

Company's remarks

The Company do not consider that they would be justified in binding themselves to complete the Iron Bridge by 31<sup>st</sup> March 1872, though every exertion would certainly be made to do so.

Weighty difficulties have arisen which may cause delay, so that this is expected for a while, that the pleasure which has been devised will

Terms proposed by Council

In the event of their failure to complete the new Bridge within the specified time they shall pay to the Council the sum of £1500 as and by way of liquidated damages

Joint Committee considered this clause and were willing to modify the wording so that the penalty would be optional not absolute

In their letter of 12<sup>th</sup> June -  
The Council shall have the option of at any time during the continuance of the agreement of purchasing all or any part of the property of the Company with all rights attaching to it, or vested in the Company by virtue of their alleged Charter at such price as may be agreed upon between the Council and the Company.

Company's remarks

answers. It is desirable however that our Engineer in England should have full time to consider it thoroughly.

Cannot be accepted. The Company's interests are to have the Bridge completed within the shortest possible space of time - if they are so unfortunate as to be delayed should not be fair that they should find themselves additionally burdened to the extent of £1500

In their letter of 14<sup>th</sup> June  
It is quite out of our power to accede to the Chief Shareholders are in England and America and no one here is authorized to dispose of their property.

Terms proposed by Council

or if they shall be unable to agree, as may be fixed by two arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party or an umpire to be chosen by the arbitrators

Company's Remarks

After some serious official conferences between members of the Council and Mr. E. H. Hogg it was arranged that that gentleman should be invited to meet the Council.

Mr. Hogg accordingly attended the meeting of the Board on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst; the Chairman explaining that the object of this meeting was to definitely ascertain whether or not the Company were prepared to get the Lower Bridge, Mr. Hogg replying that on the point he had little to add to what he said in his letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. June - He recapitulated the statement as to the absence of many of the Shareholders and that their agents could not dispose of their property without special authority, indeed no gentleman had refused to sell his share at all.

Mr. Hogg suggested as a basis for the Council's consideration the cost of the present Bridge as it now stands or after completion, allowing a discount for the unexpired term of the Charter.

The Bridge up to the present cost £63,000 - it would take about £10,000 more to complete it. The unexpired term of the Charter was about 18 years. The discount would be computed upon an assessment on the probable receipts for the next 18 years, based upon the actual receipts for some years passed.

Commutation of Foreign Tolls - Messrs. Hogg & Co. on the 30<sup>th</sup> May last suggested to the Council that it would be well to consider what

"course should be adopted after the end of  
 June, in regard to the Company's contract with  
 the Municipality as it was evident that owing  
 to an uncontrollable accident the new Iron Bridge  
 could not be opened to traffic" - This enquiry was  
 supplemented by a letter from the same firm  
 dated 11<sup>th</sup> June stating

"That the existing agreement with the Council  
 will expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst by reason of the  
 inability of this Company to fulfil the clause  
 binding them to open the new bridge for  
 traffic by the end of this month (June) that  
 the position now is that as the agreement  
 is on point of expiring a fresh one must be  
 entered into, if it be deemed expedient to  
 continue the commutation of foreign tolls;  
 and that the Council must recognize that  
 they (the Company) are negotiating on  
 behalf of the public with the owners of  
 private property which is in reality more  
 valuable without than with the commu-  
 tation that has lately been accepted."

After due consideration of the question of  
 the commutation of foreign tolls your Com-  
 mittee with your concurrence, made the  
 following proposition to the Company - feeling  
 assured it would be acceptable to the public  
 not only as a matter of expediency and  
 convenience, but as fair towards the Bridge  
 Proprietary and leaving the Ratepayers free  
 to take such action with respect to acquiring  
 the present Bridge or constructing and using  
 some expedient

"That a temporary arrangement be  
 entered into with the London Dock Bridge  
 Company for the commutation of foreign  
 tolls for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1871

1) That the Bridge be open to foreigners

"assumed the agreement dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1871

2) "the assessment for taxation on the Brass  
"property, to remain the same"

3) "the present footpath to be removed"

4) "the Company to keep the Brass in repair  
"to the satisfaction of the Council's Engineer or  
"other officer acting in that capacity"

5) "the Council to pay the Company Rs 750  
"half yearly in advance"

"Messrs Hogg & Bros in their letter of the 29<sup>th</sup>

"June agree to Clauses No 1, 2 & 5 but obje  
"to Clause 3 as being better left in abeyance

"the Company not being disposed to sanction  
"what they considered a waste of money

"Subsequently, Clauses 3 & 4 have been  
"agreed to by the Company

"Your Committee, in the earliest stages of ne  
"gotiations conveyed the assurance to Messrs  
"Hogg & Bros, of the desire of the Council to treat  
"with the Company in an amicable and liberal  
"spirit consistent with their obligations to  
"the public; it is therefore with some degree of  
"regret Your Committee find Messrs Hogg & Bros  
"in the closing letter of the correspondence  
"charge the Council "in their correspondence  
"of a dictatorial ~~tone~~ tone which is not dele  
"gated to them by the State Parties

} Members  
of the  
Finance  
Board  
&  
Appeal Committee

No 828

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It was moved by Mr S. J. G. Jellison and seconded by Mr W. J. Rhydenburgh that the Report of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee be approved

1st mover S. J. G. Jellison  
1st seconder W. J. Rhydenburgh

Appropriations

No 829

It was moved by S. J. G. Jellison and seconded by Mr W. Campbell and

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

<u>Works</u>	Repairs to Sentries	Rs 1000-
	Kanths for Sentries	Rs 200-
<u>Sanitary</u>	Disinfectants	Rs 50-

X

1st mover S. J. G. Jellison  
1st seconder

Cash Stated  
No 830.

The Cash State for the 10<sup>th</sup> July was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 16,072.55	
In Bank	<u>2,999.87</u>	Rs 19,072.52

Copy of letter from Messrs Messers & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> July 1891

To C.

of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

Rs Fixed Deposit	Rs 20,000	
" Current acc	<u>2,282.55</u>	Rs 22,282.55

Walter  
P. Treasurer

Cash State of 10<sup>th</sup> July

Balance Deposit acc	Rs 19,282.98	
Current acc	<u>2,999.87</u>	Rs 22,282.85



Chaired Hivers, Stables - The Council were informed that objection had been raised to the amount of security required from hivers, Stable-keepers

Mr. Pellydenburgh stated that:

- a. Art ~~XXIV~~ of the By-laws enacted that all hivers, vehicles stay playing for hire should be licensed, that one of the conditions of the license was that good and sufficient security for the observance of the rules should be given before the issue of the license
- b. The Budget for 1871 & 72 pages 4 & 24 provided for the licensing of hivers, Stables.
- c. The Rateayers meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May fixed the amounts  
all was therefore so far in order
- d. The rates of fees, amount of deposit and form of license were passed by the Watch Committee and adopted by the Council (vide pass)
- e. The intended action of the Watch Committee was made known to the hivers, Stable-keepers in May. They agreed to the terms generally.
- f. The collection was commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst & by the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst all fees due had been paid in.
- g. In regard to the deposit, the men had two interviews with the Secretary and Mr. Kels - the men's own proposal was accepted which they were to carry into effect this day.
- h. The following Report had been received from Mr. Kels (vide Watch No 745) was read:
- i. Messrs. Jenson & Emsworth, he (Mr. Pellydenburgh) understood decided to make some representation to the meeting now sitting, the nature of



which he believed would be

- 1) to the rate levied
- 2) to the <sup>fairly</sup> report that should be given

The Chairman referred to the several authorities Mr Skeltonburgh quoted. He said the point now to consider was whether the Council should receive Messrs Emsworth & Jackson - the feeling of the Council was in favour of granting these gentlemen an interview.

Interview of Messrs E. M. Smith & Jackson with the Comrs

Dr Chinese Hivery Stables - The Council were now informed that Messrs E. M. Smith & Jackson would be glad of an audience with them.

After the introduction of these gentlemen to the members of the Council

the Chairman said - I understand you have come to express your opinion with regard to the licence fees charged on Chinese hivery stables - The Council will be glad to hear what you have to say - I may mention we are acting under the Land Regulations and the proceedings of the late Rate Payers meeting - Our authority is complete - We cannot allow any persons to interfere with the administration of rules enacted under the Land Regulations and adopted by the Rate Payers.

Mr Emsworth - I do not challenge the authority under which the Council acted - I trust they will look at the matter from the same point of view as I do - I have no objection to the tax - It is the manner of levying it I object to, & that most strongly. There is no fairness towards the Chinese - No distinction is made between rich and poor - both are treated alike - The Chinese are at a disadvantage when compared with foreigners. Justice appears to be only for the latter not the former (Mr Smith reiterated the same objection to the levying of the tax.)

I complain that no notification, either in English or Chinese has been given of the intended levy. This in itself is wrong - very wrong - a debit note was presented by a policeman - a bit too abrupt in the Chairman's face - He was told he must pay - I warn the Council to look to the consequences of this line of action. You will not be allowed to continue in it. I object and protest against this course - The Chinese should meet with some consideration and forbearance, Taxes like these are very vexatious and petty. A uniform system of fairness towards Chinese and foreigners ought to prevail before any scale of charges are arrived at - fairness ought to be the first principle - These scales on Chinese stables are made without consideration or reference to the (foreign) owner of the property - The English Horse Pagan - kept by a Mr. Tallant. I believe - a large and magnificent establishment is only taxed three dollars a month - for this he could hire as many traps or ponies as he possibly could. He (Mr. Tallant) pays a high rent and has a large establishment the bungalows occupied by my tenants are 10 feet frontage by 20 feet deep and rented for \$7<sup>50</sup> a month each - Certainly it is unjust to make my Chinese tenants pay more than their rental as assessed fees - as unjust as it is to let the foreign stable keepers off for \$2 a month while Chinese are made to pay more. The Chairman - Rest of the house has got nothing to do with it - The man would not keep the stable if he did not make it pay. Do you consider the scale unjust? Mr. W. Smith - Yes most unjust The Chairman, I do not think so - the man is taxed 50 cents a horse and just now

now you say, you do not object to that rate  
Mr. Gledhill - Yes, but before you can decide as to the  
 justice or otherwise you must hear what both sides have  
 got to say.

The Chairman - Rent as to taxation on trade cannot  
 be admitted as any principal to tax business on.

Mr. Gledhill - Yes, sir. An immense number  
 of people agree with me in the view - I represent them

The Chairman - Many I ask who they are?

Mr. Gledhill - I do not intend to mention their  
 names - they are a very influential section of the  
 Community.

Mr. Gledhill - I represent Mr. Spangley who has some  
 properties in the settlement - He is now away  
 from Shanghai.

The Chairman - That so far is well, but you both do  
 not represent the entire Community - perhaps you  
 will say whom you do represent.

Mr. Gledhill - I decline to give any names - This  
 section of the Community is not represented at the  
 Board - It represents the Chinese - Mr. Chairman we  
 are of that party - The Council appear to possess un-  
 limited power which they ought to use with ~~moderation~~  
 moderation - and bear and receive with courtesy  
 representations made to them.

The Chairman - What do you mean by being "received  
 with courtesy" - have you been received in contempt,  
 if so by whom and when?

Mr. Gledhill - I have not been received in contempt  
 by this Council, nor by the Secretary who is known to  
 be very jealous, I have been amicably received  
 by him - My enquiries have been met in a  
 diplomatic manner, but the measures I have  
 objected to, still advanced and under threats  
 to my tenants.

The Chairman - We hear a very different account

Mr. Gledhill - I assure you, sir - It is

Chinese Stable Keepers come here and make the  
 names

found way as a Chinese merchant accepts an imitation from a thousand to dinner - because he dare not refuse - The Chairman are here - call them in & let them state their case - they will say whether or not threats were used, whether there were no policemen - whether there were no batons - This course is what I protect against - The same course was followed with the objectionable Samshu & Sea Horse pieces instituted by the late Council.

The Chairman we cannot go into that matter now - that related to the old Council - it was fought out and settled at the last Rate Payers meeting

Mr Edmunds - Indeed, but the result of that action <sup>was</sup> that a rent used to rent for \$150 - window closed and I am a loser by this sum through the unjustice of the Council - a proper notice ought to be given to the business they could then take counsel with their landlords and be advised how to act - the facts of notes ought to be fully published, but no, the principle is - present the tax note and say "pay your money" - this is the unauthorized use of power I complain of and protect against The Chairman - All the power assumed by the Council is that delegated by the Land Regulations and of taxation as settled under their Regulations by the Rate Payers

Mr Edmunds - There is no scale fixed by the Rate Payers - the resolution says between 200 cash and \$1 - women may be able to pay \$20 deposit each but the others are certainly not

The Chairman - But they must give security - (He then read by laws ~~XXXIV~~ annexed to the Land Regulations of 1870)

EW.

Mr. E. Smith - But no notice has been published by the Council of their intention to levy this (Hivery Stable) Tax.

The Chairman - The hivery stablemen did, after being consulted consent to the tax and to a deposit

Mr. E. Smith - The story is good until another is told - they (the stablekeepers) knew nothing of the tax till the tax notes were presented to them I advised them to pay - I do not consider 50<sup>cts</sup> a horse too much. I told them so - I pointed out that they had the use of the roads etc - They agreed to pay the tax - But not the deposit they will not pay it in spite of any threat that may be made - I told them not to - I will stand by them in case of an attack - I will not shrink from the combat - I will resist Mr. Keel's action - An organized resistance may be got up among the Hivers to resist unjustness on the part of the Council - This would seriously interfere with the Council and their Police - what could they (Council & Police) do?

The Chairman - meet the occasion I suppose by superior force

Mr. Sweeney - The tax appears just enough It is the security that is objected to - The class of hivers are only such as would let for stables.

The Chairman enquired of Mr. Blydenburgh wished to offer any remarks.

Mr. Blydenburgh - It is not proposed that the deposit should exceed \$20. Six of the hivers <sup>between them</sup> have offered to pay \$20 and give security in the shape of a bond for the amount of outstanding deposit.

Mr. E. Smith - The last arrangement was \$5 deposit in cash and a bond for the remaining amount of the security required there

There is no difference between money and security  
The man will have to pay for the security, for  
\$20. which amounts precisely, to the same thing  
Why is any security required?

Mr Blount - To prevent infringement  
of the regulations

Mr Smith - The regulations can easily  
be enforced without the payment of \$20 a  
month (note Mr Smith in the heat of his  
argument appeared to lose himself a little  
here) - Mr Keely has ample control over the  
stables - He could seize the property in the  
horses if necessary. - The great thing appears  
to get the money deposit - the money would be  
forfeited upon the slightest conviction against  
the Stable Keeper - I presume the conviction  
would be by the Grand Court - I shall resist  
the exacting of a deposit by the Council from  
the Hiring Stable Keepers. - The stables are  
completely under the control of the Council  
the horses unfit for use can be seized - the  
Stable Keeper cannot afford to pay \$20 deposit  
The Chairman - We must have security  
before the license is granted

Mr Smith - The tax is different on  
different Stables - the man keeping two (2)  
horses does not pay the same as the  
man keeping 10 horses

The Chairman: So far as the security is con-  
cerned you cannot have it on a sliding scale,  
for instance if I keep a public house and  
from being a social character make  
more than the man who lives next door  
to me, and who also keeps a public house  
why should I pay more than he does in a  
matter of security, for good order.

Mr Smith - But these men cannot  
afford to pay at all.

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The Chairman - Then why do they set up a very State if they "cannot afford to pay at all"?

Mr. Emsworth - Why does one merchant buy 10 Bales of Silk and another 100.?

The Chairman - Because the man who buys the most has the largest credit.

Mr. Emsworth - That is simple unfairness to the Chinese.

The Chairman - We have heard you very fully. I think you will admit.

Mr. Emsworth - Not at all fully, I am brim full of other matters.

The Chairman - We are simply acting for the public - we have no personal interest in the matter.

Mr. Emsworth - Then act fairly.

The Chairman - Public confidence may have been misplaced; though I think the wallets committed are equal to everything they have taken in hand in connection with this matter. They will do the best they can in reason - security to a certain amount must be given.

The Council's employees will do all they can to make matters agreeable to the State people.

Mr. Emsworth - Will they - threats have been used before.

The Chairman - By whom?

Mr. Emsworth - I now charge the Secretary and Mr. Keble with threatening these State keepers - I challenge them to deny this charge - This conduct makes all this trouble - Of course the Board are informed that there is no trouble in getting in this tax, or that tax, everything is made to appear going on smoothly and easily, - while the taxes are collected by force and threat. I charge Mr. Keble with stating to the State

Keepers

keepers through his boy that if they did not pay up the deposit - their place would be shut up.  
The Chairman - How if they do not conform to the rules they will have to submit to the threat.

Mr. W. Smith - Do they not pay their taxes - Have they not paid their taxes - Can any person claim this - Bring them or me face to face with Mr. Keels.

Mr. Dixon - The taxes, it is admitted have been paid - it is the property matter we wish to meet the Council about. The Waste Committee will no doubt modify the amount of security to what is fair and to meet all parties concerned.

The Chairman - We cannot have a sliding scale for security. (Mr. Dent learning that Mr. Keels was in the next room decided that he should be introduced to the Council -)

The Chairman to Mr. W. Smith - There is Mr. Keels our Inspector in charge of the Tables Will you now make whatever charge you have against him.

Mr. W. Smith - I charge Mr. Keels with demanding money from my tenants under the threat of shutting up the houses and taking the horses from them.

Mr. Keels - Will you please that in writing?

Mr. W. Smith - I dare say you would like to have it in writing.

Mr. Keels - I deny the accusation, I did not call on them for money - I did not tell them I would take their horses.

The Chairman - How you ought to be satisfied I think with Mr. Keels' explanation.

Mr. W. Smith - I am not satisfied but I will put charges in writing - in writing  
 an



ad nauseam

The Chairman - You have contradicted yourself  
over & over again

Mr. E. M. Smith - I beg to say I have not contra-  
dicted myself (To Mr. Keele) Did you call  
in a certain day and threaten my tenants?  
Then did you buy?

Mr. Keele - I did not threaten them - My  
duty was to tell them that they must take  
out a license - They at first objected to the  
amounts - but afterwards agreed to it. They  
were quite satisfied so they said.

The Chairman - Now I think you have had a  
very full hearing

Mr. E. M. Smith - Not at all a full hearing  
(Mr. Keele retired)

The Chairman, I am sorry we cannot agree  
the Council have gone into the subject as full  
as they can

Mr. E. M. Smith then retired

After some discussion by the Council, on the subject  
of Licensing Livery Stables it was  
decided;

- a. That in future that notices be given in the newspapers  
of the intended Collection of every new Tax.
- b. That the Stable Keepers be seen and requested to  
complete the necessary deposit.
- c. That the Watch Committee take such further actions  
in the matter as they deem expedient.
- d. That Mr. Smith be written to, requesting him to furnish  
to the Chairman in writing any charge or charges  
he may have to make against any of the Council's  
Employers.

The Secretary mentioned to the meeting that in February  
last, Mr. E. M. Smith in a conversation with him said  
"You are making many enemies outside, by proposing  
to the Council, measures distasteful to Foreign owners  
of Chinese House Property" - I now advise - Mr. Smith  
continued

continued (as well as I recollect his words were "tell you", said in a very dictatorial tone) "to give this kind of "thing up".

A few days after, Dr. Smith called, repeated almost the same words, adding "You are the "cause of all this trouble to us, and I warn you how to "desist for the future".

Again on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, he implied that I initiated the measure of Recusing the Livery Stables, and that the owners of Foreign House property, desire to make a Statement to the Council of my actions in my official Capacity of Secretary in regard to this, and other matters: perhaps the section of the community he represented would go even to another and higher authority.

Mr. Johnston mentioned the occurrences of February last to Mr. Anderson, then Vice Chairman of the Council.

Mr. Johnston thought it right to let the Board know of the three attempts at intimidation, made by Mr. Dr. M. Smith.

### Defence Committee.

The following letter No D. / 1881, from Capt. Drum commanding the Troop of Shanghai Mounted Rangers was read.

Copy.

John Dent Esq.

Chairman of Shanghai Municipal Council.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that at a Meeting of the Shanghai Mounted Rangers held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June last the following proposition was passed: viz "That a sum of £25.44, being a balance then "in the hands of the Treasurer of the old Corps of "Rangers, be handed over to the present Treasurer "and passed over to the Municipal Council should "they require it."

I have therefore to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, instruct me whether you desire <sup>the</sup>

the above amount to be paid in to the Secretary of the Council or whether, as it was originally received as a private subscription, you will allow it to remain in the hands of the Troop for the purpose of defraying current expenses.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours obediently

Signed Charles A. L. Dumm

Captain S. M. R.

The Secretary informed the Board that the late Council (1870/1871) made it a principle not to acknowledge, or interfere, with the financial arrangements of the old Glasgow Volunteer Corps for the reason that the Council might possibly become in some measure identified with the debts of the old Corps; which appeared to them highly undesirable. After consideration it was

decided

that the Council decline to receive the sum of £23. 7<sup>7</sup> on account of it belonging to the old Volunteer organization.

Watch Committee

Market Branch. The Inspectors Report re. <sup>watch</sup> 1876 was read, approved and passed.

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the Table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

that the meeting do now adjourn

John D. Clark  
Chairman

Alex. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> 1871

No 532.

Sirs

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council, which will be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of August inst: at 9 O'Clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber, at the Public Office, in the Honan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman, and Report from Committees, viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations  
Cash State

L. P. O. List of unclaimed letters

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report  
Report from Committee

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisance's Report  
Report from Committee

General - Mr. E. M. Smith's letter to Chairman

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Gentlemen

Your obedient servant

Henry Johnson  
Secretary

To the

Members of the Council

Register of Attendance of members  
of Council at the General Meeting  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1871.

Present  
John Dent  
Wm. Coryell  
W. P. Rydenburgh  
W. Reme  
J. H. Nissen  
E. H. Gouss  
A. J. H. Hussen

Council Room  
Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> August 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the  
Council Room 15 Arnan Road Shanghai on  
Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of August A.D. 1871  
pursuant to notice.

Present.  
John Dent Esq. Chairman  
W. P. Rydenburgh Esq.  
W. Coryell Esq.  
A. P. Nissen Esq.  
W. Reme Esq.  
E. H. Gouss Esq.  
J. H. Nissen Esq.  
Alfred J. Huxton Secretary

Absent.  
W. Harwood Esq.  
P. J. G. Dellicie Esq.

No 832  
No 833

The Summons calling the meeting was read.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read,  
confirmed and signed by the Chairman and  
Secretary and the seal of the Municipality  
impressed thereon.



Local Post OfficeNo 836

List of unclaimed letters at L. P. O. to be opened by authority of Municipal Council, and returned to Senders.

No.	Names	Date of receipt by L. P. O.	To whom returned
1	Clairing Autorns	July 20. 70	
2	{ Andrew Bleault Ship Bolivia }	Nov 13. 69	
3	Messrs Buhlman	July 68	
4	{ Mrs Martin Buzque Caroline }		
5	E Davis letters 2	Apr 69	
7	Ellow Castle . 2	Nov 70	
8	Jake Bovins . 60	July 68	
9	{ A. Fousail & S "Alexander" }	Nov 70	
10	Magnus Gestner	Apr 69	
11	Alex Horn		
12	J W Harrison	mar 69	
13	{ H. S. Hollingworth Ship Jason }	Jan 71	
14	Mrs M Jenkins	July 69	
16	J. L. Morris	69	
17	"Omba"	July 71	
18	Professor Plummer		American Consul
20	L A Piffa		
21	W Roach	Apr 71	
25	"Wandermere"	Nov 70	
26	W Walker	July 69	
27	J Skar	" 70	
28	W Young	Feb 69	
29	Cap Brown	71	
30	R Steibee	Feb 70	sent Pagoda Uncho
31	Cap L Smith 6	Jan 70	
32	J P Swenson	Dec 70	
33	J Taylor	" 69	

After consideration, it was moved by  
Mr. Lavers seconded by Mr. Stanssen and

No 837.

Resolved

That the question of the Councils power to open the unclaimed letters as per Local Postmasters List dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, be referred to the Legal adviser of the Municipality. Should the Legal adviser be of opinion the Council have the power to open the letters; the letters are to be returned to the writers

(sig) Mover

( " ) Secunder

### The Public Works Committee

A Report from the Public Works Committee was received, read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes

No 838

#### Report of the Public Works Committee

Your Committee have the pleasure of handing you the subjoined progress Report.

Bridges

Hong Kew Creek, A contract has been entered into with Mr. Muirhead for the contraction of abutments, and erection of an iron bridge across this Creek. The piles are now being driven;

The masonry work will shortly be commenced.

A temporary wooden bridge has been thrown across the Creek, so that the traffic is uninterrupted.

A piece of ground has been rented from Messrs Jardine Matheson Co. through which the western approach to the wooden bridge runs.

The approaches on both side are well lighted.

Signal men have been stationed to prevent accident

Bridges across Yang-King-Pang. The Bund, and Shantung Road Bridges have been refloored.



Iron Bridges from England: Your Committee have been advised of the shipment per "Caliseh" of the four iron bridges ordered by the late Council. General repairs have been effected to all bridges as needed.

Buildings

The new stables and cart shed near the Defence Creek have been completed.

Portion of the Godown has been fitted up for a general store.

The Municipal buildings have been repaired, painted, have washed &c

Bunding.

The stone bunding, between the Honan and Shantung Roads is nearly completed. The wooden bunding of the Miller Road in Hongkew is finished.

Cemeteries.

Are in a satisfactory state.

Subjoined is the mortality Return for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Burials in Shanghai in the undermentioned Cemeteries from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1871. inclusive.

year	where Buried	Men	Women	Children under 12 years of age		Remarks
				Male	Female	
1871	New Cemetery	6	2	"	"	
	Old Do	1	"	"	"	By special permission
	Pootung Do	14	"	"	"	1. Stabbed 3. Drowned
1870		21	2	"	"	23 Grand Total
		30	1	2	2	35 - do - do

A stained glass window for the new Mortuary Chapel has been ordered from England.

Defence Creek. Nothing can be done towards deepening this Creek until the weather becomes cooler.

Drainage. Main Sewers The Szechuen Road sewer from the Yang-King-Pang to the Soochow Creek. The Hoopoh Road from the Hankow Road to the Jang-Je-Kah have been completed. Good progress has been made with the first section of the Hongkew drainage. viz Seward Road sewer now being laid between the Woohang & Boond Roads. These several culverts are "Egg shaped".

The ordinary small brick drains arched tops and flat bottoms 12' x 18' inch are being constructed in the Soochow and Canton & Kings Roads, the first taking its eastern starting point from the Shanas the second from the Shantung the third from the middle of the Kings Road between the Chihli and Shanas Roads and all connecting at their western terminus with the Fohkien Road drain.

Szechuen Road Sewer. Supplementing the remarks made by your Committee in their last report, as to the cause which compelled drainage operations to be continued into the hot weather. Your Committee now have great satisfaction in stating, that this sewer has been completed much within the contract time, - after making allowance for the continuous wet weather during the past few months.

The work was prosecuted by day and night to facilitate completion at the earliest date possible.

Your Committee regret the temporary inconvenience, which the residents along this road must have suffered at one time or other during the re-laying of the drain. Such, indeed, was unavoidable.

However, it must be a source of gratification to those who have been inconvenienced, to know, that in return for the inconvenience suffered they will for years to come enjoy the advantages which they already recognize; - of a good substantial permanent sewer, and a well drained street.

Connecting drains. Connections have been formed with the Szechuen Road sewer; and when required in other principally the native parts of the Settlement

Earthen Drain Pipes - The first supply of the pipes was arrived by the "City of Aberdeen" advices have been received from Messrs. J. & Co. Bowen & Co. of Blaydon-on-Tyne, under date of the 30<sup>th</sup> May last that their ship broker guarantees "within a month (from that date) to take the pipes direct from the Tyne to Shanghai;" The shippers consider this the best course in the interests of the Council

The Pond, adjoining the property of the Canton Guild in Hongkew has been filled up.

To the Seward Road drain mouth, has been connected a loaded box drain, which carries the sewage down to low water line.

Ditches have been dug - and open drains, repaired.

Sinks and cess-pools have been cleaned as needed. These pools receive most careful attention. Disinfectants are freely used.

The slight damages done to houses in consequence of the re-laying of the Szechuen drains, have been made good, to the satisfaction of those concerned.

X The New Fire Bell - cast steel imported by the Council has been hung in the Central Police Station Yard.

Landing Accommodation. The Peking Road Pontoon has been repaired. The other pontoons will be repaired as required.

Lighting. Several lamp brackets have been substituted for Pillars, when the latter has been found to impede traffic. Three more lamp Pillars have been erected in the Public Garden. And several in the native parts of the Settlements, when considered most desirable also 6 Lights in the approaches to the Hongkew temporary bridge.

The Soochow Creek Bridge Company have been

Railing requested to light the present bridge  
Yang-King-Pang the contractor is now engaged  
 fixing the iron railing near the Honan Road Bridge  
Water Works. measures have been taken to obtain information  
 in regard to this class of establishment in Europe  
 and America

A Water Tank, has been put up in Hong-Kew to facilitate  
 the watering of the Roads.

Shanghai Public Garden. Mud filling, on either side  
 of the approaches to the iron Bridge is fast  
 approaching completion.

A supply of Sawm iron seats and wire  
 archways, has been ordered from England  
Telegraph Posts. a supply sufficient for the Council's line  
 of telescopic iron post, is being procured from  
 England.

Tracings of Plots of Land. marked on the Council's  
 amended surveys, can now be obtained at the  
 rate of twenty five Mexican cents per draw, but  
 not less than one Mexican dollars for any tracing

Roads. Extension of Roads. The Hongkong Road from  
 the Szehuen to the Kwangsi Road is being carried through  
 The Jaiwan Road, from the Fohkien Road  
 to the Joss House next to the Lowyah Police Station  
 has been opened. The land having been formally  
 surrendered to the Public by Mr. J. W. Kingsmill  
 on the 24<sup>th</sup> July attached

Nings Road Extension from the Fohkien Road,  
 to house no. has been completed. The width  
 of the road is an average of 30 feet. Compensation  
 amounting to \$838 - has been paid - viz to Siach-  
 Ne-Ding \$508, for removal of houses, materials &c.  
 to Mr. Thomas Stanbury for about 5 fun 5 li of ground  
 \$330.

Canton Road extension between Chetkiang + Kwangsi  
 Road. The road has been opened, and the works in  
 connexion with it progress satisfactorily

Boone Road. Hong-Kew. A give and take line has

been arranged with the owners of the native property known as the "Lanton Guild" Garden. Extensive repairs have been effected to the roads of both settlements, many of which have been levelled, metalled and dressed wholly or in part as required.

Footpaths have been repaired as needed. Contracts for \$10,000, worth of Kerbing and side channelling have been entered into.

X  
J. H. Scherer } members of the  
Public Works  
Committee

Council Room

15. Horan Road

Shanghai, 5 August 1897.

It was moved by Mr. Remi, seconded by Mr. Couzell and

No 839

Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee be approved and published in the North China Daily News.

(Sig) Mover

( ) Seconder

Encroachments - Hankow and Hoopah Roads.

Mr. Remi said he would like to have the Council's opinion in regard to the following point, - Certain posts supporting the roof of some bungalows at the junction of the above roads rested upon what appears to him to be the roadway. The land he conceived by his reading of Art VI of the Land Regulations of 1870 had been dedicated to public use. No encroachment ought to be allowed by the Council,

the present was an unimportant instance but he considered it involved a principle; which ought to be upheld in its integrity - We thought the owner, Mr. E.M. Smith ought to be forced to move back the fronts of his houses to the inside of the ditch. Any action in this matter at the present junction, was more a question of policy than necessity.

The Chairman, said he had been informed that the Councils Engineer (Mr. Oliver) had told Mr. E.M. Smith that the Council claimed only 22 feet as the width of the Hanklow Road.

It was pointed out to the Meeting Mr. Smith had, in 1868, abdicated the immediate right of ownership to a portion of his plot, by permitting the Council to run a Road of the then standard width through it. The Road in this vicinity was entirely formed out of Mr. Smiths land.

Had Mr. Smith, at the time of the Council making the Road, put up a fence at a point 22 feet from the opposite building, the present Municipal ditch would have had to be constructed outside of that fence, and in the Roadway, instead of as now off the Roadway.

After some conversation, it was decided to let the matter be in abeyance for the present.

The Engineer Progress Reports nos 749. 818. 819. 841. & 893 were read, approved, and passed

No 840.

### Report of the Watch Committee

That the Report of the Watch Committee be approved

(sig) Mover

( . ) Seconder

Your Committee, beg to submit a Report of their proceedings since the last meeting of the Council, in regard to Chinese Livery Stables. Agreeably with your wish your Committee met, immediately after the Council meeting and we considered the entire matter of Licensing the Chinese Livery Stables.

To assist in the deliberations of your Committee the Inspector Mr. Keels was invited to attend.

The whole system passed under review, your Committee saw that no change was called for, in fact the only point for consideration was, what was to constitute the "good and sufficient" security required by the Land Regulations, Bye Law 34.

Your Committee took the experience of the Secretary and Inspector on the subject, and after mature consideration came to the conclusion, that no fairer security, either towards the Chinese, or necessary for the Council - could be required than that proposed by the Livery Stable Keepers themselves - viz

6 of the Stable Keepers clubbing together and raising \$20 and paying the same into the Municipal Exchequer and then given a joint note of hand or bond for \$100.

To meet the case of Yuen Sei, who was unable to join in the arrangement offered by the others, your Committee agreed to take \$5, and a bond for \$15. as his security.

All the stable men agreed to complete this arrangement on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. They were reminded of their promise the following day. But consequent upon the advice - if not actual threats - of certain Foreigners, owners of the Chinese.

Houses used as the Stables only two of the stable-keepers At Wo and Fook-King came forward to fulfil their promise.

These two men promptly completed the

arrangement they had entered into.

One stable man had the amount of his July Licensed fee returned.

Your Committee in proceeding to prosecute for infringement of the Land Regulations found they were a little Embarrassed by the License fees for July having be received though the License was not issued. The receipt of the fees might imply, or be construct on behalf of the Chinese to imply, that all needful conditions had been fulfilled.

It therefore appeared desirable to defer proceedings for the month of July; But to take the matter up for August, when quibble could not possibly be raised. To this end the Police were instructed to keep a watch on each stable of the Animals and traps hired out, in this connexion a sum many of all necessary Evidence is appended (Vide No: <sup>watch</sup> 900. also no 836. 861. 902. 903. 904.

Your sanction obtained to the course pursued, this matter will be placed before your legal adviser for his opinion, that obtained, proceedings will at once be instituted against the unlicensed Stable Keepers

In conclusion, Your Committee fully recognize the absolute necessity for proper security being given by the Sivery Stable Keepers as is proved by the attached report vide <sup>watch</sup> 901. shewing that a pony was seized by the Police in Hongkew, on whose shoulder was a running sore from which blood was flowing freely - The owner of the animal was convicted at the Mixed Court, + fined \$2. for having a pony, in a condition unfit for work.

*W. A. Henderson*

Members  
of  
Watch  
Committee

Council Room

15 Hunan Road



Sanitary Department. Market Branch. The Inspector of Nuisance Report no 897 was read, approved and passed Nuisance Branch. The Inspector of Nuisance Report no 834. 860. 896. was read, approved & passed

General

Mr. E. M. Smith. Charges against Municipal Employes  
The following letter was addressed to Mr. E. M. Smith by the Chairman

General  
No 574

Council Room  
Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> July 1871.

Sir

Referring to your interview with the Council this morning, I now beg to request you will be so good as to forward to me as early as may be convenient to you, in writing any charge or charges you may desire to prefer against any of the Municipal Employes.

The Council further beg you will in future have the goodness to address them in writing upon all Municipal matters you desire to bring under notice

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

(sig<sup>d</sup>) John Dent  
Chairman

E. M. Smith &

To which Mr. E. M. Smith reply as follows

General  
no 592.  
Sir

Shanghai 18<sup>th</sup> July 1871.

In reply to your letter of yesterday: —

The charges I have to prefer against the employes of the Municipal Council will be forwarded to you in writing as you request.

The expression of a wish on the part of the Council, that I will in future address them in writing upon all Municipal matters I may desire to bring under notice is altogether unnecessary; for the recollection of

my interview with them yesterday will most effectually prevent my ever desiring to approach them otherwise.

I venture to express the opinion that you would have better upheld the dignity of the office you have been called upon to fill had you calmly listened to the statement I was prepared to make, instead of lecturing me upon the powers and the infallibility of the Council and their employes.

Had you received me with a little more consideration I would not now find it necessary to express regret for some of the expressions I made use of and the tone of their delivery.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Sig<sup>d</sup>) E. M. Smith

John Dent Esq.

Chairman of the Municipal Council

Shanghai

The original of which was returned with the following letter to Mr. Smith

General  
No 595

Council Room  
Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> July 1871

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman of the Council to return your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> inst, as he considers it exceeds the bounds of official correspondence.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. J. Johnston

Secretary

E. M. Smith Esq.

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different

Committee and it was  
Resolved.

That the Meeting do now adjourn

W. J. [unclear]  
 Secretary

Chairman  
 [unclear]

Register of Attendance of Members  
 of Council at the General Meeting  
 of the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1877

[unclear]  
 J. H. [unclear]  
 W. Reine  
 [unclear]  
 Miss Coyle  
 E. J. [unclear]  
 A. J. [unclear]  
 [unclear]

Council Room  
 15 Honan Road  
 Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1877

No 841.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council, which will be held on Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept: inst, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber, at the Public Office, in the Honan Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman, and Report from Committee, viz:—

Summary of Business.Summons to be readMinutes to be confirmed and signedFinance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Local Post Office - Legal advisers opinion  
as to opening lettersWorks Committee - Engineer Progress ReportMessrs Adamson Bell & Co. letter in regard to Council  
putting mud on foreshore

Landing Accommodation Hongkong.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Inspector of Markets Report No.

Sanitary Street Watering

Approval to organization of Shanghai Salvage Corp.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and  
other proceedings with reference thereto, as the  
Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

H. J. Smith  
Secretary

To the members of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the  
General Meeting of 11 September 1871See previous page.

Council Room  
Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> September 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1871 pursuant to notice.

— Present —

John Daulton Chairman  
S. J. G. Jellicoe Esq  
Wm Rennie Esq  
Jerd. Nissen Esq  
Wm Coryell Esq  
E. H. Brown Esq  
H. P. Hansen Esq  
Wm Harwood Esq  
Messrs J. Truston Secretary

1871 841 The minutes calling the meeting was read

842 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

— Finance Rate & Appeal Committee —

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr Hansen and seconded by Mr Jansen and resolved

1871 843 That the expenditure of the following sums be allowed

<u>Buildings</u> - Hoorn & Engineer's Office	£ 80
<u>Drainage</u> - Repairs to Watchings	6 50
<u>Police</u> - Secy Duncan's gratuity	£ 52 8
	£ 45
<u>Lighting</u> - 5 lamps 2 brackets	£ 15 3
<u>Gen. Exp.</u> - Prop for Justice letter	£ 10

Jans

Yangtze River Bunding - Securities \$5.50  
 Roads Jessfield Road Bunding \$1.00

Sig. Weaver  
 J. Secunder

Cash Notes The cash notes for the 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug, 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1876 were handed round for inspection. They showed balances as follows:

No. 844 12<sup>th</sup> Aug:  
 In Corporation bonds \$6,763.55  
 " Bank " 18,418.13

The Hong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> June 1871

Returned to credit of the Shanghai Municipal Council  
 25<sup>th</sup> date

in Fixed deposit \$20,000  
 " Current A/c " 18,082.55  
 \$38,082.55

Cash Sig. John Walker  
 J. Manager

Cash Note of 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 1876

Balance of Deposit A/c \$19,684.54  
 " Current " " 18,418.31  
 \$38,102.85

No. 845 19<sup>th</sup> Aug:

The Hong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 1876

Returned to credit of Shanghai Municipal Council

in Fixed deposit \$20,000  
 " Current A/c " 8,952.55  
 \$28,952.55

Sig. John Walker J. Manager

No. 546 26<sup>th</sup> Aug

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 7,077. 61
" Bank	4,553. 69

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 1871

Balances at Credit of Shanghai Branch Council this date

On Fixed Deposit	Rs 20,000. 00
" Current a/c	4,162. 32
	<hr/>
	Rs 24,162. 32

Opp Shanghai Bros Bill for	4,543. 47
Bridges met by bank	Rs 70,082. 85

By John Walter  
Manager

Cash Issue of 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1871

On Deposit a/c	Rs 18,529. 16
" Current "	4,553. 69
	<hr/>
	Rs 70,082. 85

No. 547 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1871

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 10,029. 32
" Bank	4,351. 75

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1871

Balances at Credit of Shanghai Branch Council this date

On Fixed a/c	Rs 20,000. 00
" Current "	82. 85
	<hr/>
	Rs 70,082. 85

By John Walter  
Manager

Cash

Cash State of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 1871

Balance Deposits	\$ 15,751.60
" General	<u>420.25</u>
	\$ 16,171.85

No 543. 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 1871

In Comptroller's hands	\$ 8295.62
" Bank	<u>4186.75</u>

The Hongkong Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> Sep 1871

Balance at Credit of this Council the date	
in Fixed Deposit	\$ 70,000
" Current A/c	<u>52.85</u>
	\$ 70,052.85

Yours Polite coactor  
 J. Mansergh

Cash State for 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 1871

Balance Deposits	\$ 15,576.60
" General	<u>1156.25</u>
	\$ 16,732.85

Local Post Office Undelivered Letters

No 849 The Secretary states that in accordance with the instructions he received at the last Council meeting he laid resolution No 537 before the Council's legal advisers who gave the following opinion.

Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 1871

My dear Johnston

" with regard to the question of the undelivered letters at the L.P.O., I am not aware of any law bearing on the subject except the Act of Parliament in force relating to G. P. O. in England and the Hong Kong ordinance No 8 of 1862. The latter (clause 18) authorises the P.M.G. of strengthening his opinion in correspondence when the persons to whom it is



addressed directed cannot be found after three days  
 advertisement thereof in the Kingston Gazette and to  
 return it to the sender. I apprehend the Local Post  
 Master here may safely take upon himself the  
 responsibility of acting in a like manner and should  
 it would be well to advertise or notify that unclaimed  
 letters will after a certain period be opened and  
 returned to the sender etc.

In this connection it was moved by Mr  
 Dent, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and

No 850 Resolved

That a notification be inserted in the N.  
 C. Daily News stating that unless those unclaimed  
 letters now lying at the local Post office as per  
 attached list be claimed within a period of  
 seven days from date they will be opened and  
 returned to the sender

W. J. Dent

seconded J. P. [unclear]

———— Public Works Committee ————

Engineering Progress Report No 907, 940, 981 & 990 read  
 and approved.

Fore shore English Settlement - Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co. Cases  
 No 1013 & 1021 were read.

Mr. Dent said these communications from  
 Adamson, Bell & Co. bring up the Fore shore question  
 I am of opinion that the Council have not any  
 right to fill in the foreshore except <sup>with</sup> the consent of  
 the Bonded Holders or holders affected. All  
 the Land Regulations as yet published distinctly  
 recognise the right of the Bonded Holders to  
 the Fore shore - the foreshore is their property  
 It is not to be inferred because the Road has  
 been surrendered that the foreshore has also been  
 surrendered. Besides whatever may be the  
 legal rights of the question it is to my notion  
 wise that land devolves on the Council to try  
 and

and would undertake the responsibility of deciding one way or the other. If it is found necessary to widen the Band, then I should say apply to the Owners for the land required and acknowledge their rights.

Mr. Rand That is what the Band holders say.

Mr. Dent The question has in fact as I said, see already been decided, what did it do? Govt. do in the case of the foresters of the Consecutive plot? Why the Govt. made the ground over upon certain conditions that if it were used for purposes of game, the erection of places of business or dwellings, it would revert at once to the Govt. who likewise have the power to resume the land at pleasure on refunding the outlay of money expended on it by the community.

Mr. Rand - All men now seek to do is to widen the Band some 10 or 12 feet where it is narrowest and the traffic the greatest.

Mr. Dent - Anderson, Bell & Co. as I understand Mr. Anderson to say have no objection to allow the Band to be widened in front of their premises if you recognize their right to the land they give up temporarily to the public.

Mr. Rand - Show the Band holders maintain a right to the road.

Mr. Dent - When Mr. Anderson called on me he put the matter in this way - You send coolies to put mud on my foreshore today, tomorrow I must get a stranger gang of coolies and drive you away - then the Police step in - the case goes into Court and the question comes up, what right have the Municipal Council to fill up my foreshore - He wants to prevent a collision of this kind occurring. Anything the Council may want to do they must first acknowledge the right of the owner

over to the foreshore and that any land wanted now for public purposes can be reclaimed by the Crown at pleasure.

Mr. Hanwood, Mr. Hanwood agreed that this was perfectly fair.

Mr. Dent - The land is lent, not surrendered - the owner holds the same claim on it as ever. If surrendered it would belong to the public - not not to Mr. Hanwood?

Mr. Hanwood - Yes, it would be lost for ever to the owner and become public property.

Mr. Dent - If you concede admission of Bell's rights, they will let you do I think what you want - why it is to their interest as well as the public to do so.

Mr. Kinnear - We do not want to do anything forcible, but just as we are now doing.

Mr. Dent - Yes, you try for an advantage - if they let you put down the mud, that may be construed into an act of surrender of their rights.

The following memorandum received from Mr. Kinnear giving Sir Edmund North's opinion in regard to the right over the foreshore was laid before the Council

Memo - Bund Lots.

Sir Edmund North is of opinion

- 1) That the property in the beach ground or land formerly included in the River lies in the Chinese Crown subject to the rights acquired thereon
- 2) That the Bund Lot Holders have acquired the special rights an uninterrupted view of the river and in common with the Public the general right to the use of the beach ground for landing and other purposes.
- 3) That the public have acquired a prima facie right of way under the special right to a road.

road on the bank of the river.

without therefore the consent of those three nothing can be legally done in the way of building or otherwise. United consent and action are indispensable.

Mr Dent - If we wish to reclaim part of the foreshore for the convenience of the public let us acknowledge Adamson Bell & Co's rights and ask them for their consent to our carrying out the work we want to do.

Mr. Harvey - We cannot as a Council determine as to the rights of Bondholder Holders, let us write to Adamson Bell & Co and acknowledge their right of ownership.

Mr. J. L. Coad - Let us write asking what we want and say that in their agreeing that we receive their rights whatever they may be.

It was pointed out that Mr. Anderson could not give assent on such terms as preserving their rights whatever they may be - he must have a distinct admission that the foreshore is private property.

Mr. Starwood - If the ground is so much wanted why not treat it as private property and lease it at a nominal rental.

Mr. Dent & Misses here discussed the course of action pursued by the Stirling Govt. when foreshore land was required for construction of the pier.

Mr. Dent then it is understood we write to Adamson Bell & Co acknowledging the foreshore to be their property.

Mr. Penn - we have written to them.

The Secretary explained that ~~Mr. Anderson~~ Adamson Bell & Co had been written to, stating the work the Council proposed undertaking and giving an assurance that the carrying out of such work would not in any way con-

promise

promise their beach rights whatever they may be  
Mr Harwood observed that the boundary of fore-  
shore lots on the waterside was to low water line.

The Secretary was instructed to write to  
Adams & Bell & Co stating the vote of the Council  
proposed doing, if they as owners of the fore-shore  
had no objection. vide to ~~the~~ to. h. 19 p. 15

Note See a memo in regard to the foreshore  
question dated 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1871 No 7106.

### Drainage

#### Fire Well Covers

Mr Dent referred the question of cost as  
to whether the Public or Private property owners should  
bear the cost of forming new connection drains  
when sewers were being relaid or formed and  
the danger the present covers of the sewers  
may cause to persons driving, by the animals  
slipping, to the notice of the Public Works Com-  
mittee.

### Watch Committee

Sanitary Department - Inspector of nuisances reports  
No 920. 929. & 960 were read & approved of.

Sanitary Street Watering. Mr Jas. G. Weston's letter No  
9149 was read - Secretary to thank Mr  
Weston for his communications

Nuisances Mr Hertz letters No 793838786 and Council's  
reply No. 595 & copy were laid on the  
table - The Secretary was instructed to write  
answer and inform Mr Hertz that the cor-  
respondence had been "tabled" and would be  
filed in the Municipal Archives

Fire Commission - Salvage Corps - Mr Weston's letter  
No 7028 read - after consideration it was  
moved by Mr Dent, seconded by Mr Hauser

and  
 In 551 Resolved

That the organization of an additional Company to the Shanghai Fire Department to be called the Salvage Corps of Shanghai be approved of.

(List moved)

(.) Secunder

General

Interpreter - Inquiry was made as to the duties Mr Haas had been called on to perform since his appointment. The Secretary replied that Mr Haas had gone carefully over the several Chinese forms etc. in use that he obtained such information as he could about Chinese affairs both in the City and in the Settlement and that at present he was translating the laws Regulae of 1870 into Chinese.

The Secretary was instructed to request Mr Haas to furnish a report for the information of the Council.

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

John Deak  
 Chairman

Wm. J. Donisthorpe  
 Secretary

Council Room  
Shanghai 23<sup>d</sup> Sept. 1871.

N<sup>o</sup> 852

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council, which will be held on Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Sept. inst; at 9 O'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber, at the Public Office, in the Honan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees, viz: -

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Mr. Iveson's letter - 1079 - Taxes - Church Land.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Watch Committee - Inspector of Huian's Report

Approval to Bye Laws of Salvage Corps

Inspector of Markets Report

General - Report from Interpreter

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant

Secretary

To the Members of the Council







No 856 The Cash State for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comptrolvers hands	Rs 4860-61
In Bank	7331-18

The Anglo-Sino & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1891

Balance at C of Shanghai Municipal Council  
This date

In fixed deposit	Rs 20,000
of a	3500
	<u>23500</u>

(Signed) John Walter  
J. Manager.

Cash State of 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1891

Balance deposit of a	Rs 16,108-82
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— — current — —	7,331-18
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	<u>Rs 23,500-00</u>
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Taxes Rates and Dues. Mr. Ineson's letter no 1079 enquiring why the Council claimed taxes on the portion of Trinity Church Compound he rented from the Church Trustees was read. After consideration it was decided that as the letter had already been acknowledged in the 11<sup>th</sup> inst and the taxes since paid it was unnecessary to reply to Mr. Ineson's question. If he so urgently desired an answer to his query he could write again when it might be given. Mr. Ineson's letter to be filed.

Public Works Committee.

Reports.

The Engineer's progress reports no 1088 & 1121 were read and contents noted.

Watch

Watch Committee.

Fire Commission. Salvage Corps. The Bye Laws of this Company of the Shanghai Fire Department having been circulated amongst the members of the Council for their information, now came up for approval. In this connection it was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. DeLucie and

No 83-7. Resolved

That the Bye Laws of the Salvage Corps of the Shanghai Fire Department be approved and passed.

Sig. Inver

Secretary. J. H. DeLucie

Sanitary Branch. Markets. The Inspector of Markets' report no 1104 read and contents noted.

Insurance. Inspectors reports nos 1105 & 1132 read & noted.

Posters. in regard to employees of the Foochow Creek Bridge Co no 1145 read. contents noted. Document to be filed

General.

Interpreters. Report no 1107 read and contents noted.

Land Regulations. Chinese version of. Mr. Haas' letter no 1144 read. Secretary instructed to have translation verified and lay same before a future meeting of Council

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 327 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

J. H. DeLucie  
Chairman

Secy of the Council

Council Room  
 Bangalore 7<sup>th</sup> October 1871

No. 838.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of October instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Aman Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz  
Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Artillery - Space for guns in Godown

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State.

Proposition for filling up Mr Lloyd's vacancy

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report - No 1224.

Duties Committee - Inspector of nuisances' Report - No 1188.

General - Photograph of Council.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. J. Buchanan

Secretary

To the Members  
 of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1871.

John Dent  
J. H. Bellive  
W. H. Hydenburgh  
W. Reme  
F. K. ...  
Miss Goyell  
E. H. Lavers  
W. H. Harwood

Council Room  
Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> October 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Com-  
munity of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15- Avenue  
Road Shanghai on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of October (int.)  
A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present-

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
W. H. Hydenburgh Esq. Vice Chairman  
M. Goyell Esq.  
S. J. Esq. Bellive Esq.  
W. Reme Esq.  
F. K. ... Esq.  
E. H. Lavers Esq.  
W. H. Harwood Esq.  
Alex. J. Johnston Secretary.

Summons } The Secretary's Summons calling the meeting was  
No 838 } read

Minutes } The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed  
No 839 } and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the  
seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Summa

Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

Cash State

No 860.

The Cash State for the 30<sup>th</sup> September was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows  
 In Comptroller's hands - T/ 7,249-54  
 In Bank 8,330-90.

The N'Kong & Shek Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> September 1871.

Balances at O. of Shanghai Municipal Council  
 this date

On Fixed Deposit	T/ 20000.
- Current a/c	3500
	<u>23500</u>
	1000
	<u><u>24500</u></u>

(Signed) John Stalter  
 p. Manager.

Bank Balance as per Cash State of 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1871  
 On Deposit a/c T/ 16,169-00  
 - Current - 8,330-90  
 as above T/ 24,500-90

No 861.

The Cash State for the 7<sup>th</sup> October was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows.  
 In Comptroller's hands. T/ 12,150-54  
 In Bank 5,830-90.

The N'Kong & Shek Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> October 1871.

Balances at O. of Shanghai Municipal Council this date  
 On Fixed Deposit T/ 20000  
 C/a 2000  
22000

(signed) John Walter

J. Manager

Bank Balance as per Cash Book of 7<sup>th</sup> October 1871  
 On Deposit Account No 16-169<sup>00</sup>  
 Current — — 5-830<sup>20</sup>

Vacancy caused by Mr. Lloyd's death. Mr. Johnston's Report in No 862 regard to the re-arrangement of the duties of the Secretary's staff (in 1250) was read.

After consideration & a lengthy discussion it was decided

a to refer the matter to the consideration of the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee who were requested to go fully into details and lay result of their labor before next meeting of Council

The question of advertising for candidates was considered it being agreed not to advertise, but to consider any applications that came in.

### Public Works Committee.

#### Reports.

The following reports were read and contents noted.

From Engineer No 1159 to 1224

From Inspector of Nuisances No 1188 to 1246.

### Watch Committee.

#### Reports.

The Inspector of Nuisances reports nos 1188 & 1246 read & noted.

Sanitary Department. Nuisance Branch. Night-soil-removal of  
 notice defining the hours between which night soil might be removed from the Settlement read and approved for insertion in the "North China Daily News" (vide Intelligencer book no 246)

General.

Photograph of Council. It was arranged that the Members should meet the next morning (Tuesday) at 10 am at Mr. Sumner's studio & arrange for the purpose of being photographed

Interpreter. Chinese version of Land Regulations. Mr. Fryer's letter in Sumner of 5<sup>th</sup> instant stating that he was unable to undertake the task of verifying Mr. Haas' translation of the Land Regulations - was read. After consideration it was decided to ask the Rev Mr. McChatche to undertake the work.

Resignations. Mr. W. J. Hyldeburgh having to resign in consequence of his approaching departure from Shanghai - it was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Jellicoe and

No 863 Resolved

That the Council accept with great regret the resignation of Mr. Hyldeburgh, and on behalf of the Community beg to tender their best thanks to him for the very able, zealous and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his post of Chairman of the Watch Committee,

sig moves

" seconded.

J. H. Little

Vice Chairman - Election of. Mr. Hyldeburgh having resigned it involved on the Council the necessity of electing another gentleman to act in this capacity. It was moved by Mr. Lavers seconded by Mr. Harwood and

No 864 Unanimously Resolved

That Mr. W. R. Rennie be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the remainder of the Municipal year 1891-2 in place of Mr. W. J. Hyldeburgh resigned on account of his departure from Shanghai.

sig moves

" seconded.



Report of Attendance having been signed (vide page 332 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Edmund  
Chairman

W. J. Johnston  
Secretary

Council Room

15-Annan Road

No 865

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> October 1871.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of October instant at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Annan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz  
Summary of Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Report from Committee

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances' Report

Inspector of Markets' Report

General Applications for appointments.

And to adopt such Reports Resolutions Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
 Alex. J. Johnston  
 Secretary.

To the Members  
 of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1851.

Present:  
 S. F. Bellrose  
 W. Hamé  
 Miss Coryell  
 E. H. Lewis  
 John Harrison

Council Room  
 Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> October 1851

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Arnan Road Shanghai on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of October (inst) a.D. 1851 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W. Hamé Esq. Vice Chairman  
 S. F. Bellrose Esq.  
 Miss Coryell Esq.  
 S. A. Lewis Esq.  
 Wm. Harwood Esq.  
 F. Bussin Esq.  
 Alex. J. Johnston Secretary.

No 865-  
No 866

The Summons calling the meeting was read  
 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and  
 signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of  
 the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Rate and appeal Committee

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Andrews and  
No 567 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Roads.	Road to alpha Farm	Rs 150
Bridges.	Kongshen iron bridge - additional works	3000
Plant.	Wooden Railing	125
D. C.	Subscription Fund for compensating the families of two Chinese Boys shot at Riffa date 27/6/10	
Reward Fund.	Summers \$65 <sup>00</sup> and Rs 30	
	sq. more.	
	second.	

Cash State.

No 568 The Cash State for the 14<sup>th</sup> October was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comptrollers hands	Rs 9,935-02
In Bank	9,330-90

W. Hong & Shai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> October 1911.

Balance at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council  
 This date

An fixed deposit	Rs 20,000
" Current a/c	5500
	<u>25500</u>

(signed) John Walter  
 p Manager.

As above	Rs 25500-00
Deposit a/c	16169-10
Gm a/c balance	9330-90

Reports.

The following report from the Finance Rate and appeal Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

No 569.

Report  
of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee

In furtherance of the conclusion come to by the Council at its meeting of Monday last your Committee has carefully considered the question of obtaining assistance for the Secretariat, rendered necessary by the sudden death of Mr. Lloyd Assistant to the Commissioner. It appeared essential that the services of a gentleman, conversant with accounts, capable of conducting correspondence unacquainted generally with office routine and possessing some local knowledge should be obtained with as little delay as possible.

Your Committee believes it has found in Mr. E. B. Soper at present in the employment of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London and China a gentleman possessing these qualifications to a considerable degree and as he is a candidate for the vacant office your Committee propose with your concurrence appointing him to the post of Senior Assistant in the Secretary's office with pay at the rate of Rs 200 per month an allowance of Rs 400 per annum for rent and medical attendance.

The services of Messrs Davis and de Souza will be dispensed with after the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Messrs George Barton and J. M. Fabris have been taken on temporarily and if found fitted will hereafter be appointed to take up the duties of those gentlemen whose services the Council have no longer need of.

The Secretary has been instructed at the end of the month to furnish for the information of the Council a report as to the manner Messrs Barton and Fabris discharge such duties as may be entrusted to them up to that time.

Mr. John Connolly has been taken on, on trial, to replace one of the Police-men at present collecting Native Rates.

In a matter so important as the collection of Taxes from Chinese it appears to your Committee highly desirable that at least one of the collecting Staff should be permanent. In view of the Police-men now on your

whenever necessity arose, their tax collecting duties being always subservient to their Police duties.

The filling up of the post of assistant Secretary or obtaining the services of gentlemen from England are matters which for the present may be deferred.

Your Committee have inspected the account, In and other books of the General Establishment which were found in a satisfactory condition.

The re-arrangement of the duties of the Secretariat as proposed in Mr. Johnston's Memorandum of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant is 1250 has been provisionally approved by your Committee.

Your Committee here desire to express its dis-  
belief in the Policy heretofore adopted of confining the amount of office assistance to the bare requirements of the hour; no allowance having been made for the contingency of illness or occasional leave of absence for short-periods.

It must not be forgotten that Municipal work increases in the same ratio as the trade of the port.

The former is composed of a mass of minute details requiring to be dealt with efficiently and promptly.

It is manifest to your Committee that if the Municipal work should by reason of an insufficient staff once fall into arrear the most serious consequences may be apprehended. In short through an inadequate staff disorganization of system will arise which must result in confusion, if not possible loss to the Public.

Members  
of  
Finance  
& Rate  
and  
Appeal  
Committee

Secretary

It was moved by Mr. Lavers seconded by Mr. Hanwood and  
No 870 Resolved

That the Report of the Finance and Appeal  
 Committee be approved.

Mr. Lavers

.. Seconded.

### Public Works Committee.

#### Foreshore.

The Secretary stated that in pursuance of what passed  
 at the meeting of Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September last  
 (vide pp 320 to 324) he had written to Messrs Adamson Bell  
 & Co asking for permission to ride the Bond in front of  
 their premises and the Club. A communication  
 had been received from Mr. Anderson which said.

'The difficulty seems to be that the Council would  
 naturally wish the made ground to be surrendered for public  
 use while our last instructions give us no power to make  
 such a surrender although they appear to me to warrant allowing  
 the filling in to be made and used during the pleasure  
 of the owners. I wrote very strongly in favor of surrendering  
 the amount of foreshore required for the extension and am  
 pretty sure of getting an answer by next mail on 18<sup>th</sup>  
 and I think a favorable one. Would it not be  
 better to await the answer and have the matter finally  
 settled? At present there is no discretion left  
 to us as representatives of the Owners.'

The date of this communication was the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
 Mr. Anderson had received by the last English mail an  
 authority from Messrs W. R. Adamson and F. L. McLean to  
 lend the ground asked for by the Council, to the Public  
 provided that in making such a concession it in no wise  
 interferes with the right of ownership of the land lent to  
 the Public. The ownership of which will remain as now  
 and the land now lent could be resumed by the owner at  
 pleasure.

The Council agreed to these conditions - Messrs  
 H. Fogg & Co were to be written to make a like concession

on similar terms

The work to be proceeded with at once.

Reports. The Engineer's previous Report - No 1263 of 10<sup>th</sup> October was read and contents noted.

Water Committee.

Sanitary Department. Nuisance Branch. The Inspector of Nuisances' Report No 1272 of 13<sup>th</sup> Oct - read and noted.

Market Branch. The Inspector of Markets' Report - No 1269 of 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - read and contents noted.

General.

Staff. A memo (No 1286) of applications (together with the applications themselves) for vacancies in the Council's service was laid before the meeting.

Land Regulations. Chinese version of Land Regulations - The Council were informed that the Rev Canon Mc Cléhic had undertaken to verify Mr. Kuan's translation.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 337 ante) Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Stewart  
Chairman

Secretary.

No 871.

Council Room  
15 Huan Road  
Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> October 1871.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October inst.

at 9 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at  
the Public Office in the Swan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and  
Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee. Appropriation

Cash State

Mr. Sompers letter No 12957,

Mr. Stanton re-engagement.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report No 1300

Mr. Muirhead's tender for new bridge No 1294.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Insurances Report No 1303.

Inspection of Police Force.

Signifying Mr. Meads letter No 1297.

Mr. Edwards letter No 1301 - Lotteries.

General.

Consideration of Standing orders and Manual of  
officers' duties

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
Council may deem advisable

I am

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

W. H. ...

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
Meeting of the Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1891.

Present

W. H. ...

W. H. ...

W. H. ...

W. H. ...



Council Room

15 Arnan Road.

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room Shanghai on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October inst. A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present.

J. M. Dent Esq. Chairman

M. Coryell Esq.

S. H. Lavers Esq.

H. P. Harwood Esq.

W. Harwood Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston. Secretary.

Absent.

S. J. G. Delhove Esq.

W. R. R. R. Esq.

F. W. R. Esq.

No 871 The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.

No 872 The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

No 873 The Cash State for the 21<sup>st</sup> October was handed round for inspection. It shewed balances as follows -

In Compradors' hands.	Rs 10,640 <sup>45</sup> / <sub>100</sub>
In Bank	<u>10,749 <sup>54</sup>/<sub>100</sub></u>

H. K. & S. Banking Corporation

Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> October 1871

Balance at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council

Council This date

On Fixed Deposit

7/2 20,000

current a/c

6391.95

7/2 26,391.95

(signed). John Walter  
P. Manager.

As above

7/2 26,391.95

add lodgement 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

526.69

7/2 26,918.64

Deposit a/c 7/2 16,169.10

General a/c 10,744.54

26,918.64

### Staff.

Mr. Souper's letter No 1295 read, in which he asks to be allowed to remain at the Chartered Mercantile Bank until the 15<sup>th</sup> proximo.

After consideration the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Souper that the Council accede to his request on condition that in the meantime he will make himself as conversant as possible with the duties he will be called upon to perform and also that in case of illness among the present staff he will join immediately.

Mr. Johnston - re. engagement. The terms were discussed by the members present after which it was decided that the Chairman address a minute to the whole Board on the subject.

### Public Works Committee.

### Bridges.

Kingflem Creek. Mr. Muirhead's tender No 1294 for raising the abutments &c for the sum of 7/2 2750<sup>00</sup> was accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Coryell, seconded by Mr. Davies and

No 894

Resolved

That Mr. Muirhead's tender (No 1294) for raising the abutments of the Kingflem Creek Bridge &c according to plans and specifications for the sum of 7/2 2750<sup>00</sup> (Two thousand seven hundred and fifty two) be.

accepted.

sig mover  
- seconds.

Reports. Engineers Progress Report No 1300 read and contents noted.

Watch Committee.

Lighting. Mr. Meads letter No 1299 stating that it was the intention of the Gas Co to lay a main over the Kingston Creek Bridge, read and noted.

Lotteries. Mr. Seward's letter No 1301 of 18<sup>th</sup> Oct with reference to the suppression of lotteries within Municipal limits read. - the list therein called for to be forwarded as soon as possible. The question of suppression of Lotteries to stand over for consideration.

Reports. Inspector of Insurances Report No 1303 read & noted.

General.

Standing Orders and Manual of Officers' duties. As there were three members absent the consideration of these, was deferred till next meeting.

Meetings. Changing day of. It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Dent and

No 875<sup>th</sup> Resolved

That the general weekly meeting of the Council be in future held on Thursdays at 9-30 am except in case of departure of English mail, making the same convenient.

sig mover  
- seconds.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 343 anti) Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the Meeting be now adjourned.

Adjourned  
- Chairman

By the Chairman  
Secretary

Council Room  
15- Arnan Road

No 876.

Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> November 1871.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of November next at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office on the Arnan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read.

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Finance Committee - Appropriations.

Cash State

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Dedication - Baron von Gumpach's Book

Mr. McClellan's remarks on translation of Land Regulations

Passing of Standing Orders and manual of Officers' duties.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

General.

I am,  
 G. H. H. H.  
 your obedient servant  
 A. J. Johnston  
 Secretary.

To the Members  
 of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
 General Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1871.

Wm Harwood  
 Miss Coryell  
 E. H. Lavers  
 H. J. Hanssen

Council Room.  
 Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> November 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
 15 Honan Road Shanghai on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day  
 of November (inst). A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W<sup>m</sup> Rennie Esq. Vice Chairman  
 H. J. Hanssen Esq.  
 Miss Coryell Esq.  
 E. H. Lavers Esq.  
 W<sup>m</sup> Harwood Esq.  
 Alex. J. Johnston Secretary.

Absent

F. Nissen Esq.

No. 876. The Secretary's summons calling the meeting was read.  
No. 877. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Note and Appeal Committee

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Lavers seconded by Mr. Hanssen and  
No. 878. Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

Bridge.	Bubbling Well Road, near Mr. Groom's bungalow.	Rs 30
Hauling.	S. C. Farnham & Co	125
Defence Creek.	Cleaning	360
Drainage.	Miller & Batt's Road	100
Jetty.	repairs to Hung King	50
Roads.	widening Miller & Batt's Road	140
Latrine.	near the Mixed Court	50
Lighting.	3 lamps in Chapoo Road	\$ 81
General Establishment.	Mr. M. Blatchie	Rs 100

sig Mover.

.. Secunder.

Cash State

No. 879.

The Cash State for the 4<sup>th</sup> of November was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Compradore's hands	Rs 10,075.89.
In Bank	.. <u>8,805.99.</u>

No. 880.

The Cash State for the 28<sup>th</sup> of October was handed round for inspection. It showed balance as follows.

In Compradore's hands.	Rs
In Bank	"

Staff.

No. 881.

Mr. Johnston's re-engagement.

The following correspondence was ordered to be recorded on the Minutes of this meeting.

25<sup>th</sup> October 1871.A. I. Johnston Esq<sup>r</sup>

My dear Sir

Herewith the dispatch relative to your re-engagement, I am glad to see such unanimity. It should be laid before the Board next meeting so as to go with the Minutes officially.

Yours truly  
(signed) John Dent.

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1871

To the Members  
of the Shanghai Municipal Council

Gentlemen,

As it is advisable to have the collective opinion of all on the following point, I would beg of you to record the same to this Minute. It seems so improbable that we may all meet at the Council Board on any given day, that the suggestion was made this morning that I should address you on the matter.

Our Secretary, Mr. Johnston, engagement terminates next March. He is perfectly willing to renew it for a further term of three years, indeed would like the option of having it continued for six, but considers, looking to the long service in the Council that some addition should be made to his present salary.

Of course you have all formed an opinion of his merit & qualifications, for my part I consider him a very valuable servant of the Council, always ready, most energetic & indefatigable with every minutiae at his hands. I further think that it would be very difficult to supply his place, and thus readily concur in his application for an addition to his salary & consider that it

ought to be raised from its present total to 5000 £lets per annum including the etceteras he now enjoys of House rent & etc and that the next agreement should be concluded accordingly.

It has been suggested that a maximum salary shall be fixed for all the Council's servants. This could only be in the form of an opinion from the present Members, but I would invite your opinions on this head also, though a statement is being prepared which would aid the Council in arriving at a conclusion.

I would venture to suggest that on this minute the subject of Mr Johnston's salary above should be pronounced.

I am, Gentlemen  
Yours faithfully  
(signed) John Dent.  
Chairman

\* The "etceteras", or allowances above referred to are understood to mean

1. Quarters
2. Coals
3. Gas
4. Medical Attendance
5. Use of Pony Carriage

Remarks on above letter.

I am quite of Mr Dent's opinion as to Mr Johnston's application for an addition to his salary, and consider that his services are worth to the Council & Community.

£5000 per annum. (signed) E. H. Lavers.

I agree with Mr Dent & Mr Lavers. (sig<sup>d</sup>) H. P. Hansen.

I fully concur in Mr Dent's remarks S. J. G. Jellicoe.

as to the well-founded claim of Mr Johnston to have his salary raised to £5000. F. Nissen.

(signed) W. Rennie

I approve of Mr Johnston being re-engaged at a salary of £5000 per ann with House Rent etc (signed) W. Harwood.



26<sup>th</sup> October 1871

My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note, covering your Minute to the Council, in regard to my re-engagement.

May, I beg, you will accept, and convey to the Members of the Council, my entire satisfaction at the conclusion come to

It is particularly gratifying to me, to feel that whatever services I may have rendered to the Community have merited the approbation of the Council

John Dent Esq  
Chairman

I am, My dear Sir,  
Yours very truly  
Municipal Council. (sig), Alex. J. Johnston

No. 882.

Messrs Fabris + Barton. The Board were informed by the Secretary, that these Gentlemen had up to the present performed the duties allotted to them, in a painstaking & diligent manner. The Council authorizes the issue of pay to them, from 1<sup>st</sup> inst, and the usual formal letter of appointment to be addressed to them.

AdvancesNo. 883.

The Rate of Interest charged on Advances made in London by the Hongkong + Shanghai Banking Corporation, came up for consideration, & after some remarks the matter was referred to the notice of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee.

InsuranceNo 884

Goods per "Caliph" The Secretary was instructed to claim payment of the Policy of Insurance, on goods shipped per "Caliph" as it is supposed that that vessel has been lost.

Public Works CommitteeReports

The following reports were read, and contents noted,

From Engineer. No 1373

From Mr Bishop. No 1372.

The following Private Memo for the Municipal Council from Mr. S. J. G. Sellicoe & Mr. W. Rennie, was handed by the latter Gentleman to the Chairman, who ordered it to be read to the Meeting.

The undersigned being Members of the Public Works Committee for the last 18 months, wish to record as the result of their experience, that they consider it of the greatest desirability & necessity, that the Council when new & extensive works are being undertaken should obtain the opinion & advice of a second Engineer.

Without wishing to reflect on Mr. H. Oliver who holds at present the position of Engineer to the Council, they would state that Mr. Oliver originally, joined the Council's service as Assistant to the late Mr. John Clark. Upon the retirement of Mr. Clark, Mr. Oliver was appointed surveyor to the Municipality, to act with a consulting Engineer to be appointed by the Council. The appointment of a consulting Engineer was not made at the time, as the Works were so few & the late Mr. John Clark had left plans for them. Upon the renewal of Mr. Oliver's engagement in 1869, at his request the title of his office was altered from Surveyor to Engineer to enable him to make an advance in his profession.

Mr. Oliver has acquired during the six years of his connection with the Municipality such local experience as will make him very useful to the Council's service, but when important works are undertaken such as building Bridges, Water Works etc, the undersigned deem it necessary from their experience, that the Council should obtain the advice of a second Engineer, as a guarantee for the practicability of the plans of the Municipal Engineer.

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F. C. Adams -

Auditor -

A. A. Vanhook 200.00

Beckhoff, Janis 200.

Davis, J. 200.

Fabrus, J. 200.

Harro, J. 200.

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for the completeness of the surveys made for such works and the correctness of the Estimates for the same.

Such arrangement is in perfect accord with the course of action of the Council of 1865-66, who engaged Mr Oliver. The Public will thus have the advantage of the opinion of the most skilled experts of Shanghai, and the Council's responsibility will be greatly relieved.

The Undersigned wish to state at the same time that they do not consider it necessary that a consulting Engineer be permanently appointed but that it should be left to the Public Works Committee for the time being to recommend the Council in any case where they deem it advisable to obtain the advice of another Engineer & that they should also prepare in each case a Gentleman whom they may consider the most able for the work in question

A permanently appointed Consulting Engineer might consider it his duty to interfere in every work which is being done, thus causing inconvenience & unpleasantness, and it would also be better that the Council should be free to profit by the skilled advice of any professional man who might visit Shanghai or newly arrive here

Shanghai 8 November 1871  
(signed) S. J. G. Jellicoe  
W<sup>m</sup> Pemé

It was the opinion of the <sup>Chairman</sup> ~~secretary~~ that the above Memo should be handed to Mr Oliver, upon his return to Shanghai, for his information & guidance

### Roads

Outside Roads - Bridges Damages to Bridges, referred to in the Engineer's Report No

The Secretary to write to the Consular Body, begging them to request H. P. the Taitai to instruct the district Tipaous, to conserve the public property in their respective districts.

The Watch Committee.

- Sanitary Dep<sup>t</sup> Nuisance Branch. The Inspector of Nuisance's Report No 1350 was read and contents noted.
- Lotteries Mr Swards letter No 1301, came up again for consideration after discussion it was decided,  
 To inform him that if the Council issued an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of Lotteries Establishments within Municipal limits, the Council would see that it was effectively carried out.
- Lighting Mr Meads letter No 1352 was read.  
 The Council decided that the Shanghai Gas Company should light the street lamps, before dark.

General

Resignation of Membership, Municipal Council: The Chairman informed the Council, that he had to lay Mr Sellicoe's resignation before them, in consequence of that Gentleman's departure for England.

In this connection it was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Harwood and.

No 884.

Resolved.

That the Council accept with great regret the resignation of Mr Sellicoe and on behalf of the Community beg to tender their best thanks to him for the very able, zealous, and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of a Member of Council + Chairman of the Public Works Committee

signed Mover

.. Seconder.

Standing Orders of Council and Manual of Officers Duties

Mr Savers suggested that passing of these, stand over to a future meeting - after some discussion it was

No 886.

Resolved

That a Special Committee consisting of



Messrs Lavers, Perrie & Harwood be appointed to consider & report upon the draft of Standing Orders & Manual of Officers Duties.

signed Mover

Seconder:

Baron Von Gumpach's Book - Baron Von Gumpach having expressed to the Vice Chairman of the Council, a desire, to dedicate his book on China to the Municipal Council and the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, Mr Perrie, received from the Baron a copy of the proposed dedication, which was circulated among & approved by the Members of the Council. Mr Perrie communicated the Council's acceptance to the Baron.

Translation of Land Regulations made by Mr Haas.

The Rev Canon Mc Clatchie's remarks on the rendering of the Land Regulations into Chinese was laid before the Council. Mr Mc Clatchie suggested that it would be advisable to have every important error carefully corrected before printing & the whole then accurately copied out for the printer. accepted and to be acted upon

Register of Attendance. having been signed (vide p 348 Book 6)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved,

That the Meeting do now adjourn

Sturtevant  
Chairman

Mrs J. Edmeston  
Secretary

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 14. November 1871

No 886.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of November inst at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Honan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee - viz.

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report No 1373

Reports from Committees

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report No 1375

Petition, Theatre Proprietors. No 1384

Messrs Adamson Bell & Co's letter No 1380

General

Standing orders and Manual of Duties

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

H. J. [Signature]

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1871

Attested:  
Wm Barwood  
G. H. [Signature]  
Miss Corbett  
Ed Jacobs  
H. [Signature]

By Instruction of the Chairman the Meeting of the Council was deferred until the same hour on Friday morning

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> November 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Honan Road Shanghai on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of November (inst) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
W<sup>m</sup> Rennie Esq. Vice Chairman  
W<sup>m</sup> Harwood Esq.  
Messrs Coryell Esq.  
E. H. Savers Esq.  
H. P. Hansen Esq.  
Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

Absent

J. Nissen Esq.

No 886  
No 887

The Secretary's summons calling the Meeting was read. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee.

Appropriations  
No. 888.

It was moved by Mr Coryell seconded by Mr Rennie and Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned

Works - Buildings - Extra Office  
Accommodation Council House

No 450

signed Mover  
" Seconder

Cash State  
No. 889.

The Cash State for the 11<sup>th</sup> November was handed round for inspection. It showed balance as follows

In Comptrolors hands Ho 12,635.67  
In Bank " 10,500.60

H'kong & Shai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> November 1871

Balance at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council  
this date

On Fixed Deposit Ho 20,000  
" Current a/c 6,975.09  
Ho 26,975.09

(signed) John Walter  
p Manager.

Fixed Deposit Ho 20,000.00  
Deposit a/c 16,474.49  
Ho 3,525.51  
Current a/c 6,975.09  
Ho 10,500.60

Public Works Committee.

Reports.

Engineers Progress Report No <sup>248</sup>/<sub>1395</sub> was read and approved.

replied Mr. Ho

The following Report of the Public Works Committee was received, read, and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

No. 890. Report of the Public Works Committee

In the lines of projected Roads, proposed for Hong-Kew, by your Committees predecessors, the requirements of the day, if not more, were fully met. Yrs

The improvement and rapid extension of this district consequent upon the daily increasing business, by reason of its convenient situation and natural advantages for Wharves &c. has led to a traffic which is now very considerable and steadily increasing. The present lines of thoroughfares are just sufficient for the day. But as property is becoming more valuable, increased difficulty will be experienced in obtaining ground for additional and necessary lines of roads. It therefore becomes necessary that prompt action be taken to secure at once what ground may be required for this purpose.

In the opinion of Your Committee, there will at present be little difficulty in obtaining gratuitously all the land that may be needed for the purpose. They have therefore projected certain lines of roads, shewn on the accompanying plan. Which with your approval and that of the owners of the land, they will at once proceed to define. There will not be any outlay entailed at present, perhaps not for years to come, except small sums, annually appropriated for the maintenance of roads.

Past experience has shewn the necessity for carefully laying out a settlement in its early days, the inconveniently narrow streets of the so-called English Settlement prove this.

Hong Kew is rapidly attaining that stage of transition, when an insignificant village, suddenly becomes an important town.

The time has come when the district must be laid out, to meet as far as possible future wants.

It is proposed to lay out the part south of the Broadway in blocks of from 600 to 800 feet, each block having a main road at each side of 40 feet wide and intersected by alleys from 15 to 20 feet wide, running East & West, North and South, connecting in the centre of the block with a circular space about 60 feet in diameter, in which will

be formed a Firewell or when Water Works are established, a hydrant.

The new lines of Roads in Central Hong-Kew, will be made of the standard width of 40 feet where practicable.

The "Block" principle with Alleys & Arcades will be adhered to.

Your Committee have conferred with the most influential and interested holders of property in Hong Kew, who not only support the views of your Committee, but offer great and material facilities for carrying out the project now put before you.

Members  
of  
Public  
Works  
Committee

Council Room

16 Honan Road

Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1871.

It was moved by Mr. Perné seconded by Mr. Conyell  
and

No. 891.

Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee  
be approved & adopted

signed Mover

" Seconded

No. 892.

Memo in regard to Amounts required for Public  
Works.

The Works Committee would suggest in the interest of  
the Public some division being made in the amounts  
sanctioned by the Rate Payers for Works to be undertaken

during the current Municipal Year.

The Amounts to which the Works Committee particularly refer as follows -

Budget P. 17. under head of "Drainage"  
 Item Purchase of Earthen Drain Pipes No. 3,000  
 { Forming small drains and laying }  
 { drain pipes } No. 3,000

Budget P. 17. under head of "Bridges".  
 Item Yang-ge-Poo Bridge. erecting an }  
 { iron bridge across this creek } No. 1,500  
 " { Moiety of cost of four iron bridges }  
 { ordered in 1870 } No. 4,300

Not in budget " { Moiety of cost incurred in 1870 }  
 but brought as { and covered by business of Insurance } No. 4,271  
 balance of £2,500 on bridges.  
 insurance @ 5/10  
 = No 8571 =  $\frac{4300}{4271}$   
 = No 8571.

Item Bubbling Well, Siccawei Songah  
 Roads. Erection of small iron bridges No. 1,500  
 No. 17,571.

Of the amount No. 17,571, the Works Committee would ask the Finance Committee to consent to this sum being diverted as follows.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Purchase Earthen Drain Pipes No. 3,000	Completing the drainage of Central Hong-Kew. estimated at No. 10,000, but which will cost only No. 11,500
Iron Bridges 1871 moiety 4,300	
1870 " 4,271	
£2,500 @ 5/10	
8,571	
No. 11,571	No. 11,500

The No. 3,000 for forming small drains & laying drain Pipes. had better stand

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Erecting an iron bridge across the Yung-tze. Poo      £1500	Constructing a wooden or Composite Bridge across the Yung-tze. Poo say not-to exceed      £2000
Erection of small iron bridges on Bubbling Well } Singah & Licauwei Roads }      1500	
<hr/> <hr/> £3000.	<hr/> <hr/> £2000

The reasons for the Committee proposing these changes are

1. That it is of the greatest importance, both in a sanitary & pecuniary sense that Central Hong Kew should be drained. The work has been commenced & ought to be finished by next May.
2. The £3000 cannot be made available for Drain Pipes this year. The need for the iron bridges are past; for the present, the ship bringing them, has it is supposed been lost, & this money may be turned to the necessary and important work of Drainages.
3. After recent experience a wooden bridge may better suit the Yung-tze-Poo than an iron one. A wooden bridge to last 15 years ought to be put up within £2500.

} Members  
of  
Public  
Works  
Committee

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
11 November 1871

Lighting

Mr Meads letter No 1396 of 16 November regarding the interference of the drainage operations in Hong Kew Road with the supply of gas to East-Hong-Kew & suggesting that gas be temporarily conveyed by another route.      Subject



Subject referred to the Works Committee.

Watch Committee

Reports

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 1376 read & noted.

Petition

The Petition No 1384 of 13<sup>th</sup> Nov from Ling Jing Shun & others. Canton Theatre Proprietors complaining of action taken by their Landlord. was read  
Secretary instructed to reply that as the question was one between Landlord and Tenant the Police could only interfere to prevent a breach of the Peace

Messrs Adamson Bell & Co's letter No 1380 was read and contents noted

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 4 ante) various subjects were discussed correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was.

Resolved

That the Meeting do now adjourn

J. S. S. S.  
Chairman

Secretary

Council Room

15-Honan Road

No 293.

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1871

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of November instant at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon. in the Council Chamber, at the Public Office in the Honan Road

To receive Communications from the Chairman

and Report from Committee viz  
Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State

D. Henderson's Letter

Works Committee Engineer's Progress Report

Watch Committee Inspector of Nuisances Report

General

Standing Orders and Manual of Duties.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
 and other proceedings with reference thereto, as the  
 Council may deem advisable.

I am

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Henry Johnston

Secretary

To the Members  
 of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
 Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1871.

Present

H. J. Hansen

W. H. Smith

Miss Goyell

E. Haver

Wm. Starwood

Council Room

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November

November (inst.) A D 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 Wm Reme Esq. Vice Chairman  
 H. S. Hanssen Esq.  
 Miss Coryell Esq.  
 E. H. Lavers Esq.  
 Wm Harwood Esq.  
 Alex J Johnston Secretary.

Absent:

S Nissen Esq.

No. 893.

No. 894.

The Secretary's summons calling the Meeting was read  
 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed  
 and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the  
 Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee

Appropriations

No. 895.

It was moved by Mr Reme seconded by Mr Coryell and  
Resolved

That the Expenditure of the following sums be  
 sanctioned.

Drainage - completion of Drainage in Hongkew. £s 11,000

Bridge - over Gungkye - Poo 3,000

Roads - Extension of Yunan Road 550

sig Mover

Recorder

Cash State

No. 896.

The Cash State for the 18<sup>th</sup> of November was handed round  
 for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comptroller's hands £s 9,131.82

In Bank " 3,455.

H' Kong + Shai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 17 November 1871

Balance at credit of Shanghai Municipal Council  
this date

On Fixed Deposits - Rs- 20,000-  
Current a/c 25.00  
Rs 20,025.00

signed: John Walter  
p. Manager

Balance Rs 20,000  
Deposit 16,569.17  
3,430.83  
25.00  
Rs 3,455.89

Stocks

Mr Lavers thought it would be advisable to dispose of the Police ban if possible and in this connection a market might be found for it in Japan, if not, the Maker to be communicated with enquiring if he would take it back at a reduction.

Auditor

Appointing of one for 1872. It was moved by Mr Lavers and seconded by Mr Harwood and

No 897

Resolved

That Mr H. A. Lawrence be appointed to Audit the Accounts for the Municipal Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 1871 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1872.

sig. mover

" Secunder

Public Works Committee

Report

The following Report was read and contents noted  
from Engineer No. 249.

Watch Committee

Meteorological Society - Dr Henderson proposed to form a Meteorological Society as a section of the Asiatic Society to which the Council had no objection. Doctor

Doctor Henderson further stated that the instruments ordered out for this purpose were found not to be as good as could be wished and damaged, and asked for a grant of money to procure a better supply. The Council undertook to consider the matter.

The following Report was read and contents noted  
From Inspector of Nuisances No 1400.

Report

Vaccine Lymph. It was decided to telegraph at once to England for a good supply and to obtain periodical supplies from England to be made in three successive shipments. And to ask the principal Naval and Military officers in Japan, Hong Kong, and other ports if they could lend the Council a supply as a temporary measure.

This step was considered advisable on the representation of Dr Henderson who pointed out that all precautionary measures ought to be taken in the event of an epidemic.

General Establishment

Staff

Mr. Johnston. The following letter from Dr Henderson relative to Mr Johnston's state of health was read by the Chairman

Shanghai  
November 18<sup>th</sup> 1877.

Alexander Johnston Esq  
Municipal Council

My dear Johnston

You are aware that the state of your health has caused me considerable anxiety during the past month. I write now as I proposed to point out to you the course which I think it advisable for you to adopt in your present condition.

You should obtain them at the earliest possible date, complete rest from business and change, in short

you should so soon as your affairs can be arranged here, return to England. Under no circumstances ought you to risk another summer here without the preparation which I now recommend.

The severe work of the past year has I know not been without its injurious effect on your general health and in your present condition you are unfit for the laborious duties which an office such as yours entails

I am

Sincerely Yours

(signed) Edward Henderson

The Council under the circumstances could not undertake the responsibility of retaining Mr. Johnston in Shanghai and granted leave of absence. The Council anticipated some little inconvenience at being deprived of Mr. Johnston's services so unexpectedly, Mr. Johnston undertook to see that the inconvenience to the Community should be reduced to the minimum, and stated that the accounts would be made up and audited to the 30<sup>th</sup> November, and the Council shall be fully satisfied with the arrangements he made before his departure.

The Council's and Committee's Annual Reports to be brought up to the same date, a budget would be prepared for the ensuing Municipal Year and Mr. Soper would only be called on to take up the current work during Mr. Johnston's absence. Mr. Johnston stated that in regard to the Rate Payers Meeting he could at this date see no important question likely to arise with the exception of allusion being probably made to the Hong Kew Bridge Works, the Soochow Creek Bridge matter would rest with the decision of the Rate Payers and the question of a permanent water supply could be determined by the feelings of the Rate Payers whether they would authorize the raising of Quarter Million <sup>or</sup> £100,000 with the knowledge that they would be called

on early in 1878 to raise an additional \$200,000 for the Building of the Municipal Council Premises, also that the forthcoming year would be one of ordinary routine, there would be no head of a department absent. Except Mr. Johnston, in fact he did not see that the interests of the Community would in any way suffer by his being compelled to leave before the Rate Payers Meeting. He could only repeat what he had expressed to the Members of the Council individually, his desire to have remained until May next had his health permitted.

Standing Orders and Manual of Duties. in the amended form were considered, approved, and passed, and ordered to be printed in book form.

Register of Attendance. having been signed (vide p 12 ante)

Various Subjects were discussed correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the Meeting do now adjourn

*J. Johnston*  
Chairman

*M. J. Johnston*  
Secretary.

Council Room  
15 Roman Road

No 872

Shanghai 29 November 1878.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of November instant at 9-30 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road.

To receive communications from the Chairman and  
Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Mr. Webb's claim

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report.

Mr. Rennie's explanation in regard to negotiations with  
Mr. F. M. Smith.

Trusteeship of ground purchased by Ancient Landmark  
Lodge.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Meteorological Society.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant-

To the Members  
of the Council.

Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1871.

Identical

W. Rennie

John Barwood

H. P. Howse

Council Room.

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> November 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community  
of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Horan Road, Shanghai on



on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> November (inst) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq<sup>r</sup> Chairman  
 W<sup>m</sup> Kemi Esq<sup>r</sup> Vice Chairman  
 W<sup>m</sup> Harwood Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 H. P. Hanssen Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

Absent

E. H. Lavers Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 F. Nissen Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 M. Coryell Esq<sup>r</sup>

No 898  
No 899

The Secretarys Summons calling the Meeting was read  
 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed  
 and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the  
 Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee

Appropriations  
No 900

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Hanssen and Resolved

That the Expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

General Establishment

Allowances - A. E. Jones House Rent per annum	£s 400
Meteorological Society	£ 20
Watch - - - - - 13 Blankets	£s 45
sig Mover	
" Seconder	

Cash State  
No 901

The Cash State for the 24<sup>th</sup> November was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comptrollers hands	£s 8,918.12
In Bank	3,955.89

H'kong & S'hai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 24<sup>th</sup> November 1871  
 Balance at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council  
 this date.

On Fixed Deposit	Rs 20,000
.. Current a/c	<u>525.06</u>
	<u>Rs 20,525.06</u>

(signed) John Walter  
 p. Manager

### Mr. Webb's claim.

No 902. Mr. Haussen referred to Mr. Dixwell's resolution passed at the meeting of Ratepayers held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May last directing the incoming Council to examine the question of Mr. Webb's claim, and report at the next general meeting:

The history and nature of the claim he (Mr. Haussen) had set forth in a letter addressed to the previous Council - He explained that up to 1864 when Mr. Webb ceased to be Commandant, he had expended the sum of Rs 32,709<sup>00</sup> on behalf of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, that he had received in subscriptions from the Community Rs 14,300, from sale of arms &c Rs 67,76<sup>00</sup> and subsequently Rs 2309<sup>13</sup> leaving a balance due him of Rs 9524<sup>31</sup>. That the debt had been acknowledged by the Volunteers, the accounts approved and passed by them at a meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> August 1865, with the exception of Rs 2100 for interest, & Rs 664 expenses of a powder mill. That at a meeting of the Corps held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1866 presided over by the Commandant Sir E. Hornby, a resolution had been passed confirming the correctness of Mr. Webb's claim and offering to hand over the Rifle Batts, & main Guard and pay rent for them and at a subsequent meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1867, the chairman Sir E. Hornby stated that a letter had been written to Mr. Webb offering him such property as the Corps possessed towards reducing their debt. At the meeting of Ratepayers in May last he (Mr. Haussen) had claimed Rs 7200 as being about the sum acknowledged by

The Volunteers and representing the cost of the remaining properties - the Rifle Butts and Main Guard.

After consideration the Council agreed that they could recommend the payment of a sum to Mr. Webb not exceeding the actual cost of the Rifle Butts. These had been used not only by the Volunteers but also by the Naval forces in port without any rent having been paid and would always be required. But the Council could not recommend any compensation to be made to Mr. Webb for half cost of the Main Guard as it was built on the Church ground and claimed as the property of the Church by the Trustees.

Mr. Gausson stated that the actual cost of the Rifle Butts was rather over £5,000, - that as Agent for Mr. Webb he would undertake to accept £5,000 in full payment of Mr. Webb's claim against the Volunteer Corps and to hand over the Title deeds to Council.

It was then decided that the sum of £5,000. for the acquisition of the Rifle Butts in settlement of Mr. Webb's claim be included in the next Budget to be submitted to the Ratepayers.

### Public Works Committee.

Reports. Engineer's Progress Report. In read and contents noted.

Roads. Mr. E. M. Smith's letter in was read. After consideration it was decided to refer Mr. Smith's letter to the Public Works Committee to report on.

Cemeteries. Trusteeship of ground purchased in New Cemetery by Ancient Land mark Lodge. The question of the Council holding the title deed for the Lodge was considered, after which it was moved by Mr. Rennie seconded by Mr. Stanwood and

No. 903. Resolved

That the Council hold in trust for the Ancient Land mark Lodge, the title deed for the plot

A Land purchased in the New Cemetery by the said  
Lodge.

sig mover

" Seconder.

Watch Committee.

Reports: Inspector of Nuisances Report - read and  
contents noted.

Meteorological Society - The question of the formation of this  
society again came up for consideration, after  
which it was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by  
Mr. Rami and

No 904 Resolved.

That the use of the meteorological instru-  
ments recently obtained from England be given to the  
meteorological Society

sig mover

" Seconder.

General.

Meeting of Council. It was unanimously agreed that in future  
the meetings be held on Friday instead of Thursday  
as now

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 18 ante)  
various subjects were considered; correspondence laid  
on the table, considered and referred to the different  
Committees and it was

Resolved

That the Council do now adjourn

John Oul:

Chairman

Wesley Williams

Secretary.

No 905

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> December 1871

Sir

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of December instant at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Honan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committee viz.

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Challenge Cup.

Finance Committee - Appropriations.

Cash State

Rooms rented by Asiatic Society.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report.

Supply of Earthen Drain Pipes.

Report re Mr E. M. Smith's proposition.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report.

General - Mr Johnston's Application for leave of absence.

Establishment of Interpreters office.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Wm. Johnston  
Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1871.

*John D. ...*  
*Mrs Corbett to Preside*  
 H. D. Hansen  
 Wm. Woodward

Council Room.  
Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> December 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 18-Home Road Shanghai on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of December (inst) A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. - Chairman.  
W. Brown Esq. - Vice Chairman  
T. Nasson Esq.  
M. Coryell Esq.  
W. Burnwood Esq.  
H. P. Harrison Esq.  
C. W. Johnston. Secretary  
E. B. Bonper.

Absent

E. A. Laven Esq.

Summons & The Secretary's Summons calling the meeting was read. Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee. Volunteer Corps - Challenge Cup - With a view to promote more active spirit in the Volunteer Corps it was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Nasson and

Resolved

That the value of the Challenge cup for the Volunteer Corps be raised to £100 (one hundred pounds) sterling.

sig mover  
" Recorder.

Mr. Johnston was instructed to inform Capt. Kitchner R.N.C. of this resolution and further to procure a cup in accordance with the vote, to be completed for at the next Rifle Meeting.

Finance Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. René seconded by Mr.

Irwin and

No 908 Resolved.

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

Letters. MingHong Road Pontoon.	T/ 432.
Volunteer Corps. Challenge cup.	£ 100.
Steam paper from England	£ 1000
by mover	
by seconder	

Cash State. The Cash State for the 2<sup>nd</sup> December was handed over  
 No 909. for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comptroller hands	T/ 7578.22
In Bank	<u>5134.56</u>

The N' Hong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> December 1897

Balance a/c of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

On fixed deposit	T/ 20,000
" current a/c	<u>1897.77</u>
	<u>T/ 21897.77</u>

(signed) J. Veitch  
 p Manager.

Rent for 6 months ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 1897 due by Asiatic Society.

Letter of 4<sup>th</sup> Decr from Mr. Elias stating that the funds of the Society did not admit of paying this amount, representing that it was understood by the President of the Society that the Council would not press a claim for rent if the funds were inadequate to meet it.

The Council decided to abandon the claim and to write off the amount.

Works Committee.

Reports. The Engineers Progress Report No.      was read and contents noted.

Drainage. Earthen drain Pipes. On the suggestion of Mr. Runk with a view to economy of time it was decided to order out at once a supply to the extent of £1000 (one thousand pounds) and further to remit cost of same on receipt of shipping documents in full.

Roads. Mr. E. M. Smith's scheme. The following Report of the Public Works Committee was received, read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:

No 910. Report of the Public Works Committee on the propositions of Mr. E. M. Smith as contained in his letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> November 1871 for making certain roads through his property on the Old Race Course.

# No. 910  
14/81.

Your Committee have gone with your Engineer over the ground of these proposed roads and beg to offer the following observations thereon: -

Mr. E. M. Smith's measurement of the roads agree within a fraction with those of your Engineer and may be taken as correct.

Of the 6290 feet of roads which Mr. Smith proposes:

2300 feet are roads with houses on them

3990 " run through open ground.

for which the particulars are as follows: -

	<u>houses</u>	<u>open ground</u>
A. No name	—	690 feet
B. Nungpo Road.	110 feet	890 "
C. Tuntin Road.	—	460 "
D. Kunkiang Road.	850 "	—
E. Hunkrow Road	50 "	600 "
F. Yuman Road - north end.	—	380 "
G. Tin-wo-ka - north of Malou.	100 "	400 "



	<u>from 250.</u>	<u>open ground.</u>
H. No name -	—	250 feet
J. Tin-250-11a. South of mulo	350 feet	—
K. Upper Orange Road.	400 .	—
L. Guman Road. next Keele's	440 .	—
M. — do — between Foxchov to Hamilton Roads } —		320 .
	<u>Total 2300.</u>	<u>3990 .</u>

The following table shows how far the roads proposed by Mr. E. M. Smith open up new thoroughfares:

	roads not marked out	roads existing but private & in a bad state	roads being already public
A.	690 feet	—	—
B.	—	—	1000 feet
C.	460 .	—	—
D.	—	850	—
E.	—	—	600
F.	380 .	—	—
G.	—	500	—
H.	250 .	—	—
J.	—	350	—
K.	400 .	—	—
L.	440 .	—	—
M.	320 .	—	—
	<u>Total 2940 feet</u>	<u>1700 feet</u>	<u>1600 feet</u>

It will be seen therefore that about one half of the roads open up entirely new lines — one fourth of the whole would change bad private roads into public roads — and the last fourth would widen public roads to 30 feet.

Now Committee considers the plan of laying out these roads exceedingly suitable. It would create in most cases the continuance of existing roads and make the lines regular and straight in a sanitary respect from corner to

cannot too strongly recommend the adoption of Mr. E. M. Smith's plan, as the land is throughout very swampy and full of pools in which rain water collects and which besides are used as receptacles for all kind of filth.

It would appear to your Committee therefore an urgent necessity to have such nuisances removed but this can only effectually be done by making roads.

Part of Mr. E. M. Smith's proposition is to raise the land to the level of his new houses in the Maloo and it should be stipulated, if the Council accepts his proposition that the roads had to be made within 3-6 months and all open pools to be filled up.

The money compensation which Mr. Smith claims appears a heavy one but your Committee cannot lose sight of the fact that Mr. Smith would not get the money as a price for his land but that he would be put to a great deal of expense:

1. by taking down 2300 feet of houses and putting them back to give the width of road of 30 feet.
2. by raising the ground all along such roads.

This latter item would entail on Mr. Smith an expenditure of about \$6 per house of 10 feet width or \$12 per running foot of road which alone is 40% of the compensation he asks.

It was suggested by your Committee that the Council should adopt Mr. Smith's plan of roads without requiring these roads as yet taking their chance of getting them later on, when they will be more and more built upon.

The great objection to this would be that it would not bind the owner of land to adhere to these lines of roads where they are not yet laid out, and more particularly it would leave a crying nuisance unabated.

The western portion of the Settlement in its

low lying, swampy state has had for years your Committee's earnest attention and they are therefore most strongly in favor of such a plan as the present one which will tend greatly to improve the sanitary condition of the whole Settlement.

As regards the financial arrangement your Committee considers that a great boon for our Settlement would be obtained if any arrangement with Mr. E. M. Smith could be arrived at, and they trust therefore that the Council will not shrink from a responsibility which would go beyond our present budget, inadvisable as such a course might appear on the whole, it cannot be denied that at a future date the Community would have to pay a larger sum for obtaining what is now offered to them.

From inquiries made, your Committee is enabled to state that there is scarcely any land to be brought now within the limits of the English Settlement, and they have noticed a steady increase of houses - and what is more important - of a better class of Chinese houses for which it seems tenants are readily found.

Your Committee are of opinion that the laying out of these new roads and the general improvement of the sanitary state of the Settlement will tend to increase still more the number of houses and thus add, from the taxes collected from the same, to the Municipal Revenue.

Your Committee would suggest that Mr. E. M. Smith's proposition be accepted if possible at a lower figure than he now asks, the Council distributing the payment of the compensation over this and the next year.

Rs 6000 might be paid out of the present budget and the remainder might be obtained from next year's budget out of an appropriation for "extension of roads" or "contingencies".

Your Committee fully concurs in Mr. E. M. Smith's suggestion that the arrangement with Mr.

if concluded, shall be kept strictly private, as otherwise other landowners who have not the same advantages to offer might consider themselves aggrieved, or believe that an undue preference had been given to Mr. E. M. Smith not weighing sufficiently all the reasons which prompted the Council to make this arrangement.

The advantages gained by the Community from these roads being of such great importance, the responsibility for making them cannot be a serious one and the whole transaction will finally, without doubt meet with the full approval of the ratepayers.

If a similar foresight in making roads had been practised in former years, the roads and alleys of our settlement would be in a better state today.

Whatever improvements in this respect the Council from time to time has been able to make has been at a comparative greater expense than is now contemplated.

Members  
of  
Public  
Works  
Committee

Shanghai  
7<sup>th</sup> December 1871.

After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Plum seconded by Mr. Loyell and

No. 1711 Resolved

That the Report of the Works Committee on Mr. E. M. Smith's Scheme, be accepted and adopted - Details being carried out by the respective Committees to which the question refers.

Sig. Mover  
Secunder.

Church Compromised - It was moved by Mr. Dent, seconded by Mr. Loyell and

No 912. Resolved.

That the Council take over charge and care of the Church Compound, in consideration of two Jews in the Church being set apart for the use of employees of the Council.

Sig moves

" Seconder.

Cemetery -

Mrs Cemetery - The form of Trust of Lot granted to Ancient Landmark Lodge of Freemasons, drawn up by W. Rennie was submitted, approved and completed.

General.

Staff - Mr. Johnston's letter of 30<sup>th</sup> November applying for leave of absence till 31<sup>st</sup> December 1892 was read, after which it was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr. Ineson and

No 913. Resolved

That Mr. Johnston's application for leave of absence to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1892 be granted.

Sig moves

" Seconder.

Interpreter - The application of Mr. Haas to have office accommodation and fixed hours for the carrying out of his work was approved and the Secretary instructed to afford necessary facilities.

Chinese translation of Land Regulations - The Secretary was instructed to write to H. K. Ho Minister at Peking for a copy of the translation in his possession.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 23 ante), various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered, and referred to the different Committees, and it was

Resolved

That the Minutes do

now adjourn

H. J. Johnston  
Secretary

~~H. J. Johnston~~  
Chairman

Council Room.  
15 Hovan Road.

N3914.

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> December 1871.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December instant at 7.30 o'clock in the Evening, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Hovan Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and Report from Committees viz

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Agreements. Intn<sup>n</sup> Reels, Bonds, Jours and Inc<sup>n</sup>.

Audit of Accounts.

Condition of Books.

Works Committee. Engineer Progress Report

Dutch Committee Inspector of Surances Report.

Inspector of Markets Report.

General. Change of Secretariat.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant  
H. J. Johnston  
Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1871.

W. Reine ~~Shusack~~  
 A. Krauss ~~Edwards~~  
 et Gimman. H. P. Hansen

Mrs. Coryell  
 Wm. Harwood

Council Room  
 15 Honan Road  
 Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> December 1871

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Honan Road Shanghai on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December instant A.D. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman.  
 W. Reine Esq. Vice Chairman.  
 F. H. Lavers Esq.  
 H. P. Hansen Esq.  
 M. Coryell Esq.  
 Wm. Harwood Esq.  
 A. A. Krauss Esq.  
 A. Gimman Esq.

Alfred J. Johnston Secretary  
 Edward B. Souper.

Absent

F. Wisen Esq.

No 214. The Secretary's Summons calling the meeting was read  
No 215. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.





Agreements.

On the representations of Mrs: Jones, Keble and Howes that their agreements expired in about six months hence and that they were willing to renew their engagements it was moved by Mr. Lavers seconded by Mr. Haussen and

No. 11. Resolved

That the agreements existing between the Council and Mrs: Jones, Keble and Howes be renewed at expiry on the same basis

sig Mover  
" Seconder.

Mr. Malcolm's agreement came under consideration it was decided to take no steps in the matter at present and to wait its expiry the Council reserving the right to renew or terminate the agreement at that date. Mr. Malcolm to be notified that if during probationary period of three months he gave satisfaction, renewal would be considered.

Audit of Accounts - 1<sup>st</sup> April 1871 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 1871.

Mr. Lawrence's letter of 14<sup>th</sup> December was read verifying the correctness of the cash balance as shown in the Cash Book for that period. Mr. Lavers thought that the books generally of the Council should be audited and suggested that in future the Auditor be requested to carry out the auditing on that system. Mr. Lawrence undertook a monthly audit of the books which was considered satisfactory.

Condition of Books. Mr. Pond's letter of 11<sup>th</sup> December expressing his confidence in the correct state of the books was read and contents noted.

Outstanding Accounts. F. H. B. Perkins. J. H. Maitland - Mr. Rennie enquired the reason of the delay in obtaining settlement of these gentlemen's accounts. The Secretary explained that the matter had been placed in Mr. Rennie's hands. The subject was referred to the Finance Committee with request that Mr. Rennie would proceed for recovery of the amounts.

Reports.

Engineer's progress Report of 14<sup>th</sup> December read

contents noted.

Mr. E. M. Smith's scheme. Mr. Smith's reply of 14<sup>th</sup> December to the Council's offer of 9<sup>th</sup> instant was read - proposing other terms than those already before him. The Council considered it inadvisable to make any alteration and decided to adhere to the original proposition. The Secretary was instructed to notify the decision come to and to request Mr. Smith to furnish the Council with a letter from the mortgagee of his property countenancing the arrangement that might be come to with Mr. Smith where the mortgage was affected.

### Watch Committee.

#### Reports.

The following reports were read and contents noted.

From Inspector of nuisances No of 15<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
Inspector of markets No of 30<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>

Watering of Streets. Mr. Dent pointed out that the Bund of late had not been watered till a late hour (11.30) much to the inconvenience of residents in that neighbourhood, and suggested that a little more attention should be paid to this road. frequented as it is by the Community more than any other road in the Settlement.

Suppression of Cottens. Mr. Seward's letter of 13<sup>th</sup> December 1871 was read, enclosing extract from the minutes of the Council's meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, informing the Council of the light in which they regarded Cottens and the action they suggested shall be taken.

The Council concurring in their views, it was moved by Mr. Hamwood, seconded by Mr. Gimmern and

No 9<sup>th</sup> Resolved.

That all Public Lottery keepers be notified to close their establishments on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1872, failing which proceedings will be instituted against them before the Courts of their several nationalities.

By Order  
Secretary

Smiza Refuge. The subscription list of the different guilds, amounting to Rs 1045 for the support of the Smiza Refuge was brought to the notice of the Council and considered satisfactory.

Under this head Mr. Dent stated that from what he had heard, the Trustees of the Recreation Fund were willing to pay a sum of Rs 500 to the Council in return for labor of the inmates of the Refuge, so far as they were able to work, towards improving the inner portion of the Race Course Property.

The Council thought the idea excellent and instructed the Secretary to write Mr. Groom on the subject.

Public Market. Mr. René suggested the advisability of establishing a Public Market, it might be in connection with Mr. Smith's as it now stands. After some discussion Mr. Lavers thought it was a matter to be discussed at the Rate payers meeting and the subject dropped.

Fire Alarm. Bongfren. Mr. Bletten Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department, applied per letter of 14<sup>th</sup> inst. for permission to erect a Bell Tower at the Bongfren Police Station at a cost not to exceed Rs 300<sup>00</sup>. Appropriation accordingly.

### General.

Standing Orders. A copy as proposed to be bound up was laid before each member, and it was moved by Mr. Lavers, seconded by Mr. René and

Resolved.

That the standing orders of the Council and the Memorandum showing the division of the duties between the Finance Rate and Appeal, the Public Works, Watch and Defence Committees together with the general Instructions to and duties of, employees of the Council &c. be adopted on and from this date

By motion  
" seconded

Interpreter. Mr. Haas letter of 14<sup>th</sup> December 1871 was read, explaining that his translation of the Land Regulations was based on the Chinese Version made by the Interpreters of the Legations at Peking and approved by the Ministers and the Tsung-li Yamen. The Secretary had been instructed at the previous meeting to obtain a copy of the version referred to, from His Minister at Peking.

Mr. Haas defence of the several criticisms made on his translation being too lengthy to go into at the meeting it was decided to circulate it amongst the members.

Secretariat. Consequent on Mr. Johnston's intended departure next week it was moved by Mr. Haasson seconded by Mr. Krauss and

No 22 Resolved

That Mr. Souper be temporarily appointed officiating Secretary to the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai.

Sig mover

" Secunder.

It was further arranged to notify the change in the Papers on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> inst, from which date, Mr. Souper would take up his duties.

Mr. Souper explained to the Council that he had gone into the system of working elections & Rate-Payers meeting.

The Budget recommendations were prepared so far as could be and had been submitted to different members of the Council.

The Annual Report, with the exception of the report on works was in the same advanced state, and with regard to the Works Report, Mr. Plumé had arranged with Mr. Johnston, to render every assistance in his power.

Committees. It was moved by Mr. Sawood seconded by Mr. Plumé and

No 23 Resolved

That Messrs Gummern and Krauss be elected to serve on the Works and Watch Committees.

respectively

sg mover  
- second

Digest of Existing Records of the Municipality. Mr. Coryell pointed out the advisability of making a digest which would be most invaluable as a book of reference, on Municipal affairs.

It was accordingly moved by Mr. Coryell, seconded by Mr. Harwood and

Resolved

That a digest of the existing records of the Municipality be made by Mr. Johnston during his absence and that he be authorised to have them printed while at home

sg mover  
- second

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 33 ante), various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

to Renie's

Vice Chairman

Mr. Johnston

Secretary

Council Room

15 Norman Road

No 925.

Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> December 1891.

Sir,

I am directed by the Vice Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December instant at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Norman Road.

To receive Communications from the Chairman and  
Report from Committee viz

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State

Transfer of Cash. to Johnston to Mr. Soper.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report

Public Garden. Statement of A/c

Mr. G. M. Smith's scheme. Letter accepting Council's proposal  
Construction of Stationary Pumping House on Souchon  
Creek.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Shu Kwei Tai's petition for monopoly of Pig slaughtering  
Complaint from Mr. "Curlew"

General. Mr. Soper's agreement.

Holidays - 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> inst - and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions  
orders and other proceedings with reference thereto  
as the Council may deem advisable

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

H. P. Hansen

Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1871

to Nimi  
H. P. Hansen

Et Alios:

Ad Krauss  
et Fineman

Wm Harwood  
Miss Doyell

Shanghai  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 1871.

At the General Meeting of the Council held at the Council Room 15 Nanan Road Shanghai on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of December instant a.d. 1871 pursuant to notice.

Present.

D. O'Brien Esq. Vice Chairman.

E. H. Lasens Esq.

H. P. Nassau Esq.

A. A. Krauss Esq.

Edw. Harwood Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

H. Conyell Esq.

E. B. Souper. Official Secretary

Albr. J. Johnston.

Absent.

John Dent Esq.

F. Nissen Esq.

No 925. The Minutes calling the meeting was read.

No 926. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman & Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

Finance Committee.

Cash State.

No 927. The Cash State for the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:—

In Comptrolors' hands	Rs 3892.78
In Bank.	<u>5320.92</u>

N' Hong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> December 1871.

Balance at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this date.

on Fixed deposit	Rs 20,000.00
Current ac <sup>t</sup>	<u>1897.77</u>
	<u>Rs 21,897.77</u>

Transfer of Cash. Mr. Souper stated that the transfer of cash from Mr. Johnston was satisfactory.

Outstanding Accounts. Mr. Evans. Subscription for construction of Roads.

Mr. Evans having been repeatedly called on for payment of the money due by him in this connection the Council instructed the offg Secretary to place the matter in Mr. Remie's hands.

Shanghai Public Garden. Mr. Johnston submitted statement of a/c up to the 9<sup>th</sup> Dec showing an excess of expenditure of Rs 1749.78.

Mr. Remie explained that the garden Committee asked for a further appropriation of from Rs 1000 to Rs 1500 for the current year.

Mr. Lawes thought that the extra expenditure had been incurred without regard to the appropriation in the budget and without the knowledge of the Council and that it was not to be expected that the Council were to meet any demands beyond that.

The Council generally were of the same opinion and at present could not authorize a further appropriation.

Mr. Lawes suggested at the same time that in the ensuing budget an increase on the current appropriation might be set off for the garden, if necessary.

### Public Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report for 1906 of 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> was read & noted.

Roads. Mr. E. M. Smith's scheme for roads in western part of Settlement.

Mr. Smith's letter of 19<sup>th</sup> instating terms to be read and approved. The officiating Secretary was instructed to get the necessary documents drawn up by Mr. Remie.

Stationary Pumping House. A plan was submitted signed by Mr. E. M. Smith, Ineson & others urging the Council to erect a stationary pumping house on the Soochow Creek and to connect it with all, or a portion of the firewells.

The object was to have an ample supply of water always ready in case of fire. Mr. Johnston explained that roughly estimated, it would require from Rs 60,000 to Rs 100,000 to carry out the scheme as he understood it from Mr. Smith.

The Council agreed with



Mr. Smith that the object he aimed at was needed and most-desirable, but at present the scheme was one requiring an immense outlay. With this view it was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Zimmerman D

No 928 Resolved

That Mr. E. M. Smith's scheme for connecting the firewells in the Settlements with piping and establishing a stationary pumping house on the Soochow Creek to supply them, remain over until the question of a general water supply comes up for consideration, as the expense is beyond the present means of the Council.

Sec. moves.

Secodes.

Mr. Clark's Agreement. Mr. Rhue explained that owing to the intended probable return of Mr. Oliver in the Spring and the departure of Mr. Johnson with whom <sup>Mr. Clark</sup> he had worked for some time, Mr. Clark would be glad to learn whether the Council would renew his engagement at expiry.

Mr. Rhue as a member of the Works Committee in which he believed Mr. Coyell joined him, could certify to the great energy and ability of Mr. Clark during the time he had taken up the duties of the Engineer and though the Council had no power at this early date to make any engagements, he recommended a resol. to be inserted for the guidance of the incoming Council.

Resol. from the Public Works Committee to the Council in regard to Mr. C. B. Clark, Clerk of Works.

The members of the Public Works Committee desire at the present moment to record their opinion in regard to Mr. C. B. Clark who is at present acting Engineer to the Council.

Mr. Clark has filled the post of Engineer during Mr. Oliver's absence on leave to the entire satisfaction of the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Clark has shown great zeal, ability and attention in the discharge of his duties, marked by so in regard to drainage operations, the care of Roads &c

and by so doing he has furthered the progress of the works very considerably.

The Committee therefore consider that Mr. Clark is a most useful employe in the Municipal Service, and upon the expiry of the current-agreement it should be renewed for a further period of three years, and in recognition of Mr. Clark's zealous attention to the duties of his office, the Committee strongly recommend the incoming Council to raise Mr. Clark's salary to Rs 200 (two hundred) per month, with allowances.

Members of  
Public  
Works  
Committee

Shanghai

11<sup>th</sup> December 1891.

### Watch Committee

The Inspector of Nuisances Report No 1507 of 22<sup>nd</sup> Decr read and contents noted.

Dr. Kwei. Sing. Petition for sole right to kill pigs. The Council were unanimously of opinion that they could not extend their control over the slaughter and sale of pigs beyond that already exercised by the Inspector of Markets, and instructed the officiating Secretary to reply to that effect.

Fire Department - Lieut Cotton's (Wm. Curlew's) complaint. Lieut Cotton complained of discourteous treatment to himself and men on the occasion of the fire in Fochow Road on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. Blethen by letter of 21<sup>st</sup> Decr (1502) explained that Lieut Cotton was probably ignorant of standing order as he had taken upon himself the responsibility of acting in direct opposition to request of Mr. Blethen the Chief Engineer, by persisting in a course of action which imperilled the lives of a number of the Shanghai Fire Department. The Engineer in the face of the danger to himself and party directed the hose on to the naval man. This formed the

ground of complaint.

The Council considered that Mr. Blatten was free from blame and instructed the officiating Secretary to send a copy of the letter through the Senior Naval Officer, at the same time expressing the Council's regret at the occurrence & thanking for the services of the man.

### General.

Mr. Sompers' Agreement. Summary of the terms were submitted. Mr. Sompers asked that the illness clause might be modified but the Council were of opinion that one uniform form of agreement be used for the Council's officers and that it be inadvisable to deviate from this rule.

Holidays. 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1972. The Council authorized the closing of the office as far as practicable on those days.

Council Meetings. The Council arranged to meet on Tuesdays instead of Fridays until further notice.

Mr. Johnston being about to leave in a few days in Rome with the opportunity to express on behalf of the Council the regret felt at the cause of his departure and to convey to him the best wishes of the Council that he might return improved in health and invigorated to renew his services to the Community, which had been most invaluable.

Registers of Attendance having been signed (vide page 40 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered, and referred to the different Committees and it was

#### Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

*John O'Leary*  
Chairman

*Edward Sompers*  
Secretary