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THE MINUTES OF

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(1872—1873)

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> January 1872.

No 929.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai which will be held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 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

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State

Parker's matter. Compensation.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Complaint Mrs. Curie " against S. F. D.

Furious driving

Driving without lights

Rule of Road.

Public Lotteries. action French Council

Immigration of officers S. F. D.

Yang tze for Road.

Vaccine Lymph.

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

officiating 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> January 1852.

John Dent  
 W. Rennie  
 E. H. Lavers  
 A. H. Krauss  
 Miss Coryell  
 H. D. Hausman  
 W. Harwood

Council Room  
 Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> January 1852

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 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January inst. A.D. 1852 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W. Rennie Esq. Vice Chairman  
 E. H. Lavers Esq.  
 A. H. Krauss Esq.  
 Mr Coryell Esq.  
 H. D. Hausman Esq.  
 W. Harwood Esq.  
 E. B. Souper. Official Secretary.

Absent.

F. Nissen Esq.  
 A. Gummern Esq.

- No 929. The summons calling the meeting was read  
 No 930. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and offg Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

Cash State. The Cash State for the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. was handed round for inspection  
No 931 It showed balances as follows.  
 In Comptroller's hands.      No 7518-51  
 In Bank.      5784-08.

N'Kong 'I Shai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> January 1872.

Balances at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this  
 date

On Fixed deposit.	No 20,000
Current acc.	97.77
Int. on 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	51.72
	<u>No. 20,149.49</u>

(signed) C. H. Beswidge  
 Manager.

Parker's claim. Mr. Rennie's letter of 5<sup>th</sup> inst. to Mr. Rennie was read.  
 My dear Mr. Rennie,

I have seen Bird with regard to Parker's case and pointed out to him the actual state of affairs.

I also suggested to him that No 50<sup>00</sup> would be ample payment to Parker for the concession of the Road to which he appeared to assent but very naturally raised the question of legal costs. As the Council would certainly have to pay them in the event of the action going on I am of opinion that we had better pay them.

If therefore you authorize me to that effect I will offer Bird No 50<sup>00</sup> to be handed to Parker for concession of the road and a further sum of No 50<sup>00</sup> for costs (which Harwood and I both think a fair amount) to settle the whole concern.

Yours sincerely  
 (signed) R. T. Rennie.

5<sup>th</sup> January 1872.

Mr. Harwood felt convinced that the case was a bad



one and if taken into court could not but result unfavorably to the Council. The Council took this view and it was resolved accordingly to vote an appropriation for the amount. The offg Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Plume of this decision.

The Engineers Progress Report for 1883 was read and noted.

### Watch Committee.

Fire Department. - "Astruc" Curlew Complaint. - Lieut. Cotton's letter was read (in reply to Councils. no. 1064)

The Council saw no reason to call on Mr. Blethen for the apology sought for by Lieut. Cotton. The Council considered Mr. Blethen's statement quite satisfactory and his action justifiable under the circumstances, and decided to let the matter drop.

Mr. Coyell at the same time from what he had heard was inclined to believe that the officers of N.M. Navy in part-blamed Lieut. Cotton for the part he had taken in the affair.

Mr. Lavers suggested to the Watch Committee that arrangements should be made with the Chief Engineer of the S. F. D. that on the arrival of a man of war in harbor, a copy of the standing orders to N.M. officers arriving at the scene of a fire, should be, with as little delay as possible, sent on board through the Senior Naval officer, to which Mr. Hamwood agreed.

Furrows Drivings & riding } Mr. Lavers suggested to the Watch Committee  
Drivings without lights } the advisability and necessity of adopting firm measures for checking these dangers.

Rule of the Road. Mr. Lavers believed that regulations had been issued and notified in the Public Papers some years since and suggested that they should be again brought before the Public. The Council agreed with Mr. Lavers.

Mr. Hamwood on behalf of the Watch Committee undertook to carry out Mr. Lavers' suggestion.

Public Lotteries - Letter from French-Municipal Council of 4<sup>th</sup> instant read, notifying that stringent measures would be taken for their suppression, in their jurisdiction. Mr. Hauser wished to know how far resolution no 920 had been carried out. Mr. Souper explained that the Police reported a few still open and that some were attempting to evade the Police under different pleas. The off<sup>ce</sup> Secretary was instructed accordingly to send a written notification to the keepers of those in existence demanding immediate closing of their establishments.

Shanghai Fire Department - Officers for year 1872. Mr. Bletten's letter of 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo were read recommending the Council to confirm the election of officers for the year 1872 as follows

Chief Engineer.	Mr. C. P. Bletten
1 <sup>st</sup> District Engineer	C. J. Ashley
2 <sup>nd</sup> " " " "	R. M. Hodge
3 <sup>rd</sup> " " " "	A. Charrier

"Deluge" Company.

Senior Foreman.	Mr. C. M. Donaldson
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. " "	J. O. Riddleton
2 <sup>nd</sup> " " " "	H. L. Gordon
Non <sup>y</sup> Secretary	L. Moore

It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Hauser & N<sup>o</sup> 932 Resolved

That the nomination of Officers for year 1872 for the S. F. D. as submitted in the Chief Engineer's letter of 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo and recommended by him be approved and confirmed by the Council

sq<sup>d</sup> mover  
" Seconder

Gangtoze pos Road. Mr. Reine informed the Council of the progress that had been made so far. Mr. Seward had seen the Tao-tai and obtained an apology from him for the interference with the Council's employes and the manner in which they had been treated by the Ting Ting. Mr. Seward wished the Council to

understand that he could not push the matter judiciously on consequence of the retaliation exercised by the Council in the matter of locking up the mandarin's business, the legality of which might be doubted. On the other hand the Tao-tai would do what was necessary to secure the Council against further molestation by the Villagers & to facilitate this, as a first step had deputed Chien the Magistrate and the Che-Asien to go over the road with Mr. Seward and to ascertain the nature of any grievance that might be brought forward. Mr. Hauser wished to know whether at the time of constructing the road a level had not been agreed upon, to which Mr. Clark explained that he was not aware of any fixed level being arranged but that the Road was 3 feet lower than before but was perfectly safe and sound.

Vaccine Lymph. Mr. Souper informed the Council that more could be procured from Hongkong or Japan. In reply to the enquiry of the Council whether any had been telegraphed for, Mr. Souper stated that Dr. Henderson had authority to do so but that gentlemen had not yet reported that it had been done.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 47 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 Deal  
Chairman

Howard Souper  
Officiating Secretary.

No 933

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> January 1872

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 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

S.P.O. Foochow Agent remuneration.

Seamen's Church

S.P. N. U. S. N. Wharfage Dues

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Inspector of Markets Report

E. M. Smith - assault on Police

Public Lotteries.

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

officiating Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of attendance of Members of Council  
at the General Meeting held on the  
15<sup>th</sup> January 1872

Present:  
E. Havers  
A. A. Krauss  
W. Benie  
H. P. Hansen  
W. Harwood  
Miers Coryell

Council Room  
Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> January 1872.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Com-  
munity of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Huan  
Road, Shanghai on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of January  
instant A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
E. H. Havers Esq.  
A. A. Krauss Esq.  
W. Benie Esq.  
M. Coryell Esq.  
H. P. Hansen Esq.  
W. Harwood Esq.  
E. B. Souper. Officially Secretary.

Absent:

A. Zimmerman Esq.  
F. Nielsen Esq.

Nº933 The summons calling the meeting was read.

Nº934 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.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Lavers, seconded by Mr. Keams and  
No. 335 Resolved

The the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

<u>Roads.</u> New Cross Road - compensation 17	}	
refund of law costs to J. H. Parker		
<u>L.P.O.</u> Foschou - 1872		\$ 150 (Dollars one hundred & fifty)

ag. mover  
" Seconder.

Cash State

No. 336 The Cash State for the 12<sup>th</sup> January was handed round for inspection  
It showed balances as follows.

In Comptrolors hands.	£s 6813-00
In Bank.	5853-88.

Local Post Office - Remuneration agents at Foschou - Messrs Hodge & Co's  
letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1872. After some little discussion

it was decided to appropriate \$ 150 for 1872 as above

Wharfage Dues - Russell & Co. The off<sup>g</sup> Secretary stated that Mr. Rennie  
on behalf of the Council had arranged with Messrs Russell  
& Co (vide Committee Minutes Book No 4. page 155)

The Council were of opinion that the position Messrs Russell  
& Co had taken up could not be attacked with any certainty  
of a more favourable result. It was therefore moved  
by Mr. Lavers seconded by Mr. Rennie and

No. 337. Resolved

That the arrangement made by Mr. Rennie on behalf  
of the Council, with Messrs Russell & Co for payment of  
wharfage Dues as per copy of Memo attached dated 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 1871 be accepted and adopted from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1871 to  
1<sup>st</sup> April 1872.

ag. mover  
" Seconder.

Union Steam Navigation Co. Mr. Rennie's opinion on title  
of claim to Dues from this Company was read (vide page 154  
Committee Minutes Book No 4). The Council instructed the

Officializing Secretary to submit the same terms as those of the S. S. R. Co.

Seamens Church Pooling. Mr. Dent on behalf of the Finance Committee brought forward a statement showing a date of Balance of Rs 6796-18 and stated that this would be augmented by end of Municipal year to Rs 7000.

The Council concurred in the views expressed by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 12 inst and confirmed the decision come to.

### Notes.

#### Reports.

Engineers Report no <sup>notes</sup> 12 of 11<sup>th</sup> January. Contractors Petition referred to in report. The Council thought that by representing the case to the Tarkar in the light of a favor he might be prevailed upon to release the petitioners boats and instructed the off Secretary to write the Senior Consul.

### Watch.

#### Reports.

From Inspector of nuisances no <sup>watch</sup> 22 read

Inspector of Markets no <sup>watch</sup> 1626 read.

#### Police.

E. M. Smith: Assault on Police. Special Report by the Supt of Police was handed round for perusal.

Public Lotteries. The Officializing Secretary explained that on referring to Mr. Rennie for drawing out form of notification to suppress these establishments, Mr. Rennie had expressed his opinion that the Council had no power to act in the matter and that any steps must emanate from the Consuls. The Council directed the off Secretary to obtain evidence against any still in existence and bring a charge before the Consul General for Portugal.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 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

Edward B. Scrymgeour  
Sufficiency Secretary

John Dewar  
Chairman

Council Room

15- Hoken Road

Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> January 1892.

No. 285

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 January next at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Hoken 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.

Mrs. Lay & Dawson's letters

L.P.O. Report

A. Evans' letter

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report.

Yangtze River, Woosung Road. communication from Mr. Seward

Kongteh Bridge - opening of -

Watch Committee - Inspector of nuisances Report

F. M. Smith - removing pavement.

Swiss Refuge.

Officers Fire Dept. confirmation election.

Vaccine lymph. from England.

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

In witness whereof  
the Council.

Edw. Scrymgeour.



Register of Attendance of the Members of the Council at the  
General Meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1852.

Students,

Especially,

A. A. Krauss,

Miss Corryell

et al.

H. P. Hanshaw

Council Room.

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1852.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15-Hwan Road Shanghai on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of January inst. A.D. 1852 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

E. H. Lavers Esq.

A. A. Krauss Esq.

M. Corryell Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

H. P. Hanshaw Esq.

E. B. Souper. Official Secretary.

Absent.

W. Rime Esq.

W. Harwood Esq.

F. Nassim Esq.

Finance Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Lavers, seconded by Mr. Krauss and

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

Green House - Public Garden -

Rs 400 (Four hundred),

by Mover

• Secorder.

Cash State

No 941. The Cash State for the 20<sup>th</sup> January was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades hands	Rs 5516.82
In Bank	<u>8159.68</u>

H'kong & Shan Banking Corporation

Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1872

Balance at credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

on Fixed Deposit. Rs 20000

• Current-acc 2543.04

Rs 22543.04

signed John Walker  
pmanager.

The following was omitted in error above.

No 938 Summons calling the meeting was read.

No 939 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and off<sup>r</sup> Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Accounts. Mr. A. Evans' letter of 19<sup>th</sup> Jan'y read, enclosing cheque for \$50<sup>00</sup> for subscription to Yangtze p<sup>r</sup>o Road. Decided to waive costs.

No 20 for other road - The grounds on which Mr. Evans objected to pay viz his wheelers having to pay toll for crossing the Szechow Creek Bridge, the Council thought untenable and directed the off<sup>r</sup> Secretary to instruct Mr. Rennie to press for payment.

Docks Committee.

Engineer's Progress Report to date of 19<sup>th</sup> inst was read & contents noted.

Bridges. Hongkew Creek Bridge - The off<sup>r</sup> Secretary informed the meeting that the bridge was now open to traffic and the temporary wooden bridge closed.

Roads.

Yangtze pao Road. Mr. Seward's communication in <sup>44</sup>1878 of 20<sup>th</sup> inst read and considered satisfactory by the Council who directed the Offg Secretary to reply that the terms which the Chinese authorities proposed regarding the extending of the Yangtze pao Road to Woosung, would be adhered to.

Watch Committee

The Inspector of nuisances Report in <sup>44</sup>1878 of 20<sup>th</sup> inst read and noted.

E. K. Smith - Removing pavement without permit. Some little discussion ensued as to the advisability of carrying out the Dutch Committee's recommendation to sue Mr. Smith under Bye Law III (see Committee Minutes 1876 p 163). It was ultimately decided to let the matter remain in abeyance pending further action by Mr. Smith.

Smiza Refuge. The Offg Secretary stated that upon going into the system upon which the Refuge was worked, he and Mr. Penfold found that the charity bestowed by the Community went to encourage beggars and idlers and that no control was kept over the inmates who went and came as it suited them. Two members of the Chinese Committee, Mr. Souper stated, had called upon him and proposed that the Refuge should be worked as hitherto by the Chinese, that the Police should deal with beggars found in the Settlements as was necessary and that at the end of the cold season a statement of ages should be rendered, it being left to the Council to afford what pecuniary assistance they thought reasonable. The Council decided to leave the Refuge to the Chinese authorities and instructed the Offg Secretary to return what little money had already been collected from the guilds.

Fire Departments. A letter in <sup>44</sup>1878 from the Secretary of the Fire Co was read, asking the Council to confirm the election of officers for 1872 as follows: -

Foreman.	R. Reitschler.
Asst. - - -	T. G. Smith.

Leading Workman.	C. Walsh.
Asst. — do —	G. Linder.
Suction Workman	C. M. Senna
Secretary	E. D. Reddy.

It was moved by Mr. Lavers, seconded by Mr. Kraus and  
No 942. Resolved

That the election of officers for year 1892 for  
 No 1 Engine Company as submitted by letter of 18<sup>th</sup> inst  
 be confirmed

By Mover  
 . Secunder.

Vaccine Lymph. The letter (no  $\frac{70}{70}$ ) from the National Vaccine Establish-  
 ment—London, forwarding supply of vaccine lymph,  
 was read. The Council directed the offg Secretary to  
 refer to Dr. Anderson for his report as to the means  
 of keeping up supply for local requirements.

### General.

Wharfedale Dubs Office. — Intro<sup>d</sup> Lay 1 Dawson's letters no  $\frac{70}{70}$  &  $\frac{70}{70}$ .

Of 19<sup>th</sup> inst— to the effect that Mr. W. Dawson had taken  
 charge of the Wharfedale Dubs office from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant  
 were read and contents noted.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 57 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 Deaf  
 Chairman

Alfred Kemp  
 Officiating Secretary.

Council Room  
10-Noman Road  
Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> January 1872.

No 943.

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 January instant, at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Noman 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. Dr. Weston's application for post of Surgeon to the Volunteer Corps

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash state.

Philharmonic Society: Rent.

4. Pans. No 20. Council's claim

Seamens' Church- subscriptions

Local Post Office. as to circulating mail matter from British Colonies.

Docks Committee. Engineer Progress Report in 207

Woodsing Road. Letter from Mr. Seward submitting Tarantais Proposal as to uebilialois.

Health Committee. Inspector of Insurances Report of 27<sup>th</sup> Jan/72

Inoculation Establishment. appointment of co. vaccinators to be brought forward by Mr. Dryell

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.

Appointing Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting  
held on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1872.

John Dent  
A. P. Krawson  
A. A. Krauss  
W. Rouse  
Wm. Harwood

Council Room  
15 Honan Road  
Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> January 1872.

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 January inst. ad. 1872 pursuant  
to notice.

Present-

John Dent Esq. - Chairman  
A. P. Krawson Esq.  
A. A. Krauss Esq.  
W. Rouse Esq.  
Wm. Harwood Esq.  
E. B. Souper. officiating Secretary.

Absent-

F. Nissen Esq.  
A. Zimmerman Esq.  
E. H. Lavers Esq.  
M. Conyell Esq.

No 943 The summons calling the meeting was read.

No 944 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and  
signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of  
the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defunct Committee.

D<sup>r</sup> Barton's application to the S.C. of 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., for the post of Surgeon to  
the Volunteer Corps, rendered vacant by the retirement

of Dr. Subbald read.

The offg Secretary was directed to reply that it was customary for the appointment to be made by the volunteers. The Council had only to confirm the election.

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee.

Appropriation. It was moved by Mr. Naussen, seconded by Mr. Thomas and  
No 245. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned.  
Public garden. juster Rs 150<sup>00</sup> (one hundred fifty).  
84 more  
- 8 under.

Cash State.

No 246.

The Cash State for the 27<sup>th</sup> inst was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Ambassadors' hands	Rs 4057-30
In Bank	8426-72

In Hong & Shan Banking Corporation

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> December 1891

Balance at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this date.

On Fixed Deposit	Rs 20,000.
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- Current a/c	2435-04
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	<u>22435-04</u>
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(Signed) John Walter.

Manager.

Buildings.

Renting of Philharmonic Society - Rent of room at Local Post Office Premises. Decided to change rent at the rate of Rs 200 per annum.

The offg Secretary stated that he was given to understand that the Society were paying rent to the Asiatic Society. The Council did not approve of the action of the Asiatic and directed the offg Secretary to write the Asiatic that the Council felt entitled to the money paid by the Philharmonic as rent from the date on which the Asiatic had become tenants of the Council's premises.

Accounts. Outstanding. H. Evans. 7/20 for subscription to outside Roads. (vide p 42 ante). Mr. Plume advised that the matter should not be pressed as the Council had no claim at law. Decided to let the matter drop.

Local Post Office. As to circulating mail matter by steamers from Hongkong and other British Colonies, and having reference to complaint of Mr. Martin, British Post-master. The Council were of opinion that it was the duty of the Local Post Office to forward all letters sent by subscribers and instructed the off<sup>r</sup> Secretary to direct Mr. Martin to the consignees of steamers above referred to.

Seamens Church. Pootung. The off<sup>r</sup> Secretary informed the Council that the subscription list was still in circulation.

With regard to finances for the future, as soon as the present debt had been liquidated, the Trustees proposed amalgamating the Establishment with Trinity Church.

Shaughraai Public Garden. Mr. Plume stated that the garden committee felt dissatisfied at the decision come to by the Council (vide p 42 ante and Committee Minute Book p 165) and asked for further appropriation for current year 7/5.00 which was granted.

### Public Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report in 257 read and contents noted.

Roads. Gangtoze from Road to Woosung. Mr. Seward's letter in <sup>10/16</sup> 96 of 25<sup>th</sup> inst read. After consideration it was moved by Mr. Plume, seconded by Mr. Harwood and

No 947. Resolved

That the suggestion by the Janitor that the Magistrate of the Mixed Court and Mr. Haas should act as a permanent Committee for settlement of claims for land required in extending the Gangtoze from Road to Woosung be acted upon

by mover  
- Secunder



Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 62 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 Stark  
Chairman

Edward Isoupe  
officiating Secretary.

Council Room  
15-Homan Road

No 948

Shaughlin 17<sup>th</sup> February 1892.

Sr,

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 February instant at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the Public Office, in the Homan 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 - Cash State.

Kachtrick Leroy & Co

L. Ward & Co

J. Knuckhiester

D. Sassoon's lease for L.P.O. premises.

L.P.O. Report.

Letter from Whampoa Bethel Fund. Canton - as to Seamen's Church Postings

J. A. Pond. appointment.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

New line of footpaths on Bund. Canton Road to Yung King Pung - proposed by Mr. Tinsambly.

Stained window - New Cemetery.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report of 10<sup>th</sup> 1717<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 Inspector of Markets Report of 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.  
 Lotteries - Chinese Proclamation.

General. C. Alabaster'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

To the Members  
 of the Council.

W. Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General  
 Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852.

John Dent  
 Messrs. G. & J. G. G.  
 E. H. G.  
 A. H. G.  
 H. P. G.  
 W. G.

Council Room

15 - Honan Road

Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> February 1852

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 19<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 February 1852 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 Mr. Coyell Esq.  
 E. H. G. Esq.  
 H. P. G. Esq.  
 A. H. G. Esq.  
 W. G. Esq.

F. B. Souper - Officiating Secretary.

Absent.

F. W. W. S. S. S.  
W. S. S. S. S.  
A. S. S. S. S.

No 948

The Summons calling the meeting was read.

No 949

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

Wharfage Dues - Rachtwick Leroy & Co. Resident in Anglo-American Settlement - Refusing to pay on goods landed on French Concession.

Extract from Mr. Bunn's letter of 14<sup>th</sup> inst. With regard to Mr. Rachtwick Leroy's case the French Consul stated that he had not taken any steps in the matter but that if any suit was brought against them by the Council he would be strongly indisposed to hold them liable for dues on goods landed or shipped on or from the French Concession.

I pointed out to him that the French Minister had given his assent to the Land Regulations and that by 9<sup>th</sup> section all persons resident within the municipal limits would be liable for goods passed by them through the Custom House.

He admitted this to be so but said that he did not think the French Minister had any intention to bind his nationals in such a manner that he had probably been misled by the term Wharfage Dues and further that it was the policy of the French government to make and maintain the French Concession a free landing and shipping place for goods.

L. Ward & Co. Refusing to pay on grounds of nuisance in the vicinity of their premises unabetted.

J. Knackheiser - Resident in English Settlement but

landings goods through shipping office on French side.

The Council decided to try these cases in their respective courts and failing favorable results to appeal to Peking. The services of Mr. Schmidt as Interpreter to be availed of in these cases.

~~a case should be brought before Mr. Gaudin the results of which would serve for future guidance.~~

The Off Secretary was accordingly instructed to try Mr. C. Rivington's case.

Local Post Office: Lease of Premises. The off secretary stated that Messrs. D. Sassoons & Co had deferred executing lease until a clause had been inserted by which they would not be compelled to rebuild in case of destruction by fire or tempest.

Mr. Remier's opinion was: -

"With regard to Sassoons' lease. It would be very easy to insert a clause rendering the lease void in case of the premises being destroyed by fire or tempest but it would be an unusual claim and one to which I should not recommend the Council to agree. The object of the proviso relating to fire as it stands at present is to compel the lessors to rebuild. It is customary and reasonable and the only penalty upon this is that unless they do rebuild the rent will remain wholly or in part in abeyance."

It appeared to the Council unnecessary and understood from the terms of the lease at present drawn out.

Subscriptions. Report of 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. In connexion with list of subscribers submitted the off secretary pointed out that many firms though paying the subscription No 35 for local circulation were in the habit of forwarding mail matter to the ports for which they were not charged, the subscription for which was No 50.

Mr. Lavers moved that a memorandum should be inserted for the incoming Council advising that one uniform subscription to the Local Post Office should be adopted and that a circular letter should be addressed to each Firm to this effect which was

approved.

Receipts for mail bags. L.P. Master's letter 16 Feb 72 reporting coolie for leaving mail bag on "Fusi Yama" without receipt and recommending that mail bags should be sent to the Agents of Steamers instead of the officer on duty on board. The Council issued instructions that for the future the L.P.O. coolie was to wait on board a steamer till receipt for the mail was given and wished it to be distinctly understood that it was the duty of the Local Postmaster to see that the receipt was brought to him in the ordinary course and to satisfy himself that the mail bags were safely on board in all cases.

The receipt of mails from L.P.O. by Agents of Steamers appeared impracticable as the Agent generally objected to receive them.

Wharfage Dues (continued from previous page) - goods landed on

Songshan wharf and transferred to French Concession. This question was discussed at length the point at issue being whether the Council were entitled to dues on such goods belonging to persons not resident within Municipal limits. Mr. Pinnis

opinion. Rivingtons Case. If the goods in question were landed on the wharf or other wharf within Municipal limits I am of opinion that dues are leviable upon them and if Mr. Rivington be the consignee or person in whose behalf they were so landed, he is the party responsible for the dues.

"If the goods were landed at the wharf in opposition to his instructions or wishes, that is a matter to be settled between him and the ship from which they were so landed."

Mr. Pinnis thought that the meaning of Art. IX of the Land Regulations covered and justified the Council's claim and that it would be well to obtain reliable opinion.

Mr. Lavers on the other hand thought that whether

such goods were taken from the ship or the wharf by the consignees, he looked on the practice as one of convenience to consignees and the landing on the wharf merely a temporary measure, and that goods might be stored at the wharf 10 days (the period for which the Co undertook Free wharfage) without becoming liable for the dues. The Land Regulations were framed at a time when goods were in the majority of instances discharged in the stream and that in a practical sense, the Regulations would bear a wider interpretation.

Mr. Dent thought it advisable that a case should be brought before Mr. Goodwin the result of which would serve for future guidance.

The Off Secretary was accordingly instructed to try Mr. C. Rivington's case

Seamens' Church. Roofing. Letter from Whampoa Bethel Fund Trust Canton, no 186. read and contents noted. on a suggestion from Mr. Rmie the Council decided to notify the Trustees that on 1<sup>st</sup> April next the Council would furnish no further funds and could not extend the assistance it has hitherto done, and instructed the off Secretary to write the Trustees to this effect.

Mr. Skarsson suggested that a small appropriation should be made for the support of the Church to which there appeared some objection.

No 950 The Cash State for the 17<sup>th</sup> February was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows: -

In Comrades hands	Rs 2440-96
In Bank	4506-53

### Public Works Committee.

The Engineers Progress Report no 190 of 16<sup>th</sup> February was read and contents noted.

Buildings. Zion Cemetery Chapel. Stained glass window. a design procured by Mr. Oliver in England was submitted but

was objected to by Mr. Rennie as too ecclesiastical

It was accordingly resolved to obtain Mr. Butchers opinion on the subject of the design which Mr. Rennie undertook to do.

## Roads.

New line of curb on Road from Canton Road to Yang King Pung, proposed by Mr. Trombly. The plan was submitted, explained by Mr. Rennie and approved.

## Waterworks

Report on works by Mr. Oliver. Mr. Rennie called the attention of the Council to resolutions by the Land Renters that the report should be issued in printed form three months previous to the Rate Payers meeting at which it is to be discussed, and explained that the report had been received only ten days ago but appeared incomplete.

Mr. Coryell then took the matter up and expressed his opinion that the report was incomplete and inaccurate and in some degree faulty.

Further he was inclined to think would not answer the purpose in a warm climate like Shanghai and would require constant care.

He thought the supply contemplated in the report was more than necessary for the population and in fact in its present state he strongly opposed the report being issued to the Community.

Mr. Hausrain suggested that the Police should make enquiries as to the quantity used and the price paid for water by the Foreign and native population.

Mr. Coryell agreed in this and further suggested that each member of the Council should obtain all the information possible on the subject so that on the arrival of Mr. Oliver a special meeting could be arranged to go fully into the question of water supply.

The Council finally decided to take no action in the meanwhile.

Watch Committee.

Reports as follows were received, read and contents noted.

From Inspector of Musesances in 172 of 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
 \_\_\_\_\_ markets. - 158 of 31<sup>st</sup> Jan.

Letters Chinese Proclamation, Translation No 211. contents  
 read and considered satisfactory.

General.

Mr. C. Alabasters letter notifying his appointment as Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council  
 read and noted.

E. M. Smith. Mr. Deut stated that Mr. Joseph Thorne at the request  
 of Mr. E. M. Smith had called on him to learn the feelings  
 of the Council in the matter of giving compensation  
 - say the man's wages £100 p month for the time he  
 was laid up - to Mr. E. M. Smith's manager for leg  
 broken in fracas on 12<sup>th</sup> January (vide in watch  
45)

Mr. Deut thought some should be made -

Mr. Lewers gathered from the decision in Court in  
 connexion with the case that the interference of the  
 Police was illegal and that taking this as a primary  
 cause of the actual disturbance, compensation was  
 due.

Mr. Rhiné and Mr. Hansson thought  
 that whatever provocation Mr. Smith had to justify  
 his conduct, Mr. Smith's servant had no right to  
 interfere, and were disinclined to allow any or  
 at least not more than half of the compensation  
 asked for.

It was finally decided to  
 consider the case when the man was well.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide p 66 ante)

Various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on  
 the table, considered and referred to the different Committees &c.

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

John Deut  
 Chairman

officiating Secretary.



Council Room  
15 Roman Road

Shanghai 24<sup>th</sup> February 1892.

No 951.

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 February 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.

Wharfage Dues. Mr. Plunkie viz. attend to advise action

F. H. Jenkins. letter from Mr. Seward.

Illness of Mr. Pond - Dr. Henderson's letter.

Local Postage stamps from Mr. Condie for exchange.

Sanitary Committee. Engineers Progress Report - No 260

Gangway for Bridge - as to constructing - Mr. Plunkie motion

Private - as to constructing another.

Water Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Sale of game - as to prohibiting sale after 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Death certificates - Dr. Henderson's letter.

F. Jenkins - driving without licence Mr. Seward's letter.

General.

Letter books - as to establishing.

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

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting  
held on the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1852.

Students

W. Rennie

E. Havers

A. A. Krauss

M. C. Coryell

A. G. Gimmern

H. P. Hansson

W. H. Hamwood

Council Room

15, 900000 Road

Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> February 1852.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Com-  
munity of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15, 900000  
Road Shanghai on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1852  
pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. Rennie Esq.

E. H. Havers Esq.

A. A. Krauss Esq.

M. C. Coryell Esq.

A. G. Gimmern Esq.

H. P. Hansson Esq.

W. H. Hamwood Esq.

E. B. Souper. Off Secretary

Absent.

E. Nissen Esq.

No 251. The Summons calling the meeting was read.

No 252. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman and Off Secretary and  
the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Local Post Office. Old Stamps. Mr. Conroy's letter  $\frac{210}{272}$ . Resolved to exchange letter boxes. The establishing of one or two in Hongkong was strongly advocated by Mr. Coryell - he would suggest the premisses of the Pacific mail and explained that letters posted in them should bear a stamp.

Some discussion followed as to how far the system would interfere with the rights of subscribers.

It was finally decided to make the experiment.

Rates, Duties and Taxes. Duties on Merchandise. Kachrich Levy & Co. J. Buelcheister. Mr. Bunnie attended the meeting to explain fully the difficulties the Council would have to meet in pressing claims for Duties as resolved at Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> inst. (vide page 67 ante).

He would strongly recommend the Council to reconsider their decision for these reasons:—

The III<sup>rd</sup> article of the Land Regulations had been framed with the intention of conferring the fullest possible powers of taxation on the Rate Payers and so as to prevent any unreasonable exactions. The resolution for taxation passed at the last Rate Payers meeting had been drafted by himself and exercised the powers to the fullest extent but no discussion had been raised as to what goods or what persons it would affect nor had any special instructions been given to the Council as to the the levying and collection of the duties on goods. He conceived therefore that the Council were vested with a large discretion in the matter. In making these remarks he would ask the Council to bear in mind that he was speaking of the Policy and expediency of taking action quite as much as in a legal sense for in his opinion a strict civil interpretation of article III would warrant the claim made by the Council but it must be remembered that the enforcement of these claims would have to be attempted in the Courts of different nationalities. Now in the Fleeth case the Council

General had expressed his intention of supporting his nationals' refusal to pay, mainly on the ground that it was French policy to maintain the French concession as a perfectly free port. If therefore the Council insisted upon carrying these cases through they would have to appeal to Saigon and even then if they succeeded in getting the decision reversed the French Ministers at Peking might refuse to continue his sanction to the Land Regulations. Again if an adverse decision were obtained in the French Court it would not be likely that a favorable one would be obtained in a German Court and further such an adverse decision would probably induce many others to seek this mode of evasion. The amount at issue in the present cases was small and he thought not of sufficient importance to warrant an attempt to carry the powers of the Council to the uttermost.

With regard to the goods landed at the Long Bien Wharves belonging to persons resident beyond the Municipal limits and who alleged that they were willing to take delivery in the stream and that such landing was made without their consent by the ship for its convenience, Mr. Rennie said that if such contention was correct, it was clear that the shipowner was the party who should, if any one were, be compelled to pay the dues. The wharves in question were however private property in no part constructed at the Public expense. He thought they might to a certain extent for purposes of transshipment dues be compared to buoys moored in the river and clearly in case of such transshipments (in buoys) unless the goods had been passed through the Customs in the hands of some person resident within the limits, no dues could be levied. He thought therefore that this class of cases hardly fell within the spirit of the IX<sup>th</sup> article of the Land Regulations and after reminding the Council of the members

of the whole code and the certainty that it would shortly require revision and reconstitution, he concluded by again urging in the Council the great danger of imitating legal proceedings in doubtful cases.

The Council did not discuss the matter further. Mr. Reeve at the same time intimated his intention of leaving for England at an early date.

Mr. Stukins' Pet. - Extract from Mr. Stukins' letter "he expresses his unwillingness to pay wharfage dues on munitions of war - saying that they are imported exclusively for account of the Chinese authorities by whom a commutation of wharfage dues is paid".

The Council did not entertain the grounds, and within the meaning of the said Regulations it appeared evident Mr. Stukins was liable. Decided to try the case in Court.

Thorne & Co. Claim for No 201<sup>83</sup>. Mr. Thorne & Co's letter <sup>Commerce</sup> 312. Extract. "on referring to pages 16 and 17 of the said Regulations we find that we have been overcharged, as we are not obliged to pay more than one tenth of one per cent on the value."

We therefore enclose Mr. Thorne's statement of the amt overcharged No 201.83. for which amount your cheque will oblige.

Mr. Dent would not countenance the claim. to do so would be to establish a system of ad valorem dues.

Mr. Rivers took the same view. The tariff was based on the average value of goods and had been approved by the Chamber of Commerce.

Decided unanimously to write Mr. Thorne & Co that the claim could not be entertained.

Agreements to.

the curb line on Bond between Canton and Singapore Road. Mr. Drombly's plan vide p 71 ante. Mr. Drombly's agreement in connexion with the surrender of land involved.

Mr. Pemie stated that he had gone into the document and advised that it should not be initiated in its present form. It was a case involving the Freshore question and one which required most careful handling by the Council, pending the final

decision arrived at as to the ownership of foreshore which he maintained was not the property of Bond Lot-holders. - He therefore recommended a short simple form of surrender which he would draw up.

This the Council approved of.

Staff

Mr. Bond. Illness - The Mr Secretary read letter from Dr Henderson reporting Mr. Bond ill and not likely to be fit for work for ten days or a fortnight, if then, and requested permission to obtain temporary assistance at the end of the week should there be no decided improvement in Mr. Bond's health - which was granted.

Works Committee.

Reports  
Bridges

Engineer's Report - No 260 of 20. not read & contents noted.  
Gangtoze puv Bridge - Mr. Rhiné thought that the time was now come for constructing the bridge.

Some little discussion ensued as to the advisability of making the bridge of wood or iron.

It was resolved to make the bridge of wood and in this connexion it was moved by Mr. Rhiné seconded by Mr. Lavers and

No 953.

Resolved

That - Mr. J. Farnham 1 Co's tender for construction of wooden bridge over Gangtoze puv Creek for Rs 2850 dated 17. Nov/71 be accepted, subject to guarantee.

It was left to the Finance Committee to decide later on whether the cost should be met out of this year's funds or included in the ensuing budget.

Firewell

in vicinity of Mungpa Road at its junction with Szechuan

Mr. Rhiné asked for appropriation to construct as it was much required which was granted.

Watch Committee.

Reports

Inspector of - nuisances Report - Watch No 236 read and contents noted

Sanitary Department. Market Branch. Sale of game. The question as to prohibiting sale of game after 31<sup>st</sup> March was brought up. Decided to adopt the same system as last year.

The Off-Secretary was instructed to notify Council's decision and to request the Koppo to issue a proclamation to the Chinese in due course.

Death Certificates. Dr. Henderson's letter <sup>with</sup> <sub>238</sub> and form approved.

It urged the advisability of establishing measures for obtaining Death Certificates before interment.

The advantages aimed at, were to obtain accurate returns of causes of death among foreigners in Shanghai to satisfy the enquiries of the friends of the deceased and the demands of Insurance offices.

The system would have first to be approved and sanctioned by the Councils.

The Council thought the measure a good one and instructed the Off-Secretary to communicate with the Councils.

Police.

Regulations. Driving without lights. F. Jenkins. Extract from Mr. Lewis's letter. "Touching the charge of driving without lights he says that he has an affection of the eyes which renders him unable to see how to drive when he has lights fixed upon his carriage."

The Off-Secretary was instructed to write that the Council could not entertain the grounds - it was necessary for the safety of the public to enforce the regulation in every instance.

Water Coolers. Mr. Plmie informed the Council of the practice common amongst water coolers of taking water for domestic purposes near the mouths of drains. Mr. Haswood suggested that the Police should interfere to stop the practice.

Mr. Plmie suggested that the public be notified.

The Off-Secretary was instructed to take action at once in the matter, in connexion with the above suggestions.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 74 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

Edward B. Souper  
officiating Secretary.

Edw. D. Cook  
Chairman

The following was by an oversight omitted to be inserted in the Council Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> February 1892.

No 954 The Cash State for the 24<sup>th</sup> of February was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comrades' hands	Rs 2005.
In Bank.	<u>6800.</u>

Resignations. Mr. Lavers begged to tender his resignation consequent on his intended departure for home at an early date, but upon the off. Secretary stating that he hoped to be prepared with the Finance Report for the last year to which it was advisable to obtain Mr. Lavers's approval, Mr. Lavers consented to postpone it till the following Monday's meeting at which he would endeavour to be present. On the other hand he wished it to be understood that should he be unable to attend, his resignation must be recorded from this date.

On this understanding Mr. Lavers's colleagues deferred expressing their appreciation of that gentleman's valuable assistance and untiring energy in the interests of the Community.

Sanitary Department. Medical Branch. E. M. Smith. Mr. Paine brought to the notice of the Council a letter No 246 from Dr. Henderson calling the attention of the Council to foundations being constructed by Mr. E. M. Smith on his property at the north end of the Maloo.

Extract from Dr. Henderson's letter of 25<sup>th</sup> inst. - "I am of opinion that Mr. Smith should be warned by the"



Council that the ponds he is now making are likely to prove dangerous to the health of the Settlements when the warm weather sets in.

Extract from letter of 26<sup>th</sup> inst - "Even tidal creeks in the vicinity of Chinese dwelling houses are seen to be Evaporation from muddy banks on which decaying animal and vegetable matter are left by the falling water is the certain result of such creeks. It should be our object to diminish not to increase their number and public interests in such matters must not be sacrificed for private advantage or for the sake of a few natives."

This was clearly infringing Sec ~~XXVII~~ pp 41-2 of the Land Regulations - The Off Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Smith handing copy of D<sup>r</sup> Henderson's letter and requesting Mr. Smith to take measures to fill up the pond before the hot weather set in.

Council Room

15<sup>th</sup> Roman Road

No 955.

Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1892

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 March 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.

Defence Committee - Lieut B. Dallas to be confirmed as Captain.

S. V. A. vice Davis

Sergt J. E. Walker to be confirmed as Lieut-vice Billus promoted.

Application for ammunition S.V.A.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

W.D. on Ammunition. Reka & Poschardt's letter

— — — — — Home No. 22 - reply and action.

L.P.O. Report.

License Fee - Horse Bazaar Refusal to pay.

W. Laven's resignation

Jardine's W.D. - overdue

Nachtrieb Leroy & Co - Draft letter to be submitted.

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Report No 261.

New Roads proposed in Hong Kong - Mr. Blume's intmt.

Mr. Blume's resignation.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report

A Charvers letter - application for carriage stand opposite English Club.

Mr. Naas' letter - as to allowing Chinese jumboats to anchor off settlements.

Yang King Pang Bridge - obstructions by pedlars - as to allowing till 9 am.

General. L.P.O. Missing mail per "Odessa" Sledge & Co's letter.

Hankow Municipal Council's letter - as to rights of River Tollage in Shanghai, and commutation of W.D. as regards Steamer lines.

Land Regulations. Chinese Translation - Mr. Naas' 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

Official Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1872.

John Dent:

W. Deane

E. Lawes:

A. A. Krauss

Miss Conyell

at Dinner.

H. P. Krauss

W. Barwood

Council Room

Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> March 1872.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1872 pursuant to notice

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. Deane Esq.

E. H. Lawes Esq.

A. A. Krauss Esq.

M. Conyell Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

H. P. Krauss Esq.

W. Barwood Esq.

E. B. Souper. Off Secretary.

No 955 The Summons calling the meeting was read.

No 956 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Off Secretary and the Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Shanghai Volunteer Artillery. Lieut Barnes Dallas letter  $\frac{25}{25}$  read.

asking Council's confirmation to Election of Officers.

It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Harwood and  
No 957. Resolved

That the election of Lieut Barnes Dallas as Captain  
 of the Vaughan Volunteer Artillery, vice Capt J. H. Scott resigned  
 and of Sergt J. E. Waller as Lieutenant vice Lieut Dallas  
 promoted be confirmed.

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 Secunder.

Application for ammunition. No  $\frac{D.C.}{252}$  - Decided that a  
 supply be ordered. cost to be defrayed from ensuing  
 budget.

### Finance Committee.

No 958. The Cash State for the 1<sup>st</sup> March was handed round for  
 inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comrades hands.	Rs 1324-94
In Bank.	1314-25

Appropriation. General Hospital. sig Rs 2000. in ensuing budget.

Mr. Dent was given to understand that the Hospital  
 required funds and advocated an appropriation and was  
 desirous of taking the sense of the Council. After  
 some discussion as to whether it would meet with the  
 support of the Rate Payers, it was finally decided to  
 recommend it in the next budget.

Duties on Merchandise. Thorne Bros Letter Finance  
 249. The position assumed  
 was condemned by the Council.

Mr. Harwood stated that the claim could not be recovered  
 legally.

Mr. Haussler was of opinion that to a certain  
 extent Messrs Thorne Bros Co were borne out by the  
 Land Regulations and suggested that it might be  
 advisable to endeavour to arrange with that firm  
 in a friendly spirit, which Mr. Dent undertook to do.  
Kachtrick Leroy Co. Draft letter Finance  
 174 read & approved

On Ammunition - In connexion with Mrs. P. K. Korchardt's letter Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, the Off Secretary stated that on referring to Mr. Seward he had been informed that the existing regulation was that munitions of war could not be imported except on Chinese op and that therefore Duss in question were not leviable but covered by the commutation of the Taitai.

Mr. Plum thought the commutation was intended to apply solely to Chinese merchants.

Mr. Dent was of opinion that the question of Duss from Chinese should be opened up again - the present commutation was insufficient.

Mr. Plum suggested that the Off Secretary should see Mr. Alabaster Mr. W. Council. which was noted, but upon the Secretary explaining that he had been unable to find any record of the arrangement made with the Taitai it was resolved to leave the question in abeyance pending a further search.

Local Post Masters Report No 259 as to establishing Letter boxes generally approved. Details to be worked out by Finance Committee

Cook's - Distinctive badgers - Decided to procure.

License Fee - Horse Bazaar vide Inspector of Markets Report dated 28<sup>th</sup>

The Off Secretary informed the Council that upon requesting Mr. Pallant the manager to comply with the Land Regulations. Bye Law 34, Mr. Keble had been referred to Mr. E. J. Hoag who appeared interested and that that gentleman had expressed his intention of defying the Regulation. The Council instructed the Off Secretary to write Mr. Pallant to take out a license and that failing this to take steps to enforce it.

Mr. Lavers resignation. Consequent on Mr. Lavers' intended departure from Peking, it was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Nassau and

NS 459 Resolved

That Mr. E. J. Lavers' resignation be accepted with regret  
 as mover  
 - Secunder

## Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No 261 read and contents noted.

Mr. Rime's resignation - Consequent on Mr. Rime's intended departure from Shanghai, it was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Harwood and

No 960 Resolved

That Mr. Rime's resignation be accepted with regret -

Sd/- Harwood

" Dent

## Watch Committee

Reports as follows read & contents noted.

From Inspector of Amusements watch  
266.

" Inspector of Markets watch  
284

Game Season. Decided to close on 31<sup>st</sup> March next and to request Harwood to issue proclamations.

Carriage Stand. Application watch 263 - Mr. Charrier to have a stand of two or three carriages opposite the club, which was granted.

Mr. Harwood thought the system a good one and likely to prove a boon to the public and further suggested that provided a strict control were kept over the class of vehicle, it might be extended, which was approved.

Chinese gunboats anchoring off Foreign Settlements - watch 283 Mr. Haas traced extract from "Daily News" of 1<sup>st</sup> inst - and advised steps being taken through the medium of the Consuls to carry out his suggestion. The Council thought it quite a matter for the Consuls and directed the Off Secretary to address them on the subject.

Obstruction on Bridges by Pedlars - vide Inward watch 179 and outward watch 127.

The Off Secretary stated that on making enquiries, he found that the French Council levied a fee on stall keepers and others on the streets and that their object -

appeared to drive this class into their settlement  
 Mr. Penfold suggested their being allowed to remain  
 on the bridge till 9 am.

Mr. Dent thought it was the duty of the Council  
 to support Mr. Smith's market if possible and to take  
 measures to prevent congregating in the streets.

After some discussion as to the best course to  
 pursue and as to forbidding the practice, the Off.  
 Secretary was instructed to ascertain the system of  
 the French Council and report further.

### General.

Missing bag of 'Odessa' from Fouchon <sup>General</sup>. Intro. Hedge & Co  
 forwarded notes receipt for mail bag.

The Off. Secretary stated that the 'Odessa' was at  
 present away from Shanghai but on her return street  
 inquiries would be made as to the missing bag.

Municipal Council Harbour. Draft reply submitted. The clause  
 "and if they so please to keep a gate across" ——— in Mr.  
 Penner's draft was objected to but with this exception  
 the reply was approved.

Land Regulations. Chinese Translation. Mr. Kaas letter <sup>General</sup> <sub>282</sub> read.

The Council thought it would answer every purpose  
 if the official copy were compared with Mr. Kaas'  
 translation by that gentleman himself before incurring  
 expense of services of another Interpreter.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 83 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

John Dent,  
 Chairman.

Edward B. Sooper  
 officiating Secretary.

Council Room  
15 Anson Road.

No 961.

Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> March 1872.

Sir,

I am instructed 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 March instant at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, in the Council Chamber at the little 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.

Defence Committee. Lieut Amettes' resignation to be confirmed.

Henri-Martin Rifle - as a prize

Finance Committee. Appropriation

Cash State.

Outstanding a/c's - Resolution as to voting.

Machtrieb Leroy & Co's a/c's - letter to be read.

Seamew Church - Council's decision to be reconsidered.

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Report No 294.

New Road, proposed east to West: as to notifying Chinese owners to make terms

Watch Committee. Inspector of Stunsances Report

General. Nominations for New 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

Off Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.



Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1872.

John Dent  
 Wm Harwood  
 A. A. Krauss  
 Miss Coryell  
 A. Guinness  
 H. P. Harrow

Council Room  
 Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> March 1872.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 16-  
 Anson Road Shanghai on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March  
 inst. a.d. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present:-

John Dent Esq. Chairman.  
 Wm Harwood Esq.  
 A. A. Krauss Esq.  
 M. Coryell Esq.  
 A. Guinness Esq.  
 H. P. Harrow Esq.  
 E. B. Soper. M<sup>r</sup> Secretary.

- No 961. The Summons calling the meeting was read.  
" 962 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed &  
 signed by the Chairman and M<sup>r</sup> Secretary and the seal of  
 the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

Resignations. W. F. A. Amet's letter of 8<sup>th</sup> inst. bidding his resignation  
 as Lieutenant of No 3 Company S.V.C., was read.  
 It was moved by Mr Harwood seconded by Mr Krauss and

No 963. Resolved

That deed: Armette's resignation from the Shanghai Volunteer Corps be accepted with regret.

sig mover  
" Seconded.

Horni. Martin Rifle as a prize - Mr. Dent at the suggestion of Capt. Tucker proposed that the Horni. Martin Rifle in that gentleman's possession which was the only one of the kind in the Council's armory should be competed for as a prize at the next Rifle meeting, which was approved.

Finance Committee.Cash State.

No 964. The Cash State for the 9<sup>th</sup> March was handed over for inspection. It showed balances as follows:—

In Compradores' hands.	Rs 2245-80
In Bank.	Rs 12160-55

Outstanding accounts. It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Haussen and

No 965. Resolved

That the Secretary be hereby directed to publish a notification calling the attention of persons standing indebted to the Municipality, to art-~~XIX~~ pp 23-4 of the Land Regulations, which enact that Electors not "having paid all taxes due" are disqualified to vote at the forthcoming Election of Councillors for the year 1872-3.

sig mover  
" Seconded.

Dues on Merchandise - Nachtrieb Leroy & Co's letter no  $\frac{2m}{300}$  of 9<sup>th</sup> March read and noted.

Seamens' Church Posting - The Council's decision (vide page 40 ante) was reconsidered. Mr. Hayes letter no  $\frac{2m}{319}$  was read. It was resolved, under the circumstances to carry

on the Inst.

## Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report - no 294 read.

Roads. New Road proposed North to South. As to notifying Chinese Land Owners to make terms. The Mr Secretary stated that there was difficulty in getting the Chinese Land holders to make their terms.

Mr. Kingsmill who had been commissioned by the Works Committee to make all inquiries as to cost - he suggested that notices by the Council should be posted at places along the proposed line, with a view to ascertaining the terms of the Chinese, which was approved.

Mr. Coryell in this connection feared the Road would be an expensive improvement and beyond the owners of private property, thought the New Road as proposed would be of little benefit to the Community at large.

Footpath. A Road between Canton Rd and Yang King Camp. Mr. Inwombly's letter works no 296 of 8<sup>th</sup> inst - read.

Mr. Coryell was of opinion that it would be difficult to make any terms satisfactory to Mr. Inwombly except his own.

Mr. Dent took the sense of the Council and it was decided that should Mr. Inwombly continue obstructive, to take no further steps in the matter and to leave it in statu quo.

## Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report no 289 of 8<sup>th</sup> inst - read.

The Superintendent's Special Report (no 311) as to assault on Mrs. Parnham and Rohl at Kuntson Beach and the subsequent arrest of Chinese. read.

Mr. Harwood wished to know by whose authority the police had been sent, and arrests been made.

The Chairman explained that he had sanctioned the Police being sent beyond their limits.

Application for the assistance of the Police had been made at a late hour on Saturday night and being an urgent case there was no time to take the sense of the Council.

The Off. Secretary believes from the Report just read that the arrests had been made with the sanction of Mr. Bradford U. S. Deputy Consul.

The legality of the action appeared doubtful to the Council and the Chairman instructed the Off. Secretary to call on Mr. Seward U. S. Consul General and explain to him that the Council would undertake no responsibility in retaining the men arrested.

### General.

Propositions for New Council. Mr. Dent, Mr. Klaus, Mr. Coryell and Mr. Zimmerman expressed their willingness to serve again if elected.

Some discussion ensued as to probable candidates.

The Off. Secretary was instructed to find out others willing to serve.

Manuway. Mr. Gilfillan & others' letters nos 304 & 320 read -

The Council approved of the scheme but could not go beyond this without the sanction of the Rate payers.

Mr. Klausen urged the necessity of exercising control over and preserving rights to roads, should the scheme be carried out, which was approved.

Meteorological Society. Mr. Hayes' letter no 302 read. Decided to retain the old Barometer and to authorize the Society to procure a new one in its place.

Drainage Fochow Road. Mr. Dent wished to know how far there was ground for the numerous complaints that had been made.

Mr. Coryell explained that the old drains were in such a dangerous state that to have left them unattended to would have probably led to serious

consequences to the Community - Every precaution had been taken in removing the deposit. The smells complained of were probably from matter spill by Cools. The work was being pushed on and it was hoped would be completed in ten days or a fortnight.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 89 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

J. H. Deane  
Chairman

Edward B. Soyer  
Operating Secretary

Addendum to Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> March 1872.

Mr. Conyell applied on behalf of Mr. Hays to be allowed to make a garden of the piece of land belonging to the Council at the bend of the Yangtze poor Road immediately beyond Mr. Conyell's home - until required by the Council which was approved

Council Room

15<sup>th</sup> Arman Road

Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> March 1872.

No 966.

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 March 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 Reports from Committees viz,

Summary of Proceedings

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Commission. Brewer. Supp.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Samson's church. Chaplain's overdraft.

Wheelbarrow

Tracer

Lingist

J. Sumner

Accounts - Fire Department.

J. Logan & Co. claim loss of business. King's Hill Creek

Bridge Works.

Ground rent on Portico Road - Justice's application.

J. J. Buckhester. 20/2000. Letter to be read.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report.

D. F. Wombly's agreement.

Water Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Lock Hospital as to opening.

Bamboo shed on Old Race Course.

Navvies on Yang King Yang Bridges. French Inf. Letter.

General. Chinese letter. Municipal Reform.

French Inf. letter. Death Intelligencer.

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

Wm Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1872.

Admitted -  
Miss Conyell  
C. A. Kraus

St. Sigmund.  
H. P. Pearson  
Wm. Greenwood

Council Room.  
Shanghai 18<sup>th</sup> March 1872

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Hunan Road Shanghai on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March instant 1872 pursuant to notice

Present:

- John Dent Esq. Chairman
- Mr. Corwell Esq.
- W. H. Strain Esq.
- W. G. Simms Esq.
- W. J. Danvers Esq.
- W. H. Wood Esq.

W. S. Simpson Esq. Secretary.

10.00. The Minutes was taken as read.

10.02 The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed & signed by the Chairman and the Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

De Facto Committee.

Volunteer Corps. Adjutant General and Captain Commandant - Brewer:

Mr Dent had learnt that Mr Brewer had not been informed in the appointment - which the Secy stated to be the case - It was accordingly moved by

Corwell seconded by Mr. Wood and

10.08 Resolved

That Adjutant J. Brewer be appointed Adjutant General and Captain Commandant to the Shanghai Volunteer Corps

By mover

Secy.

Orderly officer. W. A. Dupp. Mr Dupp's appointment (under letter DC 450) was in connexion with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. The Council...

Brigade as a volunteer force, had been reorganized, the post of orderly officer was unnecessary - Decided to cancel.

### Finance Committee.

Appropriations - It was moved by Mr. Hansson seconded by Mr. Coryell and  
No 969 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned.

Paving side walk Canton Road - Mackenzie	} No 218-64.
1 Co's claim in terms of Councils letter 13 <sup>th</sup> May 1864	
s.g. mover	
" Recorder.	

### Cash State.

No 970 The Cash State for the 15<sup>th</sup> March was handed round for inspection

It showed balances as follows. -

In Comptroller's hands	No 2167-17
In Bank.	13242-44

Mackenzie & Co's Claim No 218-64. Letter <sup>Jan</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Inward - Works' Committee recommendation to pay (vide page 194 Comptroller's Report) approved and appropriation as above made accordingly.

Local Post Office. Report - No 360 read and noted.

Mails to Vancouver. Report - No 360. The off. Secretary informed the Council that an application had been made by Dr. Macartney of Vancouver to the Local Post Office for despatching mails for that port per S. S. Steamers

Mr. Coryell thereupon stated that there would be no difficulty in forwarding mail matter by these Steamers but it must rest with the Community of Vancouver to make their own arrangements for taking delivery of the mail from the Steamers and to undertake all responsibility.

The off. Secretary was instructed by the Chairman to write Dr. Macartney to that effect.

Seamens Church. Chaplain's overdraft. The Chairman stated that upon going into the accounts of the Church from the date on which the Council assumed charge (1<sup>st</sup> April 1869) it was found that the Chaplain - Mr. Lyle - had overdrawn



his salary by No 992-17. He was inclined to think that the irregularity was owing to a certain extent <sup>a want of system</sup> to neglect on Mr. Lyle's part in not keeping up his private accounts, irrespective of any unfavorable comment that might be made on the Council's officers for allowing the overdraft.

The sense of the Council was taken which resulted in the off Secretary being instructed to call on the Reverend gentleman for an explanation and to ascertain what course he intended to pursue in liquidating the debt.

Wheelbarrow License Fees. Agreeably with a wish expressed by Mr. Naansen, Mr. Sanper informed the Council that there was an arrangement with the French Council by which the wheelbarrow fees were divided - all fees now collected on this side went into this Council's Exchequer.

The question was asked by Mr. Dent what system was adopted as to numbering.

The off Secretary believed the numbers on the burrows represented the number of licenses issued since the commencement of issuing licenses - ultimately found to be the case.

Staff.

E. Keeshaw - linguist.	}	<u>Increase of Salary see <sup>works</sup> 361.</u>
P. Young Kiang - Tracer		
J. Grimmer - Overseer		

Mr. Conyell on behalf of the Works Committee had been given to understand by Mr. Oliver that these men were valuable and useful servants of the Council and that offers were being made to them from outside. He did not advocate a system of continually raising salaries, but thought the present instance one worthy of the Council's favorable consideration.

Mr. Harwood suggested that

Keeshaw's salary be raised to	No 40	a month
P. Young Kiang - " - " - "	25	" - "
J. Grimmer - " - " - "	45	" - "

which was approved by Mr. Dent and passed by the Council.

Fire Department Appropriation. The off Secretary stated that the expenditure under this head for the current Municipal year would be Rs 600 to Rs 700 in excess of the sum voted and wished to know whether steps should be taken to recover the amount. Mr. Chervin's semi-official letter no 362 was read. From this and personal conversation with that gentleman, Mr. Souper gathered that the Council were expected to defray the whole cost or greater part of keeping up the Fire Department. Mr. Chervin had suggested that the debit balance at the end of the current Municipal year should be provided for in next Budget.

The Council could not assume this position and directed the off Secretary to bring to the notice of the Fire Commission that the Council would not proceed the appropriation in the Budget.

J. Rogasio & Co Claim. Finance 312. Mr. Deil-uyed the reconsideration of this claim, the result of which was that the Council decided to abide by their former decision - not to entertain it - but to refund frt. sum: Rate for 6 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> Dec/71.

Ground Rent - Outside Roads. The off Secretary read copy of circular issued by Mr. Webster to the Council (no 304) calling on the Council to pay up arrears. Decided to assume same position as hitherto.

Mr. Byrell quoted instances where the Chinese government ground Rent was paid by parties on title lots though part of their lots had been surrendered for public use.

Dharpage Duts. J. J. Buckheister - Finance 307 read. Decided enforce payment of Duts on all goods passed through the Customs in Buckheister's name.

Opium. The off Secretary mentioned another instance of evasion which had been brought to his notice.

J. Pierthory a parsee resident in French Consular sold opium from the hulls to Chinese who landed it and by that means the Duts were not leviable but covered by the Dutch's commutation.

The Council it appeared had no recourse and

to the Chairman indicated the immediate necessity of opening up the question of increasing the commutation for Chinese merchants.

Prangin Gas Company's claim for damage to pipes <sup>Page</sup> 262 - This was a claim that had been urged in Aug. 71 (<sup>1870</sup>) - the original letter could not be found.

Mr. Dent and Mr. Boyell both remembered the circumstances of the case and that it was decided by the Council not to recognize liability - at the time it was considered that the constant expense and inconvenience caused by the gas in opening the streets was an ample set-off and they still held the same opinion.

The Council generally held this view and instructed the Off. Secretary to reply to the letter under notice to that effect.

### Edwards Committee.

Reports.

Engineer's Progress Report - no <sup>work</sup> 340 read & content noted.

Roads.

J. F. Twombly's agreement. - Mr. Twombly's letter <sup>notes</sup> 339 read and Mr. Rennie's remarks thereto -

Decided to give Mr. Twombly the option of executing the form of agreement as submitted in Council's letter of 9<sup>th</sup> inst; or to leave the matter as decided at General Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> inst - vide page 91 anti.

Manway Scheme.

In conformity with instructions from Council to obtain more signatures to letter <sup>notes</sup> 304, the Off. Secretary had been written to by Mr. Gelfillan, that many others could be obtained but the list was kept so long at each place that that gentleman had returned it as the scheme seemed good enough on its own merits which was noted.

### Watch Committee.

Local Hospital. - Mr. Nansen understood that a sum of \$1100 had been collected from the Brothers towards establishing

the Hospital and that up to this time nothing had been done by Dr. Anderson - see strongly advised an appropriation being made in the Budget for 1872-73 to enable the object being carried out, and would propose that Dr. Anderson be called on for report.

Mr. Deul took the same view and further thought Dr. Anderson unnecessarily dilatory in carrying out his scheme. The Off. Secretary was instructed to write Dr. Anderson for report.

Discuss. Horse Bazaar. Mr. P. J. Hogg's letter <sup>March</sup> 329 in reply to Council's <sup>March</sup> 207 read.

Mr. Deul explained that he had been given to understand by Mr. Hogg that he objected to Mr. Keele entering their premises which were out of Municipal limits but on the other hand should the Council Tax collector call there would, he thought, be no difficulty.

Mr. Sawwood corroborated the Chairman's statement.

The Off. Secretary was instructed to adopt this course.

Inflammable Material - Bamboor. Sheds - Police Report - <sup>March</sup> 347

The Off. Secretary stated that the subject of these measures had already received the attention of the Watch Committee and that the owners of the sheds had been notified to remove them. The only point where it might appear hard on the owners of buildings was in the case of their being situated on the limits and at safe distances from Insurable property - was the bye law to be carried out in its strict integrity? The Council decided that it should be.

Obstructions on Grand Rue, Rue de la Vierge by Pedlars. French Council's letter <sup>March</sup> 351 read and contents noted. In connection with this note instructions to Off. Secretary (pp 86, 7 anti) to ascertain system adopted by French Council with market people.

The French Council seemed backward to give the information, which was noted.

Medical Death Certificates - before burial. French Council's letter <sup>General</sup> 350 read and contents noted.

General.

Chinese Letter - Municipal Reform - not read. The man being  
a lunatic

Register of Attendance Having been signed (vide page 94 anti)  
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

Edward B. Scoupler  
off Secretary.

John Deal  
Chairman

Council Room

15 Howard B?

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> March 72

No 971.

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your  
attendance at a general meeting of the Council  
which be held on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March inst  
at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council  
Chamber at the Public Office in the Howard B?

To receive communication from the  
Chairman and Report from committees, viz

Summary of Business

Memoranda to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed  
Finance Committee - appropriation  
cash state.

Seamen's Church - Chaplain's draft - W. Alabaster  
letter

Keeshan - - - - - linguist Engineer's Office

S. M. Smith's manager - claim for compensation  
injury to leg

Printing Report and Budget - Tuesday

W. Haas letter - as to engagement for new year

Whayage Bus - J. Rasch - Swain  
Works Committee - Engineer Progress Report  
 New Road of W. Kingmill  
Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisance Report  
 Sale of game - Jastai Proclamator  
General - Law Regulations - W. Prentiss Officer  
 E. Mason - votes disputed  
 A. E. Jones, letter directing members  
 Resolutions.

New Council

Easter Holidays

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions and  
 orders and other proceedings with reference  
 hereto as the Council may deem advisable  
 I am Sir

your obedient servant  
 (signed) Ed. B. Cooper  
 Secretary

To the members of  
Council

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Register of Attendance of members of Council  
 at the general meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
 March 1872

Adm. Deut.  
 Miss Corbett  
 A. A. Traust  
 St. Zimmern  
 H. W. Burnham  
 Wm. Darwood

Council Room  
15 Roman Road  
Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> March 1872.

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 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March instant a.d. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq.

M. Coyell Esq.

A. A. Keanes Esq.

A. Gimmern Esq.

H. P. Karasson Esq.

Edw. Barnwood Esq.

E. B. Souper. M<sup>r</sup> Secretary.

N<sup>o</sup> 972. The Summons calling the meeting was read.

N<sup>o</sup> 973. 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

Cash State

N<sup>o</sup> 974. The Cash State for the 23<sup>rd</sup> March was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:

In Comproadors hands.	Rs 3029.47
In Bank.	9007.80

Seamens Church. Chaplains overdraft. The M<sup>r</sup> Secretary read out the contents of a semi official letter from Mr. Alabaster M<sup>r</sup> B. M<sup>r</sup> Vice Consul, suggesting an increase in the Chaplains salary of Rs 25. a month to date of 1<sup>st</sup> April 1869. This course would cover the overdraft. It appeared to the Council that the Chaplain had not as yet referred to any difficulty in the way of settling the claim but on the contrary appeared willing

to pay - and it was decided therefore to wait - pending the decision of the Trustees.

Compensation - E. M. Smith's manager (No 397). claim for compensation for injury to leg in France on 12 January. The Off Secretary was instructed to call on Mr. Anderson to learn more definitely what amount he claimed. The Council was willing to allow half salary for the time the man had been laid up and to pay the Doctors Bill.

Duty on Merchandise - J. Rasch. a clerk in Messrs Weston & Co's Office and resident on French side passed their teas through Custom House in his name - grounds untenable. Decided to press through legal channel.

Staff - Keeshaw. Linguist - Engineers Office. The Off Secretary informed the Council that Keeshaw was dissatisfied with the decision of the Council to raise his salary to No 40 and learnt from Mr. Oliver that the linguist intended leaving the Council's service.

Mr. Conyell thought that it might be advisable to ascertain who it was enticing the man away from the Council's employ - it might be only a plant.

The Council took this view and whilst entertaining every desire to pay a good servant well, before reversing their decision, determined to await the result of Mr. Dent and others' enquiries.

Yung-Queen - Finance 391 application for increase of salary not granted.

Mr. Haas Engagement - Finance 393 - The question of an engagement for one year to 1<sup>st</sup> May 1893. The Council instructed the Off Secretary to reply that they were willing to make such an arrangement on his understanding that in the event of absence from Shanghai it would be incumbent on Mr. Haas to provide a competent substitute.

J. Conolly - Fin 392 letter read. contents noted. Former decision vide page 181 Committee Minute Book - adhered to.

Printing Report and Budget - Fin 433 - Decided to accept  
 A. H. de Carrathos. \$3.50 a page for Report  
 F. T. C. Szalshi 3.50 a page for Budget



Works Committee.

Engineers Report no 264 read and contents noted.

Bridges - Honan Road. Mr. Conyell brought to the notice of the Council the necessity of repairing or replacing this bridge. The French Council were desirous of doing the work and estimated cost at \$1000.  $\frac{1}{3}$  of which would be borne as usual by this Council. Works Recommendation vide

Roads. Kerb line between Canton & Song Haiang Roads. on Road.  
J. F. Inomby's plan. Mr. Conyell wished to take the sense of the Council as to the desirability of changing the line of footpath between Canton and Song Haiang Roads. approved and referred to Works Committee.

Wide Road. North to South. Mr. Conyell explained that the cost would amount to about \$15000 without the certainty of getting a throughfare from the bridge to the Szechow Creek. The benefit, if any, would be dearly bought. The Council failed to see the necessity of such a road at present and decided to abandon the scheme in the meanwhile.

Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report no 390 read and contents noted.

Fire Department:  $\frac{2.6}{407}$  From Chief Engineer read. submitting estimate for ensuing year and calling attention of the Council to the fact that the Foreign Insurance Offices intended withdrawing their subscriptions for the support of the Department.

Some discussion ensued as to the course to be pursued which resulted in the Off Secretary being instructed to address a circular letter to the agents in Shanghai of the Foreign Offices pointing out the necessity in their own interests of subscribing say 3% on premium collected.

Sanitation Department. Market Branch. Sale of game. Javonta's Proclamation prohibiting sale after 23<sup>rd</sup> March noted.

The Mr Secretary instructed to request Editors of Local Papers to call the attention of Community to the fact. Nuisances. J. Ford's letter <sup>with</sup> <sub>370</sub>. In the absence of any record of the arrangement referred to, The Council saw no reason why Mr. Ford should not be requested to keep his premises free from nuisance.

### General.

Land Regulations. vide page 87 ante. Mr. Plummer's opinion as follows read:

"I return you herewith Mr. Haas letter & suggestions which are no doubt worthy of the Council's consideration. At present however I see no use in taking action upon them because as the Foreign Ministers at Peking have not thought proper to invite or obtain the sanction of the Chinese Authorities to the present Land Regulations, that Code is not (as has been already pointed out to the Council by Mr. Dick.) binding upon Chinese subjects."

Mr. Haas then thought it advisable that the Council should endeavour to obtain the sanction of the Chinese Authorities through the medium of the Mission at Peking and suggested that the Council should address a letter to each Consul on the subject.

Mr. Dent was inclined to doubt any substantial advantage being gained in face of the general apathy exhibited by the Ministers at Peking.

It was finally decided to press the matter after Land Renters meeting.

Voters. E. Iveson claimed votes on N.P. Baylis and Mr. A. Cuthbertson's property. <sup>Sub</sup> <sub>354</sub>. The land in itself did not entitle to vote within the meaning of 1<sup>st</sup> Clause Art 218 of the Land Regulations - but that gentleman argued that the house property owned by the land owners brought in taxes to the Municipal by cheques. These taxes were however paid by Chinese. Mr. Plummer's opinion was. "If the taxes up to the present time have been

paid by the tenants that does not qualify the landlord" and if he is desirous of having a vote, he ought to have taken measures to qualify himself sooner. As the matter stands I think you would be wrong in admitting his claim?

Decided to throw out the votes.

A. S. Jones. Disclosing Members Remarks. General. 385 W. Harwood

explained that the remarks referred to were those made by him as a member of the Watch Committee in a private letter of the Off. Secretary's with regard to the feeling existing between Mr. Keele and the Proprietor of the Horse Bazaar and he begged to call the attention of the Chairman and the Council to what he considered to be an instance of very great indiscretion, amounting almost to a dereliction of duty on Mr. Jones' part and he would move that the Council's censure be brought home to that gentleman in a most marked way.

Mr. Jones in his appointment as the Secretary's Assistant was expected to exercise the utmost secrecy in matters that came under his notice and if he was not to be entrusted in this confidential post the sooner he was removed from it the better.

The Chairman entirely agreed with Mr. Harwood and at the same time instructed the Off. Secretary to let it be well understood by Mr. Jones or any other gentleman holding the appointment of Assistant in the Secretariat that no letter or document of any nature whatever was to be referred to a head of a Department without instructions from the Secretary.

Mr. Conyell took exception to the tenor of Mr. Jones' letter. Mr. Jones appeared to treat the matter very lightly and failed even to express regret for his conduct which to an officer cognizant of his duty would appear in the light which it had been regarded generally by the Council.

Mr. Jones in fact, it appeared to him was ignorant of his duty to the Council and it would be advisable

that he become acquainted with it as soon as possible.

The Off Secretary stated that he was not until now aware of Mr. Johnson's instructions referred to by Mr. Jones and during his tenure of Office never intended that such a system should remain in force - in all instances where matter was referred to a Council's Officer he had either referred it personally or by writing on back.

Mr. Jones to be acquainted with the Council's views by letter draft of which to be circulated amongst members for approval.

New Council. The Off Secretary drew the attention of the Council to the fact of there being only nine nominations for the ensuing municipal year 1872-3 who in accordance with latter part of Land Regulations XVIII were therefore elected and Notification had accordingly been publicly made. *Noted.*

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 102 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence and the table considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Edward B. S. S. S.  
Off Secretary

*Edward B. S. S. S.*  
Chairman

Council Room

15. Roman Road

No 975

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1872.

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 April 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.

Defence Committee. Capt. Maclean's resignation

Lieut. Tucker. Nominations to be confirmed

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash state.

Seamens' Church. Letter from Trustees

Mr. Connolly. Complaints investigated.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report.

Engineer's August. Recommendation by works

Watch Committee. Inspector of Business. Report.

Thorne & Co. on Lam. Be. Change.

Lock Hospital. Dr. Henderson's report.

Horse Bazaar. Refusal to take out a license

General. A. Anderson (Smith's manager) - Compensation

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.

Ap. Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
 General Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1872.

J. A. Dack,  
 Thos. Coryell  
 A. K. Newell  
 H. J. Hanson  
 Wm. Greenwood

Council Room  
15-16-man Road  
Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> April 1892.

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15-16-man Road Shanghai on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April instant A.D. 1892 pursuant to notice.

Present.

J. M. Dent Esq.

M. Conyell Esq.

A. A. Weiss Esq.

M. P. Kausser Esq.

W. Harwood Esq.

E. B. Simpson. Off. Secretary.

No 975 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 976 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Off. Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Volunteer Corps. Resignation. Capt. Maclean. Letter in  $\frac{80}{429}$ . It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Kausser and

No 977 Resolved

That Capt. P. Maclean's resignation from the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. tendered in his letter of 20<sup>th</sup> March/92 be accepted with much regret.

Election. Confirmation of J. S. Tucker in 1891 as lieutenant-2 in 3 Company S.V.C. in  $\frac{80}{430}$ . It was moved by Mr. Harwood seconded by Mr. Kausser and

No 978. Resolved

That the election of Sergt. Tucker to fill the vacant lieutenantcy in 3 Company be approved and confirmed

Finance Committee.

Seamens Church. Letter from Trustees  $\frac{2m}{18}$ . After some little discussion it was decided to accept recommendation to waive claim of \$992.17 for Chaplain's overdraft & salary. The Council at the same time thought it advisable that they should merely continue to act as Bankers and that the Secretary should be relieved of his Trusteeship, leaving the Trustees to appoint their own Treasurer and Secretary - The Mr Secretary undertook to arrange this if possible.

Stock. Mr Smolly's complaints against Chinese Tax Collector Quidley and Partridge. matter referred to the Finance Committee.

Cash State The Cash State for the 30<sup>th</sup> March was audited and  
10 500. for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comrades Fund	\$ 350.33
In Bank.	4701.53.

Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report. No  $\frac{2046}{441}$  read and contents noted.

Staff. Engineer Linguist. re-exam. After enquiries Mr Coyell stated that the writer and Linguist was somewhat independent and unless the Council were prepared to give him \$50 a month he could do better for himself in other employ. Mr Oliver had represented him as difficult to replace and it seemed therefore advisable to increase his salary to \$50 which was approved conditionally that the man make a three years engagement

Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report. No 209 read and contents noted.

Application for pony and trap (No 470) granted.  
Comm. Rec. Chang. Home No 16. The Council had gone through into the state of Comm. Rec. Chang in the previous

occasion (vide pp. 74-5. Cont. Minute Book) and it appeared all that the Council could do had been done and any further remedy must be sought from the owners through a legal channel. The off. Secretary to reply to the effect.

Lock Hospital. Dr. Henderson's report no 408 read. The off. Secretary was instructed to write Dr. Henderson authorizing him to take the preliminary steps for its establishment. Decided further to ask for \$1000 in budget for ensuing year.

License - Horse Bazaar. Refusal to take out license - Decided to proceed against.

Vaccination Establishment - Dr. Boyce. wished to know what arrangement had been made for a medical assistant for Doctor Henderson and begged to call attention to the correspondence and Council's action on a former occasion when Dr. MacCallum applied for the post.

The off. Secretary stated that as an act of courtesy Dr. Henderson was entrusted to select his own assistants.

Dr. Jamieson had been assisting for some time but held no appointment from the Council.

any application for the post would be referred to Dr. Henderson.

### General.

A. Anderson (E. M. Smith's manager) claim for compensation (no 406) for leg broken in affray of 12<sup>th</sup> January last (vide p 72 ante) - \$2000. Decided not to entertain.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 109 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.

Edmund Souper  
off. Secretary.

John D. Lab.  
Chairman



Council Room

15 Roman Road

Borough 8<sup>th</sup> April 1872.

No 980.

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 9<sup>th</sup> Day of April instant at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road.

Business.

To receive accounts for the past year and to frame Budget for 1872-73.

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

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1872.

John Duff  
Thos. Leonard  
Alex. Brown  
et. Giffen  
H. J. Andrews

Council Room  
Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> April 1872

Gentlemen

The meeting of the Council called for today is unavoidably postponed till tomorrow afternoon the 10<sup>th</sup> instant at 4 o'clock

I am gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant

M Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Council Room  
Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> April 1872.

at the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room  
15 Roman Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of April inst and 1872 pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

Mr. Harwood Esq.

A. A. Krauss Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

R. P. Krauss Esq.

E. B. Soper. M Secretary.

No 980 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read

No 981 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed

and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the  
seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Annual Report for past year and Budget for 1872-73. These  
were considered but time not allowing of entering  
into details it was decided to hold another meeting  
for that purpose. In this connexion the  
off Secretary was instructed to obtain printed proofs  
of the Report and Budget and circulate them among

the members before calling the next meeting.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 113 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

Attended by  
off. Secretary.

Chairman

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1872.

Present:

Mr. Banwood

Al. Krausz

Mrs. Coryell

et. Financier

H. P. Harrew

Council Room

Prague 13<sup>th</sup> April 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your  
attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be  
held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Man Road, on Monday  
the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April inst at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

Business

Consideration of Budget for 1872-73 by the ~~meeting~~  
~~and evening Council~~

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

To the Members of the Council.  
~~and evening Council~~

off. Secretary.

Council Room  
Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> April 1872

at the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hunan Road, on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April and 1872  
pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
W. Harwood Esq.  
A. A. Brauns Esq.  
M. Coyell Esq.  
A. Gimmern Esq.  
A. P. Haussen Esq.  
E. B. Saper. M. Secretary.

No 982 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 983 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed &  
signed by the Chairman and M. Secretary and the seal  
of the Municipality impressed thereon.

The Estimate and recommendations for the Municipal year 1872-73  
were fully considered and various alterations and  
amendments made.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 115 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

Edward P. Saper  
M. Secretary.

John Dent  
Chairman

No 984

Council Room  
Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a special meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room in 15 Roman Road, on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of April inst at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of considering with Mr. Plmie, the advisability of making certain alterations and amendments in the present Land Regulations and Bye Laws

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

To the Members of the outgoing  
and incoming Council.

Mr Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
Special meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1872.

John Duff  
W. H. Brown

at J. J. J. J.  
W. H. H. H.  
Alex. Campbell  
H. D. H. H.

No 985

Council Room  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a special meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Roman Road on Saturday evening the 4<sup>th</sup> instant at 8.30 for the purpose of discussing matters to be brought forward at the next general meeting.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant

W. H. ...

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the special  
meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1872

John Dicks

W. H. ...

W. H. ...

Miss ...

W. H. ...

Wm. ...

Council Room

Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> May 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
your attendance at a general meeting of the  
Council which will be held at the Council Room  
15 Roman Road at 10 o'clock in the forenoon  
on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May A.D. 1872

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. Secretary.

To the Members of the  
Council.

Register of Members of Council at the general meeting held  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1872.

A. E. Peck.

Moses.

J. Murray.  
Chas. Cogwell  
Chas. Peck

No 987.

Council Room  
 Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> May 1872

Sir,

I am directed to request your attendance at  
 a special meeting of the Council which will be  
 held at the Council Room 15 Roman Road on Wednesday  
 the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1872 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

Business.

For the incoming Council to take over the affairs  
 of the Municipality from the retiring Council

Yours truly,

Your obedient servant

Mr Secretary

To the Members of the  
 incoming and outgoing Councils

Council Room  
Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> May 1872

At the Special meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15  
Noman Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of  
May 1872 pursuant to which

Present:

John Dent Esq.  
W. A. Audit Esq.  
J. H. Swales Esq.  
A. C. Behm Esq.  
Mr. Coyell Esq.  
W. Murray Esq.  
A. Paterson Esq.  
A. Spinnemann Esq.

W. S. Saper Esq. Secretary.

No. 287

The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

The old Council Messrs Dent, Hanssen, Keane, Hamrod  
Spinnemann and Coyell met the new Council and at  
once proceeded to inspect the Police. Mr. Dent  
introduced the Superintendent and Inspectors to the new  
Council and expressed himself on behalf of the old  
Council, highly satisfied with the conduct of the force  
during the past year and congratulated the Super-  
intendent on the efficiency of the Police.

On resuming business in the Board Room.

Mr. Dent alluded in a general way to the course  
of action that had been taken so far in connection  
with some matters outstanding.

A. Anderson. (E. in. Smith's claim) Legal advisers  
opinion to allow the law to take its course, the  
claim was exorbitant and the view taken by the  
Council was that <sup>the Council do not intend to give any aid</sup> the man interfering had  
brought upon himself the trouble in which he  
was now placed.

W. Haas. Interpreter. Temporary leave of absence



locum tenens, Mr. A.D. Spence of British Consulate.  
Volunteer Prizes. That the Capt-Commandant had expressed a wish on the part of the Volunteers that the prizes be distributed without a public parade  
 Mr. Dent in concluding the business of the old Council, remarked that the Council was fortunate in having a good and efficient staff and in this connection expressed the Council's satisfaction at the way in which Mr. Souper had performed the duties of officiating Secretary, thrown so unexpectedly upon him.

The old Council then retired and the New Council proceeded to business.

It was moved by Mr. Coyell, seconded by Mr. Murray and  
No 988. Resolved  
 That Mr. John Dent be elected Chairman for Municipal year 1892-1893.

It was moved by Mr. Guinness seconded by Mr. Moses and  
No 989. Resolved  
 That Mr. E. H. Condit be elected Vice Chairman

It was moved by Mr. Behm seconded by Mr. Guinness  
No 990. Resolved  
 That Messrs Dent, Paterson and Moses be appointed to serve on the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee

It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Paterson and  
No 991. Resolved  
 That Messrs Coyell, Guinness and Fearson be appointed to serve on the Works Committee

It was moved by Mr. Dent, seconded by Mr. Paterson  
No 992. Resolved  
 That Messrs Condit, Murray and Behm be appointed to serve on the Water Committee

It was moved by Mr. Behr, seconded by Mr. Moses and  
No 903 Resolved

That Messrs. Deut, Coyell and Condit be  
 appointed to serve on the Defence Committee.

Staff.

Mr. Malcolm's resignation <sup>Finance</sup> <sub>Gov.</sub> accepted. In  
 answer to the question from the Chairman the offg.  
 Secretary stated that he proposed filling up the  
 vacancy in the meanwhile from the present-staff  
 and further suggested that as Mr. Malcolm seemed  
 anxious to leave at as early a date as possible,  
 that he be allowed pay to the termination of his  
 agreement at 30 June and to go as soon before  
 that date as convenient, which was approved.

Leave of absence. Mr. Penfold's application for  
 a fortnight's leave considered and passed by  
 Watch Committee

Mr. Clark - Clerk of works. Mr. Coyell as a member  
 of Works Committee disapproved of the present  
 system of officers on leave drawing full pay, and  
 making own arrangements for temporary assistance  
 and after pointing out the obvious disadvantages of  
 such an arrangement, would urge that in future any  
 officer on leave of absence should receive half pay  
 only and that the Council have the power of  
 engaging a temporary substitute if necessary  
 - in Mr. Clark's case he felt backward in initiating  
 it as a precedent but in the interests of the  
 Community he would propose - seconded by Mr. Gunn.

No 994

That Mr. Clark, Clerk of works be allowed fifteen  
 months leave of absence - nine months on half pay  
 (the balance without pay) and to have a new  
 agreement made upon his return at the rate  
 of 500 hundred feet a month, and same  
 allowances as at present.

and explained that he recommended the extension  
 of Mr. Clark's leave to 18 months to enable that

gentleman to perfect himself further in the  
profession of some details of which he had been  
found a little deficient - at the same time he  
testified to the thorough and conscientious way  
in which Mr. Clark had always discharged his duty  
and he felt that Mr. Clark would make the best  
use of his time.

After some little discussion in which Mr. Dent  
suggested 2/3<sup>rd</sup> pay whilst on leave the resolution  
was passed, and further authority given to  
the Works Committee to arrange any further  
detail with Mr. Clark.

Meeting of General Arranged at 9.30 a.m. on Monday morning all public affairs  
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

Alward B. S. O'Connell  
off Secretary.

John Muller  
Chairman

Council Room  
Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> May 1872

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 May next A.D. 1872 at 9.30 o'clock in  
the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the  
Public Office in the Arman Road

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee. as to Capt Brewin's letter and procuring

Henry Martin Ryles for volunteers

Finance Committee. Local Post Office Report.

Refund of Police pay to Mr. Gale - Application by

Mr. McMullen Local Postmaster

Vacancy caused by Mr. Inge's death - applications  
to be considered from Mr. Inge and Capt Roberts  
"General Advertiser" application for business  
as to advisability of tenders for printing &c.

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report - nos 272-273.

Mr. Clarke's leave

Down pipes and gutters - Circular letter.

Watch Committee - Inspector of markets Report -

Inspector of nuisances Report -

Edbrooke's application for cab stand.

Mr. Keele's letter as to supervision of livery stables,  
as to extending hour for closing second class  
public houses.

General - Constable Partridge's letter as to missing books  
connected with Chinese House Tax.

as to conducting matters arising between the  
Municipality and the Chinese.

Yours Sir,

Your obedient Servant -

W. Keeling.

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1872.

Present -

H. Murray.

J. C. T. B. C.

Moses.

Miss Gifford  
Miss Gifford  
at Gifford

Council Room  
Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> May 1872.

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 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May ind. ad. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present.

- Wm Dent Esq. Chairman.
- S. Murray Esq
- C. C. Behu Esq
- S. in Woods Esq
- W. Conck Esq
- A. Paterson Esq
- A. Symmer Esq
- E. B. Soper. Esq Secretary
- absent
- H. H. Condit Esq.
- R. J. Deane Esq.

- No 995: The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.
- No 996: 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.

Volunteer Corps. Capt-Brewer's letter No 544 with reference to selling the Rifles, at present in use and purchasing Martini Semi Rifles.

Mr. Dent and Mr. Paterson thought the Council could not take action in the matter without being first authorized by the Ratepayers

Mr. Murray considered that a special vote from the Ratepayers would be necessary

Decided not to take action but to recommend that subject be brought up at Ratepayers meeting to be held about 3 months hence.

Finance Committee.

- Reports. Local Post-office Report - no 454 read and noted.
- Staff application by Mr. McMillan for refund of Police pay to Mr. Gale. Decided could not grant.
- Sexton. Vacancy caused by Mr. Inrig's death. applications from Mrs Inrig and Capt Roberts. Mr Secretary directed to write Mrs Inrig that the Council had no wish to withdraw the Sextonship from her but wished to know the details of the arrangements she proposed making for the proper performance of the duties.
- General Advertiser. Mr. McIntosh's application for business to General. Decided to give him occasional small advertisements.
- Printing &c. as to printing tenders. The Council considered there was no necessity. Business to be divided between the different Offices.

Works Committee.

- Reports. Engineers Progress Reports no 272.273 read & noted.
- Staff. Mr. Clarke's leave. Mr. Croyell stated that Mr. Clark appeared satisfied with the Council's resolution but the Works Committee on consideration had decided to recommend that more favourable terms be granted him say half pay for the whole of the time 15 months, which was approved.
- guttering &c. Circular letter no 629 read. Decided to serve notices under Bye Law ~~III~~ on owners of property not having gutters &c.

Watch Committee.

- Reports. Inspector of Markets Report - no 622 read
- Inspector of Nuisances Report - no 630 read.
- Cart Stands. Eddwark Mr's application for cart stands no <sup>2nd</sup> 583.
- Mr. Keeles report on the subject - no 631 read. Decided

to grant.

Livery Stables. Mr. Keele's letter as to supervision of livery stables no 623. The Council did not take Mr. Keele's view. The system of issuing licenses from the Secretariat and collecting fees in respect of them, appeared to work satisfactorily. Mr. Keele being aware of the conditions of the license and entitled to call on proprietors of livery stables at any time to exhibit them, was vested with full power and his responsibility as Inspector of Markets and Livery Stables could in no way be hampered.

Police. application for assistance of Police from Great Northern Telegraph Co for recovery of wire stolen and detection of thieves at Wrooking. Being beyond Municipal limits the Council could only place services of the men at disposal of Council upon written application.

Licenses. as to extending hour for closing second class public houses. Mr. Dent thought the 2<sup>nd</sup> class might be allowed to keep open till a late hour after a few remarks the matter was referred to the Watch Committee.

### General

Constable Partridge's letter no 615 as to missing books connected with Chinese house tax read and contents noted.

Chinese authorities. as to conducting matters between Council and Chinese authorities. Mr. Deaward letter no 666. read.

Standing Orders &c. Instructions to Engineer. It was moved by Mr. Cayell seconded by Mr. Ginnern and

No 997.

Resolved

That in lieu of Rule no 7 in Instructions to <sup>Engineer</sup> officers the following be substituted with regard to the Engineer.

That the Engineer will arrange all details

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 "and terms of contracts" and after having obtained the approval of the Works <sup>Committee</sup> Committee the document will be signed by the Engineer and the Contractor when it will be forwarded to the Council Room to receive the signature of the Finance Committee and Secretary and the common seal of the Municipality without which no contract can be finally binding."

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 124 anti)

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

Edward B. Souper  
 Secretary.

John Dalrymple  
 Chairman

18995.

Council Room  
 Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> May 1892

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 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee - Volunteer Pigeons - Mr. Brewer's letter

Finance Committee - Cash State

Duties on merchandise

C. & S. Trading Co

MacKenzie & Co

Hall & Holtz

} objections to pay

Works Committee. Engineer's Report

Mr. Clarke's agreement

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report.



General.

Wheelbarrow Tax - Arrangement with French Council  
 Peyton - Mr. Jorj's letter  
 Baron von Jampach's Book - Council's letter  
 Mr. Plimie will attend to explain a few  
 matters previous to his departure for England  
 Initiating Secretary - short leave of absence

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Op. 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> May 1872.

Present,

H. H. Boudit

M. S. S.

Murray

Messrs. Conell  
 et. Finchem.

Council Room

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1872

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
 Council Room 15 Kwan Road Shanghai on  
 Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1872 pursuant  
 to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. H. Boudit Esq. Vice Chairman

P. M. Mosler Esq.

H. Murray Esq  
 M. Conyell Esq  
 A. Guinness Esq  
 E. D. Imper. Off Secretary.

No 998 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read  
No 999 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.

Volunteer prizes. Mr. Brewers letter to read. At request  
 of the Council Mr. Condit as Vice Chairman, consented  
 to present the prizes on a day to be fixed later.

### Finance Committee.

No 1000. The Cash State for the 20. instant was landed and  
 for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-  
 In Bank No 14,232-21  
 In Comrades hands 1846-92.

Duties on Merchandise. Mr. Hoff & Co letter no 636 read. refusing  
 to pay duties on certain goods on the ground that  
 they "were taken directly from the respective vessels"  
 "to their godowns at Suntrader and were not landed"  
 in the English Settlement."

Off Secretary instructed to call their attention  
 to article IX of the Land Regulations, and request  
 payment of account as rendered.

Mackenzie & Co. letter no 673 }  
Hall & Holtz. letter no 675 } Refusal to pay on  
 tariff rate when it exceeds 4/10% - Decided that  
 as the present wording of the Land Regulations  
 supported the stand made by these firms, no  
 steps could be taken - Payment to be  
 accepted as tendered.

Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report No 647 read and noted.

Bunding. Stonyhills Creek. Mr. Conyell proposed that the £6000 in Budget should be applied at once to improving the Stonyhills Creek bunding at Sandnes jetty, which the Council approved of and that if the general scheme brought forward at Ralings meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> instant be passed the outlay be recouped by debentures.

Sexton. Mr. Burgess letter No 668. Extract. "With reference to the duties entailed I beg to say that I have Rules for the guidance of the Municipal Sexton which I shall strictly attend to and I have obtained the services of a respectable man from the Police force to assist in the duties outside and to attend all burials."

"The building of the vaults I will attend to personally."

The Council were satisfied with this arrangement.

Stuff. Mr. Clark's agreement. Mr. Conyell stated on the part of the Public Works Committee that the agreement met with their approval with the exception of the allowance for chain cables for 6 months.

This he thought unnecessary seeing that a pony and trap was provided.

After some little discussion the officiating Secretary was instructed to ascertain how far a chain was required by the Clerk of works.

Gratuity. Mr. Guinness recommended that £300 be paid Mr. Clark towards his passage money.

Mr. Deut Murray and Mr. Jones thought it would form a bad precedent. After consideration it was moved by Mr. Guinness seconded by Mr. Conyell and

No 1001. Resolved

That Mr. C.B. Clark be given a gratuity of three hundred Pounds for services during Mr. Jones' absence in England in 1891

Water Committee.

Reports. Inspector of Nuisances Report No 670 read and noted.  
Wheelbarrow Tax. On application from the Chairman the Operating Secretary stated that no agreement existed with the French Council as to division of wheelbarrow tax and drew attention to the Council's letter No 747 of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1870 and to minute - page 177 of general minute book No 6.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had been called upon by Mr. Mores Chairman of French Council on the subject and now wished to obtain an expression of opinion.

The Council were in favor of equally dividing the wheelbarrow fees collected in both Settlements but decided to await formal application from the French Council - such arrangement however not to be retrospective.

General.

Jason Van Gumpack's Book. Mr. Dent stated that the same was despatched with the Council's acknowledgement of his Book and thought that he should be written to by the Chairman. A letter was therefore written and received the Chairman's signature.

Mr. Pennie attended to give his views on a few matters previous to departure for England.

Binding Foreshare. English Settlement. He suggested one common form of surrender of any rights that might exist in connection with the foreshare and submitted <sup>with</sup> form which was approved of.

Lochore Creek Bridge. In renewing the agreement with the Lochore Creek Bridge Company, Mr. Pennie would not the necessity of great care and the advisability of adhering as much as possible to the wording of Council's letter of 27 June/71 No 500 on Mr. Anderson's claim he had already addressed

the Council to allow the law to take its course. He anticipated a result favorable to the Council. During absence from Shanghai Mr. Rennie informed the Council he had made arrangements with Mr. Harwood to carry on the Council's legal work which was approved.

Operating Secretary short leave of absence - Mr. Tomlin applied for leave of absence for 10 days or a fortnight before the hot weather set in, which was granted on condition that the Council be first satisfied with the arrangements he proposed making during absence.

Mr. Connolly. Mr. Murray wished it to be recorded that at the last Council meeting, Mr. Connolly's statements (vide No 645) had been read and the Op. Secretary instructed to call on the various officers mentioned therein for explanation.

Reporter of Attendance having been signed (vide page 129 ant.) 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 Deely  
Chairman

Operating Secretary

No 1002.

Council Room  
Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> May 1872

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 Day of May 1872 at 9.30 am. at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Hornan Road

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed  
Finance Committee. Cash Note.

S. Reynell - Application for appointment:  
 Amateur Band. as to subscribing  
 N.C. Ince. as to remitting Land Tax on Beach ground  
 Webb's claim.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report.

Watch Committee. Inspection of Businesses Report - no 5.  
 Assault on P.C. Arestrop - result of case.  
 Appearance of Rinderpest amongst native cattle.

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant

Wm Secretary

To the Members  
 of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the  
 General Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1872.

John Dent  
 W. H. Condit  
 Robt P. Francis  
 Murray  
 Whitmore  
 Miss Goyell  
 Moss.

O. E. Perry

Council Room  
 Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> May 1872.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council  
 Room 15 Roman Road, on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 May 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. - Chairman

W. J. Condit Esq. Vice Chairman  
 R. J. Hearn Esq.  
 J. Murray Esq.  
 P. M. Woods Esq.  
 Alex Paterson Esq.  
 M. Cayell Esq.  
 C. C. Behm Esq.

E. B. Soper. M. Secretary.

Absent.

A. Gimmern Esq.

No. 1002. The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read

No. 1003. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Official Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

### Finance Committee.

Staff. S. Reynell. Mr. Dent stated that Mr. Reynell had been engaged as a junior assistant, subject to a trial of three months, which was approved.

Amateur Band. as to subscriptions for season 1872. Mr. Dent stated that on his own responsibility he had promised \$100 from the Council towards its support. He felt in a matter of public recreation it would meet with general approval. The Council were unanimously of the same opinion and authorized the M. Secretary to pay the amount.

Land Tax on Beach Ground. H. C. Sacer Lot No 232. The M. Secretary drew attention to the Council's letter of 20<sup>th</sup> April 1870 stating that lot No 232 had been assessed by the Assessment Committee at \$2400 per annum "in the beach ground" and to letter No 600 of 5<sup>th</sup> September 1871 on the same subject.

Extract. "Should you therefore be desirous of claiming exemption it will be advisable that you should have the area re-registered in order to meet"

the requirements of the case. Meantime to afford the opportunity of your having the amendment made and in accordance with the guarantee given by the General Land Assessment Committee of 1869, the Council have no objection to a remission of the tax for the present on the excessive amount, provided the necessary application be made to His Council for the ratification of the Title Deed.

Mr. Harwood as agent for Mr. Ince now wished it to be recorded in the Council's Register that 11 mow of Lot 232 was beach ground and exempt from municipal taxation and was instructed by Mr. Ince to protest against the conditions of the Council's letter of 5<sup>th</sup> Sept/11.

The point for the Council to decide was whether they would remit the taxes on the beach ground in support of the position always assumed by the Council that the foreshore was under the control of the municipality, or press for payment of the tax.

The Council were authorized by the Ratepayers to collect land tax in the area as registered in the Consular - In Mr. Ince's case the area per title deed included 11 mow of beach ground.

After some considerable discussion it was decided not to depart from the principle of taxing in the area in Consular Registry but at the same time directed the Off. Secretary to endeavour to come to some arrangement with Mr. Harwood.

#### Works Committee.

Engineer's Progress Report No 270 read and noted.

Dangerous Buildings - The house (formerly the 'Dept.') at corner Hanlon and Speechman Roads, Mr. Dent thought was in a dangerous condition and instructed the Off. Secretary to call on Mr. Noway to examine



and report.  
Telegraph - Russell Mr. Conell read a draft reply to  
 Mr. Russell's application for permission to  
 use the Council's poles, which was approved.

### Watch Committee.

Inspector of. Muzances Report No 8 read and noted.

Police - Assault by Mandarin on P.C. Barrett. The  
 Off. Secretary stated that he had learnt that the  
 mandarin who had assaulted the Constable  
 had been fined \$100 which had been offered  
 to Mr. Penfold as compensation.

Mr. Alabaster in his Council advocated the  
 amount being accepted and no further action  
 taken.

Further steps would in all probability lead  
 to the man being degraded in rank which  
 would be a punishment out of proportion to  
 the offence.

The Council were agreeable to such an  
 arrangement - provided the facts of the case  
 were made public as a deterrent.

The Off. Secretary stated that no official  
 report had yet come to hand but was expected  
 in due course (vide no 708 since received)

Pandepest amongst native cattle - The Off. Secretary drew  
 attention to Mr. Keble's report no 691. The Council  
 letter to Mr. Alabaster no 480. and his reply no  
 702.

Since then Mr. Keble had reported  
 cattle sick at the same stables and urged more  
 stringent measures being adopted should the  
 disease show signs of extending. in which he  
 believed the Chinese would co-operate for their  
 own interests.

### General.

Mr. Imper stated that at present the business in connection  
 with the Works Committee, was well up.

Finance. During the next ten days no heavy payments were falling due and that as money came in for taxes &c it would be paid into the Bank - and would by leave of the Council to be allowed leave of absence from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June which was granted. In the meantime he felt satisfied Mr Pond could manage. In this connection it was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Paterson and

No 1004. Resolved

That during Mr. E. B. Sompers' temporary absence Mr. John A. Pond be authorized to sign "for officiating Secretary"

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 134 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

Edward B. Sompers  
Secretary

John A. Pond  
Chairman

No 1005.

Council Room

Dunedin 8<sup>th</sup> June 1872

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 June inst at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Council Room Roman Road.

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee - Webb's claim. Power of attorney not in order for transfer of land.

Artillery Commission - letter from Hongkong

Finance Committee - Cash State

Local Post-Office Report.

House Assessment. E. Mc Connel's letter  
Works Committee. Engineer Progress Report.

Wong's line - Mr. Kambury's letter  
 Williams Co. landing ballast.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Stances Report

Hard labor prisoners. Dispatch from H.S.M.S. Consul  
 Mr. Penfold's report.

Immoral plays &c - Dispatch from H.S.M.S. Consul  
 Mr. Penfold's report.

General. Staff. Temp. Yuen. Increase of salary.

Standing orders. Alteration in Rule 6 of "Instructions  
 to Engineer"

I am, Sir,  
 Your obedient servant

To the members  
 of the Council.

for Mr Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the  
 General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1872.

Admiral  
W. H. Cordill  
W. H. Cordill  
W. H. Cordill

Thiers Corryell  
J. G. Gurney  
Robt & Fearon

Council Room  
 Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> June 1872.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15  
 Swan Road, on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June inst  
 A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W. H. Condit Esq. Vice Chairman  
 Alex Paterson Esq.  
 S. M. Swales Esq.  
 W. Coryell Esq.  
 A. Guimere Esq.  
 Robt. S. Fearon Esq.

Edward B. Souper. officiating Secretary.

absent

O. C. Behm Esq.  
 W. Murray Esq.

Dr Henderson attended and before the ordinary business brought forward the following matters.

Certificates of Death. vide page 79 ante. Dr Henderson stated that it was most desirable as he had pointed out before, that certificates of death should be obtained in all cases.

The system he thought could be initiated generally without much difficulty, with the exception of the General Hospital but in this respect Mr. Forbes had engaged to arrange that in future the practice should be adopted in the case of patients dying in that Establishment.

Dr Falle as Health officer of the French Council would co-operate.

The Chairman undertook to address the Council on the subject.

Dr Henderson submitted form of certificate in use which was approved.

Lock Hospital. Dr Henderson pointed out that the French Council would discuss their Budget for the ensuing year, on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst and it was desirable to obtain their support.

In reply to the question from the Chairman whether this was necessary, he expressed his opinion that it was decidedly better that there should be only one establishment of the kind in Shanghai and that it should be under the joint management

of the two Councils, both contributing equally to its support.

He was strongly in favor of weekly examination of the women and compulsory detention of those suffering from disease.

Mr. Dent was opposed to compulsion, in which however he was not supported by the other members.

The system advocated by Dr. Henderson was approved but further action was deferred until the views of the French Municipal Council had been ascertained.

In this connection the Mr. Secretary was directed to write the French Council at once.

Assault on P.C. Aarestrup. Mr. Dent stated that Mr. Alabaster had called with reference to the Council's letter no 501 of 28<sup>th</sup> May and was asked how the Council wished the case to be made public.

Mr. Alabaster did not think for a moment that the affair had any political bearing - he looked upon it simply as a drunken brawl and that if he might be allowed to advise he would recommend that the fine of \$100 be accepted and then the matter be allowed to drop.

Mr. Alabaster had further pointed out that in bringing pressure to bear in a case of this sort against the Chinese authorities, the Council might in matters of importance experience an obstructive spirit on the part of the mandarins.

Mr. Dent thought that taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration and as a matter of courtesy to Mr. Alabaster the Council might comply with his suggestion, which was approved.

No 1005. The Summonses calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1006. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Officiating Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

## Defence Committee.

Webb's Claim - The Off Secretary stated that it was found that the power of attorney in Mr. Haussler's favor as agent for Mr. Webb, did not authorize Mr. Haussler to transfer land, but Mr. Harwood the Council's legal adviser had the matter in hand and had sent the proper papers to Mr. Webb for signature. In the meantime the title deeds were in the possession of the Council and the interests of the Community were fully protected, which was noted.

Ammunition from Hongkong - Letter from Government Officer S.C.  
720  
Extract - "I have the honor to acquaint you that the stores in question are now ready for shipment to that Port and to request that you will be good enough to depute some one to take them over. I would refer to the great difficulty in obtaining freigh here for combustible stores."

The Off Secretary was given to understand that Messrs Justice Matheson & Co would act as agents for the Council in the matter and arrange freight - the Council directed steps being taken in this connection.

## Finance Committee.

No 1007 The Cash state for the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1872 was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Ampleaders hands	7/2616-10
In Bank	2610.82

Local Post Office Report No 750 read and contents noted.

## Works Committee

Warrington Bond - Mr. Warrington's letter No 745 read. Referred to Works Committee for report at a later date.  
Section Creek Bridge - Mr. Conyell drew attention to the resolution and course of action authorized at the previous meeting.

of 6<sup>th</sup> May last. The present arrangement for commutation of foreign tolls terminated on the 31<sup>st</sup> inst. It was asked to know whether extending that arrangement for another period say 12 months would in any way lead to hamper the Council in the negotiations with the Bridge Co which might be opened up at any date.

The Chairman replied that if the Bridge Co would accept the same commutation it would be advisable to commute for foreigners for another year as the building of another bridge or purchase of existing one could not be completed before that time.

If the Company on the other hand placed any difficulties in the way there would be no alternative but to start a new ferry - but under any circumstances any fresh arrangement with the Bridge Co would be so drawn up by the Council's legal adviser as to leave the Council's hands perfectly free for any course of action that might be necessary in the interests of the Community.

Looking at the fair spirit exhibited by the former Council in their endeavours to treat with the Bridge Co and the manner in which it was met, a decided feeling was expressed by the members of the Council not to make the first advance towards opening up fresh negotiations - at the same time it was suggested by Mr Fearon that the Chairman might be enabled in a casual way to ascertain the feeling of the Company, of which Mr Dent approved, and the subject dropped.

#### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Resources Report - No 10 read and contents noted.

Ward Labor Prisoners - Mr. Ababaster's letter in 757 and Superintendent's Report - in 747 - after some discussion as to cost of maintenance and the equivalent return the matter was referred to the Watch Committee for further report as to whether crime had increased.

or otherwise since abandonment of system.

A difference of opinion being manifest in: Sent  
begged to point out that three successive Councils in  
going out of office had regretted that the system of  
hard labor had fallen into disuse, - it would be  
necessary to go most carefully into details before  
deciding on a definite course of action.

Immoral plays &c. Mr. Alabaster's Dispatch No 742 and Mr. Penfold's  
report No 748. The feeling of the Council was to reply  
that endeavours would be used to put a stop to  
immoral plays &c. It was finally decided  
to refer to Watch Committee before replying.

Opium Watchmen. Mr. Penfold's Report No 756. read and approved.

Police. Serjt. Stammers application for allowance in lieu of  
quarters. No 750. Referred to Watch Committee for  
action.

### General.

Staff. Mr. Green. application increase of salary.  
Referred to the Finance Committee.

Standing orders. Rule 6. 'Instructions to Engineer'. It was moved  
by Mr. Fearon, seconded by Mr. Bayle and

No 1008 Resolved

That Rule 6 with regard to Engineer be altered  
as under:-

That the Engineer will arrange all details  
and terms of contracts and after having obtained  
the approval of the Works <sup>and Finance</sup> Committee the document  
will be signed by the Engineer and the Contractor  
when it will be forwarded to the Council Room to  
receive the signature of the Finance Committee and  
Secretary and the common seal of the Municipality  
without which no contract can be finally  
binding.

Publishing Committee. Mr. Fearon drew attention to Mr. Bird's  
remarks at Ratepayers Meeting and enquired  
what was being done towards furnishing the Hallway in



with the information they naturally felt entitled to. The Mr Secretary after explaining why the minutes of the previous year had been unpublished stated that a resume of proceedings up to the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo was being prepared and would be laid before the Council for approval and authority to publish at an early date.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 139 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 Deak  
Chairman

Edward G. South  
Mr Secretary.

1872.

Council Room

Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> June 1872

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 June 1872 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Council Chamber in the Public Office in the Roman Road

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Cash State

Duties on goods - Mackean Esq. - Refusal to pay

Nachtrieb Leroy Esq. as to watching  
shipments of silk

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Watch Committee - Inspector of nuisances Report

Inspector of Markets Report - Sale of diseased meat

Hard labor - Sir Ed. Hornby and Mr. Alabaister will  
attend & express their views

Rules of the Road as proposed by Watch Committee

to be submitted

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant

Of Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1872.

John Dent  
W. H. Condit

Allex.

Murray  
H. Wood

A. J. J. J.  
Robt. J. Pearson

Council Room

Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> June 1872

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 June inst. ad. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. H. Condit Esq.

S. M. J. J. Esq.

H. Murray Esq.

Allex Peterson Esq.

A. J. J. J. Esq.

Robt. J. Pearson Esq.

Edward W. Soper. officiating Secretary.

about. M. Coyell & - O. C. Brown

Hard Labor - Before proceeding to business Sir Edmund Hornby  
and Mr. Robertson British Consul attended in accordance

with invitation to express their views as to the advisability of re-introducing the system of hard labor.

The Minutes of Watch Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> inst. (see page 217-18 Committee Minute Book) were brought to their notice.

Mr. Condit and Mr. Murray further remarked that the Watch Committee had come to the conclusion that unless the Chinese authorities were sincere in their intentions to support the Council in carrying through the hard labor in the way in which it could only be deterrent to crime, they saw no grounds on which to urge its being introduced again - and with the reservation as to chain gang by the Dastar, referred to in Mr. Alabaster's letter the main feature in it would be done away with.

Mr. Alabaster then stated that his reasons for bringing forward the subject were -

1<sup>st</sup> with a view to doing away with cruel and brutal punishments such as are inflicted at the mixed Court which were quite at variance with foreign ideas of justice and punishment - and such that Foreign assessors at the mixed Court were strongly opposed to and in instances declined to inflict

2<sup>nd</sup>. It would be brought home as a punishment in a most marked way to offenders of a better class which he felt could not fail to have a decided and deterrent effect.

According to Chinese law the nature of the punishment was new, and though a Chinaman would not be sentenced to hard labor for 1<sup>st</sup> offence, he would be for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup>. For the habitual offender, a class of men which he alluded to as being brought up before him perhaps twenty or thirty or fifty times in a year.

He contended that confinement with hard labor for a lengthened period would keep the man from temptation for the time, and would in the majority of instances train the man working for a livelihood after his release.

As to the restriction on chain gang by the Dastar

referred to by Mr. Condit and Mr. Murray he pointed out that that difficulty would easily be overcome and no notice taken of it.

In reply to the question from Mr. Dent, Mr. Alabaster stated that the Chinese scarcely wished the hard labor system introduced but as a concession to the foreigner he felt they would meet us in carrying it out.

Mr. Alabaster advocated its trial for a year and if after that time it proved not to answer, hard labor could be abandoned. and seeing that three Councils in going out of office had each recommended it he failed to see why a trial should not be given.

Mr. Murray here explained that the Councils recommended it and the present Council also would not hesitate to urge the adoption of hard labor at once, but with the guarantee that the Chinese would bear them out and not saddle the community with the cost of keeping a lot of idle hardened good for nothing rascals.

Mr. Edmund Hornby then explained that hard labor to act as a punishment and warning and to be effective, should be accompanied either by a certain amount of bodily suffering and fatigue or public disgrace. if pursued on that system he advocated it but if on the other hand labor was just sufficient to keep a man in bodily health the whole then became a farce.

With the hardened criminal he recommended strict treatment in the jail. In better class of offenders such as Canton boys and others, labor was not so much an object as disgrace and in their case he would recommend chain gang as an example to others.

Accommodation for hard labor prisoners in N. B. W. Consular Jail. The question of taking this over was then discussed.

Mr. Edmund Hornby explained that the

Government would hand over to the Municipal Council the control and management of the gaol but not the property be it understood and would pay so much per head per diem for British prisoners sent there. It would be necessary to arrange the detail of an arrangement were entered into. The Government did not desire to make money by it but merely to save the large expense of keeping it up - an expenditure hardly justifiable when one came to consider the few prisoners that were sent there. If the Council took it over it thought that an arrangement might be made with all the Councils similar to that with S.W.M. Government and if so the gaol could be made to pay its own expenses and it might be better than that.

Mr. Dent here pointed out that the Council could not take over the gaol without a special sanction from the Ratepayers but as the Municipal cells were quite adequate for the purpose, he asked whether temporary accommodation for prisoners would be afforded at the gaol if hard labor were started at once.

So then with Sir Ed. Hornby and Mr. Alabaster thought there could be no difficulty - Mr. Alabaster pointing out that of course the Government would not find any additional wardens for hard labor prisoners confined in the gaol.

The Council assured him they quite understood that and did not expect it.

Here the subject dropped - the Chairman thanking Sir Ed. Hornby and Mr. Alabaster for their attendance - and those gentlemen retired.

Later on the Council discussed the subject amongst themselves when it was moved by Mr. Fearon seconded by Mr. Gimmern and

No 1010 Resolved

That without binding themselves to adopt any permanent system of hard labor, as suggested by S.W.M. Council, the Council shall authorize the Watch Committee to take the matter into consideration and

if they see fit to concert measures for giving the system a trial, if satisfactory accommodation can be afforded in the Circular Jail - for the purpose.

The Council then proceeded to the ordinary business. The Minutes calling the meeting was taken as 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.

No 1011 The Cash State for the 15<sup>th</sup> inst was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows.

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 2465-07
In Bank	4499-67

Dubs on goods - Maclean Co. Refusal to pay. Mrs Maclean Co being clearly liable for the dues in question it was decided to press for payment.

Ashton Co - Ronda. Letter No 211 read. The terms upon which this firm would undertake business for the Council were approved. viz

- 5% Commission on Cash advances secured by shipping documents
- 5% Interest on advances
- 2 1/2% Commission if in possession of the Council's funds
- 5% to Engineer, where such services are required.

Staff. Mr. Haas. The Secretary mentioned that Mr. Haas had returned from leave of absence.

### Public Works Committee.

Reports. Engineer's Progress Report - No 278 read and contents noted.

Streets Market. Report of Inspector of Markets No 503. Mr. Ferris called the attention of the Council to the frequent reports and the necessity of doing something at once. He had visited the locality and found it in a disgraceful state. To improve the market

it would be necessary to widen the Slending Road and to purchase houses of Wabe. The Engineer had been instructed to make an offer for the houses ~~for~~ about Rs 1000 and much ~~as~~ he regretted having to come forward for this money he felt that any one visiting the place would bear him out.

Mr. Motas asked whether there was any allowance in the budget. Mr. Pearson stated it was covered by contingencies and this was certainly one.

It was moved by Mr. Ladd seconded by A. Murray and

### No 1012 Resolved

That the Works Committee be authorized to make the best arrangement they can with Wabe for the purchase of his houses in Slending Road with a view to improving in a sanitary point of view what is commonly known as King's Market.

### Watch Committee

Reports. Inspector of Nuisances Report No 11 read and noted.  
Decayed Meat. Inspector of Markets Reports Nos 706 and 804 read and contents noted.

Rules of the Road. The following Rules of the road prepared by the Watch Committee, were submitted. (see Notification No 297)

1. Carriages and chairs passing, will always keep to the left side of the road
2. Wheelbarrows will be required to ply on the left side of the road and close to the sidewalk and not allowed to loiter.
3. All ~~drift~~<sup>drumlight</sup> carriages are required to carry side lights from one hour after sun-down to within one hour of sunrise when in use upon any of the Municipal Roads.
4. Turning and approaching corners, Drivers should always pull up to a slow pace and for the safety of all the Police are instructed to prevent racing and furious driving within the limits of the Settlement.

It is understood that vehicles on the main road which are such as run parallel with the Malacca, have the right of way and those in the cross streets must provide against collision.

It was moved by Mr. Russell seconded by Mr. Paterson and

No 1013 Resolved

That the rules for the Regulation of the Traffic in the Settlement, in connexion with Resolution passed at Ratepayers Meeting of 6: May 1872 be approved and translated into Chinese. Copies to be posted in conspicuous parts of the Settlement.

Nuisances. open privies. Mr. Cochet drew attention to open privies in rear of Chinese houses in the Settlement and asked what action the Council generally pursued.

Mr. Stovos to be instructed to inspect and report.

Inflammable material. Mr. Gunnem drew attention to the large quantities of Kerosene oil which appeared to be stored in the Chinese shops.

The Off Secretary was instructed to ascertain particulars and notify the Police.

Wheelbarrows. Letter from French Council No 805. The Council were not aware of any arrangement made as to dividing the fees and instructed the Off Secretary to reply, requesting them to be good enough to furnish information as to the arrangement referred to in letter under notice and to hand amount of fees collected by French Council for year just finished.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 146 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

Edward B. Soper  
Off Secretary.

John Dent  
Chairman.



No. 1014.

Council Room  
Manchester 24<sup>th</sup> June 1872

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 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June inst. a.d. 1872 at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Bureau Road

Summary of Business

Minutes to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash Vote

Local Boardmaster Report

Stocks Creek Bridge - as to commutation for another year

Room at L.O. premises - proposal from Philharmonic Society's case (Dues) - letter from French Council

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report - No 810

Engineers Report for publication to be submitted.

Sanitary English Settlement - Rough agreement - with Board  
Lot holders to be considered

Letter from Public Garden Committee as to European garden  
to Clark's substitutes - Mr. J. D. Bishop to be proposed  
by Works Committee.

New Municipal Buildings - as to proceeding plans &  
mat drawings - as to enforcing regulation that they  
should be made to work up.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Capt. Kappels case - Report from Dept of Police

Mr & Mrs Walker's case - brought forward by Mr. Statcher

General - Committee of enquiry into Mr. Conolly's charges to be  
appointed

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant -

To the Members  
of the Council

W Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the general meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1872.

Individuals

W. H. Condit  
 John Patterson  
 H. Murray  
 J. H. Moss  
 Oliver Coryell  
 A. Zimmerman  
 Robt. J. Pearson

Council Room

Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> June 1872.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Avenue Road Shanghai on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June inst. a.d. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dist. Esq. Chairman  
 W. H. Condit Esq.  
 John Patterson Esq.  
 H. Murray Esq.  
 J. H. Moss Esq.  
 Oliver Coryell Esq.  
 A. Zimmerman Esq.  
 Robt. J. Pearson Esq.

Edward B. Soper Off. Secretary.

No 1014. The Minutes calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1015. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Off. Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Paterson and  
No 1016. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum  
be sanctioned

<u>Reading Road</u>	} widening of 2 for purchase of stakes.	}	honors (vide minute works 19 June 72	}	<u>£1200.</u>
<u>Miller Road</u>					

Cash Rate.

No 1017. The Cash Rate for the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. was handed round for inspection

It showed balances as follows: -

In Comptrolors hands	£1738.75
In Bank.	<u>£11622.28.</u>

Local Post Office. Report No 809 of 16<sup>th</sup> June read and passed.

Letters from Man of War. Mr. Martin British Postmaster had represented to Mr. Dent that letters from "Mrs. Caslow" had been received and distributed by the Local Post Office and that this was contrary to the spirit of an understanding entered into between the British & Local Post Offices. The Mr. Secretary referred to minute (page 64 ante) in which the former Council expressed their opinion that "it was the duty" of the Local Post Office to forward all letters sent "by" "subscribers."

The Council now thought that in the case of men of war letters should be handed over to the British Post Office which was noted by the Mr. Secretary for future guidance.

Issue on Merchandize. Knockheister's Case. Letter from French Council No 840 read and noted.

Philharmonic Society. Room at L.P.O. premises. The Council decided to let the room to the Society at the rate of £100 per annum the Council reserving the right to take over the room again at any time on one months notice being given.

Poochore Creek Bridge. The Councils letter No 586 of 21<sup>st</sup> inst. to Mr. Hogg's asking if the Bridge Co were willing to renew for another year the existing agreement as to commutation of Foreign tolls, was read. ~~After consideration it was~~ moved by Mr. Condit - The Mr. Secretary stated that

no reply had been received.

Looking at the case at it stood at present and at the course of action urged by the Ratepayers there was no option with the Council but to allow matters to take their course and if the Bridge Company made no advance by the 30<sup>th</sup> instant it would be necessary either to try the question of the Municipality by driving <sup>poles</sup> ~~poles~~ for a new bridge or to have a free ferry.

Mr. Dent thought however that the Council would be justified in submitting any reasonable offer of terms that might be made by the Bridge Co. to the Ratepayers before adhering strictly to the letter of the Resolution.

After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Condit seconded by Mr. Fearon and

No 1018. Resolved

That failing a satisfactory reply from the agents of the Bridge Company by 30<sup>th</sup> instant, the correspondence of 21<sup>st</sup> be published and the Community notified that the Commutation of 3000 for foreigners is no longer in force.

Public Works Committee.

Reports. Engineers Progress Report No 279 read and minutes Engineers Report No 520 for publication read. It was moved by Mr. Gummer seconded by Mr. Ayell and

No 1019. Resolved

That the Engineers Report dated 31<sup>st</sup> May-72 be approved and published in local newspapers.

Buildings. New Municipal Buildings. as to two evening plans &c. It was left with the Public Works Committee to take preliminary steps for obtaining plans &c.

Standing. English Settlement. Proposed agreement with Bond Co-holders read and considered. There being no restriction preventing the holders building on the reclaimed land, the Mr. Secretary was instructed to refer the deed back to Mr. Harwood to have a clause inserted to that effect. After which the Mr. Secretary to circulate form amongst the Co-holders for

their information and approval.

Encroachments. Mat-Awnings - Rolling up of, in rainy weather. It was moved by Mr. Fearon seconded by Mr. Gummern and  
 No 1020. Resolved

That a regulation be at once put in force by which owners of mat-awnings shall be compelled to roll them up during wet-weather, it being found that great damage is done to the roads by the droppings from them.

Public Garden. Letter No 533 from the Public Garden Committee read.  
 - as to European Garden. The Sp Secretary directed to reply that the amount - No 600. appropriated by the Ratepayers for a European garden was at disposal of the Committee with shewn action in the matter noted.

Staff. Mr Clarke's substitute. It was moved by Mr. Coryell seconded by Mr. Fearon, and  
 No 1021 Resolved

That Mr. J. E. Bishop be taken on month by month as may be necessary as a substitute in Engineer's Office during Mr. C. S. Clark's absence, upon that gentleman's pay and with same allowances.

### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 12 read and contents noted.

Capt. Keppell's Case. Superintendent's Report No 882 read, recommending payment of a/c for medical treatment in General Hospital.  
 §135 - Decided to pay the a/c as the man had been sent to hospital by the Council. In the meantime the Sp Secretary instructed to gather more particulars as to Mr. Keppell's affairs and report.

Mr. & Mrs. Walters Case. Mr. Hutchins letter No 833 read. a/c for expenses in sending this family home, passed.

Licenses. The "Camp" at Gungsteepos - not in possession of license. Decided that one must be taken out.

Guard Labor. Mr. Murray expressed the views of the Watch Committee on this subject and promised a full report embodying them, as soon as Mr. Penfold had furnished

report on estimated increase in expenditure in the event of  
the Municipality taking over the jail.

General Hospital. Mr. Cowell brought up an instance in which he had  
found a man in distressed circumstances and requiring  
immediate removal to hospital. He was at present  
proceeding for the main keep there and wished to know  
whether the arrangement made with the General Hospital  
(vide page 9 of Budget-1872-73) covered this. The

Council were unanimously of opinion that it did and  
they were prepared to relieve Mr. Cowell of the expense.

### General.

Mr. Connolly's charges - Committee of enquiry - It was moved by  
Mr. Jene - seconded by Mr. Audit - and

No. 1022. Resolved

That Mr. Murray, Peterson and Cross be  
appointed a committee of enquiry into the charges  
brought against certain of the Council's employees by  
Mr. Connolly.

Item of meeting. As to charging. It was put to the vote by Mr. Jene  
and resulted in 4 o'clock pm. on Monday's being fixed  
on for the general meeting.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 154 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 Beut,  
Chairman

Edward A. Souper  
My Secretary.

No. 1023.

Council Room  
Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> July 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your  
attendance at a general meeting of the Council which

will be held this day - Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1872 - at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the Council Chamber 10<sup>th</sup> Swan Road.

Summary of Business.

The Summons to be read

The Minutes of last meeting to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee. Cash Rate

Local Post Office - as to making sale of stamps compulsory.

Commutation - Wocher Creek Bridge - letter from Aug 18<sup>60</sup> to be considered - also from Sir Ed. Baring on same subject.

W.D. Works - Letter accepting appointment of Clerk of works.

Works Committee. Progress Report

Puttings and down paper - as to firm measured.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Steamers Report

Inspector of Markets Report

"Structures" charges - Letter from Sir - Co.

General. Price Lists - as to changing to 9. 4. 30.

Review of proceedings since 1<sup>st</sup> April to be read and approved for publication

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

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

To the Members  
of the Council

of Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the general meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1872

Miss Caryell  
J. G. Ginnison

W. H. Ginnison  
W. H. Ginnison  
W. H. Ginnison  
W. H. Ginnison  
W. H. Ginnison  
W. H. Ginnison

Council Room  
Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> July 1872

At the Special meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Cross Road Shanghai on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present.

John Deuel Esq. - Chairman

Ed. A. Condit Esq.

Ally Paterson Esq.

W. Murray Esq.

S. M. Moss Esq.

Robt. J. Fearon Esq.

Alfred Cayell Esq.

A. Gunnison Esq.

Edward B. Soper. off. Secretary.

No 1023. The Minutes calling the meeting was read.

No 1024. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee

Cash State.

No 1025. The Cash State for the 28<sup>th</sup> June was handed over for inspection - It showed balances as follows

In Comptroller's hands      \$3487.30

In Bank.      10172.28

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> June 1872

Balances in name of Municipal Council this date.

Cr.

on fixed deposit      \$10000.

Dr.

on current a/c      \$4827.22.

(Signed) H. L. Pereira  
of Acty acct



Local Post Office - Keeping open winter non-subscribers. The App Secretary states that the firms and individuals who did not subscribe to the local Post Office were few. The system of keeping and collecting accounts for postage which were generally small, entailed much labor and expense and he therefore begged permission to discontinue the practice and recommended that letters from non-subscribers should be repaid and mail matter addressed to them paid for on delivery - which was approved.

Anchor Creek Bridge - Commutation. Letter by <sup>Fin</sup> 299 from agents of Bridge Co. Mr. Dent explained that his letter had been received by him late on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> ult. and he had taken on himself the responsibility of instructing the App Secretary not to carry out resolution passed at previous meeting (see page 156 ante) -

He considered the proposal of the bridge Co. would grow to over many difficulties and urged the Council to accept it.

It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Pearson and

Rs 1020. Resolved

That the proposal of the Bridge Coy (as submitted in Mr. Dent's 1008<sup>th</sup> letter of 28<sup>th</sup> June) that the Council commute the toll for foreigner months by month at the same rate as hitherto (Rs 1020 p annum) be accepted.

Mr. Ed. Hornby's letter <sup>General</sup> 854 - The Council fully recognized the motives that induced Mr. Ed. Hornby to write - the feeling of the Community was so strong on making first advances to the Company that the Council directed the App Secretary to write and thank Mr. Ed. Hornby for his consideration and disinterested views and to point out that whilst the Council were prepared to <sup>receive</sup> accept any proposition from the Bridge Co. they could not commit themselves further than to say it ~~was~~ before the next meeting of Rate Payers - at the same time should a proposition be made of a nature likely to eliminate the existing difficulties the Council

had every hope that an amicable adjustment would be arrived at.

Staff. J. D. Bishop <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup>/<sub>877</sub> read - accepting appointment of Clerk of Works during Mr. C. B. Clarke's absence read and contents noted.

### Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report - No 280 read.

Guttering and Down pipes. Mr. Ferson called the attention of the Council to the numbers of houses and buildings of one kind and another close to the roads, which were not provided with guttering and downpipes - the damage to the roads in rainy weather was in consequence great - and expenses for repairs incurred - The Council decided to stand by bye laws ~~21~~ p 35 annexed to the recent Reg. 'ations, and to enforce the regulation which was noted by the Secretary.

### Watch Committee.

Reports. Inspector of nuisances Report - No 13 read

Inspector of markets Report - No 880 read.

Extinctors charges. Mr. W. Hill - Two letters No 965 read and noted.

Licenses. Young's pub Camp. To uphold the regulation the Council decided to call on Proprietor to take out license - but taking into consideration the class of establishment and the early hour at which it <sup>might</sup> be closed, the Council ~~noted~~ <sup>might</sup> remit a part of the fee if applied to by Mr. Silverthorn.

Lock Hospital. Dr. Henderson attended and read letter from Dr. Falle.

My dear Dr. Henderson

In answer to your note of this morning I beg to state that at the last meeting of the French Municipal Council the letter of the English Municipal Council has been read and that the question about the Lock Hospital has been discussed, and taken into

serious consideration. A Committee of three members including myself has been appointed. but owing to the sickness of one of the members that Committee could not meet yet.

I dare say that the French Council is in favour of taking some steps in regard to prostitution. the want of it is felt since several years. In 1869 they tried already to work a scheme but were stopped by the well known uselessness of taking one measure in one Settlement if the same thing were not taken on the other one - Now as I am aware that any measure to be efficacious must cost a great deal, I am afraid our financial position will not allow us to go before a few months, in any serious decision. Besides, all the rules must be well discussed between both Councils. It will always take a certain time.

Anyhow I promise to have the chief go as quick as possible in the Committee and the matter discussed in the next general meeting.

Yours truly

(Signed) Gallo

Franklin

1<sup>st</sup> of July.

D<sup>r</sup> Henderson explained that he had found the cost of building was under-estimated. and in answer to the question from Mr. Dent stated that he meant by beginning on Rs 1600. beginning to build - it would require near Rs 2000 to Rs 2500 to place the establishment on a working footing.

The Council expressed a wish that D<sup>r</sup> Henderson should lose no further time and asked him to send in a report and estimate on which to commence operations.

D<sup>r</sup> Henderson further stated that he had already bought a piece of ground on the east side of Mr. Ross Road opposite Cameras house for Rs 250.

Rinderpest. Dr. Henderson attended to substantiate Mr. Reele's report on existence of rinderpest by surgical illustrations and satisfied the Council that disease existed and called for prompt action.

It was moved by Mr. Condit - seconded by Mr. Deane and  
No 1027 Resolved

That Mr. Reele Inspector of markets be authorized to engage two or three competent assistants as a temporary measure whilst Rinderpest exists (as reported by him 30<sup>th</sup> June 1872) -

And the Chief Secretary was instructed to write to the Consuls at once handing draft of Regulations for enforcement - whilst there are appearances of rinderpest in the neighbourhood

Hard Labor. The following Report - from the Watch Committee was read and approved.

Report as to resumption of the  
Hard Labor System.

To the Municipal Council

Shanghai.

The Watch Committee is not disposed to recommend to the Council their resumption of the charge of a gang of Hard Labor Prisoners. The Community are understood to entertain a strong feeling in favour of the re-establishment of the hard labor system but the Community desire a measure very different from that which the Committee find would come within the scope of the powers likely to be accorded to the Council.

The Community wish to see defaulting houses and other servants at work in chains upon the roads while the Chinese authorities object in toto at present to such a form of punishment - and if they do hereafter permit its adoption they are very likely to restrict its application to professional thieves and hardened offenders - a class of criminals in the custody of whom the Committee is of opinion that the Council should not burden themselves, because

for such criminals the Council's discipline would possess no terrors whatever, and because it does not appear that were the steps taken, any true benefit would be derived by the Public from it in as much as the Committee is irresistibly driven to the conclusion that very little income would accrue from any work to which the prisoners could be set. For the Council therefore to undertake the custody and employment of forty or fifty native offenders would be to devolve a heavy burden upon the Rate Payers. It may be here mentioned that Mr. Penfold states the amount of crime at present committed within the Settlement to be very moderate; therefore there does not appear to exist any reason why the Council should come forward to the relief or assistance of the Chinese Authorities.

It is understood that quarters within the Consular Jail could be found for prisoners in the custody of the Council, should the Council see fit to assume their charge. But the entire responsibility of the health and safe keeping of these prisoners would devolve upon the Council. The Council would require to maintain within the walls of the jail a special staff of foreign and native warders and care would have to be taken that their authority and duties did not clash with those of the Consular Warders. To safely take charge and employ from forty to fifty Chinese prisoners, Mr. Penfold states that the following officers would be required - say

6 Foreign Warders	55	per month
4 Chinese - Do -	33	" "
1 Cook	6	" "
1 Chinese Doctor	6	" "
In all	100	

whilst the keep of each prisoner would not prove less than \$3 per month.

In connection with this question of the resumption by the Council of the custody and employment

of hard labor prisoners there has arisen another one - namely that the Council should relieve the British Consular Authorities of the charge and cost of their Jail of course this cannot be done except at vast responsibility to the Council and a large outlay on the part of the Ratepayers, notwithstanding that every Consul should be made to pay for every prisoner that he might send to the Jail - from certain Police points of view the Municipality would derive benefit from possessing direct use of and control over the Jail

But two very important considerations induce the Watch Committee to recommend the Council not to enter upon this scheme - first the very heavy expense which would inevitably be the result and secondly the fact that the Council would not possess the power and authority necessary to enforce good order and government within the Jail

Mr. Penfold's report is appended hereto (vide no 828 of 22 June  
Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> July 1872

} members of  
Watch  
Committee

It was moved by Mr. Fearon, seconded by Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
No 1028 Resolved

That the substance of the Report by the Watch Committee on resumption of hard labor system be published and copy forwarded to Mr. Harris' Consul in reply to his letter of 31<sup>st</sup> May last and that the recommendations of said Committee be followed as to taking no action in the matter for the present

### General.

Mr. Annold's corrupt charges against certain Municipal employees - the following Report from the Committee appointed to investigate the charges was read.

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The Municipal Council  
Shanghai.

Your Committee has enquired into the charges brought against your employees by Arnould. These were of a very vague character and enquiry has done nothing to establish them; while the ascertained correctness of the Cash balances frees the Tax Collectors from any imputation of fraud. But two grave matters have come prominently to notice in the course of this investigation. First - that your books were formerly carelessly kept and left much behind hand; second that Mr. Malcolm was heavily indebted to Chinese. Nevertheless it does not appear that Mr. Malcolm's excessive charges for Stationery (which were reduced by the former Council) were connected with Mr. Malcolm's debt to that individual.

The Chinese clubs have been severally examined in consequence of Arnould's suggestion to that effect - but no information as to the existence of fraud or otherwise has been elicited from them. Their antecedents render it unlikely that if fraud existed they would have known of it. This last remark does not apply to Chung-Sang.

Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> June 1872

A. Arnould,

1872

Secy. Council.

It was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Audit - and  
No. 1029 Resolved

That the substance of report by Commission of enquiry into charges by Mr. Arnould against employees of Council, be published.

Report for publication. The Mr. Secretary submitted resume of proceedings since the 1<sup>st</sup> April last - which was read and approved and ordered to be inserted in the local papers.

Office hours. The Off Secretary asked authority to change the office hours during the summer months to say 9 am to 4 pm instead of 10 am to 5 pm as at present. Passed to be entered in Daily Papers.

Register of Attendance of members having been signed (vide page 159 anti)

Narrow 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 Dent  
Chairman

Walter B. Cooper  
Off Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1872.

John Dent  
M<sup>r</sup> Council  
Walter B. Cooper  
Secretary  
W. J. Jones

Council Room  
Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> July 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held this day Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> July inst - at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the Council Chamber at the Public Office in the Roman Road

Summary of Business



The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Cash State

Wharfage Dues - Letter thro' letter.

J. Buckbeister Reply

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report

Public Garden - Letter from Mr. Southwell.

Action - Tsang-tu-yuen v Tsang Twei-shi. Letter from H.K.M.'s Council.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Runderpest - Letter from H.K.M.'s Council.

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

Yours, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

To the Members  
of the Council

Off Secretary.

No 1030.

Council Room  
Shanghai 22 July 1872

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 22 day of July inst. and 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present:

John Deed Esq. Chairman

W. B. Condit Esq.

Alex. Paterson Esq.

S. M. Woods Esq.

H. Conyell Esq.

St. Murray Esq.

Edward Sturges Esq. Secretary.

Absent:

R. S. Pearson Esq.

J. C. Kern Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

No 1030 The Minutes calling the meeting was read.

No 1031 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Off Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash State

No 1032 The Cash State for the 5<sup>th</sup> July was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows

In Comrades' Funds	Rs 3481-19
In Bank.	<u>9591-26</u>

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> July 1892.

Balances in the name of - Municipal Council  
this date.

A

on Fixed Deposit Rs 15000

B

In current account Rs 544-74

(signed) A. M. Townsend  
Acty Acct.

Notes on Merchandise - Carter's two letters No 906 read and noted.

J. J. Buckmaster - documents No 921 and 892 read and noted and Off Secretary instructed to lose no time in placing all papers in Mr. Harwood's hands.

Works Committee.

Engineers' Progress Report - No 281 read and noted.

Public Garden - letter from Mr. Potbury to 9<sup>th</sup> read - Decided to write home, authorizing Mr. C. Davidson to engage a gardener - Council to provide passage out.  
Off Secretary to reply to Mr. Potbury to this effect.

Canton S. S. Tsang v. Tsang. Twei. Su - Letter from H. H. Council

No <sup>10,114</sup> 939 - read setting forth history of the case as follows. "Tsang Tsu Tsuen and Tsang Twei Su were partners in a contract entered into by the former with the Municipal Council. Tsang Tsu Tsuen alone appearing so far as the Council were concerned and undertaking the active management - On his failing to comply with the terms of the Council's contract the Council called on Tsang Twei Su who had secured him to over the Council to complete it - and he did so to the Council's satisfaction for which although the original contract was forfeited the Council think him entitled to the payment agreed on and are willing to pay him."

He is now sued by his partner who alleges that he expended a considerable sum on the work in question and the Magistrate has decided that the sum of \$230 is fairly due and requesting to save trouble in the recovery that <sup>the Council</sup> you will deduct that sum from the amount the Council are about to pay."

With this judgment Tsang Twei Su is dissatisfied and the Council thinking him rightly so and desiring to protect their tenants, have again a statement of the case for the correctness of which they vouch and which properly represented will they think lead the Magistrate to reconsider and materially modify his judgment."

Mr. Alabaster (H. H. Council) further stated - "You are bound I think in courtesy to accede to the Chek Hoiem's wish with regard to the \$230 so far at least as to engage to hold the money pending the final settlement of the case, as he might have applied for and obtained an injunction attaching it instead of preferring a civil request."

The Secretary informed the Council that a statement had been forwarded to the Magistrate

the correctness of which the Council wavered for and that a request had been made that he would review his judgment - on this Mr. Alabaster writes - "Should this fail in having the desired effect I will obtain the removal of the case to the mixed Court though as I have spoken to the Cheekman personally on the matter I do not anticipate that this will be necessary" P.S. I have just heard from the Cheekman that he will do what we wish.

The Council decided to note the attachment and instructed the M<sup>r</sup> Secretary to write Mr. Alabaster informing him of the decision.

Roads. Moneylens. Petition from S. C. Farnham and others (no 935) offering to surrender land for a road if the work were proceeded with at once - left with Works Committee to carry out if practicable.

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 14 read and noted.

Prudential - Letter from Mr. Alabaster no 895 and other correspondence read and noted.

### General

#### Staff

J. W. Malcolm. Letters nos 930, 937 read. The Chairman stated that he had looked into the state of the books kept by Mr. Malcolm and had found he had left them unfinished and not-balanced. but apart from the fact that Mr. Malcolm had not given satisfaction to the Council he thought he had proved that by remaining on in connexion with Mr. Connolly's business he had suffered a pecuniary loss. The Council held the same opinion and referred the matter <sup>to the M<sup>r</sup> Secretary</sup> to the Finance Committee.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 168 cont.) 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. C. W. Cooper  
 Secretary.

J. M. Daulton  
 Chairman

No. 1033.

Council Room

Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> July 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
 your attendance at a general meeting of the Council  
 to be held at the Council Room at 4 o'clock this  
 afternoon

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee.

Cash State.

Local Post-Office Report.

Works Committee.

Engineer's Progress Report.

Soochow Creek Bridge. Letter from Agents.

Shanghai Public Garden. Letter from Mr. C. Woodman.

Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report.

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

I am, Sir,  
 Yours obedient servant

W. C. W. Cooper  
 Secretary

To the members  
 of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1872.

John Dent,  
Chairman  
Alex. Paterson  
P. H. Cross  
Miss Corryell  
A. Gummerson

Council Room

Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> July 1872

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Com-  
munity of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Human  
Road Shanghai on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1872  
pursuant to notice

Present-

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
Alex. Paterson Esq.  
P. H. Cross Esq.  
Miss Corryell Esq.  
A. Gummerson Esq.

Edward B. Soper. M<sup>rs</sup> Secretary.

No 1033. The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1034. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman and M<sup>rs</sup> Secretary and the  
seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash State

No 1035. The Cash state for the 12<sup>th</sup> July was handed round for  
inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 4591-00.
In Bank.	13561.20.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> July 1872.

Balances in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date.

On fixed deposit	On	<u>Rs 15000</u>
On current a/c	To	<u>Rs 1838<sup>50</sup></u>

(Signed) A. H. Douroussin.

Chief Accountant

Local Post Office Report No 888 2<sup>nd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> July read.

Letter Rates. It was decided to charge 3 candareens per 1/2 ounce a letter from all ports. The change might be objected to by those having correspondence with Hongkong which had hitherto been 2 candareens per 1/2 oz.

Canton Agency. The Secy submitted schedule of correspondence for 2 months and asked whether it was worth while to establish an agency at the port.

The Council thought that situated as Canton is with regard to Hongkong the Community as a general rule sent correspondence through Hongkong.

Should however the number of letters to direct show any signs of increase, the question of securing agents could again be considered.

#### Works Committee.

Reports - Engineers Progress Report - no 282 read and noted.

Engineers Report - no 972 of proceedings for month 12 June read and referred to Works Committee.

Soochow Creek Bridge. Letter from Agents no 970 read. It is regretted that the meeting was not as complete as we could wish to consider the Bridge Company's letter.

The members present entertained the proposition favourably the price asked - Rs 35000 was perhaps high but they might be reduced but they considered it would not be policy to allow the present chance of settling the dispute to escape for the sake of

a few thousand taels and felt that they could recommend it to the Ratepayers at coming meeting. It would be necessary however that the views of the absent-members should be ascertained. In this connection Mr. Dent took away Mr. Edmund Bromby's letter no 851. and would call on the members not present.

Shanghai Public Garden. Letter from Mr. C. Woodward no 959 read.

The Off-Secretary thought there would be no difficulty in finding quarters for a European garden.

Mr. Potter's letter no 984. read & considered. The Council were not prepared to do anything at present and directed the Off-Secretary to reply that the matter would be considered in connection with the funding scheme.

### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 16 read and noted.

Underpest - the French Council's reply no 971 noted and considered unsatisfactory.

A. Anderson's claim. Mr. Dent stated that Mr. Eames had written again asking intentions of Council and expressing a wish to get the matter settled by arbitration if possible. Mr. Dent replied that the Council worked the law to take its course which was noted.

### General

Public Drinking troughs for ponies &c. Mr. Dent brought forward the question on behalf of the Brokers and others and urged that a mat-shed should be erected at the club during the summer months and drinking places made for ponies.

The Off-Secretary pointed out that it was a matter for the Club Committee to decide. If they gave permission the brokers could erect the mat-shed at their own expense and the Council would do the rest.

Mr. Zimmerman undertook to ascertain the feeling of the Club Committee.



Late Mr. P. H. Lloyd - accountant to the Council - Tombstone - 4th.

Deut- had learnt- that there was no stone on the grave and that the friends of Mr. Lloyd were too poor to erect one - a subscription list- was being circulated amongst Mr. Lloyd's friends in Shanghai and he thought it would be a recognition of Mr. Lloyd's services if the Council supplemented the list- in order that a plain but- good and substantial tombstone be placed in the Cemetery. The Council agreed with Mr. Deut- and instructed the Off Secretary to lose no time in getting Mr. Oliver to circulate the list-

Register of Attendance having been signed. (vide page 174 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.

Alfred B. Cooper  
Off Secretary.

John Deak.  
Chairman

No 1036.

Council Room

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1892

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee. Cash state.

Mr. Rasch. Application for temporary or permanent employment  
of Mr. McGowan. Fee on Post mortem.

Wheelbarrow fees. Letter from French Council.

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Report.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Inspector of Markets Report.  
 Hangtze-poo Camp - Application for remitting of fee  
 Hankow Municipal Council. Letter from. as to natives  
 in foreign employ.  
 Seizure of diseased meat. Summons against - W. Steele.  
 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 1872.

John Dent  
W. H. Condit  
Alm. Paterson  
H. Murray  
A. Guinness  
 et. Gimmen  
Miss Corryell  
Robt. P. Pearson

Council Room  
 Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1872.

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15  
 Roman Road on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July inst. and  
 1872 pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W. H. Condit Esq.  
 Alm. Paterson Esq.  
 H. Murray Esq.  
 P. M. Weiss Esq.  
 A. Guinness Esq.

Messrs Conyell Esq  
 Robt. J. Pearson Esq.  
 Edward D. Porter. My Secretary.

absent-

O. C. Behm Esq.

- No 1036 The Summons calling the meeting was read <sup>taken as</sup>
- No 1037 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.

Cash State.

No 1038 The Cash State for the 19<sup>th</sup> July was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comrades hands	Rs 1849.85.
In Bank.	<u>15672.70.</u>

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.  
 Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> July 1872.

Balance in the name of the Municipal Council  
 this date

On fixed deposit	Rs 15000
• Current a/c	<u>672.70</u>
	<u>15672.70</u>

(signed) A. M. Townsend  
 Acty Acct.

Staff -

Application for employment. Mr. J. W. Pasch Rs <sup>500</sup>/<sub>1000</sub>.  
 Decided to defer definite answer pending Mr. Pasch's return.

Dr. MacGowan. Fee on Post-mortem. Dr. MacGowan had called on Mr. Dent and stated that it had been necessary to hold a post-mortem on a foreigner who had died in Hongkong and he thought that the Council should pay him a fee say \$25.

The Council were of opinion that any fee due should be paid by the Consul concerned or

by those who demanded that a post-mortem should be made and therefore could not countenance the claim.

Deebastor fees - letter no 979 from French Council read and considered

The Council were unable to gather that any arrangement had been made as to division of the fees but in order to meet the views of the French Council the M<sup>o</sup> Secretary was instructed to draw their attention to the amounts collected respectively by the two Councils during the Municipal year 1871-72 viz

By this Council	Rs 2779.39
By French Council	1387.27
Aggregating	<u>Rs 4166.66</u>

and to suggest that a fair distribution would be  $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$  (Rs 1388.88) to the French Council and  $\frac{2}{3}^{\text{rd}}$  (Rs 2777.78) to this Council and to submit the offer as the basis of an arrangement for the future.

#### Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report - no 283 read and contents noted.

#### Watch Committee.

Reports. Inspector of nuisances report - no 16 read and noted.

Inspector of Markets report no 982 read and noted.

Licenses. Gangtze-pov Camp. Application for remittance of license fee. Decided to remit half say \$15 for <sup>current</sup> a quarter

Hankow Municipal Council. Letter no 978 as to Natives in foreign employ. The M<sup>o</sup> Secretary states that he had called on Mr. Alabaster M<sup>o</sup> Consul in order to be clear on the point and from him learnt that Chinese in foreign employ in no way escaped allegiance to the laws of their country. By a convention with the Chinese authorities, no Chinese could be arrested in the Settlement except by the Police or punished until tried at the mixed court.

The protection a Chinese in foreign employ would  
 was a fair trial. It depended on the nature  
 of the case whether he was handed over to the  
 Chinese City authorities or not.

Reply to be sent to Hankow Municipal Council  
 to this effect:

Diseased meat - Seizure of. The Secy stated that Mr. Keel  
 had been summoned by a Chinese butcher for seizure  
 of diseased meat. The case had been tried  
 before Mr. Morat - Mr. Keel being defended by Mr.  
 Harwood. So far the Court had supported the  
 Council as to authority to seize meat - but had  
 reserved judgment on a minor point.

Mat-sheds. The Secy asked authority that if after  
 due notice had been given to owners of mat-sheds  
 to make them to roll up in wet-weather, the regulation  
 be not complied with, necessary steps should be  
 taken for their removal. - granted

### General.

Rate Payers meeting. Decided to recommend to the Council that  
 the 12<sup>th</sup> August at 2 o'clock be the date fixed upon  
 for the special meeting.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 178 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

Alward Blough  
 Secy

John D. L. L.  
 Chairman

No 1039.

Council Room  
 Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> July 1892

Sir,

I am directed to request your attendance

at a general meeting of the Council which will be held  
on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> inst - at 4 o'clock pm at the Council Room

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Storage of Ammunition

as to present - am - Letter from Mr Blackmore.

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State.

Sharpe & Duss. Carter & Co's letter

Thorne & Co's letter

Knuckbeister.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report.

Shanghai & Hong Kong Railways Co. Plans to be submitted

Bounding scheme. Plans to be submitted.

Jungtzeppoo Road. Correspondence between Mr. Haas & Chen  
Engineer - request to do duties of French Exp Engineer temporarily

Watch Committee. Inspector of Insurances Report.

Inspector of Markets Report on King Lee & O.R. Keele.

Cab stands. Letter from Edlworth & Co as to sites

Complaint against R.C. & Co. correspondence and  
Report thereon.

Lock Hospital. Memorandum and plan from  
Mr Henderson

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 29<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1872.

John Dent

W. H. Goudit  
 Albert Stenon  
 Murray

Moses  
 Miss Corryell  
 J. Gimbert

Council Room  
 Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> July 1872.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Soan Road Shanghai on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of July A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W. H. Goudit Esq.  
 Albert Patterson Esq.  
 H. Murray Esq.  
 S. A. Moses Esq.  
 Miss Corryell Esq.  
 A. Gimbert Esq.

Edward B. Soper. Official Secretary.

Absent. R. S. Feason Esq. and O. C. Behm Esq.

- N<sup>o</sup> 1039 The Minutes calling the meeting was taken and read  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1040 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed

Defence Committee.

Storage of Ammunition. The Secretary stated that the Insurance Companies would not cover the risk on ball cartridge

though packed in tin cases and kept in granite floored room in Central Police Station premises. The bulk of the powder and ammunition had therefore been removed to Messrs Hall & Holtz godown at Pootung and only a small quantity retained here in the magazine. The Council did not see their way to altering this state of things and directed the Offg Secretary to ascertain what quantity would be required in case of need and to make arrangements for storing the necessary quantity on this side.

Volunteer Rifles. Mr. Blackmore's letter to 1033 read and contents noted.

The superiority of the present arm would be brought forward at approaching meeting.

### Finance Committee

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Spinnern seconded by Mr. Coyell and

No 1041. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned  
Lloyd Road Bridge across Defence Creek

7ft 6 in wide (vide Engineers Report No 2-30 June/72. Rs 230.

### Cash State

No 1042. The Cash State for the 26<sup>th</sup> July was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 3259-89
In Bank.	<u>15790-14.</u>

Wongkong & Shai Banking Corporation - 26<sup>th</sup> July 1892.

Balances in the name of the Shanghai Municipal Council this date

On Fixed Deposit	Rs 15000
Current a/c	<u>790-14.</u>
	<u>Rs 15790-14.</u>

signed M. L. Pereira  
for Actg Accountant.

Dues on merchandise. Carter No. Extract from letter No 1026 of 24<sup>th</sup> July  
"The sum of Rs 5.70 for re-export we do not pass as the goods were imported by Russell No/ and dues should



'be paid by that firm for them as imports'

The Council were of opinion that Messrs Carter & Co's ground for refusal was untenable and decided to try the case but before doing so the Offg Secretary to trace clearly the history of the goods. Mr. Dent as a matter of policy opposed this course but was overruled.

Thorne 1822 No. Extract letter No 1037 of 26 July/72. "Enclosed we beg to hand you a revised Debit note for portion of amounts overpaid by us as wharfage dues on seas."

'According to the Land Regulations you can in no case levy more than 1/10 of 1% as dues on merchandise, however we do not desire to take advantage of this and are willing to pay according to tariff but the above claim is made under exceptional circumstances and we beg you will give it your consideration.'

Decided to refund.

Buckheister - The Offg Secretary stated that the case had been fixed for 23<sup>rd</sup> September next.

### Public Works Committee.

Reports. Engineers Progress Report No 2874 read.

Shanghai and Hongkong Tramways Company - The Off Secretary read letter (No 1042) from Mr. Kingsmill and informed the Council that the plans had been received and were open to inspection.

No comment was made by the members.

Staff.

Engineer - Request from Mr. Oliver to perform the duties of Engineer to the French Council during Mr. De la Maille's absence on short leave - The application being informal - being merely a private letter from one Engineer to the other, the Council did not entertain the question and referred the matter to the Works Committee to be dealt with as they might think advisable. The Works Committee took exception to the way in which Mr. Oliver had put the subject before them. The letter should have come through the Offg Secretary.

Some discussion ensued as to remarks that Mr. Oliver had made outside and the spirit of discontent

which he appeared to display - Mr. Corryell on behalf of the Works Committee stated that they were aware of certain irregularities which would be gone into and cleared up.

Bonding Scheme. English and Hong Kong Settlements. Mr. Oliver attended to explain plan and rough estimates for various kinds of bonding viz.

Stone Bonding - bonded with brick No 273,258 + cost of brick	
Timber - - - - -	192,518 - do -
Staff - - - - - + slope	120,116. - do -

Referred to Works Committee for further report.

Roads. Gyangtze po Extension. <sup>works</sup> <sub>1044</sub> from Mr. Haas read and considered satisfactory. The application for monthly allowance of No 50 was referred to Works Committee.

### Watch Committee.

Reports. Inspector of nuisances. No 17 read

Inspector of Markets. No 1043 read

Diseased meat. Seizure of. Mun-lee & O. R. Keele - see page 181 anti and

Mr. Keele's report - No 1043 - Judgment. "I do not propose to deal with this case from a technical point of view as I find that the defendant acted bona-fide in the performance of what he conceived to be his duty, and in obedience to instructions from his superiors which they conceived they had power in the interests of the public health, to give."

"I think it will be sufficient to meet the justice of the case if I enquire what damage the plaintiff has sustained from defendant's act, rather than whether defendant acted in the precise form in which strictly he should have acted."

The plaintiff alleges that the defendant seized his beef and that its destruction followed upon such seizure.

This the defendant admits; but he proves beyond question - to my mind at all events - that the meat so seized was unfit for consumption.

That being so what actual loss has the plaintiff sustained? "were he a British subject it is clear that he could never sue a purchaser successfully for its price"

and moreover under the 26.27 Vic., c. 117, s. 2 in addition to having his property destroyed, he would have exposed himself to a penalty of £20 or even to three months' imprisonment.

Being, as the plaintiff in this case is, a chairman, I find that his own authorities treat cases of this kind in a very similar manner, to the extent at all events of confiscating the property and severely punishing its owner. I come to the conclusion therefore on a consideration of all the circumstances of the case that the plaintiff cannot have suffered and did not suffer any pecuniary loss in this particular instance by the defendants' act and that consequently there is no ground for awarding him compensation.

At the same time I am bound to say that I consider that the defendant acted irregularly and this irregularity I propose to punish by directing him to pay the plaintiff's costs.

Mr. Harwood gives opinion on the case as under:-

"I am of opinion that the Inspector of Markets has no power whatever to make seizures of meat and market produce found to be unfit for human consumption."

"The powers of the Council are defined in the Land Regulations and the Bye Laws and they do not contain any clause which authorized the Council to pass the resolution No 92 viz "that the Inspector of Markets be instructed to seize without recourse to force market produce found to be unfit for consumption."

"I was a member of the Council when that Resolution was passed and recollect that either at the meeting of the Select Committee which recommended it or at the General Meeting of the Council which passed it, the power of the Council to give the Inspector such an authority was discussed and it was then admitted that the Council had really none, the Council however passed the Resolution at the express request of Mr. Keele the Inspector who wished to have some appearance of authority for making seizures as before that he had acted without any written instruction."

"I advise the Council to make a Bye-Law

at once enabling them to seize meat and market produce when found to be unfit for human consumption and to destroy the same upon the order of the officer of health or some other public officer, this Bye-law cannot come into operation until passed and approved by the Council and Ministers of Foreign Powers having treaties or a majority of them and the Rate Payers in special meeting assembled, of which meeting and the object of it ten days notice shall be given."

The Council had better obtain some general authority from the Chinese officials enabling them to make seizures from Chinese until such Bye Law comes into operation.

The Council contended that Mr. Mowat as a Magistrate in the British Court was not authorized to give judgment against a servant of the Council - but that the case was one for trial before the Court of Treaty Consuls. The decision as it now stood tied the Council's hands in making seizures of unwholesome meat and placed difficulties in the way of the Council carrying out its chief duties to the Community in a sanitary point of view - as a remedy it was decided to employ an assistant to Mr. Keele of a different nationality - it was suggested an American citizen - to make seizures in the meanwhile.

In the case of sick cattle an order to seize to be obtained.

The question then arose as to the advisability of an appeal to the Supreme Court - but no definite decision was arrived at - the Council preferring to wait the result of cross action at mixed Court - Keele & Minkie for selling diseased meat.

The Off Secretary was instructed to lose no time in bringing Resolution passed at Special Rate Payers' meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May last as to licensing Butchers shops and slaughter houses - before the Council for necessary sanction of Ministers at Peking - which was noted.

A letter from Mr. Crow to Mr. Hammond was read

intimating that seventeen of the Native Butchers were urging Mr. Coire to take up their cases against Keele.

Letter. It is extremely desirable there should be an Inspector but let him be armed with proper authority and proceed in the usual way and not assume power which in England is possessed only by magistrates - besides I do not think the Inspector should be engaged in a trade at all similar to that carried on by the Butchers.

"Well, if on behalf of the Council you will assume me some new regulations will be brought into force (equally) fairer to the butchers than those under which the Inspector has hitherto acted I will advise the butchers who have claims against Mr. Keele to abandon them."

The Council decided not to take any notice of the letter beyond referring Mr. Coire to the Bye Law sought to be introduced and instructed the off-secretary to ascertain how much truth there was in the hint thrown out that Mr. Keele was engaged in a trade at all similar to that carried on by butchers.

With a view to strengthen the Council's hands, necessary authority from the Pasha to seize articles unfit for consumption from Chinese to be written for.

Cake Stands. Edbrook Two applications no 1041. read. Edbrook No to print out where they wish to have them. when the Council would decide.

Sanitary Department - medical branch - Lock Hospital - Plan and estimate received from Dr. Henderson, submitted. Decided to proceed at once without waiting for joint action of French Council - The settlements north of the Yangtze River were able to support an institution of their own.

He Engineer to survey the land.

### General.

Council meetings. The off-secretary was instructed to instigate all heads of Departments to be at their posts on Council days as far as practicable.

Austro-Hungarian Council. Letter no 1047 read.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 183 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 Steel  
 Chairman

Walter Cooper  
 Secretary

No 1043.

Council Room

Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> August 1892

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
 your attendance at a general meeting of the Council  
 which will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in  
 the Council Room

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee Cash State

Local Post-Office Report

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Bonding Scheme - Estimates

Agreement with Bond-holders amended

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Diseased meat - opinion from Mr. Harwood as  
 to right of S.M.S. Court to entertain  
 recent case

Do - Do - seizure of - Bye-law as suggested  
 by Mr. Harwood

Keangshon Municipal Council - Letter from, thanking  
 for information lately given

Ground at corner of Keangshon and Canton Roads -  
 Letter from residents in neighbourhood  
 complaining

General - Pombstone to let Mr. J. M. Lloyd - subscription list

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J. Connolly. Letter from

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

To the Members  
of the Council

off Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the  
General meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1872

Present:

J. A. Gorman,

Robert Ross

M. Wiles.

Robt. J. Pearson

Miers Conyell

L. Guinness

Council Room

Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> August 1872

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
15<sup>th</sup> Hoan Road Shanghai on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. A. Audit Esq.

Alva Paterson Esq.

P. M. Moss Esq.

Robt. J. Pearson Esq.

Miers Conyell Esq.

L. Guinness Esq.

Edward B. Souper. off Secretary

absent:

H. Murray Esq.

O. C. Belton Esq.

No 1043 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1044 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and offy Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

### Finance Committee.

#### Cash State

No 1045 The Cash State for the 3<sup>rd</sup> August was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades hands	¥ 2959.23.
In Bank.	<u>2038.34.</u>

The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1872

Balances at credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this day

On fixed deposit	¥ 15000
• current- a/c	<u>3188.40</u>
	<u>¥ 18188.40.</u>

(signed) A. M. Townsend  
Acting Accountant.

Local Post-office Report No 1067. After discussion on Mr. McMullans' queries it was decided to place a pillar at the Club and another at U. S. Consulate. They would prove a great convenience. If it were found that the revenue was affected by the system it would be necessary to abandon it.

Bonding scheme. Estimates. <sup>Works Committee</sup> Mr. Fearon on behalf of the Works Committee said they had gone into the estimates but of course on a practical point of view he was not competent to deal with them and he would therefore ask Mr. Coryell to say a few words on the different estimates submitted by Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Coryell stated that the estimates were as follows

Stone Bonding	¥ 259,072
Brick & Stone - - -	202,609
Timber - - -	178,332
Half Bonding & Slope	105,930.



He recommended Brick & Stone      \$202,609  
 in which view he was joined by the other  
 members of the Council  
 To this must be added the cost of a bridge  
 making total cost \$2.

It was just possible however that a considerable saving  
 might be made in the cost of mud filling by coming to  
 an arrangement with the Custom House should the dredging  
 of the Wharving Bur be carried out. Mr. Reiger the  
 Harbour master was not in a position to give a  
 decided answer, but he had gone so far as to say that  
 the Chinese authorities would supply the Council with mud  
 at a much less price than we could get it elsewhere.

It was decided to issue the estimate in a printed  
 form to the Rate Payers before the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> inst-  
 in connection with the proposal from Sookho Creek Bridge Co.  
Agreement with Bond Lt. Holders. as amended by  
 Mr. Harwood to meet the views of those interested  
 was submitted and approved. The agreement as  
 it now stood read.

Memorandum of Agreement made the      day of  
 1872 between the Council for the Foreign Settlement  
 of Shanghai with of the Yang-King-Pang hereinafter called  
 the Council of the one part and

hereinafter called the Bond Lt. holders of the other part  
 Whereas a resolution was duly proposed, seconded  
 and carried at a general annual meeting of the Shanghai  
 Rate Payers held at the Masonic Hall Shanghai on the  
 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1872 in the words and to the effect following  
 that is to say: "That the Council be authorized and is  
 hereby directed to enter into negotiations with the  
 Bond Lt. holders for the surrender of the Foreshore and  
 Beach grounds for the purpose of their conversion at the  
 Municipal cost into a public garden. Such surrender  
 of the Foreshore is to be made with reservation of and"

without prejudice to all existing rights to the frontage and is subject to an engagement on the part of the Council to maintain a solid stone bunding and a public road outside the proposed garden along the River Bank.

With a view of preventing any delay in the carrying out of the above work the Council are hereby authorized to raise funds for the purpose as well as for the completion of the Mangrove Bunding scheme by debentures bearing not more than 8 per cent interest and redeemable by a sinking fund within a period of not less than five nor more than twenty years.

And whereas in pursuance of the authorization and direction thereby given to the said Council they have entered into negotiations with the said Bond Lt-holders for the purposes specified in the said resolution and the said Bond Lt-holders have agreed as testified by their execution of this agreement to the filling in and conversion of the said foreshore and beach ground for the purposes specified in the said resolution and subject to the conditions and reservations hereinafter expressed.

It is now agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows: -

1. The said Council shall execute or cause to be executed at the expense and cost of the Municipality the works necessary for effectuating the objects proposed by the said Resolution according to the plans and specifications hereto annexed within \_\_\_\_\_ months from the date hereof.
2. The said Council shall immediately after the completion of the said works apportion the total expense and cost thereof amongst the several Bond Lts pro rata according to the area of the portions of the said foreshore and beach ground claimed by the holder of such Bond Lts respectively and shall give notice to the several Bond Lt-holders of the amount so chargeable in respect of such portions of the said foreshore or beach ground as they shall respectively claim.

3. The said Bond Lot Holders will offer no opposition ~~by~~ legal or otherwise to the execution of the said works but will to the best of their ability facilitate and assist the same.

4. The ownership of and rights of the several Bond Lot Holders to the said Freshwater and Beach grounds shall in no way be affected by their being parties to this Agreement nor shall the said Council be taken or deemed in any way by the execution of this Agreement to make any concession or admission prejudicial to the general rights of the Community over or to the said Freshwater or Beach grounds.

5. In the event of any one or more of the parties hereto of the second part at any time or times hereafter, establishing ownership of the said Freshwater or Beach grounds and attempting or desiring to execute any rights of ownership themselves the said party or parties shall forthwith on the demand of the said Council repay and reimburse to the said Council the amount of the expense and costs so chargeable as aforesaid upon such portion of the said Freshwater or Beach ground as his or their claim shall have relation thereto but shall not be required to pay interest thereon or to reimburse the said Council for any expense or costs incurred in respect of such portion of the said Freshwater or Beach grounds subsequently to the notice heretofore mentioned.

6. And it is finally agreed between the said parties that neither the said Council and their successors nor the said Bond Lot holders their executors, administrators and assigns shall at any time or times hereafter respectively during the continuance of this Agreement erect and set up upon any portion of the Freshwater and Beach grounds or surrendered by them as aforesaid or upon any of the land hereafter reclaimed adjoining the said Freshwater and Beach grounds, any kind of messuage, building, wall or erection whatsoever.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents

Hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.  
Boochow Creek Bridge. Mr. Pearson called attention to letter in newspaper  
 suggesting that details of the proposal from Bridge Co should  
 be made known to Rate Payers before the meeting -

Mr. Dent and the other members thought so too and  
 that the correspondence between the agents and the Council  
 might be published - upon reference to this it was thought  
 advisable owing to the reference made to Sir Edmund Hornby  
 not to do so but to obtain a memorandum from the  
 agents of the Bridge Company stating clearly what they  
 were prepared to do both as regards the sale of the  
 material of the bridge as it stood or otherwise and  
 surrender of monopoly. Mr. Dent undertook to call  
 on Mr. Noyz at once.

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 18 read

Diseased meat. As to right of J. D. M's Court to entertain recent cases  
 against Mr. Keele. The following opinion from the  
 Council's Legal Adviser was read

2. Balfour Buildings  
 Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> August-1872.

Dear Sir,

I am of opinion that Her Britannic Majesty's  
 Supreme Court had a perfect right to entertain the late  
 cases against Mr. Keele the Council's Inspector of markets  
 for seizing meat - according to the English law a serjeant  
 is only protected when he acts lawfully for his matter  
 in the pursuance of lawful instructions, the Council had  
 no power to authorize Mr. Keele to make the seizures  
 complained of which were consequently unlawful and  
 Mr. Keele is personally responsible for his actions. The  
 Chinese complainants have a claim also against the  
 Council but there is no way of compelling them to sue  
 the Council before the Court of Treaty Consuls.

Mr. Keele has a right to appeal from the  
 decision of the Law Secretary within 14 days from the

day on which it was made but under the circumstances I think it will be extremely inadvisable for him to do so, the Chief Judge would have to follow the law and that decision would be confirmed.

Pending the confirmation and approval of the proposed bye-law it will be prudent for the Council to obtain through the Comruls from the Chinese Local Officials an authority to make seizures of meat for human consumption

Yours faithfully  
(signed) W<sup>m</sup> Hamwood.

Mr. Condit took exception and felt compelled to express his opinion that the case had been defended by the Council's legal advisers in a manner anything but satisfactory to him. He would call the attention of the Council to Bye Law III. and ask if it did not cover Mr. Keel's action. He most distinctly wished it to be understood that he considered a firm stand could have been made on it by Mr. Hamwood in Court and should like to get that gentleman's opinion on its bearing.

The Chairman instructed the officiating Secretary to get this done.

Diseased meat Bye Law submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> July had been amended by Mr. Hamwood and made more complete and as altered read:-

The Inspector of Markets or other officer appointed by the Council for the purpose may at all reasonable times with or without assistants enter into and inspect any shop building, stall or place within the limits of the Settlements next or used for the sale or for the preparation for sale or use of butchers meat poultry, game, flesh, fish fruit vegetables, corn bread flour milk or other article of food or drink or as a slaughter house and examine any animal, carcase meat poultry, game, flesh, fish fruit-vegetables, corn bread flour milk or other article of food or drink which may be therein and in case such officer shall in any such shop building stall or place as aforesaid or in any of the roads or thoroughfares within the limits of the said Settlements find any animal carcase meat poultry game flesh fruit-vegetables corn bread flour milk or other article of food or drink which appears to him to be unfit for the

food or drink of man he may seize and carry away the same, And if it shall appear to the Officer of Health or other Officer appointed by the Council for the purpose that such animal, carcass, meat, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruit-vegetables, corn bread, flour, milk or other article of food or drink is unfit for the food or drink of man he shall order the same to be destroyed or to be so disposed of as to prevent its being exposed for sale or used for such food or drink as aforesaid and the person to whom such animal, carcass, meat, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruit, vegetables, corn, bread, flour, milk or other article of food or drink belong or in whose custody the same is found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Dollars for every such animal, carcass piece of meat or flesh, fish, head of poultry, or game and for every parcel of fruit-vegetables, corn, bread, flour, milk or other article of food or drink so found and every person who obstructs or hinders such Inspector or other officer from entering into or inspecting any such shop, building, stall or place or from seizing and carrying away any such animal, carcass, meat, poultry, game, flesh, fish, fruit, vegetables, corn, bread, flour, milk or other article of food or drink or from destroying or otherwise disposing of the same shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Dollars for each offence -

which was approved.

Hamilton Municipal Council - Letter No 1072 Thanking for information conveyed in the Council's letter of 24. July. read and noted.

Nuisances - Petition No 1064 from Holliday Wise & Co and others

The Inspector of Nuisances reports as follows - A similar complaint was made by Messrs Holliday Wise and Co on the 30. ulto, I then inspected the waste land or timber yard in question and again to day thinking from this letter I had overlooked something offensive but I failed to discover any thing coming under the term of Nuisance, no stagnant water (more than a well) nor deposit of garbage, the Latrine used by the workmen on the place was properly cleaned and the tubs washed. The large heap of shavings is being removed by the man who rents the land, the greater portion of this land has been raised to, or above, the level of the road and but a small portion of it remains low and damp but not wet at present.

The unsightly appearance of the place

and the amount of inflammable material are no doubt the principal reasons for this complaint and such old Lumber yards and work shops would be better if removed to the old Race Course where there is plenty of room and less danger.

General.

Tombstone to late Mr. J. H. Lloyd. Subscription list was submitted by off Secretary showing \$210 from friends of Mr. Lloyd. The cost of a good and plain tombstone would be £50. The Council promised to supplement the subscription list when the work was completed which was noted.

J. Connolly. Letter to 1057 from, objecting to decision arrived at by Commission and generally abusing Council's officers. In answer to the question from Mr. Patterson Mr. Soper said that he conscientiously believed there was not the slightest foundation for any of Mr. Connolly's statements and he protested on behalf of the Council's employees and himself against Mr. Connolly's rebellious remarks and the gross mis-statements of fact contained. Knowing the man it would result in very meagre satisfaction to take further notice.

Placing confidence in Mr. Connolly and his statements had so far as the Chinese house tax was concerned, resulted in a great deal of confusion and had given annoyance to several members of the Community and the only conclusion he could arrive at was that the man was either eccentric or vindictive ignorant and mischievous.

The Council saw no reason to take any further notice of the letter.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 191 anti) 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 Deed  
Chairman

Wm. B. Soper  
offg Secretary.

N<sup>o</sup> 1046.

Council Room

Phaenix 7<sup>th</sup> August 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room tomorrow the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1872 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

Do consider the business to be brought forward at the special meeting of Ratepayers on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

To the members  
of the Council

offg Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1872.

John Deed  
The Council

Robt Pearson  
John Deed

Wm. B. Soper

Mrs. Cozwell  
St. James



No 1047

Council Room  
Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> August 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> instant at 11 o'clock in the forenoon

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant

off Secretary.

To the members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the meeting  
held on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1872.

John Dent  
W. H. Cochrane  
Robt. Ferguson  
Thos. H. Green  
M. Jones  
Oliver Corryell  
J. J. Zimmerman

No 1048

Council Room  
Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> August 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room this day the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1872 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

Business.

To consider course of action in connexion with the  
Swichow Creek Bridge Company.

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:

offg Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1872.

John Dent  
W. H. Condit  
Robt Fearon  
A. Paterson  
A. Moore  
Olliver Corbett  
J. Zimmerman

Council Room  
Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> August 1872

At the meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August and. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq  
W. H. Condit Esq  
A. Zimmerman Esq  
R. J. Fearon Esq  
A. Paterson Esq  
S. H. Moss Esq  
M. Corbett Esq

Edward B. Souper - off Secretary.

The Council met to discuss the business to be brought forward at meeting of Rate Payers on 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

Soochow Creek Bridge Company. Mr. Fearson drew attention to the remarks outside indicating a general disapproval of the offer from the Bridge Co. —

"That the Company will sell to the Municipal Council the Iron bridge as it now stands, for the sum of £35,000; conceding to the Council the right to erect bridges at any point between the present site of the said bridge and the mouth of the Creek."

as published

The Council saw that they had overlooked that portion of the letter — "by which the public may acquire a free bridge either on the site of the present unfinished Iron Bridge or at any place lower down and nearer the mouth of the Soochow Creek" — but as the matter now stood it would be necessary to recommend the proposal to the Rate Payers in spite of an opposition.

It was suggested however that it might be represented to Mr. Hoeg that the Council feared the negotiations so far would not be countenanced by the Rate Payers. The Community demanded that the whole of the Bridge Co's rights should be given up and the alleged monopoly done away with.

Mr. Dent undertook to see Mr. Hoeg without further loss of time and report further.

Budgeting Scheme. Mr. Dent stated on behalf of the Finance Committee that they had gone into ways and means for the future with the following result—

Annual expenditure	£ 143,000
Public Works	63,000
	<u>Total £ 206,000</u>
Estimated Revenue	<u>220,000</u>
Surplus	<u>£ 14,000</u>

The Finance Committee with every hope that the Revenue would be expansive, felt it would not be safe to plunge the Community into a heavy debt

without first being satisfied that the interest to be paid off and yearly instalments to form a sinking fund could be met. The only way the Finance Committee saw of meeting the increased expenditure would be an increased taxation and whichever scheme the Ratepayers decided on, they would have to look these facts in the face. These were the views he took and with which he would put the Bonding scheme before the Ratepayers on Monday.

The Tramway Scheme was one with which the Council had not to trouble themselves at present - the plans had been before the public and all the Ratepayers had to do was to grant concession or not.

Volunteer Arms. Estimated cost of Henry Martin Rifles & ammunition  
300 stand @ 10<sup>5</sup>/- each \$5250.

120000 rounds Cartridge

at 10<sup>6</sup>/- per mil . 2200 7450.

To meet this - say

Sale of present stock

- 400 - at offers already

made \$6.00 each 2000

sale of Cartridges

120,000

1875 3875

Required \$ 3575

So this the Council thought - there would be no opposition

Discussed meant the Boye Law. This was a matter more in the Consul's hands. The Council could only submit the Boye Law as drawn up by Mr. Harwood and act on it when confirmed and passed by the Ministers at Peking.

Various subjects having been discussed, correspondence laid on the table considered and referred to the different Committees and it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

John Dack  
Chairman

W. Ward 1301/2  
off Secretary.

Council Room  
Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> August 1872

At the meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15-Human Road Shanghai on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of August - a.d. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present

John Dent Esq  
W. H. Condit Esq  
A. Zimmerman Esq  
R. J. Benson Esq  
C. Peterson Esq  
S. M. Roberts Esq  
W. Conyell Esq.

Edward B. Simper, off Secretary.

Absent: Mr. H. Murray and C. C. Belton.

Goodhue Co. & Bridge. Mr. Dent stated that the Affairs of the Bridge Co would not in any way modify their proposal (see page 203 ante).

Rate Payers Meeting - It was decided to appoint Mr. A. S. Jones Secretary to the meeting.

Matters subjects having been discussed it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

John Dent,  
Chairman

Edward B. Simper  
off Secretary.

Council Room  
Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> August 1872.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15-Human Road Shanghai on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August - a.d. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. J. Condit Esq  
 Robt J. Feason Esq  
 Alex Paterson Esq  
 S. H. Moss Esq  
 Miss Conyck Esq  
 A. Zimmerman Esq.

Edward B. Somper. Off Secretary.

absent-

H. Murray Esq  
 O. C. Behr Esq

No 1045 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read  
 Although called for a special meeting it was  
 decided to make it general

No 1049 The minutes of meetings of 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August were  
 read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and the  
 Off Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed  
 thereon

Dues on Merchandise. Carter & Co - refusal to pay on re-exports. The  
 Off Secretary stated that the goods upon which Mr & Co  
 Carter & Co refused to pay dues had been landed  
 on French side by the S. S. R. Co and no dues paid  
 in respect of them by the agents.

The Council instructed the Off-Secretary to write  
 Mr & Co Carter & Co pointing this out and claiming dues  
 which was noted.

### Works Committee.

Sochoy Creek Bridge. In connexion with resolution at Special  
 Rate Payers meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> "That this meeting be  
 with great regret that the Council has been unable  
 to negotiate terms with the Sochoy Bridge Company  
 for the abandonment of their alleged monopoly and  
 instructs the Council to carry out forthwith the resolution  
 of the 6<sup>th</sup> May and to establish free ferries over  
 the Sochoy Creek near its mouth and near the Skelton  
 Bridge."

Some discussion took place on the ambiguity of one resolution. That on 12<sup>th</sup>. taken in connexion with that of 6<sup>th</sup> May. The latter authorized the Council to construct a bridge and to raise funds by debentures for the purpose. That of 12<sup>th</sup> inst. authorized the Council to construct ferries without authorizing raising funds.

Mr. Deut thought the point in itself was one in which the Council were at liberty to use their own judgment. The intention of the Ratepayers was to do away with an obnoxious toll and secure free communication between the two settlements. and they look to the Council to secure it for them without any unnecessary delay. #

# (see below)

In the meanwhile it was decided to ascertain if the agents of the Bridge Co would extend the arrangement for monthly commutation, to September.

Draft letter (no 797<sup>3</sup>) submitted and approved. Maclean Esq's letter no 1110. Referred to Works Committee. It seemed to the members present that the bridge was too narrow to be of service to the Municipality.

Military Department. nuisance March. E. H. Smith's funds.

Referred to Works Committee as the arrangement made with Mr. Smith in March last had been initiated by the previous Council Works Committee

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Boychon Creek Ferries. It was moved by Mr. Deut seconded by Mr. Court and

no 1050 Resolved

That the Works Committee be authorized to proceed at once to the construction of two free ferries across the Boychon Creek, in pursuance of the resolution passed at the Ratepayers meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant

E. A. Oliver's letter no 1134 with reference to statements made by Mr.

E. Deuff at Rate Payers meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> inst. read.

It appeared it was a matter of dispute between two Engineers in which the Council were not inclined to interfere

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 202 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 B. [unclear]  
Chairman

W. W. [unclear]  
of Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> August 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room today the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1872 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes of the last meeting to be read and confirmed.

Defence Committee. Letter from Capt Brewer. as to procuring Heavy Martin Rifles.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Locher's Beek Bridge Co. Letter from Agents - extending commutation for September

Dues on merchandise - Russell & Co. as to transhipment

Works Committee. Engineer's progress Report

Engineer's monthly Report

Watch Committee. Inspector of Prisoners Report

Letter from Mr Little as to arrest of his cook's - Report from Mr Denfold

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant

To the Members  
of the Council

of Secretary



Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting  
held on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of August-1872.

Adm. Secy  
 Mr. Dixon  
 Mr. Ginnem  
 Messrs Coyell  
 Robt. J. Pearson

Council Room  
 Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> August 1872

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community  
 of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Swan Road, on  
 Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> instant at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

Present:

John Dent Esq.  
 Alex. Paterson Esq.  
 T. Ginnem Esq.  
 Messrs Coyell Esq.  
 Robt. J. Pearson Esq.

Edward D. Soper. Off. Secretary.

Absent: Messrs W. J. Condit. G. C. Behu. A. Murray and S. M. Moore.

- No 1051 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read  
" 1052 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed  
 and signed by the Chairman and off. Secretary and the  
 seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Volunteer Arms. Letter from Capt. Brewer <sup>22</sup>/<sub>1120</sub> as to procuring Henry  
 Martin Rifles; and the terms on which the Council could  
 procure the arms viz. payment 6 months after delivery,  
 allowed the Council ample time to provide for their cost.

It was decided to

- a. order 300 stand of Henry Martin Rifles and 120,000  
 rounds of ammunition  
 b. to retain the present arms until the Henry-Martin

Reflex arise.

- c. To ascertain whether the arms could be procured on terms better than those offered by Mrs<sup>rs</sup> Lane Crawford & Co or whether it was advisable to write direct to Capt. Hodges in England - authorizing that gentleman to stand on Council at 6 months sight.
- d. and to take the chance of a good offer for the Sniders when the Council were in a position to part with them.

### Finance Committee.

Appropriations - It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Palmer and No 1053. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

<p><u>Yangtze-poo Road.</u> 5640 Chang beyond the Creek (as submitted in Mr. Naas' letter <sup>works</sup> 1044 4.28 July 1872 - for making new Road)</p>	} \$750	} { Recommended by Works Committee at meeting 15 Aug 1872 (Seven hundred and fifty)
<p><u>Yangtze-poo Road.</u> Land and compensation for crops on that portion of Road on the side of the Creek as claimed in petition enclosed in Mr. Naas' letter <sup>works</sup> 1044</p>		

### Cash State

No 1054. The Cash State for the 17<sup>th</sup> August was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades' hands.	Rs 3111-40.
In Bank.	<u>17179.57.</u>

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> August-1872

Balance in name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date	
on Fixed Deposit	Rs 10,000
"    current- a/c	2179.57
	<u>Rs 17179.57</u>

(Signed) A. H. Townsend  
Accountant.

Soochow Creek Bridge Co. Letter from agents  $\frac{3m}{1122}$  - extending commutation for September, read and considered satisfactory.

Dues on merchandise. Russell T Co. as to transshipments. Extract from arrangement with Russell T Co. (see page 105 C. & N. Book)

"Russell T Co. to pay on all imports, exports and transshipments occurring in the transaction of their own business. Also on all transshipments for account of persons at other ports for whom R. T Co. act as agents here."

"The S. S. R. Co. to pay on all cargo passed in R. T Co.'s name by steamers discharging or loading at this wharf being godowns except such as is transhipped to or from the wharves on the French side."

This appeared to deprive the Council of dues on transshipments which were in similar cases paid by other firms.

The Mr. Secretary begged to draw attention of the Council more particularly to Mr. Russell T Co.'s arrangement with the Council as one which he thought was all on one side. Mr. Russell T Co.'s dues for the last three months only amounted to Rs 280 -

Mr. Dent noted the remarks and promised to go into the matter with the Finance Committee.

### Works Committee.

#### Reports.

Engineers Progress Report No 287 read and noted.

Engineers monthly Report No 3 for July read and it was moved by Mr. Fernon seconded by Mr. Coyell and

Resolved

That the Engineers Report (No 3) for July last be approved and passed for publication in the newspapers.

It was decided to insert the following paragraph after the report:

"Ferris - Since writing the foregoing, arrangements have been made for constructing a free ferry across.

"the Proctor Creek, in accordance with resolution passed" "at special meeting of Ratepayers on 12<sup>th</sup> instant"

Fogg Two Walk. Some discussion took place on the Council's action in the matter and the meaning of Art. VI Land Regulations and Bye Law I to justify it. The Works Committee took as a precedent - the give and take policy generally pursued in carrying out improvements and were prepared to defend themselves before the Ratepayers.

Mr. Pearson read out a semi-official letter from Mr. Miller in which Mr. M. complained, and wished to ascertain whether the Council intended proceeding with the work in spite of the protest from the Community. and also without in any way annoying the Council he desired to know what action on the part of the Ratepayers would most assist the Council in bringing the cause of complaint to a favorable issue.

The members present saw no reason to slip the work or to depart from what had been pledged in good faith to Mr. Fogg. Two and if the action was a dangerous precedent, illegal or disapproved by the Ratepayers, their remedy rested in appeal to the Council by whose decision the Council were quite willing to abide.

Waterworks. Mr. Dent wished to obtain an expression of opinion from the Council how far it would be in the power of his colleagues to grant authority to a private company to lay pipes, without an appeal to the Ratepayers.

Nothing bore on the point in the Land Regulations or bye laws. The Council were of opinion that as the pipes would run under roads they had the power to concede such use of the roads to the company on the free land it would be as well to obtain reliable opinion and to act guardedly should any application be brought forward.

#### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 20 read and contents noted.

Letter from Mr. R. Little as to arrest of his cooher. Mr. Penfold's report - no 1132  
read and Mr Secretary's reply no 822 approved.

Diseased meat. The Mr Secretary was instructed to forward Mr Morrats  
letter with in the papers, to Consuls and beg that in  
framing the bye-laws some attention might be paid to  
Mr. Morrats remarks.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 209 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

Schmedel  
Chairman

Always & so cpe  
Mr Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> August 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance  
at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council  
Room at 4 o'clock this afternoon the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1872

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. New Rifles. Letter from Capt Brewer  
" " Capt. Dunn. " Ranges "

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Irish State

Local Post-Office Report.

Wharfage Dues. Carter Mo.

Three Curron fees. French Council's reply.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report

Great-Northern Telegraph Co. Letter from, on the treatment  
of Company's lines in the settlement

Watch Committee. Inspector of Insurances Report

Subsides - Fares proposed by Ellbrooks & Co.

Bye Law II. Mr. Harwood's Opinion

Police Report: recommending addition to strength of Force.

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

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Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1872.

John Dent  
 Wm. Harwood  
 H. Murray  
 A. Guinness  
 Robt. J. Fearon  
 Messrs Coryell

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Council Room.

Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> August - 1872.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Noan Road Shanghai on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of August A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 Alex Paterson Esq.  
 H. Murray Esq.  
 A. Guinness Esq.  
 Robt. J. Fearon Esq.  
 Messrs Coryell Esq.

Edward W. Soper. Secretary.

absent

W. H. Condit Esq.  
S. M. Woods Esq.  
O. C. Behm Esq.

- No 1056 The Minutes calling the meeting was taken as read  
No 1057 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.

New Rifles

Letter from Capt Brewer No 1167 - Decided to request Capt Hinder to purchase the arms authorizing him to return on Council at 6 months sight.

Capt Dumm's letter 1178. Artillery Corps. Extract "that the Council be requested to vote the sum of three hundred dollars to be appropriated towards the purchase of Martin-Benny Carbines in the stead of Pistols as I feel certain that Carbines would be far more useful generally than Pistols and aid materially in making the Corps truly serviceable"

"The actual cost of supplying forty Carbines to the Corps would, I estimate, amount to about two hundred pounds at exchange, six shillings equals six hundred and sixty six pence but if the Council are prepared to aid me I believe I shall be able to raise the balance among the members of the Corps and no doubt eventually present the Carbines to the municipal armory" Decided to make appropriation as requested.

£200.  
11666

Finance Committee

Appropriations. It was moved by W. Dent seconded by W. Peterson and

No 1058 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum

be sanctioned.

Rangers - Towards purchase  
of Martin-Henry Carbines } Rs 300 (Three hundred)

Cash State } The Cash State for the 24<sup>th</sup> August was handed round  
No 1059 } for inspection - It showed balances as follows:-  
In Comptroller's hands Rs 3186.83  
In Bank 17059.41

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1892

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council  
this date

On Fixed Deposit Rs 15000  
" current a/c 2059.41  
Rs 17059.41

(signed) A. M. Townsend  
Actg acct.

Local Post Office - Registration Office - Report No 1154 - Extract "I would  
recommend that this office be abandoned, it has never  
been of much service, or at least has not been  
patronised much by the Community. In nearly  
2 years past, there have only been 3 domestic regis-  
tered and for the past 5 years it has yielded a  
revenue of something less than Rs 30. The office  
has been open about 7 years"

Mr. Murray stated that the system had been found  
not to succeed in Hongkong. The question arose  
as to the office entailing extra work and expense.

The Off. Secretary replied that at present the  
Registration office was a dead letter but if  
Mr. McWilliam or whoever might be acting as  
Local Post-master were expected to work it up, it  
would entail time, labor and expense with very  
little prospect of any return.

It was accordingly resolved to abandon the  
Office.



L.P.O. Affairs at Ports. Hankow. Extract L.P.O. Report 1137  
 "at present mails received and dispatched through the Agents of the Steamers at the Ports, works quite satisfactorily but as I hear new lines of Steamers will start on the river before long, the Agents of which may not be so accommodating as those at present, it would, I think, be advisable as a beginning to open an Agency for this office at Hankow, something on the same principle as the one at Foochow. The L.P.O. income will admit of this easily enough."

As the Community did not call for this at present, the Council thought the question might be deferred to a future date and decided accordingly.

Dues on Merchandise. Carter No. vide p 206 ante. The Secretary  
 stated that Mr. Carter had called and expressed his intention of disputing his liability for Dues on re-exports, imported and landed on French side by Russell No as agents of the S.S. N. Co.

But apart from the principle Mr. Carter No is up for some Dues was No 466-53 according to their calculations (see letter No 906 inward) which they were willing to pay (it did not include dues on the goods referred to above)

Based on the street letter of the Land Regulations it is No 462-00  
 So which if the Council added amount in dispute 5-70  
 showed due to the Council No 467-70  
 Against No 466-53  
 Showing a difference of No 1-17

Was it worth while fighting the case?

The Council were of opinion that though in this instance a small amount was involved in the question of the liability before mentioned - unless the point were decided by a competent legal authority, raising the claim might be most disastrous, and materially interfere with the Municipal Revenue. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to be dealt with further.

Wheelbarrow Fees. Finance 1161 from French Council. Extract. Je suis chargé de vous demander de nouveau de bien vouloir

partager par moitié le produit de la taxe sur les brucetes et être à vous informer en même temps que dans le cas où cette fois votre Conseil n'adhérerait pas à notre demande, nous nous trouverions dans l'obligation d'entretenir la circulation sur notre concession à toute brucette qui n'aura pas licence émanant d'elle.

The Council took exception to the tone of the letter and were unanimously of opinion that in replying this should be clearly pointed out - as to the matter in dispute the Council still contended that there was nothing in the Council's letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1870 which amounted to any definite arrangement and felt that the French Council were equally at fault with this Council in not bringing forward the subject again at the expiry of the 6 months referred to in that letter.

It was decided so as not to interrupt the friendly feeling at present existing between the two Councils to offer half of the fees collected since 1<sup>st</sup> March 1871 and for present municipal year terminating 31<sup>st</sup> March next, at which time the Council to have the option of re-opening the question again should the arrangement be found not to answer.

### Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No 288 read.

Great Northern Telegraph Co. Letter No 1153 on the treatment of the Company's lines in the Settlement. The Off Secretary instructed to reply that instructions would be given to the Police to keep a look out for obstructions by natives - as to the permit necessary to be obtained from Council in case of repairs &c. to call attention to the fact that only one permit had been asked for during the present year which it was reported by the Council's Telegraph Engineer that the Company are constantly altering and repairing their wires as well as shifting poles without asking

permission or being in any way interfered with by the Council.

Bunding Scheme. The Secretary wished to know whether in face of rumors of the intention on the part of the Rate Payers to summon another meeting to reconsider decisions on 12<sup>th</sup>, it was advisable to invite tenders. The Council instructed the Secretary to invite tenders.

Some discussion then ensued amongst the members as to the necessity of bunding.

Mr. Murray was inclined to think that a large amount of money was to be expended on what seemed to him a questionable improvement. Whilst (and he wished it to be distinctly understood he was aware it was not a work for the Municipality to take upon their shoulders) the Droving Bar remained in its present state, would it not be a better object by far to spend the money on.

It was in the interests of property holders or in other words the greater part of the Community to see that the dredging of the Bar was taken in hand by the proper authorities and he saw really so little hope of anything being done, it amounted to a necessity to stretch a point and urge the <sup>Rate Payers</sup> Council to act.

Mr. Pearson on the contrary believed he was not wrong in stating that Mr. Hart - Suspector of Customs held out hopes of the Bar being attended to at no distant date.

Mr. Coyle was of opinion that the Council had been committed to a certain policy by the vote of the Rate Payers and though it might not be possible to carry out the whole scheme perhaps for some years, yet he advocated a commencement being made and part of the money voted, used for the purpose.

The subject then dropped.

Amelioris. Memorial Slabs. Mr. Dent stated that he had learnt

from the Sp. Secretary that several memorial tablets were lying ~~the~~ in the old mortuary chapel and suggested that the Trustees of Trinity Church should be communicated with, with a view to their being placed in some appropriate position of the church. which was approved.

Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 21. read.

Cabstands - Fares proposed by Edbrook Co. - No 1101 - considered high - Sp. Secretary instructed to write and request them to modify.

Diseased meat - Seizure of Mr. Harwood's opinion (No 1162) on the 40<sup>th</sup> Bye Law as follows read: -

August - 21<sup>st</sup> 1872

Dear Sir,

The 40<sup>th</sup> Bye Law is imperfect and it is evident that some necessary words have been omitted from it, probably the words "or to relieve such persons" have been left out between "law" and "from" on the 4<sup>th</sup> line.

I am of opinion that the object of this Bye Law was to provide that all acts and omissions which were nuisances at common law should be considered nuisances and be punishable as such although such acts and omissions were not specially enumerated as nuisances in the preceding Bye Laws.

With reference to your request to advise upon the bearing of this Bye Law on the recent meat case I am of opinion that the mere fact of any meat being diseased is not of itself a nuisance. If its smell is so offensive as to interfere materially with the ordinary physical comfort of human existence not merely according to elegant or dainty modes and habits of living but according to plain, sober, and simple notions, it amounts to a public or common nuisance.

the remedy is by indictment and if any person has sustained some particular damage to himself distinct in its nature from the general injury to the public he can sue for damages.

I do not think that either the Bye Law or the common law authorized the seizure and destruction of meat as carried out in the recent cases.

Should the Council on any future occasion seek to put down a nuisance by indictment it would be necessary in the event of its having continued for any length of time, in the first instance to give notice to abate it.

Yours faithfully  
(signed) Wm. Harwood

E. B. Soper Esq  
Acting Secretary  
Municipal Council.

Police - addition to strength recommended by Mr. Parford in his report - No 1130 - passed.

Diseased meat - Bye Law - with reference to the Council's letter No 136 of 22<sup>nd</sup> August/72 to the Senior Council, the following letter had been received by Mr. Dent from Mr. Dent's Council.

Sharnhall  
24<sup>th</sup> August 1872

My dear Mr. Dent

I have little doubt that my colleagues would gladly meet the views of the Council as regards the modification of the terms of the Bye Law, were it possible for them to alter it, but as the only power they possess under the Land Regulations is that of approval or rejection I do not see how it is to be done.

They might withhold their approval but in that case the Bye Law would altogether fall to the ground and another special meeting would be necessary before an amended one could be brought forward and as the temporary authority,

that is being obtained for the Council will practically give them all the power they ask for, it becomes a question whether it would not be better to let the bye law go on as it stands (the objections to it being, after all, chiefly verbal) until next meeting when if thought necessary an amendment can be brought forward and passed without any difficulty.

I have not therefore yet circulated your letter among the Consular Body keeping it back until I know from you whether in view of the above considerations you still wish it to go forward

Yours very truly

(signed) Chal. Alabaster.

Decided to act on Mr. Alabaster's letter.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 214 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 Daulton  
Chairman

W. Coates Secretary

W. Secretary

No 1060.

Council Room

Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held at the Council Room this day the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1872 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Cash State

Trinity Church - application for \$6,495<sup>00</sup> for dwelling and planting compound.

Works Committee. Engineer Pipers Report No 289.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report No 1209  
Mr. Corthell's license (Bridge House Restaurant) Letter from  
 Mr. J. C. Brown.

E. M. Smith. reply - as to ponds & ditches on his property  
Great Northern Telegraph Co. letter to and from.

General. Trinity Church. Memorial Tablets - correspondence relating to  
 to be read

Yours, Sir,

Your obedient servant

W. Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the general meeting  
 held on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1872.

John Dent  
 W. H. Condit  
 Chas. Merditt  
 W. M. Carey  
 Miss Gargell  
 J. J. J. J.  
 Robt. T. J. J.

Council Room

Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1872

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15  
 Nanan Road, Shanghai, on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
 September and 1872 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 W. H. Condit Esq.  
 Alex. Paterson Esq.

N. Murray Esq.  
 Meis Conyell Esq.  
 A. Gimmern Esq.  
 Robt. J. Fearon Esq.

Edward B. Soper. off Secretary.

Absent - W. W. W. W. W. W.

- No 1060 The Summons calling the Meeting was taken as read.  
No 1061 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and off Secretary and the seal of the Municipality - impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Appropriations - It was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Paterson and  
No 1062 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following should be sanctioned

Mr. Cunningham's house corner of  
 Kingkong Road damaged by damage  
 works. Compensation to owner  
 for repairing and for portion of  
 land surrendered to public and  
 for five months back rent lost  
 in consequence of injury

} £1000 (one thousand Pao)

Cash State

No 1063. The Cash State for the 31<sup>st</sup> August was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades' hands	Rs 2618.82
In Bank.	<u>16,802.53.</u>

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> August 1872.

Balance at Cr of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

In Fixed Deposit	Rs 15,000
. Current a/c	2,509.41
	<u>Rs 17,509.41</u>

(Signed) A. J. Paterson  
 A. J. Paterson



Trinity Church. Application for \$495<sup>50</sup> for leveling and planting compound. No Finance 1208 - Mr. Deat advocated a grant being included in budget for 1893-74. on the ground that the Community at large benefitted by a well kept open piece of ground such as the Compound.

The rest of the members took a different view and thought asking for the money from the Ratepayers would raise a vexed question. The feeling of Council was against the vote.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate the decision to the Trustees.

### Works Committee.

Engineer's Progress Report No 289 read and noted.

Soschor Creek Bridge. Mr. Murray stated that he had been allowed to make and compare a translation of the Document with Mr. Hoff's copy and that they talked but in China there was no such thing as a monopoly.

The Saotai gave the Deed - a higher authority can rescind it. In his mind it appeared the Council were fighting a shadow and that it would not be difficult to get the Consuls and Ministers to rescind the present agreement - at the same time making fair compensation to the Company for bridges &c.

### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 1209 read.

Licensees - Mr. Corthell. (Bridge House Restaurant). Letter from Mr. J. L. Brown No 1217. Decided to acknowledge receipt merely as a matter of courtesy.

Sanitary - Nuisance Branch. Found 2 on Mr. E. H. Smith's property. Letter No 1213. Upon going into the correspondence, the Council adhered to their opinion that Mr. Smith had not carried out his engagement. The open ponds were a nuisance and must be filled in. The off Secretary was instructed to write and say that with error

desire on the part of the Council to assist Mr. Smith, they must again beg him to take immediate measures to have the ponds and ditches filled.

Great Northern Telegraph Co. Letter to, (dated 29<sup>th</sup> Aug) and from (no 1216 of 31<sup>st</sup> Aug/72) read and filed.

Anderson v Council - The off. Secretary stated that this case had been fixed for the 5<sup>th</sup> September at the Supreme Court.

### General.

Trinity Church. Memorial Tablets. Correspondence with Trustees No 852 outward and No 1207 inward, read and noted

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 223 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 Deut.  
Chairman

W. W. Wood  
Secretary.

No 1064.

Council Room  
Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> September 1872

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a meeting of the Council which will be held at the Council Room, tomorrow (Thursday) the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1872 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon

### Business

To consider Council's letter with regard to the bringing out of Messrs Joffe & Co's walk

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

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the meeting  
held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1872.

John Dent

W. H. Coyell

Montgomery

Murray

Miss Coyell

et Zimmerman

Council Room.

15 Hunan Road

Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> September 1872

At the meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community  
of Shanghai, North of the Yangtze River, held at the  
Council Room 15 Hunan Road Shanghai on Thursday  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present:

John Dent Esq. - Chairman

W. H. Coyell Esq. Vice Chairman

Alex. Patterson Esq.

M. Murray Esq.

Miss Coyell Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

R. H. Seaman Esq. Edward B. Souper. W Secretary.

Absent

S. M. Moss Esq.

O. C. Behm Esq.

Fogg & Co's Wall. The Council met to consider letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst (No 1227)  
from the Consular Body covering protest from a number  
of Ratepayers against the decision by the Council

of a portion of the fund, to Mrs<sup>rs</sup> Fogg & Co.

The Council repudiated acting against public feelings, but with a view to obtaining opinion of Ratepayers - decided to request the Councils to call a meeting for the purpose. In the meanwhile Mrs<sup>rs</sup> Fogg & Co to be written to, to stop the work.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 227 anti)

it was

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

John Deane

Chairman

Walter B. S. S. S. S.

Secretary.

No 1065

Council Room

Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> September 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room, this day (Tuesday) the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1872 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

Summary of Business

The Summonses to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Cash State.

Dress on goods. Moffat & Co - claim for exemption on goods landed by Russell & Co on French side.

Letter from Union Steam Navigation Company.

Trinity Church. Appropriations for levelling and planting of Church compound.

Soochow Creek Bridge Co. Letter from - to be considered.

P. H. Benet's case. grant from Distressed Foreigners Fund - to be considered

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Report No 291.

Watch Committee Inspector of Resources Report - No 1264  
 --- Markets --- for August

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 Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1872:

John Dent  
Arthur Paterson  
H. Murray

Moses

Miss Coryell  
 et. Gimmern

Robt. P. Pearson

Council Room

Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> September 1872

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present:

Mr Dent Esq. Chairman

Mr. Paterson Esq.

H. Murray Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

Miss Coryell Esq.

A. Gimmern Esq.

Robt. J. Farver Esq

Edward B. Tomes. off<sup>s</sup> Secretary.

Absent-

W. H. Condit Esq

C. C. Behm Esq

N<sup>o</sup> 1065 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read

N<sup>o</sup> 1066 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and off<sup>s</sup> Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash State

N<sup>o</sup> 1067 The Cash State for the 14<sup>th</sup> inst- was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comrades' hands	N <sup>o</sup> 2789.23
In Bank.	<u>18697.68</u>

Dues on Merchandise. Moffat No 1 for July. That firm claimed exemption from dues on goods imported by Russell No Agents S. S. N. Co landed on French side - on same plea as Carter No (vide p 217 ante).

The Chairman remarked that nothing could be done until Sir Ed. Hornby had given his opinion on Carter No case - it was evident that the question of the S. S. N. Co and Union Steam Navigation Co's liability for dues, must be placed on a proper footing.

Mr. Dent undertook to see Mr. Forbes on the subject on the latter gentleman's return to Shanghai.

Union Steam Navigation Co's letter N<sup>o</sup> 1271 read

Office of the Union Steam Navigation Company  
Shanghai 16. September 1892

Edward B. Tomes Esq

Officiating Secretary

Municipal Council

Sir,

We are in receipt of your communication of

22<sup>nd</sup> January, and would express our regret at the delay that has occurred in our reply.

In response, we regret that we cannot furnish the Council with the information requested, which would involve an amount of labor on our part quite out of proportion to the object to be gained. It is necessary that the whole cargoes of the Company's steamers be entered through our Agency, to secure dispatch, but we are often times quite in ignorance of the contents of a large proportion of the cargo until the same is actually taken delivery of, which may be weeks, sometimes months after arrival. It will therefore be apparent to you that every parcel of cargo would need to be carefully kept in mind to the time of its final delivery in order to supply the particulars of importation by foreigners which the Council desires.

In our opinion however the Municipality cannot (except in isolated cases perhaps) suffer by the system which is in vogue - inasmuch as it may be taken for granted that all foreign owned native productions imported by the Company's steamers are ultimately re-exported, and in such case the information for the levying of dues is obtainable in the ordinary course through the Custom House whilst the Surtax's commutation covers all dues on native owned merchandise conveyed by the Company's steamers.

We remain

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Olyphant & Co  
Agents.

The Finance Committee had the matter in hand. The remarks in the above minutes were noted in connexion with it.

Trinity Church Compound - vide p 225 ante. Mr. Dent again brought forward appropriation for No 495<sup>50</sup> levelling and making up compound. He argued that the ground were used

by the public as a recreation ground for children and the money to be expended must be looked upon as quite distinct from Church expenses.

The Council adhered to former decision.

The Offg Secretary stated that he had been given to understand that the claim had been brought up to admit of the memorial tablets being placed in the Church, referred to in Councils letter No 85-2 of 30 August and as several of these tablets had been erected by the Community of Shanghai in the first instance - could not the Council so far assist the Trustees by passing a vote for those tablets.

It was decided to leave the question for consideration at a later date.

Soochow Creek Bridge Co. Letter No 1248 had been circulated amongst the members of the Council and published in the paper - it was taken as read. The Chairmans reply, No 880 was approved. Nothing further had since transpired. Mr. Dent had reason to believe, a further communication would be forthcoming shortly and asked permission of the Council to publish the correspondence in the paper without further reference to the members - This, those present thought should certainly be done and agreed to.

Distressed Foreigners Fund - P. A. Benet. Mr. Dent had authorized payment of \$50 from the Fund in this case under the following circumstances - Mr. Benet and his wife were living above a public house in the French Concession. Mr. Benet owed about \$120 to the proprietor and was unable to pay. Mr. Penfold had called on Mr. Dent and represented that if the money were paid Mrs Benet could obtain some respectable employment. That he hoped to get \$60 from friends of the Benets and the balance he asked for from the Fund. Further that Mr. Benet was expecting a little money left by a friend at home and hoped to pay the money back. Mr. Benet, Mr. Dent was aware, as the Council must be also, was not



entitled to any sympathy at the hands of the Community but it was an appeal from his wife, a lady and thoroughly respectable he had reason to believe, and who had to submit to the distressed state her husband's conduct had brought her to.

The Council thought the case a deserving one and quite approved of Mr. Dent's action.

### Works Committee.

Engineers Reports Nos 291-292 read

Bunding scheme. Letter from Mr. H. C. C. (No 1286) read covering request from the Captain to be furnished with a plan of the Bunding scheme.

Roads. The Engineer to prepare plan as requested material - Storing places. Wheelock's land. Mr. Pearson on behalf of the Works Committee said that Mr. Wheelock had a better offer for the piece of his land at the end of Beechman Road which had been most useful to the Council for storage of granite chips &c. Mr. Wheelock had been offered Rs 30 a month for the land but would be glad to let it to the Council for Rs 25 if required.

The Council authorized the Works Committee making their own arrangement with Mr. Wheelock should the Engineer not be able to procure a piece of land equally suitable for storing chips on more reasonable terms, which was noted

### Watch Committee

Reports.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 24 read.

Inspector of Markets Monthly Report for August read.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 229 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 Dent  
Chairman

W. H. G. S. S. S. S. S.  
Offg Secretary.

Council Room  
Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> September 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held at the Council Room on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of September 1872 at 11 o'clock.

Summary of Business

The summons to be read

The minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance - Cash State

Letter to Trinity Church Trustees to be read and approved.

Council v Buchherster - case postponed owing to illness of Mr. Wentzel.

Watch -

Inspector of Nuisances Report

Lock Hospital - memorandum from Dr. Henderson

And to adopt Res 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

Offg Secretary.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the general meeting of the Council held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1872.

Thiers Corryell  
et. Finances

John Dent  
H. H. Corryell  
M. H. G. S. S. S.  
H. Murray  
M. G. S.

Council Room  
Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1872

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1872  
pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. G. Corbett Esq.

Allen Paterson Esq.

H. Murray Esq.

S. H. Moses Esq.

Messrs. Coyle Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

Edward B. Soper. Off Secretary.

Absent.

C. J. Pearson Esq.

O. S. Behm Esq.

No 1008 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1009 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Off Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Arms.

Sale of Snide Rifles - Mr. Zimmerman's letter No 1301 read, with reference to purchase of the rifles deliverable in Singapore, at \$ 8<sup>00</sup> each and ammunition @ \$ 2<sup>50</sup> p 100. It appeared to the Council a pity to lose the chance. The Off Secretary to ascertain from Capt. Brewes how many could be spared if any, and how he would propose arming the volunteers in case of need.

Finance Committee.

Cash State

No 1070

The Cash State for the 20<sup>th</sup> September was handed round

for inspection - X-shewed balances as follows  
 In Comptroller's hands Rs 2220.25  
 In Bank 17,610.13

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> Sept-1892

Balance in the name of the Shanghai Municipal  
 Council this date

On Fixed Deposit Rs 15000  
 Current a/c 2610.13  
Rs 17610.13

(signed) A. H. Janssen  
 Actg. accountant.

Trinity Church Compound. (vide page 231 ante) The Off. Secretary submitted  
 draft of letter No 888 to Church Trustees, which was  
 approved.

Fees on Merchandise. Council & Bucklester. The Off. Secretary stated  
 that this case was postponed owing to the illness of  
 Mr. Wentzel the German Consul.

Works Committee.

Soochow Creek Bridge Co. Mr. Murray suggested that the Council should  
 be prepared with a resolution at the forthcoming meeting  
 to the effect that if the Bridge Company refused to accept  
 Rs 40,000 or such other sum as might be offered by the  
 State-payers for the bridge &c. the Council be instructed  
 to memorialize the Ministers to move the Tao-tai to  
 abrogate the Company's Charter and further to beg the  
 Ministers to be so good as to give an opinion of what  
 they consider a fair price. Approved. 1892.  
 subject dropped

Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 1293 read and noted.

Lock Hospital. Memorandum No 1311. from Dr. Henderson read.  
 Mr. Dent proposed that the Council should at once take

upon themselves the responsibility of building the hospital and to start by visiting patients and later on to make visitation compulsory. ~~But~~ The ~~various~~ difficulties brought forward at one time and another by Dr Henderson <sup>were trifling</sup> he was of opinion that there would be no difficulty <sup>now</sup> in securing <sup>later on the</sup> co-operation of French Council.

Mr. Murray doubted if anything but compulsory visitation would succeed.

Mr. Dent's proposition was put to the vote, which resulted as follows:-

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
W. H. Condit Esq	Alex Patterson Esq
S. M. Morse Esq	S. Murray Esq
M. Coryell Esq	A. Zimmerman Esq
<u>Mr. Dent</u> as Chairman gave his <u>casting vote in favor</u>	

### General.

Mr. Dent stated that he should be absent from Shanghai next Monday and would therefore not be able to attend the Council meeting.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 234 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.

W. H. Condit Esq  
off secretary.

Mr. Dent  
Chairman

No 1071.

Council Room  
Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council which will be held at the Council Room this day

the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1872, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon -

Summary of Business

The Announcements to be read.

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Sale of Sniders - Capt Brewers' opinion - subsequent action by Council.

Parade ground - Letter from Capt-Brewer.

Finance Council - Cash State.

Local Postmasters Report.

Wheelbarrow Fees - Reply from French Council.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report No 294.

Lock Hospital - Decision by Works Committee.

Fogg's Hall - Memorandum to be submitted for approval previous to being published and circulated with Ratepayers.

Wrighton Limits - confidential proposal from Mr. Stafford N. S. Council.

Cemetery for English Soldiers (French Concession) - as to taking charge of.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report No 27.

" " Markets " for September

" " " " (Special

Loochon Creek Ferries - Letter from Sartain.

Diseased meat &c. - Authority from Sartain to seize.

And to adopt such Report, 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.

of Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the general meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1872.

John Deut  
W. H. Cochrane  
Wm. Patterson  
H. Murray  
J. Moses  
Ed. Zimmerman  
Robt. Pearson

Council Room  
 Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> October 1872

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 7<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Deut Esq. Chairman  
 W. H. Cochrane Esq.  
 Wm. Patterson Esq.  
 H. Murray Esq.  
 J. Moses Esq.  
 Ed. Zimmerman Esq.  
 Robt. Pearson Esq.  
 Edward B. Soper. off. Secretary.

Absent-

C. C. Belin Esq.  
 Messrs. Coyle Esq.

- N<sup>o</sup> 1071. The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1072. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and off. Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Sale of Sunders (vide page 230-anti) The off. secretary as instructed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo had submitted Mr. Sunders' offer.

to Capt Brewer who advised it being closed with at once. He could spare 200 rifles now and 7000 rounds of ammunition - in case of need the same kind of rifles could be procured in Shanghai at Rs 4 a piece. A telegram had accordingly been sent to Singapore, offering to ship by first steamer but no answer had as yet been received.

Parade Ground. letter from Capt Brewer No 1312 read and noted. The off secretary instructed to write and thank Capt Brewer for his suggestion & state that when the building scheme was quite matured the Council would give the matter their further consideration.

### Finance Committee

#### Cash State

No 1073. The cash state for the 5<sup>th</sup> October was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows

In Comptroller's hand	Rs 3254.34
In Bank.	<u>16349.32.</u>

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council  
this date

On Fixed Deposit	Rs 15000
" Current a/c	<u>1349.32</u>
	<u>Rs 16349.32</u>

(signed) A. M. Janssen  
Actg Acct.

#### Local Post Office - Report No 1338 read.

A. Cook } Referred to therein as declining to pay for  
W. East } letters on delivery and indebted for small amount - about \$3 or \$4. to local Post office. It is written to for reason for declining payment.

Steggs No - subscribing Rs 35 per annum - refuse to pay for letters from Post - The off secretary to call on Mr Steggs.



Wheelbarrow Fees - Equal participation by French Council. This letter to Financé 1304 read and noted.

Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report - No 294 read.

Lock Hospital - Mr. Fearon explained that with the funds at disposal of Council, the Works Committee had decided that Mr. Kingmill's plan was too extensive and they had therefore abandoned it and instructed the Engineer to draw up plan of five or six Chinese built houses suitable for the purpose - this the Committee thought had another advantage in being more easily got rid of or let should the Lock Hospital be found not to succeed. Some discussion then arose amongst the members as to the advisability of building or proceeding at all in the work until the sanction of the Chinese Authorities to make visitation compulsory had been obtained.

Mr. Murray thought if the thing were to be done at all it should be done thoroughly and not by half measures.

It was finally arranged to wait for the Engineer's plan before coming to any decision as to future course of action.

Logg Two Wall. Mr. Fearon on the part of the Works Committee submitted memorandum giving history of negotiations from the first - explaining previous Council's policy and quoting precedents. It was approved and passed for publication in pamphlet form for circulation amongst Ratepayers.

Mr. Fearon suggested that at the Ratepayers meeting some member of the Council should be prepared with a resolution confirming action of their predecessors in office in this business - which was approved.

Strong Two Limits. The off. Secretary stated that Mr. Saas, interpreter had submitted informally a proposal on behalf of Mr. Bradford that these limits should be extended - Mr.

Bradford wished the communication to be strictly confidential and the Council to understand that his object now was to get their views as to the advisability of extending the limits and the line they would propose.

Some conversation followed as to what was to be gained by extending the limits - from the correspondence (read out by Mr. Imper) that had passed between Mr. Sward & S. Council General and the Council in 1871, the limits had already been defined -

Mr. Condit believed that the original intention was to make Kingston Square, whereas, as now defined, it took more the form of a triangle.

The subject was referred to the Works Committee for report.

Cemeteries - On English Soldiers - near City wall in French Concession

The Off Secretary stated that this Cemetery had now been put in good order by general private subscription.

Mr. Brewer had called and begged that the Council would now take it under their charge - the cost to the Community being only \$3 to \$4 additional to that already allowed for care of Cemeteries &c.

The Council approved and instructed off & Secretary to ~~make~~ <sup>have</sup> arrangements <sup>made</sup> with present contractor.

Foreshore - Mr. Seaman brought forward the following resolution, recorded by Mr. Dent:

No 1074 - Whereas notice has been given of a resolution to be brought forward at the Landrenters' meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, to the following effect - "that it is unnecessary and inexpedient that any special permission be asked of the Bond Lot Owners with reference to filling out the foreshore of the Bond on the English Settlement"

And whereas it is the opinion of this Council that the said resolution is to be deprecated and should be opposed as being in its spirit subversive of the prudential policy hitherto observed by this Community and calculated to involve the Municipality, sooner or later, in a conflict with the declared rights of property holders, by which schemes of public utility would be interfered with, and

the peace of the Settlement - disturbed.

It is hereby resolved that this Council will be no party to the passage of the foregoing resolution, but that, if it be passed by the Ratepayers, they will individually and collectively decline to take action thereon during the remainder of their term of office.

Passed unanimously

Stockton Creek Ferry. Decided to open as soon as ready. The Off Secretary to get plan to be laid before Council at next meeting.

### Watch Committee.

#### Reports.

Inspector of Nuisances No 27

" " markets for September

" " " watch on Rinderpest

" " " 1359. commenting on Jastais

Jastais authority } authority to act as Inspector of markets until  
to Inspector of markets } passing of Bye Law brought forward at meeting of  
Ratepayers on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

The Off Secretary informed the Council that the Chinese Document had been placed in Mr. Haas' hands for translation - that gentleman had examined and ascertained it to be Mr. Alabaolen Chinese and not the Jastais, and faulty in some material points which might lead to difficulty were it to be used in a case in the mixed Court. The bye-law also differed from that which had been passed by the Ratepayers and in its amended form it appeared to Mr. Haas to be more in favor of Chinese.

The Council were of opinion that the Jastais Document was unsatisfactory and that complete authority should be obtained from His Excellency - in the meanwhile Mr. Keeler's letter with Jastais authority and translations by Mr. X's Interpreter and the Council's Interpreter, to be placed in Mr. Harwood's hands for opinion.

The Off Secretary handed the Jastais authority and translation of Mr. X's Interpreter to Mr. Murray who

kindly undertook to have the Chinese looked into and translation compared.

Lochow Creek Chinese Ferris - Watch 1858 - read and noted. The Sp. Secretary stated that he had learnt from Mr. Alabaster that there was no occasion to issue the proclamation asked for.

General.

Meeting of Council - It was arranged to have a meeting at 10 o'clock on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> inst in order to go into business for Special meeting on 15<sup>th</sup>.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 239 anti) 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 Dew  
Chairman

Alfred H. S. ...  
Sp. Secretary.

No 1075.

Council Room  
Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> instant at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

To consider the business to be brought forward at the Special Ratepayers meeting on the 15<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

To the Members  
of the Council.

Sp. Secretary.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the meeting  
held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1872 -

Attend:  
W. K. Gould.  
E. Miers Koryell  
H. S. Murray.  
J. Finmore  
Robt. J. Harwood

No 1076.

Council Room

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> October 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a meeting of the Council to be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee. - Cash State.

Letter from Joint Stock Lottery Company Hamburg.

Appropriation General Hospital - letter from Chairman

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report No 1387.

Sickness clause in Olmsted's agreement - letter from W. Johnston to be read

Increased heat - Boys Row - letter from R. S. General General

Watch Committee

Letter from Russian Vice Consul.

Inspector of Ammirant's Report No 1387.

Increased heat - Boys Row - letter from R. S. Consul General

Russian Vice Consul.

General

General Instructions to & duties of officers - agreement to abide by - for approval -

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.

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the meeting held on  
Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1872.

John Dent  
W. H. Gould  
M. C. Coyell  
H. Murray  
J. M. Coles  
M. C. Coyell  
at Simmons  
Robt. I. Pearson

Council Room  
Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> October 1872

At the meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community  
of Shanghai, North of the Yangtze River, held at the  
Council Room 15 Roman Road Shanghai on Saturday  
the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of October a.d. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. H. Gould Esq.

M. C. Coyell Esq.

H. Murray Esq.

J. M. Coles Esq.

Robt. I. Pearson Esq.

Edmund B. Hooper. off Secretary

E. A. Oliver. Engineer

Absent:

O. C. Belin Esq.

Alex. Patterson Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

No 1075 The Summons calling the meeting was taken or read

forthcoming Ratepayer meeting - The Council met to discuss the  
business to be brought forward at meeting of Ratepayer

on 15<sup>th</sup> instant. but more especially to come to some decision amongst themselves as to the advisability of recommending the Community to take over the property of the Soochow Creek Bridge Company as it at present stands and to decide as to the highest value to be placed upon it. based on the various estimates and reports that had already been laid before the Council.

It was decided to get an expression of opinion from the Engineer as a guide before coming to any definite conclusion. he was therefore sent for and when present the following questions were put to and answered by the Engineer (Mr. Oliver)

Mr. Dent: Mr. Oliver we have sent for you in reference to the Iron Bridge across the Soochow Creek.

Can you utilize the Bridge as it now stands in a symmetrical form - and at what cost? You will understand if it is to be an eyesore and an ugly structure at the best - it may be better for the Community to abandon all idea of taking it over.

Mr. Oliver - I am afraid it must be an ugly structure under any circumstances.

Mr. Dent: What would be the cost?

Mr. Fearon - Do you think it could be made serviceable for Rs 16,000?

Mr. Oliver - Yes it can be done for that.

Mr. Dent: That is if we bought the bridge for Rs 25,000 you could make it serviceable for a further expenditure of Rs 16,000.

Mr. Oliver - Yes, it could be made serviceable but ~~as~~ he had already reported on "the want of harmony" the patched, strained and hipped structure with present when completed. - <sup>and</sup> at the same time the work in connexion with it would be an awkward job to which he was strongly opposed.

Mr. Conyett - If the Public garden is thrown out - so as to meet the present exigencies of the bridge could you not make use of the other parts of

the bridge and place them alongside the present structure and so make a <sup>3 girder</sup> double bridge of it in fact.

Mr. Oliver You must retain the four girders otherwise it would not bear 112 lbs per foot.

Mr. Conyell - Can no reinforcing be done. (meaning so as to make 5 girders answer the purpose of 4?)

Mr. Oliver - No.

Mr. Fearson - The point is, can the bridge be made sufficiently symmetrical so that the Council can recommend it to the Community.

Mr. Conyell here pointed out that Mr. Oliver must be prepared to commit himself on his answer - the Council would go before the public with a recommendation one way or the other by which they would be committed and it would be based on Mr. Oliver's <sup>professional opinion</sup> answer. He must most undoubtedly take the consequences of <sup>his</sup> professional opinion.

Mr. Oliver without any hesitation then urged the Council to sell the bridge for old iron if it came into their possession.

Mr. Murray - In fact - have nothing to do with it?

Mr. Oliver - Just so! It can be put up and answer all the purposes of a bridge but it would be an unsightly structure and cost just as much as a new and handsome bridge.

Mr. Fearson - after what Mr. Oliver says I do not think we can recommend it.

At this point Mr. Conyell drew up a memorandum of what he considered to be the Engineers opinion - it was read out and approved by Mr. Oliver. It was as follows. - "That I believe the present iron bridge cannot be used in connection with the new Bounding scheme with due regard to the sightliness of the structure. It



can be used - so far as strength and utility are concerned but never as a symmetrical Bridge -

Mr. Dent - You value the wooden bridge near the Canalate very low.

Mr. Oliver - It was built <sup>at a nominal cost of</sup> for £12,000 seven years ago. <sup>but only cost paid down £3,000.</sup>  
My estimates are based on information from Samham & Co. Woodrife and others - who would build a new bridge for £12,000 and take <sup>away</sup> old bridge and materials.

Mr. Powell asked how there was such a difference in the Upper Bridge (Khariv) estimate by Mr. Oliver and that by Mr. Henderson -

Mr. Oliver - Mr. Woodrife offers to build a new bridge for £6,000 -

Mr. Seaman wished to be satisfied as to the security of the present wooden bridge near the Canalate on one side and meeting Woodruff Road on the other -

Mr. Dent - referred to extract from Mr. Oliver's report of 17th instant - "The piling, stringers, diagonals and other timbers are in very bad order, many completely rotten" "I cannot recommend any attempt being made to further repair or strengthen this structure" -

Mr. Oliver still adhered to that opinion and would not recommend the bridge being used as such at all -

Mr. Dent - In its present state supposing it became the property of the Municipality, how long would it last?

Mr. Oliver urged its being pulled down at once.

Mr. Dent - You think it is not safe?

Mr. Oliver - Certainly not.

Mr. Oliver then left the Board Room.

Mr. Seaman - The next question is to consider the real value of the bridges and the Company's charter - how much is it fair to offer them for their rights so to speak - to settle a much vexed question in my opinion £4,000 is ample and with this I would suggest the Council going before the Ratepayers.

Mr. Dent - was in favor of £5,000 being voted.

After some further discussion as to the possibility of the Company's accepting £4,000 and as to the

advisability of recommending a larger sum - it was decided to beg the support of the Ratepayers to the <sup>in 7:40,000</sup> ~~proportion~~ <sup>proportion</sup> - ~~was~~ decided as a vide resolution.

That the Council be and are hereby authorized to purchase from the Sorghon Creek Bridge Company all their property and rights for the sum of forty thousand Taels (\$40,000) - Shanghai Lycee payable within one month from this date; and that the Council be further authorized to raise funds for the purpose by the issue of Municipal Debentures redeemable in not less than five and not more than twenty years from date of issue, and bearing interest at the rate of not over eight per cent per annum -

Fogg's walk - It was decided to bring forward the following resolution:-

That the action of the Council in regard to men's H. Fogg's walk be confirmed.

Fores-hore - Mr. Sam Ashton's Resolution - Decided to adhere to former decision (vide page 242 ante).

Strand 1870 Letter - Mr. Dent stated that Mr. Strand finding himself singular as regards signing agreement with the Council (Contract <sup>Letter No 1097</sup> No 240) wished to withdraw

The Council saw no objection and authorized the Off Secretary to deliver up the document.

Register of Attendance Having been signed (vide page 245 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 Dent  
Chairman

Walter B. Souper  
Off Secretary.

Council Room  
Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> October 1872

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 14<sup>th</sup> Day of  
October and. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
W. S. Condit Esq.  
A. Paterson Esq.  
W. Murray Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.  
W. Coyell Esq.  
A. Zimmerman Esq.  
R. J. Feam Esq.

Edward B. Souper off secretary.

Absent:

O. C. Behm Esq.

No 1076. The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1077. The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman and off secretary and the  
seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Sale of Sniders & Ammunition. The offg Secretary stated that Mr. Duman  
had acknowledged telegram and written that the likely  
purchaser in Singapore did not now want the rifles,  
having already purchased as many as he required.

Mr. Duman had however heard of another man who  
might take them and suggested a sample being sent down  
which was agreed to by the Council based on Capt. Brewer's  
recommendation (see page 240 ante).

Sale of Ammunition. 5000 rounds @ \$2<sup>50</sup> to the  
Singapore Volunteer Corps. sanctioned.

Finance Committee.

Letter from Rent Stock Company - Hamburg, No 1388. The Council  
were much amused and instructed the off Secretary

to return the tickets - with compliments  
Appropriation General Hospital - Letter from Mr. J. B. Forbes No 1377  
 read and noted.

### Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report - No 295 read and noted.

Staff - Sickness clause - Mr. Olivers Agreement: The Council were  
 unanimous in their decision that the sickness clause  
 must be inserted in every officers agreement -  
 the matter was referred to the Works Committee

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 1387.

Revised Bye Law XXXIV - Letter from United States Consul General No 1388 -  
 " - Russian Acting Vice Consul - 1370  
 read, conveying the approval of their respective ministers  
 to revised Bye Law XXXIV amended to the Land Regulations.

### General

Standing Orders and general instructions to and duties of officers -

Agreement for signature by Councils Employees, prepared  
 by the Legal adviser - was approved (see No 1429).

Soochow Creek Bridge Company - after some little conversation in  
 connexion with business of special meeting held on the  
 12<sup>th</sup> instant it was moved by Mr. Ferson seconded  
 by Mr. Cridit and

#### Resolved

No 1078

That the Chairman of the Council shall  
 bring forward a resolution at tomorrow's meeting offering  
 the Bridge Company Rs 40000 for their property and rights  
 whatever they may be.

The following is the resolution it was decided  
 to bring forward at the Ratepayers meeting.

That the Council be and are hereby authorized  
 to purchase from the Soochow Creek Bridge Company all

their property and rights for the sum of Forty thousand  
 Taels (Rs 40,000) Shanghai 1900 payable within one  
 month from this date; and that the Council be further  
 authorized to raise funds for the purpose by the  
 issue of Municipal Debentures redeemable in not less  
 than five and not more than twenty years from date  
 of issue and bearing interest at the rate of not over  
 eight per cent per annum.

Cash State } The Cash State for the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. was handed round  
 No 1079 } for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comrades hands	Rs 3380-29
In Bank	<u>17777-01</u>

Nongkang Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council  
 this date

on Fixed Deposit	Rs 13000-00
" Current-acc	<u>2777-01</u>
	<u>Rs 17777-01</u>

(Signed) A. M. Sorensen  
 Actg. Accountant.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 246 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

A. W. C. Souper  
 Secretary.

A. M. Sorensen  
 Chairman

No 1080.

Council Room  
 Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> October 1872.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your

attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held this day the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1872 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

Business.

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State.

Local Post-masters Report - No 13.

Soochon Creek Free Ferry - as to financing.

Soochon Creek Bridge Co. Letter from.

Collection for Destitute Chinese in the North - application by W. Maas

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report - No 296.

Agreement with Bond lot holders - letter from Brand 1872 to be read.

Fogg's wall - letter from Fogg & Co requesting that the Engineer will mark out former bond line so that it can be restored.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 29.

Opium Lic. this day - Report - from Mr. Penfold.

General - Council meetings - Proposal to change day and hour, to be considered

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 Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1872 -

James Scott  
T. H. Bond  
M. Murray  
J. M. Lee  
Robt. T. Pearson - at. G. Zimmerman

Council Room  
Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> October 1872.

at the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15  
Nanan Road Shanghai on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October  
1872 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. H. Cardel Esq.

Alex. Paterson Esq.

A. Murray Esq.

S. Moser Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

R. J. Seaman Esq.

Edward B. Souper. Off Secretary.

Absent

Miss Conell Esq.

S. C. Behm Esq.

No 1080 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1081 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and  
signed by the Chairman and Off Secretary and the seal of  
the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Cardel and

No 1082 Resolved

that the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Telegraphs - Removal of wires & instruments

from old to New Change Room and wire

from Bell tower to Nanking & Nanan Roads

No 110 } Recommended  
by Works Com-  
mission 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 72

Police - New table and forms for Messing Room

the old one being worn out & unfit for  
further use.

\$50 (see Mr. Penfold's  
Report 19/10/72)

Cash State

No 1083 The Cash State for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1872 was handed

amount for inspection - It showed balances as follows:-  
 In Comptroller's hands      Rs 4,032-71  
 In Bank.                              22,530-74.

The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Shanghai 15 October 1872

Balance @ Cr of Shanghai Municipal Council this date  
 On Fixed Deposit                      Rs 15,000  
 " Current a/c                              7,530-74  
     Rs 22,530-74.

(Signed) John Townsend

Actg. Accountant.

Local Post Office - Report No 13 from Local Postmaster read and noted.

Expenses. The Off Secretary called attention to abusive presses  
 in French sent by Da Costa & Co for circulation through the  
 Local Post Office and wished to know whether the L.P.O. was  
 to be used as a means of circulating offensive documents.

The Council decided that <sup>the L.P.O. compiled & circulate any document</sup> it was when such were sent by  
 subscribers.

Collection for Destitute Chinese in the North - Mr Naas letter No 1421

read. The Council did not think it expedient & could  
 not accede to Mr Naas's request.

Soochow Creek Ice Ferry - as to raising Debentures. The Off Secretary

submitted statement showing <sup>more or</sup> ~~less~~ <sup>extend of 1/2 million per year</sup> in the Revenue which  
 could be relied upon, about Rs 9,500. As the funds  
 in hand at present admitted of it, it was decided to  
 pay the cost Rs 9,000 at once, leaving the issue of Debentures  
 to reconsp, a matter for future consideration if necessary.

Soochow Creek Bridge Company - Messrs Hoag 1872 letter No 1459 p 21<sup>st</sup>

not accepting offer of Rs 40,000 for their bridge as they  
 stand and alleged charter rights. In connection with  
 it, it was moved by Mr Dent, seconded by Mr Condit and

No 1084 Resolved

Municipal Debentures. That the Council advertise for tenders for  
 Municipal Debentures (Rs 100 each) to extent of Rs 40,000  
 bearing interest at eight p cent (8%) per annum in  
 accordance with Resolution passed at late Mayor's meeting



on 15<sup>th</sup> instant).

The following rough memo of notification to the public inviting tenders was drawn up by Mr. Fearon and approved; and the offg Secretary instructed to submit to Mr. Harwood at once, and to call meeting of Council as soon as that gentleman had drawn out form of Notification & tender.

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the meeting of Ratepayers held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1872 -

Municipal Debentures of Rs 100 each amounting in all to Rs 40000, <sup>or a less amount as the Council may see fit</sup> redeemable in not less than 5 years & not more than 20 years from date of issue - and bearing interest at 8 per cent per annum, on the said capital amount of Rs 40000, will be issued on the - - - - -

Tenders for the whole of the Debentures or any number thereof will be received by the undersigned up to 12 noon of the 30<sup>th</sup> inst when the allotment will be made.

### Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report No 296 read and noted

Agreement with Bonded Soldiers. Letter from Brand No 1440 read and noted.

Fogg's wall. Letter from H. Fogg No 1449 - requesting that the Engineer will mark out former Bond line so that it can be restored. Engineer to do so.

Roche's Creek Free Ferry. Messrs Scheible Mathias No 1453 read and contents noted. Engineer to report as to plan for raising the ferry so as to allow large boats to pass under.

### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 29 read and noted.

Opium & the Tax. as to Chuen seizing smuggled opium - Mr. Penfold's report No 1428. Mr. Harwood's opinion was as follows:

With regard to the questions contained in Mr. Penfold's report dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 1872 to the Municipal Council relative to the Police taking part in enforcing the Opium tax upon opium and certain articles of foreign

manufacture I have to observe that under the Peking Treaty of 1858 and the Rules made in connection with it, the Chinese Authorities are entitled, upon Opium to charge any dues or taxes they please, and of course to levy those dues or taxes and to punish attempts to evade them.

Evading of the dues or taxes is, no doubt, a criminal offence according to Chinese Law - and probably the Chinese Authorities conceive they ~~they~~ have as much right to ask for the assistance of the Police in detecting and suppressing it as they have to ask their assistance in any other case in which Chinese are offenders.

Be this as it may, however, it would seem to be politic to render such assistance when asked for as on the one hand, withholding it would in all probability lead to the native authorities enforcing the law through the medium of their own subordinates and afford a pretext for much objectionable interference with Chinese subjects within the Settlements and on the other, the fact of their applying for and obtaining the co-operation of the Police in this instance would form a precedent which would tell against them should they hereafter attempt in other matters to regulate the natives within the Settlements without such co-operation.

The above remarks apply to Opium alone.

With regard to articles of foreign manufacture the legality of imposing the Letim Tax is more than doubtful.

It is clearly illegal in cases where a transit pass has been obtained and in other cases its imposition within the Settlements ought to be resisted. This however would appear to be a matter for the Consuls.

The Council took this view and decided to act as suggested and instructed the Secretary to notify the Superintendent of Police that the instructions given by the mandarin in charge of Opium Letim Tax office to the officers employed by that office, were to be countenanced so far as the Police were concerned. viz:

Any Chinaman conveying opium on which the Letim Tax has not been paid, if apprehended, is to be

taken with the Opium to the nearest Police Station.

If opium on which the above tax has not been paid, be taken into, or concealed in any Chinese house the officer shall first apply at the nearest Police Station for the assistance of the Police, the opium seized in such house to be taken to a Police Station.

Opium prepared or being prepared for smoking, not to be seized.

Fire Crackers. Mr. Condit thought that this nuisance ought to be stopped or checked to some extent. Mr. Penfold to be instructed to draw up new regulations and submit for approval of Watch Committee.

Lock Hospital. Mr. Seaman stated that he had learnt unofficially that the French Municipality intended establishing a Lock Hospital of their own.

### General

Council meetings - Decided to hold the Council meetings on Monday mornings at 9.30.

Resignation - Mr. Murray tendered his resignation as a member of the Council owing to his intended departure from Shanghai at an early date.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Murray for his valuable services in the interests of the Community and expressed the regret his colleagues felt upon his resigning <sup>his</sup> seat at the Board.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 254 anti) 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 Deak  
Chairman

Walter B. Souper  
off. Secretary.

No 1085.

Council Room  
Shanghai 24<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a special meeting of the Council, tomorrow the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1872, at 10-30 am

Business

To consider and pass notification regarding municipal debentures.

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 Special Meeting held on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1872.

John Dent  
Chairman

Alex  
Paterson

Mrs. Goyell

at. J. J. J.

Robt. J. J.

Council Room

Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> October 1872

At the Special Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Honan Road Shanghai on Friday the 25 day of October A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
Alex Paterson Esq.

continued

Present

S M Moses Esq

M Coryell Esq

A Zimmerman Esq

R J Kearon Esq

Edward B Souper Off Secretary

Absent

W H Condit Esq

O C Behm Esq

The Council met to consider form of Municipal Notification  
+ conditions in connection with issue of Debentures.

The following drawn up by Mr Hedwood was approved

Notification No 294.  
Shanghai Municipal Loan  
of 1872.

In Accordance with a Resolution passed at a Meeting of Ratepayers, held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1872, Municipal Debentures of Shanghai Taels One hundred each, amounting in all to Shanghai Taels Forty thousand or such less amount as the Council may see fit, redeemable at par in not less than five years and not more than twenty years from the date of issue, and bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly, will be issued on the 31<sup>st</sup> instant.

The conditions upon which the Debenture Certificates will be issued are:—

1. — The Debenture Certificates are transferable, but no transfer will be recognized by the Municipal Council until the same has been noted in the Transfer Books in the Office of the Council.
2. — The Loan will be redeemable in not less than five years and not more than twenty years from the date of the issue, at such times, in such amounts, and in such manner as the Municipal Council for the time being may from time to time determine.
3. — The Loan will bear interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April and the

- 31<sup>st</sup> day of October in each year; at the Offices of the Municipal Council.
4. — Each Debenture Certificate must be produced at the Offices of the Municipal Council at the time of making any payment in respect thereof, so that such payment may be noted on the back thereof.
5. — Every person from time to time entered in the Register of Debentures, as the holder of any Debenture Certificate or Certificates, shall alone be recognized and treated by the Municipal Council as the lawful and rightful holder and owner of such Debenture Certificate or Certificates.

The entire sum allotted must be paid upon notice of allotment.

Tenders for the whole of the Debentures, or for any number thereof, will be received by the undersigned up to noon of the 30<sup>th</sup> instant, when the allotment will be made by the Municipal Council.

By Order of the Council,

Off Secretary

Council Room

No 15 Honan Road,

Shanghai 25 October 1872.

Form of Tender.

Shanghai Municipal Loan of 1872

To the Chairman Municipal Council  
at Municipal Council Offices  
Shanghai

Sir

I hereby tender for — Municipal Debentures  
of Shanghai Taels One hundred each, bearing interest at  
eight per cent. (8%) per annum, at Shanghai Taels  
for each Debenture, and I engage to accept the same or any  
less number that may be allotted to me, and to pay for the  
same, and to abide by the conditions attaching thereto, as  
specified in the advertisement of the loan.

I am &c

Form of Allotment  
Shanghai Municipal Loan 1872

Sir

I have been directed to inform you, that Municipal Debentures of Taels One hundred each, bearing interest at eight per cent (8%) per annum, have been allotted you at the rate offered in your tender, namely, Taels for each Debenture. I have therefore to ask for your cheque for Taels in exchange for which Debenture Certificate will be sent.

I am

Yours obedient servant

Secretary

A Clause pledging Municipal Property and Annual Revenue as security to be added.

The Officiating Secretary was instructed to get it drawn up by Mr. Harwood and submit for approval of Finance Committee before publishing it in the papers.

The Clause was drawn up and passed by the Finance Committee later on in the day — it read as follows. —

6. — The property of the Municipality and the yearly Municipal revenue are the security for the repayment of the money advanced, and for the interest thereon. The members of the Municipal Council are not personally liable in any way for the payment of either principal or interest.

Register of Attendance. having been signed (vide page 260 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

Adonis B. So, cpe  
Off Secretary

John Dool  
Chairman

N<sup>o</sup> 1086Council Room  
Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> inst at 9.30. a.m.

Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes of the last meeting to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Cash state.Works Committee - Engineer's Report N<sup>o</sup> 297.Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report  
Mr Murray's resignation - successor to be appointed.

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

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant

To the Members  
of the Council

Off Secretary

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Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting held on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1872.

John Deutz  
N. A. Condit.  
C. H. Pearson  
J. M. W. W. W.  
at. J. M. W. W.  
Robt. S. Pearson



Council Room  
Shanghai 28 October 1872

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October. A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. H. Condit Esq.

Alex. Peterson Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

R. J. Fearon Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

Edward B. Souper. Off. Secretary.

Absent

M. Corryell Esq.

O. C. Behm Esq.

N<sup>o</sup>. 1087

N<sup>o</sup>. 1088

The Summons calling the Meeting was taken as read

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed & signed by the Chairman and Off. Secretary and the Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee

Promotions

Letter N<sup>o</sup> 1493 D/C from Adjutant General Brewer considered. It was moved by Mr. Dent and seconded by Mr. Condit and

N<sup>o</sup>. 1089

Resolved

That Lieut. Forbes be promoted to be Captain of N<sup>o</sup> 1 Company (as recommended by Adjt. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Brewer in letter of 26<sup>th</sup> October 1872) vice Captain Madeau resigned.

Finance Committee

Cash State

N<sup>o</sup>. 1090

The Cash state for the 26<sup>th</sup> of October was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Compadores hands	Rs 3,407.52
In Bank	17,150.74

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1872

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date  
 on Fixed Deposit \$6 15,000:00  
 " Current A/c 2,150:74  
17,150:74

(signed) A. M. Townsend.

Actg. Accountant

Municipal Loan 1872.

Tenders for Debentures. The Council decided to meet at 3 o'clock on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> inst to consider Tenders, and allot accordingly

Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No. 297 read and noted.

Soochow Creek Bridge Co's Property

Transfer to Municipality. Mr. Fearon suggested that the Agents of the Bridge Company should be requested to place themselves in communication with the Council's legal adviser at once in order that the Transfer may be satisfactorily arranged before the purchase money is paid. The Off. Secretary was instructed to do so.

Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report No. 30 read and noted

Vacancies

Mr. Wood of Messrs Gibb Livingston & Co.

Election of Councilor. Mr. Condit kindly undertook to call on Mr. Wood and solicit that gentleman's services on the Council and as a member of the Watch Committee in place of Mr. H. Murray resigned

General

Holidays

The Officiating Secretary requested permission to close the Municipal Offices in common with other public offices from noon on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> proximo to the morning of Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> idem, to give those of the Staff who wished an opportunity of going to the Races.

It was granted

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 264 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

W. H. Gould

Vice-Chairman

W. H. Gould  
 Off Secretary

No 1091

Council Room

Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your  
 attendance at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held  
 on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> inst at 3 p.m.

Business

To consider Tenders for Debenture Certificates.

And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, 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

Register of Attendance of members of Council at Special Meeting  
 held on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1872.

John Daulton  
W. H. Gould  
Robt. F. Fearon  
Wm. H. Gould  
 at Dinner  
W. H. Gould

Council Room  
Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> October 1872

At the Special Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community,  
of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Honan Road  
Shanghai on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1872  
pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W H Condit Esq.

R J Fearon Esq.

Alex Paterson Esq.

A Jimmern Esq.

S M Moses Esq.

E B Souper. Off Secretary

Absent

O. C. Behm Esq.

M. Coryell Esq.

To consider tenders for Debentures and to allot

The different tenders were read out, and checked, by the  
Chairman, and Officiating Secretary: it was then moved  
by Mr Dent, seconded by Mr Condit, and  
Resolved.

no 1092

That tenders for Debentures be accepted, as under

Krauss A. A.	ten	at	Rs 111:50
Harwood W <sup>m</sup>	fifty	"	" 105:
Krauss A. A.	ten	"	" 105:
Cymeri A. Rev.	one hundred.	"	" 103:
Krauss A. A.	ten	"	" 102:60
Buncombe W <sup>m</sup>	fifty	"	" 103:
Haye W <sup>m</sup>	fifty	"	" 103:
Buncombe W <sup>m</sup>	fifty	"	" 102:
McDoughlin E.	fifty	"	" 102:
Tod. W.	seven	"	" 101:

The Officiating Secretary was then instructed to notify the  
parties concerned at once and to get in the money at once

granting receipt for same until the Debenture Certificates were ready -

Further instructions were given to Officiating Secretary to have the Certificates ready as soon as possible and not later than Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> - which was noted -

Soochow Creek Bridge Company - Transfer of property -  
The following letter which had already been circulated the day previous was considered.

Dear Sir

I have been in communication with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg Bros upon the subject of the sale to the Council of the property of the Soochow Bridge Company and I now beg thro' you to report to the Council the facts which I have ascertained.

It appears that the property of the Company is nominally divided into 125 Shares which are held among about a dozen individuals, altho' called a company the proprietors in point of fact do not constitute a Company in any legal sense of the word. Their rights and liabilities inter se are not defined or regulated by any deed or written agreement, they are severally owners of certain undivided Shares in the common property and even a majority of them has no power to bind a minority.

To acquire a valid title to what I will still for convenience call "the Company's" property it will be necessary for the Council to have an assignment, executed by all the Shareholders and the Council cannot safely pay over any money until such assignment has been completed.

Under these circumstances and in view of the fact that it is desirable that the Public should reap the benefit of the proposed purchase at as early a date as possible the course I would venture to suggest to the Council is, that the purchase money (£40,000) should be deposited at interest in a Bank in the joint names of the Chairman of the Council and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg Bros as representing the Bridge Company and that simultaneously with the deposit an agreement should be entered into between the Chairman and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hogg defining the terms upon which the deposit is made.

Those terms I would suggest should be that from the date of the agreement the tolls should cease that a deed of assignment should be at once prepared and circulated among the Shareholders for execution, that upon the handing over to the Council of such deed duly executed by all the proprietors the money deposited and the interest thereon should belong and be paid to them; but that if within, say, six months the Sale should not be so completed the Council should have the option either of declining the purchase and reclaiming the money deposited or of carrying out the purchase to a partial extent by paying to those proprietors who had executed the deed a proportionate part of the total purchase money with a proportionate part of the interest thereon the proportion being regulated by the number of their shares.

It will of course be necessary to have some proof that the list of Shareholders furnished to me is correct and this I propose to obtain by inspection of the Company books and by taking from Mr E. J. Hogg a statutory declaration upon the subject.

Mr Hogg proposes at once to take steps to obtain powers of attorney (in a form to be approved by me) to act for those Shareholders who are absent from Shanghai, he is anxious to leave by the French Mail on Thursday so that there is no time to lose.

Yours faithfully  
(signed) W<sup>m</sup> Harwood.

The Council took exception to x x part within three crosses above, and instructed Officiating Secretary to lose no time in bringing it to notice of Mr Harwood also to urge upon Mr Harwood the necessity of Mr Hogg leaving a Power of attorney for some one to represent the Agent of the Bridge Company during his absence from Shanghai - also to declare the bridge free on his departure -

Mr Moses informed the Council that he believes Messrs Gubbay, Iverson (as attorney for Mr J Hambury) Mr Jackson (agent for Dr Coghill, and E J Hogg) had been appointed Trustees in the matter of liquidating the company

Chekung Road - Nankin to Hankow Road.

Mr Fearon explained the history of this and informed the Council that the Works Committee had now resolved to offer to buy the land for £250 per acre of 6000 square feet actual measurement - this offer Mr Hogg had agreed to (vide Works) submit to the owner in England provided the Council in the meantime agreed to restore the land to its former state if called upon to do so, the question was now whether it was wise to consent to this stipulation - seeing that the Municipality claimed the power to run roads where necessary, leaving compensation to arbitration, In this instance the Council were of opinion that the previous Works Committee had acted irregularly in running the road through Mr Hogg's property without his consent or knowledge - he could justly therefore demand its restoration, after which the Council could run the road through in this manner; Mr Fearon mentioned, if Mr Hogg proved obstructive.

Officiating Secretary instructed to reply to Mr Hogg that in consideration of his submitting the offer to purchase the land the Council would in the meantime engage to restore the property to its original state if called upon to do so vide Works  
1003

Register of Attendance having been signed, vide page 267 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

W. A. C. O. S. J. P. C.  
Off Secretary

W. A. C. O. S. J. P. C.  
Chairman

No 1093

Council Room  
Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 1872

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> inst at 9.30 a.m.

Business

The Summons to be read.

The Minutes of the last meeting to be confirmed and signed  
Finance Committee - Cash State.

L. P. O. Report

Wheelbarrow Fees a/c from French Council showing fees collected

Works Committee - Engineers Reports Nos 298-299

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report. Nos 31-32

Inspector of Markets Report for October current.

Lock Hospital - Letter from French Council.

Siupa Refuge - as to supporting during winter

Election of Councillor - Mr. A. G. Wood to be

elected a member of the Watch

Committee in the place of Mr

Murray resigned

General - Office hours change from 9.30 to 4 o'clock during winter months.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, 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



Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting held on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1872.

W. H. Condit

A. G. Wood

S. M. Moses

et. Zimmerman.

Council Room.

Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> November 1872

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 11<sup>th</sup> of November A. D. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present

W. H. Condit Esq

A. G. Wood Esq

S. M. Moses Esq

A. Zimmerman Esq

Edward B. Souper Off. Secretary

Absent

John Dent Esq

R. J. Kearon Esq

M. Coryell Esq

O. C. Behm Esq

Alex. Peterson Esq

No. 1094.

No. 1095.

The Summons calling the Meeting was taken as read. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Officiating Secretary and the Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash State

No. 1096

The Cash State for the 9<sup>th</sup> of November was handed round for inspection

It showed balances as follows

In Comptroller's hands

Rs 4522.16

In Bank

54670.08

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> November 1872

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

on Fixed Deposit \$s. 15,000.00

Current 9/6 - 39,670.08

\$s. 54,670.08

(signed) A. M. Townsend

Ady. Accountant

Local Post Office - Report No<sup>o</sup> 14 read.

Keop of Pony referred to in Report - to be left for decision of Finance Committee.

Foochow Anchorage - Mr Condit drew attention to paragraph in Daily papers, from which it appeared advisable to establish an agency at the Anchorage.

The Officiating Secretary informed the Council that he had noticed the paragraph referred to and that Mr M<sup>o</sup> Millan had been instructed to write and make enquiries of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hedge & Co, agent of the Local Post Office at Foochow; their reply would be communicated to the Council on receipt.

Wheelbarrow Fees - Letter <sup>1501</sup> Finance from French Council submitting statement of fees collected

In reply to the question from the Officiating Secretary the Council were of opinion that it was not advisable to re-open the question again with the French Council by withholding participation of fees collected in Hong Kew. The Council's letter Watch clearly expressed participation of the fees collected in both settlements, It was optional <sup>with</sup> the Ratepayers to cancel the arrangement altogether or in part at next General Meeting

Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report Nos 298, 299 read and noted

Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report No<sup>o</sup> 31, 32 read and noted

Lock Hospital - Letter <sup>1506</sup> Watch from French Council - The French Municipality in establishing an institution of their own would so far co-operate with the Council as:

1<sup>st</sup> That visitation shall be compulsory and to take effect the same day in both Concessions.

2<sup>nd</sup> That sick women shall be kept in the hospital until the Officer shall certify that they are fit to go out  
noted

The Officiating Secretary to reply that necessary arrangements were now being made for the Lock Hospital on this side and that when ready this Council would have much pleasure in addressing the French Council.

Singra Refuse as to supporting during winter.

In reply to the question from Officiating Secretary it was decided not to support the Singra Refuse this year beyond availing of the labor of the inmates, should occasion arise.

The Officiating Secretary further explained that it had been found that the Refuse encouraged beggars and thieves from all the villages and large cities in the neighbourhood of Shanghai and that in consequence the previous Watch Committee had decided to have nothing to do with the institution except in the manner alluded to above.

Election of Councillor It was moved by Mr Condit seconded by Mr Jimmison  
No 1097 and Resolved

That Mr. A. G. Wood be appointed to serve on the Watch Committee in the room of Mr H Murray resigned  
General.

Office Hours. change from 9.30 to 4 o'clock during winter months. approved and to be notified in papers

Register of Attendance. having been signed (vide page 273 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.

M. W. A. S. J. P. C.  
Off. Secretary

J. M. D. C.  
Chairman

Council Room  
Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1872

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> inst at 9.15 a m.

Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes of the last Meeting to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee - Autumn Meeting - Report by Serg<sup>t</sup> Cameron.

Finance Committee - Cash State

S. P. O. Report N<sup>o</sup> 15. 16.

Police Savings Bank - as to reducing rate of interest

Works Committee - Engineers Report N<sup>o</sup> 300.

Hong Kew Limits - Mr Bradford's letter

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Reports N<sup>o</sup> 33. 34.

Inspector of Markets Report for October

Anderson v. Municipal Council - letter from Mr James proposing a compromise

Carrying Ducks, Fowls - letter from H B. M. Consul.

Services of Police - French Consul.

Small Pax S. S. Enterprise - communication from H B M Consul

Prisoner Constantine - as to deporting.

Firing of Crackers - decision of Watch Committee to be communicated to Council.

Burials in Cemetery - Medical Certificates.

and to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, 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

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1872

John Dent  
 Alex Paterson  
 M. Moses  
 A. G. Wood  
 M. Coryell  
 Edward B. Souper

Council Room  
 Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> November 1872

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 25<sup>th</sup> Day of November. A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice.

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 Alex Paterson Esq.  
 S. M. Moses Esq.  
 A. G. Wood Esq.  
 M. Coryell Esq. Edward B. Souper Off Secretary

Absent

W. H. Condit Esq.  
 R. J. Kearon Esq.  
 A. Timmerman Esq.  
 O. C. Behm Esq.

No 1098 The Summons calling the Meeting was taken as read  
 No 1099. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Officiating Secretary and the Seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

Defence Committee.

Autumn Meeting - Report by Genl Cameron Inspector of Musketry  
 D.C. read and noted  
 1508

Finance Committee

Appropriation of £ was moved by Mr Councillor Dent seconded by  
 in representation from Mr Coryell of Works Committee more money would be necessary to carry the work out through.

Mr. Councillor Peterson and  
No 1100 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following be sanctioned  
Hong Kew Creek Bunding \$3000. extra Vote.

Cash State

No 1101. The Cash State for the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1872 was handed round  
for inspection It showed Balances as follows

In Comptroller's hand \$1,940:40.

In Bank " 61,452:88.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1872

Balances in name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

On Fixed deposit \$15,000:00

" Current a/c 46,452:88

\$61,452:88

(signed) A. M. Townsend.

Actg Accountant

Local Post Office - Report No 15. 16. read and noted

Anonymous <sup>papers</sup> ~~letter~~ - \$1.50

Officialing Secretary submitted cover containing anonymous  
Express and \$1.50 addressed to Messrs Da Costa & Co  
Messrs Da Costa & Co declined to circulate and had returned  
money and cover to L. P. O

decided

to pass the amount to credit of L. P. O until claimed.

Police Savings Bank - as to reducing rate of interest -

Mr. Dent explained views of Finance Committee (vide  
Committee Minute Book page 291) to those present.  
In the absence of two Members of the Watch Committee  
(Mr. Condit and Mr. Behu) it was decided to defer the  
matter for fuller Meeting

Works Committee

Reports Engineers Progress Report No 300 read and noted

Hong Kew Limits Mr. Bradfords letter. <sup>works</sup> 1878

The Council were in favor of affording all information  
in their power beyond this referred further action to the

Works CommitteeWatch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 33. 34 read and noted

Inspector of Markets Report for October read and noted

Ponies lame - The Officiating Secretary was instructed to call Mr. Heels attention to the condition of some of the ponies being used in public vehicles at present.

Anderson v Municipal Council - letter from Mr James proposing a compromise decided

to adhere to offer made in first instance a compromise being impossible.

Carrying Dricks and Tools - letter <sup>watch 1896</sup> from H B M. Consul read and noted

Services of Police - <sup>watch 1896</sup> letter from French Consul, read and noted

Small Box S.S. Enterprise - communication <sup>watch 1893</sup> H B M Consul

The Officiating Secretary stated that Dr Jamieson on behalf of the Customs authorities and Dr Henderson as Health Officer were concerting measures to protect public health.

Prisoner Constantine - as to deporting

The Officiating Secretary was instructed to obtain the opinion of Sir Edmund Hornby as to advisability of deporting the prisoner

Firing of Crackers - decision of Watch Committee (vide Committee Minute Book page 278) was

"That firing of crackers be prohibited from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and the Superintendent of Police instructed to stop all firing in cases of foreigners leaving the settlement and to refuse permission for firing on these occasions."

Burials in Cemetery - Medical Certificates

Mr Dent stated that Mr Morel of the French Council had called upon him and expressed his opinion that the Cemeteries being Municipal property it was not necessary for the Council to obtain sanction of Consuls to introduction of Death Certificates before burial and that all that appeared necessary as a matter of courtesy was to write in and the Consular Body that the Council proposed notifying the

Community of the requirement and intimating that the Council will be glad to hear that it has the approval of the Consuls

This course was decided on.

Burial Certificates -

Fees - some conversation then ensued as to how far the Council would be called on to pay for Medical examination into the causes of death of poor persons, where probably death may have been sudden, or where a Doctor had not attended the deceased. The opinion of Council was that it would be the duty of the Municipality to pay a small fee to a Medical man in such cases.

The Health Officer would have to perform ~~in~~ post mortem examinations if specially called on to do so for which a small fee would be paid.

Register of Attendance - having been signed (vide page 277 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 Deak  
Chairman

Walter Simpson

Off Secretary

No 1102.

Council Room

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> November 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1872 at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee Appropriation

Cash State.



Chinese House Tax. Letter from E. M. Smith  
Expenditure Engineers Department - as to orders being  
 countermanded by Secretary.

Police Savings Bank. as to reducing interest from  
 8 to 6%

Brookton Creek Bridge Co. Deposit

Local Post office - as to renewal of lease

Royal Asiatic Society - as to exemption from taxes.

Wheelbarrow Fees. Letter from French Council.

Works Committee. Engineers Progress Report No 301

Lock Hospital. Plan and tender for approval or  
 otherwise.

Giangtsepo Road. Correspondence between Chien and  
 Interpreter.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Small pox. S. S. Interpreter. Letter from Harbour Master  
Prisoner Constantine. Sir Ed Hornby's views to be  
 communicated

Burials. medical Certificates. Letter from Council  
 Body

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 Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1872.

Roll called by John Smith  
 Present  
 Messrs  
 Messrs  
 Messrs

Council Room  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1872

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 December A.D. 1872 pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
Alex Paterson Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.  
A. G. Wood Esq.  
Robt. J. Fearon Esq.  
Edward B. Soper. off<sup>y</sup> Secretary

Absent.

Edw. Cardil Esq.  
O. C. Selu Esq.  
M. Conyell Esq.  
A. Zimmerman Esq.

No 1102 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1103 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and off<sup>y</sup> Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

Defence Committee.

Rifles. Orders. R. Dorman - Singapore.  $\frac{25}{1829}$  from Mr. Dorman - contents noted. It acknowledged receipt of sample under p<sup>r</sup> "Sector" and intimated that up to date of letter - 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - no offer had been received for the rifles

Finance Committee

Cash State

No 1104 The Cash State for the 30<sup>th</sup> November was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows: -

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 1665.16
In Bank.	60721.99

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> November 1892

Balance in the name of the Shanghai Municipal Council  
this date

on Fixed Deposit	Rs 15000
current a/c	5721.99
	<u>Rs 20,721.99</u>

(signed) A. M. Townsend.

Accountant.

Chinese House Tax. E. M. Smith.  $\frac{\text{Jan}}{1892}$  1642 claiming on behalf of some of his tenants, amount of surtax on rentals.

Mr. Dent mentioned that the subject had already been under the consideration of the Finance Committee who had come to the conclusion that looking at the number of Chinese houses in the Settlement - 15000 to 16000 - it was quite impossible impracticable to collect the Chinese House Tax in the manner Mr. Smith desired, viz: collecting on monthly rentals.

The Council were unanimous in confirming decision of the Finance Committee.

Expenditure. Engineers Department. Mr. Pearson brought to the notice of the Council contents of minute of works meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> inst (vide Committee minute book p 294.) and further explained that the works Committee had gathered from Mr. Oliver's remarks that the amount of orders not countersigned by the Secretary amounted to about \$10 per month.

The Secretary here pointed out that there were several instances of expenditure incurred by the Engineer the orders for which, within the strict meaning of general instructions to all officers, should have been countersigned by the Secretary.

After a few remarks amongst the members, it was left with the works Committee to make such arrangements as they thought fit to enable the Engineers Department to procure trifling articles and which the Council generally understood were required in an emergency.

Police Savings Bank. It was decided to limit amount of Deposits bearing interest at 8%.

In Sergeants, Inspectors and Superintendent. Rs 1000

Constables 500

The Depositors to be notified that the change will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January next

London Creek Bridge Co. Deposit - Rs 40000 with Bank. Letter to <sup>1821</sup> from the Agents intimating that the Committee wished "that the deposit of Rs 40000 with Interest accrued to date, should be made with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank & Co. in six months with the option of withdrawal on (30) thirty days notice on the terms offered by Mr. McLean this morning

The Secretary informed the Council that the transfer had been made in accordance with that letter and the agreement, in the names of "John Dent Esq or other the Chairman for the time being of the Municipal Council Messrs Jogg Esq, Messrs Das, Sassoon Esq and Messrs Bower Esq.

The receipt was laid on the table for satisfaction of members present.

Local Post Office. Renewal of lease of premises in Kankling Road.

Letter <sup>31</sup> from Messrs D. Sassoon Esq and Co, giving Council option before other applicants of renewing present lease on its expiry 31<sup>st</sup> March 1894 for another 2 or 3 years for Rs 1500 p. a.

The Secretary was instructed to thank Messrs D. Sassoon Esq and Co for their consideration and to reply that at this date the Council could not enter into an arrangement but that their successors might be prepared to continue the Council's tenancy when the time arrived to consider it.

Royal Asiatic Society. As to exemption from taxes - Verbal application by Mr. Forbes. The Council regretted that they were unable to exempt. Some reduction might possibly be made in the assessment when the much needed re-valuation of the value of the property of the Settlement, about to be recommended to the Ratepayers, is made.

Wheelbarrow Fees. Letter from French Council <sup>1823</sup> acknowledging

receipt of cheque No 1313 <sup>2-3</sup> participation in fees to 30<sup>th</sup> September last - read and noted.

Fire Department. Appropriation towards new Steam Fire Engine for Hongkong. Letter from Chief Engineer S.A.D. (No 1043) read and considered.

Decided to recommend appropriation of Rs 1000 in next budget provided the engine be handed over as the property of the Municipality.

### Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report No 301 read and noted.

Lock Hospital.  tender for 6 Chinese houses adjoining the Junction & Keangse Roads. Gah. Gung Kee No 780 and plan to which it referred, approved.

In answer to the question from the Chairman whether it covered the whole area of the ground recently purchased for the purpose, Mr. Seaton on behalf of the Works Committee replied that it did not, but admitted of extension, should occasion require.

Fire Wells. Mr. Dent drew attention to remarks in Fire Commission report as to necessity of constructing more.

Mr. Seaton took note of the remarks and would bring the matter up at next meeting of Works Committee.

Surveyors limits. In reply to question from the Chairman, Mr. Seaton informed the Council that Mr. Bradford had been provided with such information as the Works Committee were able to give. He further explained that any other land marks required for the purpose, it was proposed to give by means of fixed balloons.

### Roads.

Gangstrepoo Road. Correspondence between Mr. Haas Interpreter etc and Chen (Nos 1607, 1608) submitted. The information it contained, namely that the Community would have to pay 50,000 cash p mow to the Chinese owner all the way down, for land required for the road to Wooming, was noted.

Surrender of public road. Hoieh and Bone Road.

(vide Committee Minute Book p ). Decision in Mr. David Reid and Dr. Macfarlane's cases confirmed - the spirit of progress and improvement generally carried out by the Works Committee, was checked by the action of the Ratepayers in connexion with Jogg's wall.

### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nurseries Report - No 33 - read.

Small pox S.S. Enterprise - The Off Secretary drew attention to the facilities afforded to Dr. Henderson to satisfy himself as to presence of disease on board.

The Off Secretary informed the Council that Dr. Henderson had verbally communicated that no cases existed and that there was no cause for further alarm.

Prisoner Constantine - The Off Secretary informed the Council that in accordance with instructions at meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov (p. 279) he had called and represented the case to Sir Edw. Hornby that gentleman recommended the man being deported but before doing so thought it would be well to see Mr. Medhurst St. B's Consul.

The Off Secretary to act in accordance with these views.

Death Certificates. Consular notification <sup>24th</sup>/<sub>1017</sub> of the approval of the "requirement on the part of the Council of medical certificate of cause of death before permitting interment in the Municipal Cemetery so long as the requirement does not entail expense on the estates of the poor" read and voted.

### General.

St. B's Consul - Letter <sup>General</sup>/<sub>1032</sub> from St. B's Consul intimating that Mr. W. H. Medhurst had taken up post as St. B's Consul was noted with pleasure.

The Council decided to write and congratulate him on his return.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 281 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 Daulton,  
Chairman

Edmond S. S. Secretary

No 1105.

Council Room

Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> December 1872

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1872 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance - Appropriations

Cash State

L.O. Report.

Works Engineers Report

Ice rolls - necessity of constructing without delay.

Building scheme - Arrangement with Lessors of Heards'

wharf

Watch Inspector of Insurances Report

Services of Police - application from Danish & Russian

Consuls on behalf of Great Northern Telegraph Co.

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

Edmond S. S. Secretary

To the Members

of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at general meeting held  
on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> December 1872

John Dent  
W. H. Cozitt  
Alex Patterson  
Moses  
Abmood  
A. Zimmerman  
Robt & Fearon

Council Room

Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> December 1872

At the general meeting of the Council for the foreign community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman

W. H. Cozitt Esq.

Alex Patterson Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

A. G. Wood Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

Robt. J. Fearon Esq.

Edward B. Souper. Off. Secretary.

Absent. Messrs M. Cornell and D. C. Behm.

No 1105. The Minutes calling the meeting was taken as read.

No 1106. 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 Volunteer Corps - No 1 Company -  $\frac{25}{1052}$  from Capt Brewer  
Adjutant General.

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr



Credit and  
No 1107 Resolved

That the election of Sgt. A. Cameron to be lieutenant  
 of No 1 Company be hereby approved and confirmed.

Finance Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Paterson and  
No 1108 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned  
Fire-wells - two for protection of }  
 southern portion of settlement } Rs 2,000

Cash State. } The Cash State for the 7<sup>th</sup> December was handed round  
No 1109 } for inspection. It showed balances as follows  
 In Comrades hands. Rs 2257.66  
 In Banks 15568.66

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> December 1892

Balance at credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this date  
 On fixed deposit Rs 15000  
 On current a/c 568.66  
Rs 15568.66

(Signed) A. M. Johnson  
 Accountant.

Local Postmasters Report - No 1041 read and noted.

Expenses. Da Costa No. The Off Secretary informed the  
 Council that Messrs Da Costa declined to pay a/c for expenses  
 \$30 except in American half dollars and that the case had  
 therefore been tried before the Portuguese Council who did not  
 hesitate to give the case against Da Costa No with costs.

Accounts. Outstanding. E. M. Smith. The Off Secretary stated that  
 Mr. Smith had informed the Tax Collector that it was not  
 convenient to pay taxes overdue until he had replied to  
 the Council's letter of 4<sup>th</sup> inst. to 1892, same being under  
 consideration.

The Secretary to write again to Mr. Smith regretting that the Council could not acquiesce in his views as to taxation of Chinese - and to point out that unless his indebtedness to the Council were liquidated the Council would be reluctantly compelled to take other measures.

Debt on Merchandise. J. J. Buckherster - Translation of letter (no. 1090) from Mr. Trimby, acting Consul of the German Empire, enquiring whether the Council wished the case to be decided by the writer of the letter or to be postponed till the arrival of Mr. Consul Linder in about two or three weeks.

The Council decided to leave any action in the matter with Mr. Trimby.

### Works Committee.

Engineer's Progress Report - no 302 read and noted.

Fire Wells. Southern part of statement. Appropriation. \$2000 granted for construction of two.

Navigation Bounding scheme - reards' wharf. contents of minute of what took place at works meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> inst. noted - the Engineer to report as to the necessity of bounding that portion of the creek occupied by the wharf, after which the Council would be in a position to give a definite reply to Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co.

Encroachment on Grand River Pump Creek in French Canal. Mr. Seaman drew attention to work at present being executed by French Canal. Serious complaints had been made by the owners of property and house holders in the neighbourhood. The creek was being narrowed and the traffic interfered with. Without regard to the stipulation agreed on between the two Councils that the width should be retained at 50 feet.

Mr. Olivier was called in and explained that he had not reported the encroachment on the outlet as it did not seem so important to him, and at the time he did not imagine the work would be so extensive.

The Council were of opinion that it might to have been brought to the notice of the Council earlier.

In the meantime Mr. Olivier was instructed to

prepare a survey showing whether the Council had on any occasion impugned the arrangement entered into with the French Council and further to trace instances, (if any existed) in which the Council had surrendered part of the boundary to widen the Creek.

The Council further decided to write and represent matters to the French Council at the same time requesting that the work be stopped until the records be looked into and a satisfactory arrangement arrived at on the subject.

### Watch Committee.

#### Reports.

Inspector of Markets Report No 1677

" Nuisances Report No 1078 } read and noted.

Sanitary Department. Diseased Meat. Seizure. - Board order No 399 2/10/1912  
Extract. Inspector of Markets Report No 1077 - "In reference to Board order No 399 I would remark that there are shops in the Settlement that deal in meat for Chinese consumption that to foreign ideas is quite unfit for food but which is habitually used as a proper article of diet by a very large number of Chinese residents, as there is but little chance of meat from these shops appearing on a foreigner's table they have hitherto not been interfered with and I would ask to be informed if the Board order refers to them and to other shops which deal solely in meat used by Chinese."

The Council confirmed the Watch Committee's decision as to seizure of all meat unfit for human food, exposed for sale in the Settlement. It being understood that meat so seized be of the kind usually used by foreigners, or as ~~such as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~mischievous~~ <sup>mischievous</sup> ~~servants~~ <sup>servants</sup> ~~used~~ <sup>used</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Chinese~~ <sup>Chinese</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~purpose~~ <sup>purpose</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~preparing~~ <sup>preparing</sup> ~~food~~ <sup>food</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Chinese~~ <sup>Chinese</sup> ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Settlement~~ <sup>Settlement</sup>.

Medicine Branch. Contagious Diseases on board ship. Dr. Deul-  
 drew attention to extract in Customs medical report for half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1892. (No VIII. Jan. March 1892. Part VI page 80. 81) - "There were 5 deaths from primary phthisis, the disease in each case dating from a period previous to the patients arrival in Shanghai. I have not seen phthisis originali here, and it is well known that such an occurrence is extremely rare. But I have not found the course of the disease in imported cases arrested or even sensibly

modified by residence in Shanghai. Dysentery may almost be considered endemic, but it is to be expected that as by the extension of drainage we are gradually expelling the worst forms of paratyphoid fever, we shall in process of time by obtaining an untainted water supply reduce the annual number of dysenteric cases to a minimum.

So long as Shanghai water continues to be what it is we cannot fail to have dysentery and enteric fever as constant guests. Water for drinking and cooking purposes being obtained exclusively from the river, the prevalence of an epidemic among the shipping population, and especially of an epidemic of diarrhoea, dysentery or typhoid fever, implies the spread of these diseases on shore. Something might be done by extending, and enforcing article 9 of the Harbour Regulations for the port of Shanghai which runs as follows:— "A vessel arriving with a contagious disease on board shall not come nearer the lower limit of the harbour than one mile, shall fly at the fore a yellow flag, and shall not allow any one to disembark or come on board without permission from the Harbour Master's Office."

It might with vast advantage be made compulsory on masters of vessels to send their men ashore as soon as symptoms of serious bowel derangement appear.

A periodical official visit would render observance of the rule tolerably infrequent.

<sup>(Mr. Dent)</sup> It was in favour of representations being made to the Customs Authorities by which a regulation should be enforced compelling ship masters & others to transfer all cases of contagious diseases to the Hospital, or compelling them to anchor below Harbour limits.

Mr. Condit cited the practice in America which compelled removal of sick from the ship to hospital.

Mr. Jeason thought in the case of the English marine, it might depend on the conditions of the articles under which a sailor shipped.

The Secretary to gather further information from the Councils.

Police.

Great Northern Telegraph Co. <sup>valch</sup> 1862. Application from J. C. Reding  
N. J. R. his vice Consul and J. B. Merson Consul for Denmark.

The Chairman informed the Council that as the case was urgent he had authorized a certain number of the force being placed at the disposal of the Consul without further reference to the Council, which was approved.

Prisoner Constantine. The Secretary stated that as instructed at meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> inst (see page 286 ante) he had submitted the case to his medical officers' Council but as yet no decision had been come to.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 288 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 Daulton  
Chairman

Walter B. S. S. S. S. S.  
Secretary.

10/11/0.

Council Room

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> December 1892

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Business

The Summons to be read

The minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash state

Dues on merchandize - Carter's request to have their case settled before the end of the year.

General Municipal Petition case against R. Church

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report

Monthly Report

Longwall Foundry scheme - Board's report - Draft letter to Jardine Matheson to be submitted for

approval.

Encroachment - Yangtze River - Correspondence to be submitted

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Police - application from Hankow Municipal Council  
Assistant Inspector of Nuisances - sudden death of  
Mr. Rogans to be communicated and some decision come  
to us to filling up vacancy.

Anderson v. Municipal Council - Mr. Rennie's views  
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

Secretary

To the members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General  
meeting of the Council held on Sunday 16: December 1872.

John Smith  
Robert Wilson  
W. L. Brown  
Robert Pearson  
Miss Corryell  
et. Gimmelen.

Council Room

Shanghai 16: December 1872.

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Com-  
munity of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15-Hongan  
Road, on Monday the 16: Day of December and 1872.  
pursuant to notice -

Present.

John Dent Esq.  
 Alex Paterson Esq.  
 S. M. Moses Esq.  
 A. G. Wood Esq.  
 Robt. J. Seaman Esq.  
 Miss Coyell Esq.  
 A. Gummern Esq.

Edward B. Souper. *Off Secretary*

Mr. R. J. Orrin the Council's legal adviser attended during part of the meeting and gave his opinion on various subjects.

Absent.

W. H. Condit Esq.  
 O. C. Behm Esq.

No 1110. The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read

No 1111 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and *Off Secretary* and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Rifles. Sale of. at Singapore. - An official letter from Mr. Dorman Singapore. <sup>D.C.</sup> 1713. read. Payment of 20 asked for in letter under notice authorized in the present instance.

The *Off Secretary* to point out that the Council did not care to sell them in such small quantities.

Ammunition. The Council had no objection to selling ammunition in lots of 20, 30, 50 or 10000.

Finance Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Mr. Moses and

No 1112. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned.  
 Engineers Department. }  
 For tin } \$500. } Recommended by works  
 } } } Committee at meeting on  
 } } } 6: December 1842.

Cash State } The Cash State for the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. was handed round for inspection  
 No 1103 }

It showed balances as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands.	Rs 2295.08
In Bank's current a/c.	<u>4068.66.</u>

Hoangkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 13<sup>th</sup> December 1892

Balance at credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

on fixed deposit Rs 10000

Special a/c on Joint a/c Southon

Creek Bridge Co. 40000

Current a/c 4068.66

Rs 59068.66

(Signed) A. H. Janssen

Acting Accountant.

Dues on Merchandise - Carter No's case - vide page 217 ante. Mr. Russell

explained that the point raised by Messrs Carter No was a most important one and required very careful handling - if Sir Edmund Norman when appealed to for an opinion gave the case against the Council and upheld the grounds taken by Carter No that Russell No were the only parties liable within the meaning of Art 18 of the said Regulations, for dues on all goods they passed through the Custom House, the arrangement with Russell No would be upset and any steps towards cancelling it might lead to the Council being compelled to make a worse one.

Another point which Messrs Carter No did not raise but which had occurred to him viz: the power of the Council to charge dues at all on produce imported by Chinese and ultimately sold to foreigners - was in fact one affecting the dues on the bulk of tea and silk.

The dues were covered by the commutation with the Sastan and having once paid the Municipal tax, the foreign purchasers might dispute the Import dues and he was afraid with good technical grounds for doing so.

Mr. Pearson here quoted the case of his own firm Messrs



A. heard - they passed Chinese owned goods through the Custom house and claimed exemption from Dues under the commutation above referred to -

Mr. Rennie pointed out that Messrs A. heard & Co became liable by passing such goods in their own name - under the strict meaning of art. IX.

Mr. Rennie further pointed out the great danger there was in submitting to a judicial decision upon revenue cases, and urged great caution in dealing with any cases that might arise - a decision against the Council would produce disastrous results.

The Council after hearing Mr. Rennie's remarks saw no way of escaping Messrs Carter & Co's appeal. They left it in Mr. Rennie's hands to lay the facts before Sir Edmund Hornby in as favorable a light as possible and should an unfavorable decision be given, there was no help for it. It would be necessary to re-open the question with Messrs Russell & Co and explain the whole case to that firm.

#### Compensation.

Claim for Anderson & Municipal Council - Mr. Rennie stated that he had submitted the Council's offer of Rs 500 to Mr. Eames. That gentleman thought the amount too small and proposed Rs 1000. He wished now to suggest that the Council meet Mr. Eames on behalf of Mr. Anderson, half way and settle the case for Rs 750.

He further pointed out that Anderson was in a critical state of health and in poor circumstances and though in Dr. Little's opinion Mr. Anderson's illness was in no way attributable to the accident he had met with, still, should he die, unfavorable comments might be made which it would be well to avoid.

The Council agreed so far, but thought that Dr. Anderson's opinion should be obtained and the amount of Mr. Anderson's debts got at.

And further at the suggestion of Mr. Rennie, they decided to pay the bills as presented, holding over any balance that might be due to him, to be paid in monthly instalments as a precaution against theft by servants.

others in the house, whilst Mr. Anderson was in a weak and helpless state.

The Council were of opinion that it was Mr. Smith's duty to do something for the man.

Encroachment - Yangtze River - Mr. Pearson took Mr. Brumie's opinion on this matter.

Mr. Brumie so far as he was acquainted with the circumstances of the case saw no other course but to protest. He thought it was a matter of boundary, and clearly a question to be dealt with rigorously by the Consular Body.

The Chairman then thanked Mr. Brumie who retired.

General Municipal Rate - R. Church. The Offg. Secretary informed the Council that Mr. Church occupied portion of 25. Keangze Road, belonging to Home No. 10 and refused to pay taxes on the premises. A summons would have to be taken out as Mr. Church had expressed a wish to fight the case. #

# portion omitted here in copy see page 299.

### Works Committee.

#### Reports.

Engineers Progress Report - no 30 read and noted.

" Monthly Report - was not sent in, in time by the Engineer

#### Building.

Kongtze Building Scheme - Heard sharp - Mr. Pearson explained the decision the Works Committee had come to.

Draft of letter embodying their views was then read by the Officiating Secretary and approved (vide <sup>works</sup> 1123)

Encroachment - Yangtze River - Correspondence with French Council was read & approved

The Council decided to place the matter in the hands of the Consular Body should no notice be taken of the protest

### Watch Committee.

#### Reports.

Inspector of Stances Report - no 37 read & noted.

#### Police.

Application from Municipal Council - Kanton for a

police man. <sup>with</sup> ~~1085~~ read. The Off Secretary informed the Council that he had replied saying that the Watch Committee would assist them if in their power <sup>and</sup> that on Mr. Superintendent Penfold's return they would confer with him and see what could be done.

### Staff.

Assistant Inspector of Nuisances. The Off Secretary stated that ~~Mr. Rogans~~ regretted that he had to inform the Council of the sudden death of Mr. Rogans - Assistant Inspector of Nuisances.

Mr. Rogans' finances. The Off Secretary stated that Mr. Rogans had left no money & asked the Council to grant £20 towards Mr. R's funeral expenses. Mr. Rogans had been four or five years in the Council's employ and had been a steady, hard working man - at a small salary £30 a month out of which he had allowed a widowed mother 10 shillings a month.

The grant was unanimously agreed to.

Vacancy - Assistant Inspector of Nuisances. The Off Secretary stated that several applications had been made for the appointment made vacant by Mr. Rogans' death.

He suggested that no decision be come to pending Mr. Simons' return as he hoped after consulting Mr. Simons to make arrangements by which the duties might be taken by one of the Council's present staff.

Matter deferred accordingly.

### General

Mr. Dent intimated his intention of leaving Langham for a fortnight's holiday from the 19<sup>th</sup> instant.

### Finance Committee.

The following was omitted in error on page 298 ante.

General Municipal Rate. R. Church. <sup>(continued from p. 298)</sup> The Council whilst prepared to admit that it was rather a hard case felt they had no power to make any reduction in the assessment - Mr. Church's remedy rested in an appeal to the Ratepayers which the Council.



Police force. Letter from Stanton w/c as to services of a Sergeant to be read. Report as to what has been done in the matter will be given

General.

M. Johnston's return to be communicated

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.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the general meeting held on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1872.

W. J. Johnston  
Wm. Johnston  
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W. J. Johnston  
W. J. Johnston  
W. J. Johnston  
Robt. J. Johnston

Council Room  
Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> December 1872

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Commis-  
sioners of Shanghai held at the Council Room 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Road Shanghai on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1872  
pursuant to notice

Present.

M. J. Carter Esq. Vice Chairman in the chair  
H. J. Patterson Esq  
S. J. Johnston Esq  
W. J. Johnston Esq

A. Ginnem Esq  
 Miers Coryell Esq  
 Robt. J. Pearson Esq.

Edward B. Simpson. Esq Secretary

Absent

John Dent Esq.  
 O. C. Belm Esq.

No 1104 The Minutes calling the meeting was read

No 1105 The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Esq Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Practical Challenge was placed on the Board table and in its design and as a whole of it gave every satisfaction

Finance Committee.

Appropriations - It was moved by Mr. Condit seconded by Mr. Pearson, and No 1100 resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned  
 Roman Road Drain - relaying 130 Chans. \$ 2400.

Rate Rate. owing to the holidays more had been made out. there being little or no change since 21<sup>st</sup> instant.

Reports. Local Postmasters Report - for 1707 read & voted.

Contracts - The following contracts were <sup>approved by</sup> signed by the Finance Committee.

Roman Road drain - 130 Chans. - Gab. Young - \$1100.

Friewells junction Trochus & Skinnis Roads - 10 Chans - \$ 900 }  
 Jim. Keel }

Lock Hospital. Trochus & Exchange Road - Chimney buildings - \$1000

Fire Department - Kingston Steam Fire Engine - letter for 1707 from Chief Engineer S. F. D. agreeing to hand the engine over as the property of the Municipality - voted.

No 1103 on merchandise. Coaster Two Case - Mr. Bennies news as <sup>expressed in</sup> ~~communicated~~ the following letter were communicated to the Council.

Shanghai

29<sup>th</sup> December 1892

My dear Mr. Soper,

With regard to Carter's case I should be glad if you will explain to the Council at their next meeting how matters stand and to aid you in so doing I send you the two statements prepared by me to the first of which as I understand from you Messrs Carter's give their assent (subject to a verbal alteration which I had made in the second) and to the second of which they assented in the terms shown by their pencil marks.

Under the circumstances I see no alternative for the Council except to take the case into consideration in the regular way by filing a petition for the whole amount due from Messrs Carter's and that without any further demand upon them.

The result will probably be that Messrs C's will have to pay into Court the greater part of the sum claimed and to take legal advice as to the balance incouring in regard to the whole matter considerable trouble and expense which having regard to their previous conduct I do not think the Council should spare them.

Yours truly

(Signed) R. J. Bennie

It was moved by Mr. Deason seconded by Mr. Paterson and

No 1107.Resolved

That the Finance Committee take proceedings as recommended by Mr. Bennie to obtain a settlement of the case in dispute with Messrs Carter's in respect of their dues on merchandise account.

Meteorological Society - Letter from Dr Henderson in 1932 read. Before coming to any decision the Council instructed the Secretary to learn from Dr Henderson what amount was required by the Society and further to ascertain whether periodical statements of their observations could not be furnished to the Community.

Works Committee.Reports.Engineers Progress Report in 305 read twice.

Encroachment Yangtze Yang - <sup>1870's</sup> 11574 railroad and letter 1870's, 1873, from French  
 informant acknowledging receipt - read. as the work  
 was still proceeding in spite of the protest from this side the  
 Council were in favor of seeking the intervention of the  
 Consular Body and A.S. the Sultan at once -

Meaning of plan by Mr. Guellet R. N. in 1855 showing  
 width at that date 50 to 60 feet to be sent to Consular  
 Body and French Council. The French informant  
 to be informed of the decision of the Council.

Boundary - Yangtze Creek. Mr. Moses asked whether it was not intended  
 to stone round the mouth of the Yangtze creek.

Mr. Mason on behalf of the works committee replied that  
 it was intended on the south side only.

Contracts - The Works Committee approved and signed the following  
 contracts with: -

Sah. Yang-lee for constructing 130 Chang' chain in Yangtze  
 Road

Sun-lee for well junction between Yangtze Road. 10 chains  
 \$3900

Rock Hospital. Proctor & Quayle Road. Chinese buildings. \$10000.

Road. Edward Road. St. Louis - In reply to the question by Mr.  
 Cogell whether any thing further had been done, the  
 officiating Secretary replied that Mr. Blithen had given  
 him to understand that those interested in the construction  
 of the road were exerting themselves to get the necessary  
 land from property owners in the line of the road.

Boundary Scheme. It was decided to write to the Senior Council asking  
 that the view of the Sultan might be communicated as  
 early as possible - in reply to the Council's letter of  
 17<sup>th</sup> October no 941.

### Watch Committee

Reports. Inspector of Nuisances Report no 38139 read & noted.

Rock Hospital - letter in 1914 from Dr. Henderson as to renting the  
guthrie hospital instead of building - read and matter  
 referred to the Works Committee

Police Force. Letter from Hansson informant in 1923 read. The Police Section



Secretary informed the Council that it had first been decided to send P. C. Doyle up to serve for nine months under the sanction of Council but that finally he had expressed himself unwilling to leave so P. C. Parker had been sent up instead of 'Juni Hanna' leaving on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

Staff A. Stirling - The Secretary informed the Council that Mr. Stirling had not yet stated his intention with regard to renewing engagement with the Council - It was moved by Mr. Condit - seconded by Mr. Wood and

1108. Resolved

That Inspector Stirling be called upon to state definitely within a week from date whether he will renew his engagement with the Municipality or not

### General

General Establishment - Secretariat - Mr. Johnston attended the meeting on his return from leave -

Mr. Johnston informed the Council that he had conferred with Mr. Soper in regard to outstanding matters which were as follows -

General - General instructions to and duties of officers of the Council. The request of an Officer, under sanction, to be allowed to defer signing these regulations until Mr. Johnston's return.

Works. The carrying through of the surveying and widening of a section of the King's Road.

Finance - The rates outstanding by Messrs R. Brown, Archibald Campbell and E. W. Smith.

The assessment - on the Hudson Mission property in the Shanting Road

The charge made for by the Masonic Hall Committee for holding meetings of ratepayers

Dues on merchandise by Mr. L. Ward.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council (vide page 301 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

Morris B. Cooper

Secretary

John Paul  
Vice Chairman

No 1100.

Council Room

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> January 1893

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1893 at 9.30 in the forenoon

Business

Summons to be read

minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Cash State -

L.P.O. Report -

Dues on Merchandise - Cable Post proposition

Works Committee - Engineer Report - 306.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Resources Report -

" " Markets "

Defence Committee - Heavy Martin Rifles & Ammunition - Letters from Ashton Esq and Mr. Kidner

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  
Municipal Council  
Shanghai

Register of Attendance of members of Council at general meeting  
held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1873.

John Smith,  
Robert Brown,  
A. Moses  
W. G. Smith  
W. G. Smith  
H. H. Smith.

Council Room  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> January 1873.

All the general meeting of the Council held at the Council Room 6<sup>th</sup> January 1873 pursuant to notice.

Present

John Smith Esq. Chairman  
W. G. Smith Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.  
A. J. Smith Esq.  
H. G. Smith Esq.  
W. G. Smith Esq.  
H. H. Smith Esq. Secretary.

Absent

R. S. Smith Esq.  
M. Conell Esq.  
B. C. Behn Esq.

No 109. The summons calling the meeting was read

No 110. 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.

Orders and Resolutions - Martin. Henry. Piffers. Mr Piffers letter  
no <sup>D.C.</sup> 1743 of 28<sup>th</sup> December 1872 enclosing a letter from Mr Piffers.

E. P. Palmer of 8 Cullum Street London dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 1872 in D.C.  
1743 was read, the first detailing the course pursued by Mr. Kidner towards getting the arms and ammunition the last the terms upon which they are to be supplied.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ashton & Co letter in 1872 dated 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 72. advising that they have undertaken the shipment and payment for the arms, was also read.

The Council gave instructions to convey their thanks to Mr. Kidner for the trouble he had taken in the matter. To note and file Mr. Palmer's letter, forwarding it first for the information of the Adjutant General, and to acquaint Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ashton & Co that the Council are much obliged to them for undertaking to see to the completion of the contract and the necessary advances.

### Finance Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Paterson and  
No 1111. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned

Relief of Chinese  
Poor - Temporary relief \$100 (One Hundred Dollars)

### Cash State.

No 1112. The Cash State for the 4<sup>th</sup> January was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows.

In Comrades hands	Rs 2152.71.
In Bank.	243.63.
Special Deposit	40000.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1873.

Balance at Credit of Municipal Council this date  
on Fixed Deposit Rs 15000

Special of with Szechow  
Bridge Co

40000

carried forward Rs 55000

Prompt form?	Rs 53000
Current- ofc	243.63
Int on do to 31 <sup>st</sup> ult	64.80
	<u>Rs 53308.43</u>

Reports. Local Postmasters Report - dated 1<sup>st</sup> January no 19. read.  
Directions were given to write to mess<sup>rs</sup> David Cassoon Sons & Co in regard to the repairs necessary to the gutters.

Dues, Rates and Taxes. - Dues on merchandise. - mess<sup>rs</sup> Carter & Co's letter no 1753 of 31<sup>st</sup> December requesting the Council to "send in their account for wharfage dues to date" at their earliest convenience and oblige "irresistibly".  
The Council decided that mess<sup>rs</sup> Carter & Co be addressed to the effect that as the statements drawn up for submission to Sir Edmund Hornby Chief Judge of the Supreme Court were rejected on apparently no tenable ground, that little benefit was likely to result from the interview Mr. W. H. Carter proposed. That the Council regretted any difference should exist, that they had hoped it could have been settled by arbitration as proposed, but as that now appeared impossible, no alternative was left to the Council but to place the matter in the hands of their legal adviser.

\* portion omitted here see page 312 post.

### Watch Committee.

Police. - A. Stapling. - With regard to decision of Council arrived at on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo (vide page 305 ante) that Mr. Stapling should be requested to state whether or not he desired to enter into a further term of engagement, upon the expiry of the present one, the Board were informed that Mr. Stapling wished to continue in the service of the Municipality but hoped he would be granted an increase of salary (to the extent say of Rs 200 per month). The consideration of this application was deferred directions being given to the Secretary to prepare a statement showing the rates of pay, allowances & issued to mess<sup>rs</sup> Campbell

Stripling and Fowler.

General.

Land Regulations and Bye Laws 1870. The attention of the Council was called to the fact—that up to the present time the Regulations and Bye Laws had only received so far as could at present be ascertained in Shanghai, the provisional assent of the Foreign Ministers at Peking and a suggestion was advanced that it might be expedient to apply for the formal ratification of the several governments— After some consideration of the subject the Secretary was instructed to confer with the Legal adviser as to the expediency of the course proposed.

Resignation. Vice Chairman. W. H. Condit. The Council expressed their regret at Mr. Condit's resignation consequent on 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. Condit seconded by Mr. [unclear] and

No 1113 Unanimously Resolved

That the Council accept with great regret the resignation of Mr. Condit their Vice Chairman and on behalf of the Community they would tender to him their best thanks for the very able, zealous and courteous manner in which he has discharged the functions of his office.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 307 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

Chairman

No 1114.

Council Room  
Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> January 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of January and 1873 at 9.30 a.m.

Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee. Challenge Cup. as to winner holding it for the year.

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State.

Mr. Dawson. Report on manner of performing his duties.

Cartier's letter of 8<sup>th</sup> January 1873.

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report.

Gang King Sang matter - Report by Mr. Pearson.

French Council - Death Certificates.

Watch Committee. Inspector of Nuisances Report

Inspector of Markets Report: further seizure of meat.

French Council - carrying of junks &c

General. Mr. Condit's letter on retiring from 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

Henry Edwards  
Secretary.

To

The members  
of the Municipal Council  
Shanghai

Register of Attendance of Members of Council a General  
Meeting held on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1873.  
(meeting afterwards postponed to 14<sup>th</sup> Jan'y)

W. H. O'Connell  
Chairman  
W. H. O'Connell  
Clerk

The following was omitted in error in the foregoing  
Minutes of General Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1873.

Public Works Committee

Reports. Engineers Report no 306 was read, approved and  
passed

Watch Committee

Sanitary Department. C. Market-Branch. Inspector's Report for 1872  
read and voted

Insurance Branch. Inspector of Insurances Report  
no 100 was read and passed.

Lighting. The Council were informed that Mr. Innes had been  
communicated with in regard to the inferior quality  
of the gas. He replied that additional pressure had  
been put on and he hoped that for the future there  
would be no cause for complaint.

W. H. O'Connell  
Chairman

W. H. O'Connell  
Clerk



Council Room  
 Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> January 1893.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 159, near Road Shanghai on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1893 pursuant to notice.

Note - The meeting originally called for the 13<sup>th</sup> was postponed in consequence of the departure of the American mail

Present.

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
 S. M. Moses Esq.  
 F. Zimmerman Esq.  
 Robt. J. Seaton Esq.  
 Messrs Coyell Esq.  
 Alex. S. Smiston. Secretary.

Absent.

Alex. Paterson Esq.  
 H. G. Allen Esq.  
 C. C. Behm Esq.

No 114 The Summons calling the meeting was read

No 115 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.

Municipal Challenge Cup. Substitute Cup. Mr. Glass' letter in 2.C.<sub>17</sub> stating in reply to the Council's letter of 6<sup>th</sup> inst. that he would prefer a miniature of the Challenge Cup, was read.

After which it was decided to accede to his request and obtain from England a small cup the facsimile of the large one for him, and no others to be kept in stock.

Custody of Challenge Cup. Consideration was given to the question (raised in Minute no 4) as to whether the winner of the cup for the year should hold it or not.

after consideration it was moved by Mr. Dent, seconded by Mr. Pearson and

No 1116. Resolved

That the winner of the "Shanghai Challenge cup" shall be the holder of it for the year.

Should he leave the post, he will be required to return it before doing so.

He will be required to give a receipt, countersigned by the Captain of his Company, at the time of the cup being handed to him.

Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps. Leave of Absence. - The application of Lieut Cameron of No 1 Rifle Company for leave of absence for an uncertain period, to proceed to Japan, was considered after which it was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Moses and

No 1117. Resolved

That Lieut Cameron No 1 Rifle Company be granted three months leave of absence from this date.

Finance, Rate, and Appeal Committee.

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Moses and

No 1118. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned lithographic Press. £30

Cash State. The Cash State for the 11<sup>th</sup> inst - was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows

In Comrades' hands	Rs 3227.55-
In Bank	<u>3177.88</u>

Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 1893

Balances in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date  
Or.

on fixed deposit Rs 15000

Special of with Soochow Bridge Co No 20000

J.

Current of No 3177-88.

(signed) H. H. Haas, end

Accountant

Dues on Melchior's - Messrs Carter & Co (vide page 309 ante). Letter in 1758 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December & received on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst. was read. Decided to reply that Council regretted that no modification could be made in their claim which must now be pressed through a legal channel.

Reports. Wharfage Dues Office. Report for the month of December 1852 is laid on the table.

Staff. Mr. Dawson. The off<sup>r</sup> Secretary's report of 10<sup>th</sup> January (see private letter book page ) was read. The Council had pleasure in learning the satisfactory manner in which Mr. Dawson had performed the duties of the Wharfage Dues office during the past year and directed the Secretary to offer him a permanent agreement and confer with him as to terms.

Interpretership. Mr. J. P. McClatchie's application for <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ 8<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> for the post of Municipal Interpreter during Mr. Haas' absence in Europe, read. Mr. Haas not having yet applied for leave, the application could only be noted.

### Public Works Committee.

Encouragement on Yangtze River by French Council. Mr. Feam informed the Council that Mr. Conyell and he, had attended the meeting of Council which was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. as the Council's delegates.

The proceedings of the meeting were reported in ~~the~~ substance, in the following extract published.

Minutes of meeting of Council convened at the Club on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1853.

Present: - Messrs. Redin, Kinsky, Haussen, Morel, Kaysers, Bradford, Yeguale, Imperanza, Forbes and Melchior.  
An apology from Mr. Knecht was read.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting had been called for the purpose of taking into consideration an application from the Chairman of the Municipal Council for the intervention of the British Body with the Sautai to prevent an alleged encroachment by the Council of the French Consular in some new building works of theirs on the Gang Lung Yang.

The Chairman read the letter of application and copies of correspondence between the two Councils which accompanied it.

Reports relating to the question by the Engineer and Health Officer of the English Council were also read as well as a letter from the Sautai, embodying a petition against the alleged encroachment from some of the Chinese tenants of houses on the north side of the Gang Lung Yang.

Delegates from the two Councils were introduced; M. Goret from the French Council and Messrs. Pearson and Coyell from the English Council. The Engineer and Secretary of the latter Council were also present, and various plans laid on the table.

Having heard arguments of delegates on both sides the Councils declared their inability to entertain the question in their corporate capacity, and recommended appeal to arbitration.

The delegates took a favorable view of the suggestion and eventually agreed to recommend their several Councils to submit the point-at-issue to the arbitration of two members of the Consular Body (it being understood that the Consul General for France should be one of the two) with leave to add a third member of their Body if they thought fit.

The question of intervention with the Sautai was accordingly set aside for the time being; the letter to remain recorded.

M. Pearson gave a brief resume of what passed, adding some pertinent comments from time to time.

He pointed out to the Council that it was necessary to decide whether the proposition of the Councils

for arbitration of the question in dispute, should be accepted  
a vote and as in this question other matters would come  
up for consideration, he would lay on the table the draft  
of a resolution for discussion.

After consideration and amendment of the draft,  
It was moved by Mr. Pearson seconded by Mr. Zimmerman and  
No 1120. Resolved

That this Council agree in conjunction with the  
French Municipal Council, as suggested by the Council Body  
at their meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst at the Shanghai  
Club, to leave the matter in dispute between the two  
Municipalities in regard to the alleged encroachment made  
by the said named Council into the Yangtze River water  
course, to the arbitration of two members of the Council  
Body viz the Council General for France and the Council  
for Great Britain they having power to elect a third  
Council to act as Impire should such be needed, provided  
1. That both Municipalities be bound by the decision of  
the arbitrators.  
2. That resulting from the decision of the arbitrators, a  
road shall be agreed upon by both Councils which shall  
be the standard road for the future.

Sancti Certificates. Letter from French Municipal Council No 20 of 5<sup>th</sup> June 1873  
agreeing to transmit every three months to this Council, a list  
of the ordinances in their Municipal Council together with  
all necessary information for the compilation of statistics as  
requested in Councils letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo. was read.

Agreed to thank the French Council for their ready  
co-operation in this matter.

### Watch Committee.

Reports. Inspector of Finances Report - No. <sup>Watch</sup> <sub>23</sub> of 10<sup>th</sup> inst was  
read and approved.

Sanitary Department. Market-Branch. Diseased meat. The Inspector  
of Markets special Report No 31 dated 12<sup>th</sup> inst was laid  
on the table instructions being given to submit for the

Councils consideration where defects might appear to exist in the practical working of the rules when considered with regard to the Regulations in force. A report to be furnished to the Council.

The Council voted that the authorization of the duties considered necessary to be applied for, had been received (vide letter in ~~1892~~ <sup>1893</sup> forward).

Nuisance Branch Night-soil - conveyance from the Settlements. The letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst - no <sup>19</sup> ~~18~~ from the French Municipal Council was read, instructions being given for the Officer of Health and Inspector of Nuisances to report upon the desirability and practicability of the suggestion advanced by the French Council.

Police. Regulations. General. Carrying of Fowls, Ducks, &c. Letter from French Municipal Council no <sup>March</sup> ~~20~~ dated 20<sup>th</sup> inst - stating that a notice in Chinese would be posted up in the French concession forbidding the transport through it of Ducks, fowls &c except on wheelbarrows or in baskets - was read and noted.

Huangpai Fire Department. Election of Chief and District Inspectors.

Mr. Bickens letter no <sup>22</sup> ~~11~~ of 6<sup>th</sup> inst. read.

It was moved by Mr. Moses seconded by Mr. Hearn and

no 1121. resolved

That the nomination of Officers for year 1893 for the Huangpai Fire Department as submitted in the Chief Inspectors letter <sup>22</sup> ~~11~~ of 6<sup>th</sup> inst - and recommended by him, be approved and confirmed by the Council viz:

Chief Inspector -	C. P. Bletcher
1 <sup>st</sup> District "	C. J. Ashley
2 <sup>nd</sup> " "	R. McKenzie
3 <sup>rd</sup> " "	J. Charrier.

General.

Resignations. Mr. Condit. In regard to what transpired at the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> inst - (see page 310 ante). Mr. Condit's letter no 32 was read and substance of it as follows to be

mitted.

"May return to them my hearty thanks for their most kind words and flattering reference to my services while with them in the Board. and at the same time assure them I do not see more agreeable and acceptable a remembrance to carry from Shanghai than this"

"With the best wishes for the continued success of this highly model Government, the prosperity and happiness of my late associates and the Comical officers and sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy I have always met with from all. Believe me &c &c &c"

Land Regulations and Bye Laws 1870 - Sanction of Home Government - with

reference to what passed at the last meeting of Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst (page 310 ante), the Board were informed that the question of applying to the Foreign Ministers at Peking asking them to obtain the formal ratification of their respective governments to the provisional code had been referred to the Comical Legal adviser. He was of opinion: -

1. That the question was one of expediency not law.
2. That he would confer with Sir Edmund Hornby and learn his views.
3. That it was a wise precaution to see that the Regulations were rendered perfectly valid.
4. That Sir Edmund Hornby and he, while admitting the force of Mr. Johnston's argument as to the validity of the Regulations being put beyond question, came to the conclusion that, should an irregularity arise through absence of the approval of any of the Home governments to the Regulations - the onus of such omission or want of approval would rest with the Minister and no blame attach to the Comical as clearly indicated by the Ministers Joint Minute dated, Peking, 24<sup>th</sup> September 1869 and also that in event of it being necessary to revise the present Land Regulations which was not unlikely, recent governmental sanctions will militate against the adoption of a new code. and
5. That finally in the opinion of both Sir Edmund Hornby and Mr. Nimble, matters had better stand as they are.

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and are not able to have force or law on and after the first day of November 1869 until the written pleasure of our respective governments be made known.

Council Room and Offices. It was decided to hold future meetings in the new Room in the western end of the Building and to authorize the Secretary to re-arrange the offices as appeared most expedient.

Meeting of Council. - Hour of holding. It was moved by Mr. Dent, seconded by Mr. Feason and

No 1122 Resolved

That the Council will meet in future at ten o'clock in the forenoon instead of half past nine o'clock as now.

Register of attendance having been signed (vide page 312 ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees & cetera.

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

Mr. [Name]  
Secretary.

Chairman

No 1123.

Council Room

Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> January 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January next and 1873 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee. Henry Martin Ripley. Official report on

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash State

Messrs Carter & Co's letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> instant

Letter. Chairman Council Body. average value on merchandise

Mr E. Tomlins's letter re charges made by Local Post

Office

Works Committee. Engineer's Progress Report

Adams Bell & others' petition. Agreement - re. [Name]



Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Representations from various guilds about young girls being  
in Opium Brothels. No 29/48.

General.

Election of Vice Chairman

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 Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1873.

Present  
A. Peterson Esq.  
A. G. Wood Esq.  
M. Coryell Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.

Council Room

Shanghai 27<sup>th</sup> January 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council held at the Council Room,  
15 Hwan Road Shanghai on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1873 pursuant to notice

Present

A. Peterson Esq. Acting Chairman

A. G. Wood Esq.

M. Coryell Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

Alex J. Johnston Secretary

Absent

John Dent Esq.

O. C. Bilen Esq.

R. J. Fearon Esq.

A. Zimmerman Esq.

- N<sup>o</sup> 1123 The Summons calling the Meeting was read  
 N<sup>o</sup> 1124 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon

### General

In the absence of the Chairman and of Vice Chairman it was found necessary to elect a Chairman in accordance with rule 4 of the Standing Orders of the Council, for the present meeting. In this connexion it was moved by Mr Coryell seconded by Mr Wood and

### N<sup>o</sup> 1125 Resolved

That Mr Palmer be elected Chairman for this Meeting in accordance with art 4 of the Standing Orders of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai.

### Defence Committee

Arms and Ammunition The following extract from Messrs Ashlon & Co's letter of 6<sup>th</sup> December. Finance and Report Capt E. O'Callaghan, Adjt London Rifle Brigade, were read

#### Extract

"Rifles & Carbines. In order to get a thoroughly trustworthy report on the arms and ammunition ordered by Mr. Hedder we appointed Capt O'Callaghan, Adjutant of London Rifle Brigade to make the requisite trial and we have now the pleasure to enclose copy of his report which appears very satisfactory. we shall no doubt be able by next mail to advise shipment of some portion of the order."

### Report of Trials of Martini-Henry Rifles & Ammunition

On the 29<sup>th</sup> ulto: 300 rounds were fired at the range at Reinhurn from the three rifles the numbers of which are given in the margin. The practice with each was at 200. 400. 500 600 & 800 yards. I fired 90 rounds: the others were fired by Mr Palmer one of the Staff Sergeant and a Volunteer who happened to be present.

The

	on Lock Plate	on Barrel	on Lock Plate	on Barrel
Carbine 1	1815	1815-2	Rifle 2	1811 - 1818-3
Rifle 1	1433	1171	3	685 - 1811-64
"	5 - 1487	1811-66	4	1802 - 1811-7

The case of one cartridge (the first fired from the carbine) could not be removed without using the cleaning rod. The iron disc of one cartridge came away, and one cartridge missed fire (the case had not been filled) with these three exceptions the cartridges worked well & there did not appear to be a single "strip" or wild shot. 110 rounds were fired unintentionally from the carbine & 90 only from rifle No 1.

Yesterday at the factory "Grays Gun Lane" 100 rounds were fired from each of the other rifles, every cartridge exploded fairly, and every case was removed by the action. The firing was very rapid, and the rifles became so hot that we had to cease firing for a few minutes. I consider this a severe test of the breech action & of the cartridges  
 (Signed) G. O'Callaghan Capt  
 Adjt London Rifle Brigade  
 (late Inspector of Musketry)

17 Finsbury Place South E.C.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1872.  
 Fee. £5.-5/

Instructions were given for the payment of the Survey fee to Capt O'Callaghan and that letters conveying the Councils thanks be addressed to both Capt O'Callaghan and Messrs Astle & Co for their kind services in this matter.

Finance Committee

Appropriations It was moved by Mr Peterson seconded by Mr Wood and

No 1126 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned

Pavement, Canton Road No 80

Cash State

No 1127

The Cash State for the 18<sup>th</sup> January was handed round for inspection

It showed balances as follows  
 In Comptrollers hands No 2948.87

In Bank. No 2822:12.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1873

Balance at Credit of Shanghai Municipal Council this date	
On Fixed deposit	Rs 15,000.
Special ac with	
Soochow Bridge Co	40,000.
Current ac	2,822:12
	<u>Rs 57,822:12</u>

(signed) A M Townsend  
Accountant

Excise Rates and Dues. Dues on Merchandise

Owing by Messrs Carter & Co

The Council's letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst No 51

The Rate Collectors Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst No 53

Messrs Carter & Co, letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst No 50 handing cheque for Rs 1606.80. and the receipt given by the secretary, were read, approved and passed.

Coverage value of goods to be the basis of taxation on Dues on Merchandise

The letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst No Finance from the Chairman of the Consular Body stating that "it being presumed that" "sufficient time had elapsed for reference to the" "Ministers at Peking on the subject"

"It was resolved that the Chairman should" "address the Council expressing the concurrence of" "the Consuls in the proposed scheme"

was read. The subject to be referred to the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee

Local Post Office - charge for letters arriving from outports - and sent by the recipients at Shanghai to the Local Post Office for distribution - The letter on this subject of the 15<sup>th</sup> January from Sir Edmund Hornby Chief Judge of H B M's Supreme Court to the following effect was read.

"Her Majesty's Consul at Hankow sends to the Captain"

or Agents of the S.S.N Co<sup>rs</sup> steamers at that port a despatch addressed to this Court no charge is made by the Captain who posts it in Shanghai in the local Post Office but this Office charges as if it had been entrusted with the conveyance of the letter from "Hankow" which Sir Edmund Hornby pointed out as being a practice so illegal that he could not conceive it to be sanctioned by the Council

The Local Postmaster's explanatory report of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst was read

with regard to that part of it in which he requests the Council's instructions as to whether he is in future to charge the Supreme Court the usual postage on letters from coast ports, or treat them as letters posted in Shanghai or local letters it was ruled by the Meeting that all such letters so far as the British Government is concerned shall for the future be considered as local letters posted in Shanghai and charged the "local rate" only.

### Public Works Committee

#### Reports

Engineers Progress Report No 308 read and noted

#### Roads

Pavements Canton Road

Letter Works of Messrs Adamson Bell and others dated 21<sup>st</sup> inst<sup>73</sup> stating that the pavement was put down at the expense of the owners of the property was about 160 ft long in good condition and would have been a better pathway for years than a gravel one can be on Saturday afternoon a portion of the pathway was broken up and early on Monday morning a party of labourers entirely destroyed the pavement by pecking it up and are now breaking the bricks to pieces as fast as they can, as the destruction of this pavement is likely to lower the rateable value of the property we hope your Council will take immediate steps for its restoration

was read

after consideration the Council agreed to replace the pavement removed, by a granite flag pavement at an approximate cost of \$50 (see appropriations page 323)

### Soochow Creek Bridge Company

#### Transfer of Company property to Council

Inquiries were made by Members if any intimation had been received at Shanghai that the Council's offer to purchase the property of the Company had been accepted

Mr Johnston mentioned that in a recent conversation with Mr Jenson he understood from him that all practical difficulties raised by shareholders at home had been removed and authority to transfer the property to the Council might shortly be expected

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 87 read and noted

### Opium Houses in Foreign Settlements

Having female attendants waiting on customers Mr Jenson's letter <sup>watch</sup> <sub>48</sub> of 16<sup>th</sup> January handling Petition from Chinese Guilds and stating that he would call personally on the Secretary in regard to the matter was read. The Secretary explained the substance of the conversation Mr Jenson had with him in reference to the above. All that was now sought was to ascertain the number and locality, through the means of the Police, of houses of the above class situated within Municipal limits. The Board authorized the obtaining of this information and laying it before a future meeting for further action.

Drawing without Camps - Infringement of Bye law 36 annexed to the Land Municipal Regulations 1870 by Mr G. H. B. Jenkins. It was decided to apply to the U.S. Consul General for a summons against Mr Jenkins for breach of above rule.

Firing of Crackers at Chinese New Year time - The Council

granted permission to suspend the Police order prohibiting the firing of crackers - until the 12<sup>th</sup> February proximo being Chinese New Year

### General

Meeting of Council - In consequence of the Chinese New Year holidays coming about the time of the next regular Meeting of the Council it was agreed that no Meeting be called until this day fortnight.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 321 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. G. Somerton  
Secretary

Acting Chairman.

No. 1128

Council Room

Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> February 1893

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February next - A.D. 1893 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

Business

The summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee. Appropriations

Cash Rate

Financial position of Municipality

Advances on acc of Fire Department

Report Local Postmaster

Accts to be written off as presumably irrecoverable

Works Committee - Progress Report -

Mr. Kauffman's letter. Road taken for extension of Broadway  
 D. MacFosham's letter in regard to encroachment - Boone Road  
 Yang King Pang Encroachment.  
 E. H. Smith & others. New Road

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Police Reports. Daily & Special  
 Opium Houses - Foreign Settlements  
 Wheelbarrows - regulating traffic of  
 Fire Department. Formation of New Truck in Hong Kong.  
 Mr. Hooper's letter applying for shed for coochee.  
 U. S. Consul's letter - Mr. Jenkins driving without lights.

General -

Election of Vice Chairman  
 Mr. Soper's Permit for approval.  
 Letter from Agent - Soochow Creek Bridge Co. stating that  
 the Co can now carry out transfer  
 heads of Departments to prepare information for Budget  
 And to adopt such Reports, Resolutions, Orders  
 and other proceedings with reference thereto as the  
 Council may deem advisable

Yours, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
 W. H. S. S. S. S.  
 Secretary

To the members  
 of the Council

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Register of Attendance of members of Council at general  
 meeting held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1893.

Attest  
 W. H. S. S. S.  
 Secretary

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W. H. S. S. S.  
 Secretary



Council Room  
Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> February 1873

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 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February  
1873. pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
Miers Corryll Esq.  
R. J. Fearon Esq.  
A. Zimmerman Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.  
A. G. Wood Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston. Secretary

Absent

O. C. Behr Esq.  
Alex. Peterson Esq.

- N<sup>o</sup> 1128 The Summons calling the Meeting was read.  
N<sup>o</sup> 1129 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

Appropriations It was moved by Mr. Moses seconded by Mr. Zimmerman and

N<sup>o</sup> 1130 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

<u>Works - Roads - Trees to be planted</u>	Rs 500
<u>Public Garden, Greenhouse to</u>	
<u>be repaired</u>	" 50
<u>Meteorological Society, purchase of instruments</u>	100

Cash State  
N<sup>o</sup> 1131

The Cash state for the 8<sup>th</sup> inst was handed round for inspection

It showed balances as follows

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 4170.29
In Bank	6128.73

## Hongkong &amp; Shanghai Banking Corporation

Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> Feby 1873

Balances in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

Cr.

On Fixed deposit	No <u>15,000:</u>
" special of with Soochow Bridge Company	No <u>40,000:</u>
	Dr.
" Current of (signed) A M Townsend accountant	No <u>6,128:73</u>

Municipal Finance

No. 1132.

A statement contrasting the receipts and expenditure to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1872 and the anticipated income and disbursements to the 31<sup>st</sup> March next with the Budget passed by the Rate Payers on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May last, was submitted

The Finance Committee being requested to hand in a Report at the next meeting of the Council, as to the probable condition of Municipal finance upon the termination of the current year.

The statement as below just made up appears satisfactory in so far as at present it would not be necessary to contract a temporary loan to defray the cost of the recently erected Free Ferry

Probable condition of Municipal Finance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 1873.Income

available balance from Municipal year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1872	5,312
Estimated Revenue to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 173 as per Budget	399,973
Probable Increase or gain on Budget	15821
Less Decrease or loss on do.	<u>8455</u> <u>7366</u>
Estimated Total Receipts	<u>242,657.</u>

Expenditure

Estimated expenditure to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 173 as per Budget	237,605
Estimated to be to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 173 No 243,876 or an increase of	<u>6271</u>
making estimated total	<u>243,876</u>

Making surplus Expenditure over Income for the year 1,225

Municipal Loan.

Issue of 1873	40,000:
Trust Deposit account	22,237.67
Fixed Deposit to cover debt	<u>15,000:</u>
	Showing uncovered
above surplus	7,237.67
	<u>1,225:</u>
Estimated Total Deficit	<u>8,462.67</u>

Finance Statement

Secretary to circulate detailed statement of Finance, among Members of Finance Committee.

Shanghai Fire Department advances on account of this Department.

The question of the continuance of advances to this Department - the liability of the Insurance Offices & came up for discussion a draft letter was submitted and after emendation, was approved, passed, and ordered to be sent to the Fire Commission <sup>subject to subsequent approval of the Finance Committee.</sup>

As to the question of continuing the advance of funds after some discussion.

It was moved by Mr. Moses seconded by Mr. Johnson and

No. 1133

Resolved

That the Council in view of the large amounts annually contributed towards the maintenance of the Shanghai Fire Department are this year and for the future unprepared to exceed the appropriations of the Rate Payers and in the event of extra funds after the 1<sup>st</sup> April being needed for carrying on the working expenses of the Department. The Fire Commission must look to the Insurance Companies.

Reports.

Local Postmaster Reports - Nos 20, 105, dated 16<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February, read.

Accounts to be written off.

It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Coryell and

No. 1134

Resolved.

That the amounts set opposite the respective names below be written off the Council's books as being presumably irrecoverable.

Barth's 10<sup>th</sup> Debt on Merchandise  
 Oct. - 7.25  
 for Nov. 3.50 No 10, 75  
 G. M. R. 9<sup>th</sup> 24/3/73 " 22.50 No 33, 35

{ A Meeting of Creditors will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May next to decide upon liquidation by arrangement or

<u>R. Brown</u>	- S. M. R. Q <sup>r</sup>	31/12/70	Sho 3.75	} a Custom House Officer left Shanghai. has been written to on the subject
do		31/3/71	" 3.75	
do		30/6/71	" 3.75	
do		30/9/71	" 3.75 Sho 15:	
<u>Gioletti, A.</u>	do	31/3/71	" 3:50	} An Italian without means or employment has left Shanghai Estate in Bankruptcy
<u>Borradaile J. S.</u>	Land Tax		" :24	
<u>Williams &amp; Co</u>	Dues on Goods.	Oct. 7 <sup>2</sup>	Sho :48.	} Estate insolvent and in Hands of U. S. Consul
		Nov: 7 <sup>2</sup>	- 1.33. "1: 81	

### Public Works Committee.

Reports Engineers Progress Report No. 309 - read and noted.

Roads Mr. Hansen's letter Works on the subject of Compensation for land taken for Road from <sup>112</sup>Broadway, Hongkew towards the River, was referred to the Public Works Committee for their views.

#### Encroachments

D<sup>r</sup> Macgowan's letter Works <sup>116</sup> was read - the position of the matter so far as the Council was concerned, was explained to the Meeting and after consideration it was decided to leave the settlement of the matter to the Public Works Committee. The secretary being instructed to inform D<sup>r</sup> Macgowan at once that he could not be permitted to encroach on the Boone Road, and to request him to confine his building operations within the limits indicated by the Municipal Engineer.

Yong King Pang Encroachment The Meeting were informed that Messrs E. M. Smith and J. P. Bisset had not yet replied to the Council's letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, informing them of the Council's action in the matter and that it had been finally decided to accept the arbitration counselled by the Consuls as being the means by which a settlement the most advantageous to the common interests of both municipalities, can be effected.

Mr & Mrs Smith had called at this Council Room, stating that he had seen Messrs. Fearon and Mores

Mr Fearon said Mr & Mrs Smith had called on him and  
Proposed

proposed, that before putting the question to arbitration the matter be laid before Sir Rutherford Alcock K.C.B. now in England, and his recollection of the matter ascertained. Sir Rutherford Alcock would no doubt recollect the circumstances attending the acquiring of the land by Mr. Smith originally at both sides of the Yang King Sang in the vicinity of the Honan Road Bridge, Sir Rutherford Alcock was on the ground with the (then) Tao-tai when the ground was marked out.

Mr. Moses said if this information could be obtained it would doubtless be of great service.

Mr. Corryell referred to the use of the terms "Obstruction" in some documents and "Encroachment" in others. Did the Consuls understand the point this Council raised, which was "Encroachment" he was rather of opinion they understood the arbitration would be on the question of "Obstruction".

The back correspondence referred to and the subject to be brought before the Public Works Committee by an early date.

~~Mr. Macgregor's letter was read, position of matter explained to Council, referred to attention of the Works Committee.~~

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see page 332.

### Roads

Proposed New Road from Sun Tsong Loong to Soochow Creek

Messrs. Hingmill, Iverson, and Smith's letter of 7<sup>th</sup> instant read considered and referred to the Public Works Committee.

### Watch Committee

### Police

The Police Daily occurrence sheets were laid on the table.

### Reports

Superintendents Special Reports, as follows, were submitted, approved, and passed.

N<sup>o</sup> 140 of 8<sup>th</sup> inst covering Sergeant McEveys' resignation, and recommending that he be granted gratuity of \$600 and a passage home.

N<sup>o</sup> 119 of 5<sup>th</sup> inst recommending that Sergeant Skinner and Constable Adams, being married and residing outside be allowed 3 tons of coal annually.

N<sup>o</sup> 120 of 7<sup>th</sup> inst recommending that gratuity \$50 from Reward Fund be granted to Native Detectives and Native Constable 2<sup>nd</sup> for good conduct and energy shown in apprehending

Criminals during past year

Inspector of Nuisances Report N° 44. read and noted

Opium Houses

Niu Song Kwa The following memo out of the Council's Occurrence Book was read.

Niu Song Kwa.

The representatives of 14 Guilds called on the Secretary in regard to certain opium shops of the Foreign settlement known as Niu-Song-Kwa (female attending houses)

They agreed to furnish list of these as well as Hwo-Yin-Kwa

They agreed to appoint delegates (a committee of three) to confer with the Council from time to time

They agreed to request Tartar to suspend issue of proclamation regarding Niu Song Kwa for the present - Mr Johnston writing to the Chairman of the Consular Body to this effect.

Mr Johnston explained that in 1869 the evil of Hwo-Yin-Kwa was brought to the attention of the Council

also a letter Watch from the French Municipal Council was read.

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Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> February 1873.

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Several petitions have been presented by Chinese to the Council drawing their attention to the Opium houses and especially to those where females are employed, by this act rendering the houses, nothing more than Brothels.

Consequent upon these petitions the Council instituted an enquiry, the result of which went to show that all the females in these houses, are there in the capacity of servants only and not for the purposes of prostitution.

At the last meeting of the Council it was decided as they did not feel empowered to comply with the petitioners request to acquaint you with the decision then come to and to hand you the report on the subject made to them by their accredited officer charged to enquire into

the

the matter

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant  
(signed) H. Bayn

Secretary  
English Municipal Council

Secretary

The Council decided to call on the Superintendent of Police for a full report on this subject.

Wheelbarrows. an extract from the Occurrence Book was read.

"In regard to the increased number of these running the foreign frequented parts of the Settlement and rendering the traffic, especially carriage traffic difficult. Mr. Johnston conferred with the members of the Guilds with the view of ascertaining their views towards limiting the number of barrows to certain districts without at the same time doing any injustice to the barrowmen whose efforts to earn a livelihood was of course to be applauded and encouraged - after a long desultory conversation the representatives of the Guilds agreed with Mr. Johnston in thinking that the best way to overcome the difficulty was the establishment of barrow stands (the number to meet the requirements) and the Police supervising the Regulations made by the Council for the control of such stands.

"The Guilds were of opinion that the number of licenses should be reduced considerably say by 300 in six months."

The Secretary and Superintendent of Police to mature a scheme on the above basis, for the information of the Council.

Shanghai Fire Department

Hongkew Hook and Ladder Truck Company, the following letter was read

Shanghai February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872.

Alex. J. Johnston Esq  
Secretary Municipal Council  
Shanghai

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that on the 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo

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a Hook and Ladder Company was formed in Housheer under the orders of C. P. Blithen, Coy. Chief Engineer

At a Meeting held on the day named Mr. J. H. Vail was elected Foreman, Mr. G. F. Bowman 1<sup>st</sup> assistant, and Mr. J. W. Gulles 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant Foreman. The names of the Members please find enclosed, numbering in all sixteen persons. The Chief Engineer has assigned to us the Hook and Ladder Truck lately in use by the French Company.

The Rules and Bye Laws are in course of preparation and will, with the name and motto of the Company be forwarded to you upon their being completed.

By the orders of the Chief Engineer, shirts have been furnished to us, and for the present only a partial supply of helmets.

The Company has been on duty since the 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo and has attended four consecutive fires.

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

(signed) J. R. Coryell

Hon, Sec. and Treasurer.

Names of Members

J. H. Vail,	Foreman
G. F. Bowman.	1 <sup>st</sup> as do
J. W. Gulles	2 <sup>nd</sup> do do
R. Meadows.	Honry Surgeon
J. R. Coryell	Honry Sec & Treas
O. B. Bradford.	
J. W. Clarke	
Clifton	
W. P. Groenewald	
Joseph Haas	
C. E. Hill	
W. B. Langhorne	
A. E. Rice	
J. H. Mackie	
W. Papps	
G. Rohl	



It was moved by Mr Moses, seconded by Mr Zimmerman and  
No. 1135 Resolved.

That the formation of a Hook and Ladder Company for Hongkew as part of the Shanghai Fire Department in accordance with Mr J. H. Corry's letter No. 114 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> instant be sanctioned.

Deluge Company No. 4. Mr Moore's letter No. 108 of 10<sup>th</sup> inst was read - applying for Coolies in place of Mules for the conveyance of No. 4 Steam Engine to fires, and after consideration it was decided as follows -

- 1<sup>st</sup> - The Mules at present used, to be withdrawn -
- 2 - Coolies, say forty (40) substituted - such Coolies to be paid at the same rate as the other coolies similarly employed.
- 3 - The Coolies to be accommodated at night in sheds at the back of the Council House at cost of \$8 per month.

Driving Without Lights Mr F. H. B. Jenkins

The United States Vice Consul General's letter No. 98 dated the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo, in reply to Council's letter Watch - was read - explaining that Mr Jenkins on starting had his carriage light in order but that it accidentally went out, and that he could not get it renewed at the moment.

Matter referred to consideration of Watch Committee

Compensation Mr A. Anderson.

With reference to what occurred in this case previously vide pages 72, 104, 112, 120, 176, 229, 279, and 297 - especially on the last named page - when the Council agreed to compromise the matter by giving Mr Anderson \$750, but thought that Doctor Henderson's opinion should first be obtained, and the amount of Mr Anderson's debts got at

Doctor Henderson's opinion being now before the Meeting it was agreed that a cheque for \$750 be handed to Mr Rennie and that, that gentlemen be requested to arrange the matter if possible with Mr Eames.

General.

Election of Vice Chairman -

Reference having been made to

Art. I. of the Standing Orders of the Council.

It was moved by Mr. Dent, seconded by Mr. Huron and

No. 1136 Resolved.

That that portion of this rule having reference to the Election of a Vice Chairman be suspended until further notice on account of the early termination of the currency of office of the present Councillors, and should it happen that the duly appointed Chairman of the Council be absent a Chairman for any Meeting held during his absence, can be elected for that particular Meeting as provided for in Art. IV. of the Standing Orders.

Mr. Souper's Resumé - Instructions were given to circulate this paper for the information and notes of Members of the Council before its publication.

Soochow Creek Bridge Company - The following letter from Messrs Hogg Bros - Agents, Soochow Creek Bridge Company was read -

Shanghai 7 February 1873

Alex. J. Johnston Esq  
Secretary  
Municipal Council

Dear Sir.

We beg to inform you that the necessary Powers of Attorney having been received from all the absent shareholders in the Soochow Creek Bridge Company, the transfer can now be completed.

We are, dear Sir.

Yours faithfully.

(signed) per pro Hogg Bros  
W<sup>m</sup> H. Hyde

Agents

Soochow Creek Bridge Co

after consideration

It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Wood and

No. 1137 Resolved

1. That the Agents of the Company be informed that all documents in possession of the Municipality having reference to the

the above matter will this day be handed to Mr. Reunie the Council's Legal Adviser with whom they are requested to communicate for the future, he being empowered on behalf of the Community to complete the transfer of the property of the Company or association known as the Soochow Creek Bridge Company

2. and in order that no time may be lost after the completion of the transfer as to fixing on some definite plan for the future, the Public Works Committee be now requested to prepare at an early date a Report embodying the following points

- a - the actual condition of the present wooden structures and how far they can be utilized
- b - should "Wills" Bridge be pronounced by the Municipal Engineer unsafe for carriage traffic, the advisability of changing as a temporary measure the position of the "Ferry" pontoon and the cost thereof, and
- c. the best disposition to be made of the iron bridge so soon as it shall be acquired by the Community

#### Resignation of Councillor

Mr. Zimmerman regretted having to tender his resignation in consequence of his approaching departure from Shanghai and as he would leave before the next General Meeting he took this opportunity of expressing his thanks to his colleagues with whom he had been so long connected.

It was proposed by Mr. Dent, seconded by Mr. Fearon and

#### Resolved

No 1138:

That the Council accept with great regret the resignation of Mr. Zimmerman their colleague, and to thank him on behalf of the Community for the able, zealous and courteous manner in which he had discharged the functions of his office

#### Heads of Departments - it was decided

That the Heads of Departments be instructed to give consideration to the probable requirements of the respective branch for the ensuing Municipal Year and be prepared on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> of March next to submit an outline of the same for the consideration of their several Committees

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 328 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

A. C. S. J. S. J. S.

Secretary

John Daulton  
Chairman

N<sup>o</sup> 1139.

Council Room

Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February inst. A. D. 1873 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - appropriations

Cash State

Wharfage Dues. P & O. Company refusal to pay

Local Post Masters Report.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Draft Statement - Yang King Pang Encroachment

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Registration Office for servants. Mr. Braunsens Scheme.

Inspector of Markets 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

A. C. S. J. S. J. S.  
Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting  
held on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1873.

John Dent  
Robert Paterson  
Robt. S. Pearson  
A. G. Wood  
M. Coryell  
S. M. Moses

Council Room  
Shanghai 24<sup>th</sup> February 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council held at the Council Room  
15 Honan Road Shanghai on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1873 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq.  
A. Paterson Esq.  
R. J. Pearson Esq.  
A. G. Wood Esq.  
M. Coryell Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

Absent

O. C. Behm Esq.

N<sup>o</sup> 1139

The Summons calling the Meeting was read

N<sup>o</sup> 1140

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

Officers leave of absence - It was noted that Capt. Brewer  
Adjutant General of the Corps, had obtained leave of absence  
from

from the Chairman to proceed to Hongkong; and that in the event of anything being required, Capt J. I. Conn would act  
Sale of Snider Rifles - The Meeting was informed that 10 more rifles were disposed of since last sitting of Council.

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee

Appropriations It was moved by Mr Moses, seconded by Mr Dent and  
N<sup>o</sup> 1141 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned.

Mr Anderson — \$s 750

Mr Widner — " 105

Cash State The Cash State for the 15<sup>th</sup> inst was handed round for inspection  
N<sup>o</sup> 1142 It showed balances as follows.

In compradores hands. \$s 5215.48

" Bank (Current Account overdrawn by) \$s 7819.92

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> February 1873.

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date.

Cr.

Mixed Deposit \$s 15000:

special c/o with

Stockton Bridge Co \$s 40,000:

Dr

Current c/o \$s 7819.92

signed A M Townsend

Accountant

Cash State The Cash State for the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst was handed round for inspection.

N<sup>o</sup> 1143

It showed balances as follows.

In Compradores hands. \$s 4772.02

Bank Deposit 15000.00

Special " " 40,000.00

Hongkong

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> February 1873  
 Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date  
 Ck.

on Fixed deposit.	Hk 15000:
Special a/c with Soochow Bridge Coy	40.000:
	Dk.
on current a/c	Hk 7.601.92
(signed) A M. Townsend	
	Accountant

Memo: Cheque not cashed.	
favor W. Fowler	4.563.40
Dk	<u>12.165.32</u>

Local Post Office - Report N<sup>o</sup> 22 dated 15<sup>th</sup> inst read and noted

Rates, Taxes, Dues.

Dues on Merchandize, owing by P & O Company

This subject was considered by the Finance Committee (vide C. M. Book page 323) who instructed the Secretary to reply that the Council would not admit their reason for refusing payment, and calling attention to red ink footnote on the account requiring settlement of it within fourteen days from date of presentation.

The object now in bringing the matter forward was that the Finance Committee might be authorized by the full Council to push the claim even to taking legal proceedings, should such be necessary. Decided unanimously to recover the amount due from the P & O Company to the Council whether by legal measures or otherwise.

Claim Mr. Anderson with reference to what occurred at last meeting (vide page 337 ante) The Council were informed that the matter had been arranged by Mr. Kennie, who in a note, dated 18 inst, to the Secretary said "The Anderson matter is settled I have paid the money (i.e. endorsed the cheques to James) and Mr. Andersons receipt in the prescribed form by me"  
 Public

Public Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No. 310. read

Yang King Pang Encroachment Arbitration paper

a draft memo of the points for arbitration was considered and provisionally approved before sending it to the French Municipal Council it was considered as well to first circulate it for the final approval of the Members of Council.

Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report No. 47 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> inst read

Ponds and Ditches - This paragraph to be referred to the Notice of the Officer of Health who is to be requested to give his views thereon including what he thinks ought to be done

Inspector of Markets Report No. <sup>Watch</sup> 186 dated 15<sup>th</sup> February read

on the subject of slaughtering Cattle for consumption of Foreigners a report of what is best to be done to be drawn up and submitted to the Council.

Registration Office for Servants -

Mr Braunsen's Scheme (see his letter No. dated considered by the Council who saw no objection to its being carried out as an act of private enterprise, and in common with any office of a public nature likely to be of general convenience to the Community, the Council would render assistance of their Staff when asked for if such be deemed desirable.

General

Voting List to be prepared by the Secretary in the usual manner

Mr Souper's leave Meeting noted that Mr Souper had been granted one month's leave of absence

Shanghai Gas Company - Readings of Meter

The Council were informed that the greatest difficulty existed



existed in checking the accounts rendered by the Gas Company owing to the reading of the Indicators being taken at different times - some occasionally on the first of the month, others so late as the 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Manager had been communicated with in the hope that a uniform system could be arranged but he replied that "such would be inconvenient to the Company" a draft letter was submitted and approved and the accounts in future to be paid by the readings taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

General Establishment      Assistant Secretary

The Chairman referred to his circular of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>ment</sup> accompanying a memo from the Secretary suggesting that the title of Mr Souper's post should be for the future that of Assistant Secretary - after consideration.

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Wood and

18<sup>th</sup> 1144      Resolved

That Mr Souper, acting on the Council's staff be that of Assistant Secretary \*

Boochow Creek Bridge Company

Transfer of Property to Municipality

The following extract from a note from Mr Rennie the Council's legal adviser was read to the Meeting.

"The Boochow Bridge Transfer is proceeding but owing to many, in fact most of the Powers of Attorney being defective I have been obliged to call upon Mr Wainwright to supply me with certain evidence which he is now engaged in doing. The Transfer deed is also drawn + I will send it to Mr Wainwright to day for his approval."

\* This follows -

Position of Permanent and Acting Heads of Departments  
towards each other

A conversation arose out of the preceding question as to the attitude of permanent heads of branches towards those in acting charge after a long conversation a note on the Minutes to the following effect was ordered to be inserted

invited The Council regretted that they should be called upon to refer to a matter occurring last year, but now that the subject had been brought up they desired to have recorded their full determination to uphold and have carried out the Officers Regulations in their integrity and it is with feelings of no small regret that they had been obliged to notice a certain want of harmony existing between two departments of the service during the past year

Shanghai Fire Department - with reference to what transpired on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the draft of the letter on the financial condition of the Department had been considered by the Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst and that that Committee were of opinion that the matter was an important one and wished it to be considered again by the Council before the Fire Commission was addressed on the matter.

Mr Fearon agreed with the Chairman that the position of the Municipality, in respect to the Fire Department should be well discussed and the matter very fully considered.

After a lengthened discussion and full consideration of the subject

It was moved by Mr Fearon seconded by Mr Dent and

N<sup>o</sup> 1145 Resolved

That resolution N<sup>o</sup> 1133 passed at Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February instant (vide page 331 ante) be rescinded and that the question effected by it be left to the decision of the next Meeting of Rate Payers whether or not they (The Rate Payers) withhold or curtail the Councils annual contribution towards the expenses of the Shanghai Fire Department

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 341 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. Simpson  
Secretary

John Dent  
Chairman

No 1145

Council Room  
Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> March 1873

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of March A.D. 1873 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - appropriations

Cash state

Amounts irrecoverable

Persons against whom proceedings are to be taken for recovery of Taxes.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Soochow Creek Bridge - Report from Engineer

Tramway Road matter - Report from Engineer

Open Firewells Hongkew Wharf.

Bund Scheme - letters to Bund Lot Holders and replies to date

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Officer of Health's report on ponds.

Female waitresses in opium shops - Report from Superintendent of Police

Selling game out of season.

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. G. L. S. M. S.  
Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting  
held on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of March 1873

John Dent

Robt. Fearon

Mrs. Coryell

Wm. Wood

S. M. Moses

Council Room

Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1873

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 March  
1873 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman

R. J. Fearon Esq.

M. Coryell Esq.

A. G. Wood Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston - Secretary

Absent

Alex. Peterson Esq.

O. C. Behm Esq.

No 1146 The Summons calling the meeting was read.

No 1147 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

Appropriations It was moved by Mr Fearon seconded by Mr Moses and

No 1148 Resolved

That

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned  
 Filling in Hongkew Bund }  
 jointly with Mr Reid } £ 250

Cash State } The Cash state for the 1<sup>st</sup> March was handed round for inspection  
N<sup>o</sup> 1149 } It showed balances as follows.

In Comptroller's hands £ 2901:44  
 Bank deposit 15,000:  
 Special " " 40,000:

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> February 1873

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

Cr.  
 on Fixed deposit £ 15,000.  
 " Special a/c with  
 Soochow Bridge Coy £ 40,000.  
Dr  
 on Current a/c £ 7,601:92  
 (signed) W. G. Gies  
 p manager  
 cheque not cashed }  
 W Fowler } 4,563:40  
12,165:32

Accounts to be written off

It was moved by Mr Moses seconded by Mr Dent and  
N<sup>o</sup> 1150 Resolved.

That the amounts set opposite the respective names  
 below, be written off the Council's books as being presumably  
 irrecoverable

528 Canton Road	} S. M. R.	31/12/72. 1008 -	cash	Deposited from Shanghai
S Clifton				
432. Hongkew "	"	30/9 + 31/12/72. 2880 -		Tenant gone away
366 Bamboo Town	"	31/12/72. 120 -		Very poor and have no effects
				<u>4008 = \$3:10.</u>

Taxes, Rules and DuesPersons against whom legal proceedings were to be taken

Secretary stated that no authority had been given to Mr Rogers to take legal proceedings against Mr Blair. Secretary was instructed to call Mr Rogers attention to rule 9<sup>th</sup> IX page 24 of the "Standing Orders" and request him to be more careful for the future.

Outstanding - Mr Church to be written to, calling attention to the outstanding amount, and asking for some explanation of his conduct in the matter.

Mr Dent said he would write or see Mr J. A. Maitland of Messrs Thorne Bros, with respect to the amount claimed by the Council from Mr Church.

Public Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No 311 - read.

Boochow Creek Bridges - Report from Engineer - The following Report from the Engineer was read.

Municipal Council  
Engineers Office  
Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> February 1873

To the  
Works Committee  
Municipal Council  
Gentlemen

Boochow Creek Bridges

Referring to your Board Order of February 10<sup>th</sup> I beg to report as follows

"a - The actual condition of the present wooden bridges across  
"the Boochow Creek - the property of the Boochow Creek Bridge  
"Company - and how far they can be utilized"

The wooden bridge at the end of the Fichien road is in fair condition, and can be utilized without heavy outlay for many years to come, unless its width some 14 feet be found insufficient, for the increasing traffic.

The bridge opposite H. B. M's Consulate gateway can be kept sufficiently secure for carriage traffic at a small outlay for some 5 or 6 months until a new bridge, or bridges is, or are erected; when I would propose that barriers be placed at either end, and the bridge be used for footpassengers only.

"b. The advisability and cost of changing the position of the "Ferry should "Wills Bridge" be found unsafe for carriage traffic"

In case new wooden bridges are erected I would recommend that the ferry be removed, and used for landing stages, as required along the front of the settlements - It was built specially, to be available for this object, and is unsightly as a bridge -

"c. The best disposition to be made of the iron bridge upon "becoming the property of the Municipality"

I would strongly recommend that no attempt be made to utilize this bridge and that it be sold to the highest offer some of the spans might be used for Creek Bridges, but I consider them unsuitable, too narrow, and that they would never give satisfaction. I regret to state that the highest offers I have received are

1<sup>st</sup> To remove the bridge + purchase as old iron -

£ 7,500:

2<sup>nd</sup> To remove the bridge + purchase as old iron -

£ 1<sup>2</sup> per picul = £ 6400 worth

Tools etc = £ 500 in all £ 6940

These offers are little over half what could have been obtained some 6 or 8 months ago -

As the price of iron at home is so very uncertain I would recommend that three hardwood bridges be erected crossing the creek at the Honan and Sjeden roads and on the site of the iron bridge being in a line with the Bund, see plan herewith these bridges to be 200 feet long and 40 feet wide earthen mules being carried out to the line of the proposed new bunding -

The Co.1 of these works I estimate as follows -

3 hard wood bridges 200 feet x 40 feet with approaches &c

completes

complete            @ \$12.500 each  
                              = " 37.500

small repairs to "Wells bridge"    500            \$38.000

Less

sale of iron bridge                    \$7.500

value of centre bridge of ferry  
 using it as a new bridge to  
 cross the Defence Creek at the  
 top of the Pkoin road = \$1500

value of two pontoons  
 bridges etc for landing  
 stages along the front of  
 the settlements

                             @ \$2.250 each    \$4500 = \$6000    \$13500

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Total \$44500    24.500

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I am gentlemen

Your obedient servant

(signed) E. H. Oliver

To. R. J. Tearn, Esq  
 Mr Compt. Esq

Engineer to the Council

After consideration it was decided as follows -

- 1<sup>st</sup> To complete the transfer of the property through the Councils legal adviser, as early as possible.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Engineer to prepare plans for one new bridge the details description of structure, site, and taking of soundings &c to be discussed by the Public Works Committee with Mr Oliver, and referred to Council for final approval.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Upon final approval of the matter by the Council, tenders to be advertised for constructing a new bridge according to approved plan.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Contractor for the new bridge, to be required to keep in repair the present "Wells Bridge" until the new bridge is completed and open to traffic.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tenders to be obtained for removing the portions of the present iron bridge now standing.



6<sup>th</sup> The Manufacturers of the iron bridge to be written to enquiring if they will purchase the present bridge and if so, to telegraph reply to Council.

Incunary Road Mr Johnston's Memo dated 26<sup>th</sup> February and Mr Olivers Report of 1<sup>st</sup> inst on the subject of a road being constructed in Hongkew on private ground supposed to be for the purpose of laying a tramway road and considered Decided, that no steps could be taken by the Council so long as the road did not come within Municipal jurisdiction, either by connecting with or crossing an actual or projected line of public road or by interfering in any way such as bridges, narrowings etc, with any of the Creeks within Municipal limits.

Firewells Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company  
The following letter from the Chief Engineer of the Shanghai Fire Department - was read -

Chief Engineers Office  
Shanghai 24 February 1873

To

The Municipal Council  
Shanghai

Gentlemen

The necessity of a further water supply along the line of the Hongkew Wharves - in view of the probability that, if a fire occurs on the Hongkew Wharves all water supply from the river would be cut off, caused me to ask the Fire Insurance Companies in Shanghai to apply to the "Shanghai + Hongkew" Wharf Company for space on their premises for two firewells -

The application has been favorably entertained, as you will see from the accompanying letter of the Chairman of the Wharf Company. Land will be given up to us sufficient for two open Firewells -

These wells are urgently required both for the protection of the wharves and the surrounding property and I would earnestly solicit the Councils immediate attention

attention to this matter

The cost of constructing both wells will not exceed \$2,500

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

(Signed) C. P. Blethen

Chief Engineer

S.E.D.

after discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Public Works Committee for settlement.

Bund Extension The Secretary informed the Council that he had addressed the following letter to the Bund Lot Holders

Council Room

Shanghai 26 February 1873

Referring to the Council's circular letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 1872, regarding "draft agreement as proposed to be" executed with Bund Lot Holders in connexion with the "scheme for bunding the English and Hongkew Settlements and the conversion of the Foreshore so reclaimed into a public garden.

The Council now instruct me to enquire if you have yet received the necessary sanction to the scheme

I am

Your obedient servant.

Secretary

To this the following replies had been received

Assent

Manager Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Messrs D. Sassoon Sons & Co.

" Gibb Livingston & Co

Non Assent.

Messrs Turner & Co

" J. P. Bisset & Co Agents for J. Macdonald

Miscellaneous -

Messrs A Deut & Co (not Agents & referring to J. P. Bisset & Co)

Commissioner of Customs - referring to Tardai

H. B. M's Consul - not authorized yet

Shanghai Public Garden - Proposed new Band Stand -

The Public Garden Committee to be written to stating that the Council were unable at the present moment to vote the sum required but the question would be brought forward for consideration when the Budget was being prepared.

Forming Connexion drain - Main Sewer - Honan Road -

Secretary explained the necessity of reopening a road after the making of the main sewer for the purpose of connecting subsidiary drains. These connections cannot be made at the same time as the sewer without delaying the work to a serious extent by flooding the cutting, etc.

It is therefore necessary to complete and form an outlet to a section of the main sewer before the small drains are connected. In the case of the Honan Road, so soon as the new portion of the main sewer was connected at the Kuekiang road. The other junctions were made.

Watch CommitteeInspector of Nuisances Report No 48 dated 28<sup>th</sup> Feby. read.Officer of Health Report on Ponds (vide p 344 ante)

In consequence of indisposition, Dr Henderson had been unable to go with Mr. Howes to look at the Ponds but hoped to be able to do so in the middle of the week.

Opium Houses (vide pages 326 & 334 ante) The following Report from Superintendent of Police, watch 235 dated 28<sup>th</sup> Feby was read

Police Office  
February 28<sup>th</sup> 1873

In reference to the employment of women as attendants

in Opium Shops. I would respectfully report for the information of the Council that in the English Settlement there are at present 246 Opium houses 52 of these have about 150 female attendants who no doubt are prostitutes. The remainder do not employ or allow female attendants except in cases where a man with a wife keeps an Opium Shop when the wife frequently attends to the business during the absence of the husband or where a woman keeps an Opium house and conducts the business herself. These are small shops and the women are not considered prostitutes.

I would therefore recommend that as the employment of women as attendants in Opium Shops is contrary to the Law and Custom of China and at the request of the Chinese as set forth in the attached petitions the Police be directed to warn the proprietors of Opium Shops that for the future female attendants will not be permitted in such Shops. I believe this will not in any way effect the value of property within the settlement.

The alleged evils mentioned in the petitions from the different guilds are so far exaggerated as to be valueless in fact were cases of embezzlement and suicide so frequent they would most likely become known to the Police and be traced to the cause, I have not heard of any such cases.

(Signed) C. E. Penfold  
Supt

after consideration it was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Hearn and

No. 115: Resolved

That Mr Penfold's report be approved and that Opium Houses having female attendants, be at once warned to dismiss the females.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Dawson, the French Municipal Council and Consular Body notifying the decision arrived at.

Killing Game Secretary stated that he had addressed the Chairman of the Consular Body requesting the Naotai to issue

issue a proclamation prohibiting the sale of game within the district of Shanghai after the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of the third Chinese moon (13<sup>th</sup> March inst)

Board Order to be given to Police and Inspector of Markets to seize game exposed for sale after above date, due notice being first given to the dealers.

Shanghai Fire Commission - Road to Arsenal -

The Secretary informed the Council that at the Fire Commission Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto it had been agreed "to point out to the Council the advisability of taking "advantage of the occasion of the late fire at the Arsenal to "propose to the Taidai to construct a carriage road, say from "the New Cemetery to the Arsenal, which in event of another fire "there, would greatly facilitate assistance being rendered "from the Foreign Settlements".

The Council while acknowledging the desirability of the Community having as many roads as possible for purposes of Recreation, still the question of the protection of the Settlement must enter largely into consideration in the matter of the construction of new outside roads, and in the latter connection they regretted they were not prepared to endorse the views of the Fire Commission -

Secretary to write to the Fire Commission to thro effect - Insurance Companies - Letter No. 255 - dated 1<sup>st</sup> March from Secretary Fire Commission was recd, asking Council to obtain authority from the various Insurance Companies requesting the members of the Department to act at all fires to the best of their knowledge skill and ability such being needed to place the Department in a position to resist frictions interference of unauthorized persons offered perhaps at a critical moment

Council decided to write to the Insurance Companies handing copy of above letter stating that Council considered the reasons given in the letter, valid & requesting the Companies to give the required authority

Taking Readings of Gas Meter - The Secretary informed the Council that he had arranged with Mr Mead that the Gas Company's meter Inspector and some one appointed by the Council should

on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month ~~to~~ take the readings of the Council's meters.

### General

Voting List year 1873-4 - The Council were informed that by Art XIX of the "Land Regulations" 1870. it was required that the Voting List should "be revised and corrected" by the Secretary of the Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March in "each year or so soon after as may be convenient and" "published for the information of the public in such manner" "as the Council for the time being shall think proper" and in this connexion.

It was moved by Mr Moses seconded by Mr Harro and  
No. 1152 Resolved

That the Voting List be published in the usual manner viz insertion of the following Notification in the various local journals (see Municipal Notification Book page 10)

Council for year 1873-4 - a list of Electors qualified to serve as Councillors was laid on the Table and it was arranged that enquiries be made from certain of them, if they would be willing to serve as Councillors if nominated.

Control of Public Foreign Women - a draft proposed by Mr R A Jamieson as below, and as an additional By-Law to be added to the present Land Regulations was submitted.

"when it is reported to the Secretary of the Council either" "by a legally qualified medical practitioner, or directly by" "one or more of the persons infected, that a foreign woman" "following the trade of a prostitute is suffering from a venereal" "disease or when a woman who has been secluded or" "deported in consequence of infection, resumes the trade of a" "prostitute in Shanghai, then the Superintendent of Police" "shall be directed to notify such woman that she must" "within twenty four hours from the receipt of such notice," "deposit in his Office a Certificate, as to her actual state" "of health signed by some legally qualified practitioner"

"Should"

"should she fail to comply or should the Certificate sustain the allegation, the Superintendent of Police shall forthwith serve a notice on the woman giving her the option of leaving Shanghai within twenty one days, or of being indicted before the Consular Court of the nation to which she belongs on the charge of ———"

Consideration of the matter deferred.

Register of Attendance - having been signed (vide page 348 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

*W. H. ...*  
Secretary

*Admiral*  
Chairman

No 1153

Council Room

Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March inst A D 1873 at 10 o'clock in the Forenoon.

Business

The Summons to be read.

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Goodnow Creek Bridge - Transfer of property as to progress

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Seward Road - Extension through Mr. Disavells land  
arrangement for confirmation

Yang King Pang arbitration matter

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Officer of Healths Report on Ponds

Doctor Macgowan's letter - increase of pay.

General

General - Exhibition of Voting List

Application to Consuls to fix day of Election of Council  
and Rate Payers Meeting

Mr Ford's letter on Taxes

Mr Antindale's - do -

Mr Forbes's letter - General Hospital Contribution

Doctor Jamieson's letter - Sutzhoff Hospital

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. G. ...*  
Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

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Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General  
Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1873

*Wm. G. ...*  
*...*  
*...*

Council Room  
Shanghai 17<sup>th</sup> March 1873

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 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1873 pursuant  
to notice

Present.

John Dent by Chairman

Alex Peterson Esq

A. G. Wood Esq

S. M. Moses Esq

Alex J Johnston. Secretary



Absent.

R. J. Geuron Esq  
 M. Coryell Esq  
 O. C. Behm Esq

- N<sup>o</sup> 1153 The Summons calling the Meeting was read.  
N<sup>o</sup> 1154 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

Cash State The Cash State for the 15<sup>th</sup> March was handed round for inspection  
N<sup>o</sup> 1155 It showed Balances as follows—  
 In Comptroller's hands £s 3,217.33  
 " Bank 15,000.  
 " " Special 40,000.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Memo.

Balance at Debit of the Municipal with this Bank  
 this day at the close of business—£s 5,748.35.  
 (signed) W. G. Greig

Acting Accountant

Fixed Deposit due 28<sup>th</sup> May £s 40,000 Should this  
 not have been credited Current Account on 12<sup>th</sup> March  
 W. G. G.

Cash State The Cash State for the 8<sup>th</sup> March was handed round for inspection  
N<sup>o</sup> 1156 It showed Balances as follows—  
 In Comptroller's hands £s 3,849.45  
 " Bank Deposit " 15,000.00  
 " " " Special " 40,000.00

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Balance

Balance in the name of Shanghai Municipal Council this date

	<u>Cr</u>	
On Fixed Deposit		£16,000
" Special a/c with Soochow Bridge Coy		£40,000
	<u>Dr</u>	
on c/a		£10,248.35
		(signed) W. G. Greig Acting Accountant
Cheque not cashed		
W Fowler		4563.40
as per Ledger		£14,811.75

Soochow Creek Bridge - Transfer of property - report as to progress.

Mr Peunie under date of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst communicated as follows -

"I have just seen Mr Wainwright who says that Mr Kingsmill on behalf of the Company is to endeavour to satisfy all Mr Oliver's requirements. For that purpose he wishes to have the kind of "inventories they have already sent to us returned to them, will you send them to me"

with the view of finding out the best means to dispose of the Soochow Creek Iron Bridge, should such be found desirable the following Telegram had been sent to Messrs Ashton & Co.

"Ask Hamilton Windsor Iron Co 110 Cannon street if will buy Soochow Creek Iron Bridge sent per "Malacca" and other parts " afterwards as per Hamilton's Invoices laid freight free in England "a take in part payment for another bridge of different design " what offer - wire reply sharp "

### Works Committee

Engineers Progress Reports 2: 312-313.

Roads - Seward Road Extension through Mr Dixwell's land arrangements for confirmation. Matter to stand over there being no members of the Public Works Committee present

Encroachment: Yang King Pang by French Council -

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The Secretary submitted the following draft arbitration for the Councils consideration.

Yang King Pung Encroachment  
Points for Arbitration.

- Documents for information of Arbitrators } 1. Correspondence to 31<sup>st</sup> December last supplemented by subsequent letters passing between both Councils to this date.  
2. The Minutes of the Councils Meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1873.

Points for Arbitrators to decide on	as stated by French Council	as stated by English Council
	I. La construction du nouveau quai sur le Yang King Pung entre la rue Diery et la rue Touranne dans les conditions actuelles est-elle un obstacle a la navigation du canal	I. That the Construction of the new bund (or quay) between the Lohkuen and Horan Roads, is an encroachment and obstruction to the free navigation of the Creek.
	II. ou porte-telle prejudice d'une facon réelle aux interets des propriétaires riverains.	II. That from the following statement* received from Messrs E M Smith and J P Bisset the action of the French Council is prejudicial to the interests of owners of property along the north bank of the Yang King Pung

\* not yet received

That both Municipalities be bound by the decision of the Arbitrators.

That resulting from the decision of the Arbitrators a willth shall be agreed upon by both Councils which shall be the standard willth for the future.

This was approved and passed by the Council.  
Secretary to apply to Messrs Smith & Bisset for their statement

Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report n<sup>o</sup> read.

Ponds Officer of Healths Report - matter to stand over, admitting Dr. Henderson's Report

Medical Attendance - Doctor Macgowan's application, for increase of pay in consideration of his performing post mortem examinations on Foreigners, and the Superintendent of Police's Report n<sup>o</sup> were read. after consideration it was decided to inform Doctor Macgowan that the Council had no power to order post mortems to be made, as by the law of certain Countries such an act without due authority rendered themselves liable to punishment. They had to beg Doctor Macgowan to understand that he was not authorized under any circumstances to perform any post mortem, or open any body in the name of, or acting on behalf, of the Council.

As to the question of remuneration for post mortem examinations he may make, the Council must refer him on this subject to the Consul of the Nationality of the deceased who ordered the post mortem, of course if the Consul declined payment it would be open to Doctor Macgowan to decline undertaking the service.

General.

Exhibition of Voting list. The Secretary informed the Council that the Voting list for Election of Councillors had been prepared. Decided to notify in Daily Papers that list was ready for inspection.

Police Leave of Absence The following application was read -

"I would respectfully recommend that Inspector Stripling be granted leave from his duties for a period of about five months. Mr. Stripling has been in the employ of the Council since February 1864 he has had no previous leave extending beyond 14 days

(signed) C. E. Penfold  
Supt of Police

after

after consideration

N<sup>o</sup> 1157 Resolved It was moved by Mr. Dent, seconded by Mr. Wood and

That five months leave of absence be granted to  
Inspector Stripling

Application to Consuls to fix days for Election of Councillors  
and Ratepayers Meeting

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The Minutes of the Consuls Meeting of  
wherem it was agreed that the process of fixing the day by  
the Consular Body for the election of Council need not  
necessarily take place before the 1<sup>st</sup> April in each year

N<sup>o</sup> 1158 Resolved It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Moses and

That an application be made to the Foreign Treaty  
Consuls asking them to convene a Meeting of Rate Payers  
to be held at the Masonic Hall on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>  
May 1873. at the hour of half past 9 o'clock in the  
forenoon in accordance with the terms of Art IX of  
the Land Regulations 1870.

N<sup>o</sup> 1159 Resolved. It was moved by Mr. Paterson seconded by Mr. Wood and

That an application be made to the Foreign  
Treaty Consuls asking them to fix a day for an election  
of Councillors as required by Art IX of the Land  
Regulations of 1870.

Voting Qualifications - Mr. Artindale's letter N<sup>o</sup> 287. 268.

" Ford's " N<sup>o</sup> 270. 313.

read and considered.

The Council decided that they were not in a  
position to grant request but Secretary in replying to  
Messrs Artindale and Ford to suggest that they bring the  
matter forward in the form of a substantive resolution  
at the forthcoming Ratepayers Meeting.

Shanghai General Hospital Mr. Forbes letter N<sup>o</sup> 284 dated 18<sup>th</sup> 1873  
asking the Council to include the same amount \$2000  
for the Hospital in the estimate for the ensuing year as  
was voted in the last Budget. Secretary instructed

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to reply that the Council would give the matter their favorable consideration at the time the Budget is being prepared

Gutzlaff Hospital Doctor Jamieson's Memo asking for amount to be included in ensuing Budget as a contribution towards the support of this Hospital - read.

"I shall be very much obliged if the Finance Committee will introduce the Gutzlaff Hospital into the next Budget for a Municipal Subscription. It stands in the Louza district close to the Louza Station and therefore available for the relief of any very urgent case that may turn up in the neighbourhood.

"It is entirely dependent upon outside contribution (except the Municipal Allowance for Vaccination) as the entire of the Original fund was sunk in the building. You have yourself been over it and know that it is absolutely the best nature Hospital in the place. At present it averages 40 outpatients and 8 in patients daily, and the numbers are rapidly increasing.

Lighting Cost of lighting the public Street-lamps - Shanghai Gas Company to be written to (as per draft read & approved) asking what reduction they will be prepared to make for the ensuing year in the price now charged.

Police - Supreme Court letter N° 285 dated 15<sup>th</sup> March from Mr Mowat Deputy Chief Judge was read, asking for the services of a Police Officer to proceed to Australia for the purpose of making an arrest. The Council decided to accede to request on condition that the Municipality be reimbursed for the loss of the services of the Officer they may detail during his absence & that all travelling & other expenses to be borne by the British Government.

Volunteer Corps Shanghai Volunteer Artillery

Mr Dallas's letter N° 269 of 7<sup>th</sup> inst, requisition for artillery ammunition approved.

Letter on Mr. Chaudhry letter N° 286 dated 14<sup>th</sup> March from Mr Johnson as Chairman of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce was read.

draft reply was ordered to be prepared and circulated amongst the Members of the Council.

Respectively

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 360 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. M. D. C.  
 Chairman

M. J. J. J.  
 Secretary

N<sup>o</sup> 1160

Council Room  
 Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your  
 attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held  
 on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March next A. D. 1873 at 10 o'clock  
 in the forenoon

Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee -

Capt Forbes resignation

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Expenses to be written off, Soochow Creek Bridge

Tenders for printing Report & Budget

Soochow Bridge Company signature to cheque

Claims for extra Votes, Bower Hanbury & Co.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Seward Road. continuation through Mr. Dixwells land  
 arrangement for confirmation

Report Public Works Committee

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

Officer of Health's Report on Ponds

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. S. Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance - of Members of Council at General Meeting  
held on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1873.

John Dent  
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Council Room  
Shanghai 31<sup>st</sup> March 1873

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 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March, 1873 pursuant to  
notice

Present

John Dent Esq. Chairman  
Alex. Peterson Esq.  
H. J. S. Esq.  
A. G. Wood Esq.  
M. Coryell Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston, Secretary

Absent.

O. C. Behm Esq.

N<sup>o</sup> 1160 The Summons calling the Meeting was read

N<sup>o</sup> 1161 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 -

9<sup>th</sup>.



No 1 Rifle Company - Resignations

Capt Forbes letter No 367 of 26<sup>th</sup> March tendering his resignation, read

No 1162Resolved

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Paterson and

That Capt F B. Forbes' resignation from the Shanghai Volunteer Corps tendered in his letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> must be accepted with much regret.

As No 1. Company was now without any officers it was decided to write to Capt Brewer Adjutant General requesting him to hold an Election for the purpose of filling up the vacant posts of Captain and Lieutenant.

Finance Committee.

Appropriations It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Moses and

No 1163 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

Prestons Bungalow Repair of	Rs 200 approximately
Numbers for Chinese Homes	\$ 550.
Fire Department	Rs 300

Cash StateNo 1164

The Cash State for the 22<sup>nd</sup> March was handed round for inspection

It showed balances as follows

In Comrades hands	Rs 3233.46
" Bank	" 15,000.00
" " Special	" 40,000.00

Hongkong + Shanghai Banking Corporation  
Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1878

Memorandum

Municipal Council

Fixed deposit	Rs 53,000.00	Credit
Current a/c	" 6,934.08	Debit.

Cash StateNo 1165

The Cash State for the 29<sup>th</sup> March was handed round for inspection

It showed balances as follows

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In Comrades hands Fl. 3442.76  
 " Bank 15000:  
 " " Special " 40,000:

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Dear Sir

I herewith send you the Municipal Councils  
 Weekly statement.

Cur a/c Dr 11497.48  
 Fixed Dept Cr 15,000:00  
 Special a/c with  
 Soochow Bridge Coy 40,000:00  
 (signed) G. R. Johnston  
 : P. Act

Taxes to be written off - Soochow Creek Bridge -

It was moved by Mr Dent, seconded by Mr Paterson and  
N<sup>o</sup> 1166 Resolved

That the amounts set opposite the respective names  
 below, be written off the Council's books as being presumably  
 irrecoverable -

Soochow & Sukkien	} G. M. R. }	} 21/3/73 }	} £ 97.50 }	} Transferred to
Road Bridges				
				Council

This decision was arrived at on the following opinion of  
 Mr Rennie: -

" Under the 9<sup>th</sup> clause of the agreement between the Council  
 " & the Company I think that the Company will escape  
 " payment of Taxes

Tenders for printing Report and Budget - Summary of tenders, was  
 submitted and considered - It was decided to

accept the following -

For the Report - Messrs Spotal & Gundry at # 3<sup>25</sup> p. page.

" Budget - A. H. de Carvalho " " " "

Soochow Creek Bridge Co - Transfer of property - The Chairman  
 signed.

signed the Cheque, issued within the terms of the Council's letter of 28<sup>th</sup> November last, so as to facilitate the transfer as much as possible

Claims for Votes - Messrs Bower Hambury & Co's letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1888 and their claims for Votes dated 22<sup>nd</sup> inst on behalf of Mr A. Cuthbertson and Mr H. P. Baylis read and considered.

Decided to reply that the Council regretted they could not accede to their request that the above named persons be placed on the list of persons qualified to vote at the ensuing Ratepayers Meeting but should Messrs Bower Hambury & Co conceive they are entitled to vote and desire to press their claim, to suggest that they bring the question forward in the form of a substantive resolution at the forthcoming Ratepayers Meeting.

Rates Dues and Taxes - Sailors Home - The following extract from the Report of the proceedings of the Sailors Home Committee Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto was read

"That in view of the nature of the Sailors Home, the Municipal Council be requested to ask the Rate Payers to remit all taxes thereon (License Fee excepted); or failing entire exemption from taxation, that the rates leviable be simply nominal"

It was decided to recommend the Rate payers to remit or partially remit for the future the General Municipal Rate now charged to the Sailors Home.

Dues on Merchandise - Mr Lavers Memorandum as follows - was read

"Now that the subject of exempting transhipment cargo from Wharfage dues is likely to be discussed, I think it a favorable moment for the Municipal Council to endeavor to obtain the sanction of the Ministers to levy a new Tax in lieu of the one in question and I would beg to suggest that Ships & Steamers trading to this Port be charged by the Council a certain fixed amount, or rate, per registration somewhat in the same way that Tonnage Dues are levied. Coasting vessels having paid once to be exempt for four months"

"I see no reason why vessels trading to Shanghai and frequently giving our Police much trouble besides sometimes calling in their assistance, should be free from Municipal Taxation. Hitherto the dues levied on Transshipment cargo have been charged to the owners of vessels, and so they have borne their proportion or share of Municipal expenditure. This is my private view of the matter and it is just possible that it may enable you to hit upon some scheme whereby vessels can be taxed."

The subject to come up for consideration at time of passing draft reply to letter of Chairman of Chamber of Commerce dated 14<sup>th</sup> March, and when framing the Budget.

Agreements. Police agreements - Inspector Stripling - The following terms arranged with Mr. Stripling for continuance of his services, unanimously approved.

Period - Three years from 4<sup>th</sup> February

Salary - Rs. Two hundred a month and allowances as before

Leave - The Council were informed that Mr. Stripling left on leave of absence on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.

### Public Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No. 313 - read.

Roads Seward Road. Continuation through Mr. Foxwells land Hongkew.

The arrangement agreed upon at Public Works Committee Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March (see Committee Minute Book page 329-30) - was confirmed by the Council

Bridges - Soochow Creek Bridges - The following Report from the Public Works Committee was read.

No. 1167

### Report of the Public Works Committee

In regard to the Soochow Creek Bridge matter your Committee beg to report as follows.

Upon a series of notes called "Correspondence with the Soochow Creek Bridge Company and memoranda relating

relating thereto issued for the information of Rate-Payers in October 1872. "The question of acquiring the property of the Sookhow Creek Bridge Company by purchase came before a special meeting of Rate Payers held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October last when the following resolution was passed

"That the Council be and are hereby authorized to"

"purchase from the Sookhow Creek Bridge Company"

"all their property and rights whatever they may be"

"for the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)-"

"\$hangfai Sycee payable within one month from this"

"date; and that the Council be further authorized"

"to raise funds for the purpose by the issue of Municipal"

"Debentures redeemable in not less than five and not"

"more than twenty years from date of issue, and bearing"

"interest at the rate of not over eight per cent per annum."

Negotiations were at once entered into with the Bridge Company for the transfer of the property under the terms of the above resolution.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1872. a memorandum embracing the main points to base a regular deed of transfer on was agreed to by the Company and the Council.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February last Messrs Hogg Bros & Co notified the Council that "the necessary Powers of Attorney having been received from all the absent shareholders in the Sookhow Creek Bridge Company the transfer can now be completed."

The Council decided "That the Agents of the Company be informed that all documents in possession of the Municipality having reference to the above matter will this day be handed to Mr. Peunie the Council's legal adviser with whom they are requested to communicate for the future, he being empowered on behalf of the Community to complete the transfer of the property of the Company or Association known as the Sookhow Creek Bridge Company."

The matter was accordingly placed in the hands of the Council's legal adviser Mr. Peunie on the same day resulting in the following deed of transfer Schedule of property & being drawn up.

The

The Transfer was effected on

The purchase money was paid to the proprietors on

The Property alleged rights &c of the company passed into the hands of the Community on

The Council previous to coming before the Rate Payers on the 13<sup>th</sup> October last had a long conference with Mr Oliver the Municipal Engineer in regard to the Iron Bridge; he opposed its being utilised. Notwithstanding the opinion of experts and the general prejudice against using the Iron Bridge, your Committee have from the first felt it a duty incumbent on them to give the gravest consideration to the question, - can the Bridge be used? if so, in what manner?

Against this opinion and any argument they may have for utilising it, the opinion of the Engineer has to be met.

The Council enquired from Mr Oliver whether he considered the Iron Bridge could be utilised in a sufficiently symmetrical and useful form to justify them in recommending the Community to adopt it if it came into the hands of the Public as upon his professional opinion they (the Council) would be guided in their suggestion to the Rate-Payers.

Mr Oliver said the Bridge could be completed and made serviceable for the purposes of a Bridge, the undertaking would be an awkward one, it would be unwisely, in fact as had already been reported there would be the want of harmony, it would be a patched, shrouded, hipped structure; to make it useful an outlay of £16,000 would be involved and this, taken with what it cost the Council a new and handsome bridge might be obtained for the same money, as Engineer he felt strongly opposed to seeing the Council connected with it. in short without any hesitation he recommended the Council selling the Bridge for old iron, if it came into their possession.

Your

Your Committee feel that the same responsibility attaches to them on recommending you to abandon all thought of utilizing it and selling it for old iron as suggesting its erection; the first would at most but entail pecuniary loss to the Community whilst, in event of failure or accident, the last might result not only in heavy expenditure, but perhaps loss of life.

Indeed all circumstances considered the present position of your Committee is beset with difficulty, it being so essential to observe the greatest caution and yet suggest the course they believe best for the public.

Opinion may exist among a section of the Community as to the ultimate disposal of the Bridge, and with the view of eliminating those so far as possible, your Committee propose being authorized to enter into a conditional arrangement to dispose of the Bridge, to Messrs S C Foxham & Co on the following terms.

The sale of the Bridge for £7500 or thereabouts retaining it at the disposal of the Council until its ultimate disposition be approved by the Community,

The Council paying Messrs S C Foxham & Co interest at the rate of 10 p. cent while holding the Bridge to their order.

The present condition of "Will's" Bridge the Engineer reports as very dangerous. It may be temporarily repaired and made to last for a very short time while a new Bridge is being constructed.

In the opinion of your Committee another Bridge must be provided and that forthwith.

Before any works can be commenced the Iron Bridge must be removed; this can be done in two ways.

- 1- By contracting for its removal at the cost of £2700 storage for an indefinite period awaiting favorable rate of freight and an annual appropriation for painting.
- 2- By selling it either here or in England. A Telegram has been addressed to the makers The Hamilton Iron

Windsor

Windsor Iron Works, who reply -

" Cannot offer for bridge neither take as part payment  
 " for another, could probably adapt portions to new  
 " bridge or could probably adapt present bridge to  
 " new site if width river and depth piles sunk  
 " were sunk

Messrs S. C. Stanham & Co offered some weeks ago £67500 for the bridge with the stores, tools, & as it now stands and undertaking to remove the same within six weeks from date of acceptance of the offer. The only means of easy and advantageous disposal now seems to be selling the bridge in Shanghai

Marked A. Subjoined is a statement shewing the Cost of the bridge laid down in Shanghai

Marked B. What the bridge might sell for if pulled up and sent to England assuming that half the original cost price could be obtained for it; an assumption which can only be justified by being taken for the means of comparison

Marked C. Contrasting the profit on an assumed sale compared with the offer of Messrs S. C. Stanham & Co

A

Soochow Creek Iron Bridge

Memo of Computations

<u>Material</u>	£ 4100.8.0		
	3.8.0		
	<hr/>	£ 4103.16.0	Yls 14274.09
<u>Freight</u>		639.7.8	2223.94
<u>Insurance</u>		150.15.0	524.35
<u>Incidentals</u>	213.13.6		
	<hr/>	61.0.0	
		<hr/>	274.13.6
			955.39
			£ 5168.12.2
<u>Engineers Home Commission</u>			
	5%	Yls 898.90	258.8.8
	as per invoice	£ 5427.0.10	
	take exchange @ 5/9		Yls 18876.67



B	Cost of iron work	£ 4103.16.0	
	say that half this		
	can be obtained	2051.18.0	
	for it at home		@ 5/4
			£s 7187.04
	<u>Less</u>		
	Freight taken at same		
	rate as paid for bridge		
	out to Shanghai	£ 639.7.8	
	Insurance taken on		
	above basis	150.18.0	
		£ 790.2.8	
	£790.2.8		@ 5/4
			£s 2748.29
	<u>Pulling up as per</u>		
	lowest tender		
	received as yet	2700.00	
	<u>Packing, stowing</u>		
	cleaning, painting		
	etc & say	300.00	
			£s 5748.29
	<u>Probable Profit if bridge were pulled, shipped &amp;</u>		
	<u>landed in England and sold from ship's side</u>		£s 1388.75

Note—It must be recollected that in taking half cost bridge material, losses will have to be allowed for, say rivets, tools, wear and tear plant &c &c in all probability 50% of the "probable profit" may be taken off the above £s 1388.75. I do not think the material laid down in England would fetch half its original cost, say even we take 20% off the half cost (£s 7187.04) say £s 1426.

The Community would have the labour, responsibility the time of staff &c, the Commission to an Agent in England and finally lose on the offer made in Shanghai. It is a doubtful point if the same favorable rate of freight can be obtained in Shanghai take the Bridge back as was procured in England to take the Bridge out to Shanghai. I omit the item of interest

The following Resolutions were inadvertently omitted to be inserted in writing in the Minutes of Council Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> March 1873.

RESOLUTION FORM

General,  
M. C. No. 38.

At the Regular Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, north of the Yang-king-pang held at the Council Room, Shanghai, this 31 day of March 1873.

It was Moved by Mr. Councillor Deut and

Seconded by Mr. Councillor Coyne

No.

That tenders be invited for the removal & purchase of the iron work from Bridge - up to norm of Salubriousment - the 5<sup>th</sup> form

(Signature) of Mover

John Deut

" " Secunder

Thos Coyne

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It was Moved by Mr. Councillor Deut and

Seconded by Mr. Councillor Leason

No.

That tenders be invited for the construction of a wooden bridge across the iron work as per plans & specification of the Municipal Engineer

(Signature) of Mover

John Deut

" " Secunder

Ralph Deut

interest no paltry and likely to embarrass and complicate an otherwise plain result.

C Memo Contrasting an assumed sale in England with the offer made by Messrs S. C. Farinhams & Co in Shanghai.

<u>In England</u>	<u>In Shanghai</u>
Sale of Bridge on assumed half cost vide B. 7137.04	offer of S C Farinhams & Co. £s 7500.
less deductions " " 5748.29	deduct for contin-
Assumed profit £s 1388.75	-encies 10% or above } 750.
deduct 20% for over estimate of amount bridge would sell for } 1426.00	should such be found necessary
Loss on Estimate £s 37.25	£s 6750

It was moved by Mr Fearon, seconded by Mr Torpell  
 No 1168 Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee be referred back to the Committee for further consideration before publishing it either in the newspapers or in annual reports.

It was decided as soon as the transfer of the Bridge Property to the Municipality was completed, to put up a Notice at the lower wooden (Wills) Bridge warning the public against using the bridge and stating that persons going across it did so at their own risk.

Roads - Chaow Hong Road - The Council were informed by the Chairman that the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Company had temporarily constructed a bridge pontoon across the end of the Chaow Hong Road which partially obstructed the traffic.

Decided to write to Mr Michie the Chairman of the Company stating that the Council do not propose asking the Company to remove the obstruction at present or in any way cause them inconvenience but only seek an acknowledgment from the Company of the public rights.

Hongkew

Hongkew Roads—For the information of the present Council the following resolution passed by the Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1869 (see General Minute Book N<sup>o</sup> 5 page 47-8) was read

Resolution

"That in default of record of surrender to public use and at the request of resident renters, the Council now take over as public roads that portion of the Broadway in Hongkew below the Creek as far as made together with the cross roads marked on the plan of the settlement"

Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report N<sup>o</sup> 353 read.

Sanitary Department - Nuisance Branch - Ponds -

Doctor Hendersons Certificate dated 27<sup>th</sup> March submitted  
Decided to call upon the owners of the ponds to fill them in without delay & if necessary proceedings to be taken in the Mixed Court to enforce compliance.

Shoreside Drain in front of Hongkong & Shanghai Bank premises reported by Inspector of Nuisances (see Report N<sup>o</sup> 353) as being out of order.

Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co the Agents for the property to be written to requesting them to take immediate measures to remedy the nuisance.

Night Soil - removal of - Mr Cowie's letter N<sup>o</sup> 221. of 1<sup>st</sup> inst stating that he had entered into an agreement with a Contractor for the removal of the night soil from certain native property - read.

Application granted - Police to be notified -

Police

Mr Mowats letter of 18<sup>th</sup> inst thanking the Council for the offer contained in their letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst and stating that he had been able to make arrangements elsewhere on more economical terms.

Breaking ponies in the Settlements, Messrs Edbrook & Co to be written to calling attention to the Councils circular letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1870. prohibiting the practice of breaking horses.

horses or prices within the settlements between the hours of 8 a.m. and sunset and to request their strict compliance with the regulation not only as regards the Settlements but also the Bubbling Well and other outside Roads, during the height of Traffic in the afternoon otherwise the Council will be compelled to apply to the Supreme Court for an injunction to restrain them from breaking down on Roads over which the Council assume jurisdiction.

Shanghai Fire Department - Parade in honor of the Grand Duke Alexis - Mr Bletcher Chief Engineer S.F.D. to be written to informing him that the Council have appropriated - \$10 300 for the parade and requesting him to keep the expenses within that amount as the Council are at present obliged to be economical.

### General.

Election of Councillors Scrutinizers appointment of

It was moved by Mr Moses seconded by Mr Wood and  
 No<sup>o</sup> 1169 Resolved

That Messrs Dent and Puterham be appointed in accordance with Art XVIII of the Land Regulations of 1870 Scrutinizers to examine the Voting List and declare the result of the election.

Officers to conduct Election

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Puterham and  
 No<sup>o</sup> 1170 Resolved

That Messrs G Rogers and S R Gale 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 1873-74.

Nomination Papers -

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Wood and  
 No<sup>o</sup> 1171 Resolved

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 recorded for election as Councillors

Councillors for the said Council for the year 1873-74  
Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 360 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 Dunt,  
 Chairman

W. L. J. Tompkins  
 Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at Meeting held  
 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1873. - An informal  
 meeting at which Messrs Dunt, Paterson  
 Wood, Coryell, and Moses attended

N<sup>o</sup> 1172.

Council Room  
 Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> April 1873

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your  
 attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held  
 on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of April inst. A. D. 1873. at 10 o'clock  
 in the Forenoon

Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee -

Survey of Rifles & on arrival

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

C.P.C. Circulation of Squibs

Messrs Thorne Bros letter - Mr Church's Taxes.

Sickness clause, Employe's agreements.

Local Post-Masters Report

Re-engagement

Re-engagement Mr Haas, Interpreter  
 Messrs Bourjain & Co - letter on Assessment.  
Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report  
 Report Public Works Committee  
 Soochow Creek Bridge - Tenders  
Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report  
 Inspector of Markets Report  
General - Publication of list of Rate Payers for election.

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. Strickland  
 Secretary

To the Members  
 of the Council

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Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General  
 Meeting held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1873.

Attest  
 Robert J. Strickland  
 Secretary  
 H. J. Strickland  
 Secretary

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Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General  
 Meeting held on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1873

(Vide page 5 of Notebook n<sup>o</sup> 5)

Council Room  
Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> April 1873.

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Hwan Road Shanghai on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April a.d. 1873 pursuant to notice

Present:

John Dent Esq. Chairman

Alex. Paterson Esq.

R. J. Pearson Esq.

A. G. Wood Esq.

M. Conyell Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston - Secretary.

Absent:

S. M. Moses Esq.

C. C. Behm Esq.

N<sup>o</sup> 1187 The Summons calling the meeting was read. (vide p. 13 pt. B. h. 8)

Defence Committee.

Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps. Promotion. Lieut. Pearson. Capt-Brewer's letter N<sup>o</sup> 399 of 5<sup>th</sup> April nominating Lieut. Pearson for the vacant Captancy of N<sup>o</sup> 1 Co. was read.

It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Wood and

N<sup>o</sup> 1188 Resolved

That Lieut. Walter Pearson be, on the recommendation of the Adjutant General, nominated to take command of No 1 Rifle Company of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Force

Resignation. Capt. Pearson's letter No 418 of 16<sup>th</sup> April tendering his resignation from the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps was read.

It was moved by Mr. Dent seconded by Mr. Wood and

N<sup>o</sup> 1189 Resolved

That Captain Pearson's resignation of the command



of No 1 Rifle Company of the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps be accepted with regret and that his name be placed on the list of unattached officers of the Corps from this date

Arms - The Secretary reported that the heavy Martin Rifles ordered from England, had arrived per "Quangse"

Drill Instructor - The engagement of Capt Sullivan for one month at \$100. was sanctioned.

### Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee.

Cash State for the 19<sup>th</sup> April was handed round for inspection.

No 1190

It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades' hands	3471.03
In Bank account of	
do deposit	15000.00
Bank B <sup>o</sup> Balance	18471.03
	<u>21743.50.</u>

Reports from Local Postmaster nos 410-417 & 419 were read.

Numbering of native houses - Report from Mr. S. R. Gale, Asst. Tax Collector was read, suggesting that a proclamation be issued regarding the re-numbering of Chinese houses - holding the tenants responsible for the numbers placed on their houses, and intimating that any number plates removed, would be replaced at tenants' expense.

It was moved by Mr. Dent - seconded by Mr. Seaton and

No 1191 Resolved

That a proclamation be issued in regard to Chinese house numbers in the sense of attached Indent.

Shanghai Fire Department - Letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April from Secretary S. F. D. was read asking the Council to put down an increased amount for the Fire Department, in the Budget for the ensuing year.

The Council decided to recommend in the Budget the appropriation of Rs 4000 for the year 1893-74 - this amount to include Council's contribution towards the new Steam Fire Engine for Hongkong.

Municipal Loan of 1872 - Authority was given to close the transfer books of this loan from 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 12<sup>th</sup> May. Notification to this effect, to be issued.

Sinking Fund -

Stores Plant &c. Report No 457 of 22<sup>nd</sup> April from Board of Survey appointed under Board Order No 84 of 17<sup>th</sup> April - was read recommending the sale by auction of certain old stores &c &c. which was approved by following resolution -  
It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Peterson and  
No 119: Resolved

That the unserviceable stores as per attached list, be sold and written off the account as recommended by the examining Board of Survey.

Public Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report No 315 was read and noted

Works Estimate for 1873-74. Memo No 416 of 16<sup>th</sup> April was read, in which the Finance Committee proposed to the Works Committee to make certain reductions in the Works Estimate -

after consideration the following alterations in the proposed Budget were decided upon.

Building - Hongkong.	Rs 6000 reduced to Rs 3000
Purchase & compensation - new roads	Rs 6000 - - - 3000
Cut & side channel	4000 - - - 2000
<u>Leeward Road Extension</u> -	

Road.

Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 455 of 19<sup>th</sup> April was read & noted.  
Sanitary Department. Nuisance Branch. Removal of night-soil.

Letter read from Mr. F. H. Bell (No 425 of 15<sup>th</sup> April) requesting that the removal of night-soil & from property in Sinding Road, in occupation of Sam Jack. be left to Messrs Adamson Bell & Co. Contractors.

Request granted.

Police. Policemen in Hospital. Return giving particulars of members of the force at present in Hospital was submitted - noted.

Various subjects having been discussed, correspondence laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees it was moved, seconded and

Resolved

That the meeting do now adjourn

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Chairman

Council Room  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1873.

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 7<sup>th</sup> of April A.D.  
1873 pursuant to notice

Present

John Dent Esq Chairman

R. J. Fearon Esq

Alex Paterson Esq

Mr. Coryell Esq

A. G. Wood Esq

S. M. Moses Esq

Alex J Johnston Secretary

Absent

O. C. Behu Esq

N<sup>o</sup> 1172

The Summons calling the Meeting was read

N<sup>o</sup> 1173

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 - Arms -

The Secretary reported that Mr Pook had written  
(see letter N<sup>o</sup> 1172) stating that by an accident water had got  
into the hold of the steamer "Quangse" before leaving London  
Docks - The Council decided to appoint Capt Barton

upon arrival of the vessel to hold a survey on the Martini  
Henry Rifles & which were coming out to the Council.

N<sup>o</sup> 1. Rifle Company - The following letter received from the  
Adjutant General Capt Brewer was read -

John Dent Esq

Chairman

Municipal Council

Shanghai

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1873

Sir

Sir

In accordance with the custom that has hitherto been pursued, I beg to nominate Lieutenant Pearson for the vacant Captaincy of No 1 Company, this Officer being the senior-Lieutenant on the list and well qualified for the promotion

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant  
(Signed) J. Brewer Capt + Adj Genl  
S.V.C.

decided to inform Capt Brewer that Lieutenant Pearson was about to proceed home, and beg him to cause Officers to be elected for this company in accordance with the Council's letter No 255 of 31<sup>st</sup> March 73.

Finance Note and Appeal Committee

Cash State } The Cash State for the 5<sup>th</sup> April was handed round for inspection  
No 11741

It showed balances as follows.

Balance on 29<sup>th</sup> March      £s 46946.38  
Receipts                              7812.83

£s 54,759.11

Disbursements      " 17,010.92

Balance      £s. 37,748.19

Comproadore Balance      £s 2059.84  
Bank                              ,15000. —  
do Special                      " 40,000. —

£s 57,059.84

D<sup>r</sup> Balance at Bank      " 19,311.65

Balance      £s 37,748.19

Local Post Office - Circulation Squibs Lampoons &  
Local Postmaster's Report No 35<sup>2</sup> dated 29<sup>th</sup> March  
 read, approved, and passed.

Subject considered and decision to be embodied in  
 resolution to be brought forward at next Meeting

Bimonthly Report No 35<sup>1</sup> read approved and passed

Taxes Rates and Dues - Letter No 35<sup>4</sup> from Messrs Thorne Bros in  
 regard to taxes due by Mr Church, and Mr Churches letter  
 No 35<sup>1</sup> - read. Mr Maitland to be informed that, if  
 he will give a full explanation of the case, the Council  
 may be willing to entertain the question of abatement

Agreements - Sickness Clause in Agreements as drafted by Mr Penn  
 came up for consideration - matter deferred for the present

Interpreter - Mr Haas application dated 1<sup>st</sup> April No 348<sup>1</sup> for a  
 permanent engagement with the Council was read.

After consideration it was decided to intimate to  
 Mr Haas that seeing his position with the Austro Hungarian  
 Government the Council deemed it at present expedient  
 to continue the existing arrangement for another year unless  
 Mr Haas felt he was in a position to bind himself to an  
 uninterrupted service with the Municipality for a series of  
 years

Assessments - The question of a re-assessment of House and Land  
 property referred to - Matter to be fully considered when  
 the Estimates came up for discussion -

### Watch Committee

Sanitary Department - Nuisance Branch -

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 47 of 22<sup>nd</sup> Feby. 73. read  
 approved and passed.

The Owners of the ponds referred to therein  
 to be given a months time to fill up the ponds.

Drainage - Foreshore Drain in front of Hongkong + Shanghai Buss  
 premises - Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co. to be written  
 to again requesting immediate attention to Councils letter  
 No 348<sup>1</sup>

General

## General.

Publication of Persons nominated to serve as Municipal Councillors  
for ensuing Municipal Year

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Peterson and

No 1175 Resolved

That in addition to manner laid down in Art XVIII of the Land Regulations of 1870. for the publication of the list of the Rate Payers proposed for Election as Councillors in "other public places" the said "other public places" shall be the Police Stations, the Local Post Office, and the Sanitary Office

Indebtedness to Municipality

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Peterson and

No 1176 Resolved

That the Secretary be hereby directed to publish a notification calling the attention of persons standing indebted to the Municipality to Art X1X pp 23-4 of the Land Regulations which enacts that Electors not having paid all taxes due are disqualified to vote at the forthcoming Election of Councillors for the year 1873-74

Boochow Creek Bridges - Public Works Committee's Report referred back to the Committee from last meeting of Council -

Mr Seaton said the Works Committee were hardly yet prepared to hand in their report in a complete state. The Mad called for careful consideration as to whether the iron bridge should be completed or not and the Committee wished to make further investigations on the subject

The cost of the bridge was £5000 and it seemed a pity that it should be thrown aside without every effort first being made to utilize it

It was mainly a question of strength of foundation and the addition of a footpath plans for which had been prepared by Mr Kingmill and handed to Mr Dent some time ago

Mr Oliver agreed to a certain extent with Mr Kingmill as to the possibility of utilizing the bridge but still

his former statement that "there would be a want of harmony and that it would be a patched, strained and tipped structure and the attempted utilizing of it must be more or less an experiment"

There was no doubt however that had the bridge remained the property of the Bridge Company they would have attempted to complete it

The Committee had decided to obtain other professional opinions on the subject which they hoped would enable them to submit their report fully completed by the next meeting they wished to be fortified on every side with independent views before finally deciding what course they would recommend the Council to take.

Growing out of this question would be those affecting the ultimate disposal of the materials of the iron bridge supposing the scheme of completing it to be abandoned: whether they should be sold as they stand or converted into smaller bridges for the creeks. Also the disposition of "Will's" bridge now pronounced by the engineers to be unsafe for carriage traffic.

All these points had already been attentively reviewed and would be further discussed during the coming week.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 382 Book 707)  
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.

Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1872



1873Council Room  
Shanghai 12<sup>th</sup> April 1873

Sir.

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April inst. A. D. 1873 at 9.30 o'clock in the Forenoon.

Summary of Business.

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Gas Company's letter N<sup>o</sup> 353.Local Post Masters Report N<sup>o</sup> 378.

Squibs &amp; sent as Expresses through the R.P.O.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Soochow Creek Bridges - Transfer

- Tenders

Tramway Scheme - to meet Messrs Forbes Hayes Michie &amp; Brand Estimate Public Improvements 1873-74.

Mr John Cockton's letter.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report N<sup>o</sup> 374

Police - Dismissal P.C. Aaresbrug - letter from Danish Consul.

Superintendents Report as to licensing native boats

General Postponement of Ratepayers Meeting for one week

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 14<sup>th</sup> April 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign

Community

Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Norman Road Shanghai on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of April A.D. 1872  
pursuant to notice

Present.

John Dent Esq Chairman

Alex Peterson Esq

R. J. Hearon Esq

M. Coryell Esq

A. G. Wood Esq

S. M. Moses Esq

Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

Absent

O. C. Behm Esq

No 1177 The Summons calling the Meeting was read.

No 1178 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

Cash State } The Cash State for the 12<sup>th</sup> April was handed round for inspection  
No 1179 } It showed Balances as follows

In Comptrollers hands No 3,387.81

" Bank " 15,000.00

Local Post Office - Squibs Pamphlets etc - In continuation of what passed at the last Meeting (vide page 3 ante)

It was moved by Mr Moses seconded by Mr Dent and

No 1180 Resolved

That the Local Postmaster be instructed upon receipt at the Local Post Office for delivery of despatches (Squibs Pamphlets vulgar or offensive) and appearing to him to be of an objectionable character, he will ascertain before circulating them the name of the sender and the printer - Failing obtaining this information the Postmaster will defer circulating the despatch until he has referred (which he will do at once) enclosing Copy of the document he considers offensive, to the Secretary of the Council for consideration.

It was decided to refer to the subject in the General Report -  
Standing Shed for Ponies - Local Postmasters Report No 410  
 of 11<sup>th</sup> April - read, reporting that a shed is required at the  
 Local Post Office as a shelter for the ponies which not actually  
 in use, but that the space (immediately behind the Office)  
 which appeared most convenient for such a shed was separate  
 from the rest of the Compound by a fence

Messrs D. Sassoon Sons & Co to be written to requesting  
 them to remove the fence if possible so as to enable the shed to  
 be erected

Lighting - Shanghai Gas Company's letter of 9<sup>th</sup> inst No 383. was read  
 and considered

It was decided to reply that the Council noticed  
 with regret that the Directors of the Shanghai Gas Company  
 are not prepared to favorably entertain the very reasonable request  
 of the representatives of the Community that a reduction be made  
 in the price now charged for lighting the public street lamps -  
 also that the Directors deem it inexpedient at present to enter  
 into any arrangement determining a standard of illuminating  
 power of the gas supplied.

To enquire how soon the Company will be prepared  
 to fix on an illuminating standard which perhaps could be  
 furnished the Council by a sufficiently early date to enable it  
 to appear in the forthcoming Annual Report now being prepared

As the Ratepayers will not unreasonably look to  
 the Council for a very full Report in regard to lighting the  
 Settlement it is proposed to publish all recent correspondence  
 on the subject so that the Community may have before them  
 the Council's action

To remind the Directors of the Company of the  
 exceedingly small almost nominal sum the Municipality  
 have annually charged the Company for the use of the various  
 thoroughfares to lay mains in. It must be understood  
 that when this sum was agreed on the arrangement was  
 admittedly of a provisional nature and suited to meet the  
 embarrassed conditions of the Company and in face of this  
 liberality on the part of the Community who for a considerable  
 time paid the Company at the excessive rate of 1/6 per dollar

per month per lamp for public Street lighting the Council have no alternative but to seek the instructions of the Rate-payers as to the means of efficiently + economically lighting the public streets

In conclusion to point out that as an act of justice to the public the Council intend proposing to the Ratepayers that the annual rate for the future use of the public streets by the company for laying their mains, will not be less than One thousand taels to take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> instant

Rates Dues + Taxes - Imposition of New Rate - Native Boat Tax -

The Superintendent of Police's report No 376 of 2<sup>nd</sup> April read - stating that a tax is collected from the Native boats trading at or to + from Shanghai and lying at the jetties and along the banks of the Rivers + Creeks within the Foreign Settlements by persons who state that they are authorized by the Chinese Authorities, but men who are caught collecting such fees are punished by the Mixed Court.

From enquiries made it appears that about 200,000 cash is collected monthly in this way from boats lying within Municipal limits the fee varies from 50 to 600 cash each boat. If the Council authorize a tax being levied on these boats it will abolish the present system as the boatmen would refuse to pay twice -

The Cost of Collection would be about \$360 per annum independent of incidental charges for printing +

The Boat population are not subject to any police control and we are in consequence liable at any time to a visitation from a roving gang of thieves and it requires great vigilance to protect residents from their depredations.

It would materially assist in the protection of life + property within the settlements were these boats registered by an intelligent Police Officer.

The cost of Police supervision by day and night would be an addition \$768. per annum - after consideration

It was moved by Mr Moses seconded by Mr Paterson and

No 1111 Resolved

That provision be made in the Budget for the Municipal year commenced 1<sup>st</sup> April for the collection by the Council of a  
Tax

case from native boats using the jetties within the limits of this Municipality as recommended in the attached Memo.

### Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report N<sup>o</sup> 31-1 read, approved and passed

Monthly Report for March N<sup>o</sup> 10 read approved and passed for publication

Bridges - Soochow Creek Bridges - The transfer of the property of the Soochow Creek Bridge Company to the Council was reported as having been completed on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant (vide Occurrence Book pages 3-4)

Iron Bridge - Mr. Fearon in continuation of what passed at the last Council Meeting on behalf of the Public Works Committee stated that the question of utilizing the iron bridge had received their careful consideration during the past week when they had consulted the opinions of all the professional Engineers in the place. Mr. Bishop was of opinion that following Mr. Kingomillo's plans & suggestions the iron bridge could be utilized the cost of which he estimated at \$14000. Messrs. Kidner, Lester and Oliver all more or less opposed Mr. Bishop's view not having the same confidence in the ultimate result.

They thought that the bridge could be completed as Mr. Bishop suggested but that it would be too much in the nature of an experiment and that from the tenders received the construction of a wooden bridge would be cheaper and more advantageous to the Community.

The Works Committee after long and careful consideration and discussion of the matter on Saturday with the Engineer had decided to recommend that Messrs. S. C. Farinhams & Co's tenders for the conditional purchase of the iron bridge and the construction of a wooden bridge be accepted.

Mr. Fearon said it was with great reluctance and by a strong effort that he had brought himself to abandon the idea of utilizing the iron bridge indeed even now a straw would be the scale of opinion on this question but the expense would probably be at least equal to the cost of constructing a good Hard Wood bridge (which would last at least for 15 years ago Mr. Coryell thought and after all the experimental character of the

The undertaking formed the chief objection to the Scheme. In reply to the question Mr Coryell stated that Malawa wood came from the South Sea Islands. Mr Peterson suggested whether a suspension bridge could be constructed. Mr Coryell said that it would in his opinion be impracticable owing to the practical difficulties in the way of giving such a bridge the necessary height to admit of the traffic underneath.

Mr Hearn stated that Messrs S C Harbham & Co as was understood had agreed in event of receiving the Contract for construction of the wooden bridge, since confirmed by Mr Blethen to keep the old "Wills" Bridge in repair until the new bridge had been completed and received over by the Council.

In answer to the question it was ascertained, from the Engineer that the cost of repairing "Wills" Bridge would be between £500 and £600. The Chairman said that after the clear and lucid explanation from the Members of the Public Works Committee no course appeared open but to carry out their recommendations, in this connexion -

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Hearn and

No. 1188 Resolved

That the tender of Messrs S C Harbham & Co for the removal and purchase of the Doochow Creek Iron Bridge for the sum of Seven Thousand five hundred Pounds and in the terms of their letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1873 be accepted on the understanding that the Contractors keep the old bridge in repair pending the erection of the new one.

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Hearn and

No. 1189 Resolved

That the tender of Messrs S C Harbham for the erection of a wooden Bridge across the Doochow Creek at a cost of not exceeding £19000 be accepted (this sum to include cost of a handsome wooden railing).

Toll House - Instructions were given for pulling down the Toll House. Notice Board, &c.

Estimate Public Improvements for the ensuing Municipal Year 1874 was submitted - after consideration and certain amendments.

Roads - John Ashlons letter No 421 of 8<sup>th</sup> April - read - applying on behalf of Lindseys Estate for permission to enclose piece of land in front of gateway in Keangae Road - The land belongs to the lot but the gateway was put back for convenience in driving in. Re-enclosing the land will not in any way encroach on the road - Application granted.

Obstruction Chau Fong Road - (vide Minute p 378 No 7 Minute Book) - Mr Michie's letter No 368 of 4<sup>th</sup> April read in reply to Councils letter of 1<sup>st</sup> April No 285 stating that the bridge is so constructed as to admit of ordinary boat traffic under it and is removable at a moments notice when required and also that the Directors of the Company fully recognized the right of the public to the free use of the frontage of said road - letter ordered to be filed with Agreements Deeds etc.

Tramway Scheme - With reference to the proceedings and resolutions in connection with the Tramway scheme passed at the Ratepayers Meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May (p 14) 12<sup>th</sup> August (pp 17-18) and 15<sup>th</sup> October (pp 8-9) last Messrs Forbes Michie Hayes and Brand attended by invitation of the Council (vide circular letter No 289 of 2<sup>nd</sup> April) to discuss the advisability of supporting a Tramway Scheme

After some conversation the conclusion arrived at was that as the Shanghai Tramway Company had been dissolved since the last Ratepayers Meeting and as consequently there was no scheme before the public, upon which the Committee could report, the necessity for a report has fallen through it being inexpedient to give an opinion on the mere abstract question whether Tramways are or are not desirable.

The above Minute was circulated by the Secretary for the approval of the Gentlemen present with the request that they would give assent or dissent to the above adding such remarks as they may deem expedient

Assent  
 Miss Coryell  
 S. M. Moses  
 A. G. Wood  
 R. J. Pearson

Dissent  
 John Dent. necessity for a report has fallen through certainly but an opinion should have been given as to the advisability

<u>Assent</u>	<u>Dissent</u>
A. Michie	or otherwise of Tramways
A. A. Hayes Junr	Alex Peterson - I concur
S. B. Forbes	entirely in Mr Dent's remarks
J. J. Brand	

### Watch Committee

Sanitary Branch - Market - Inspector of Markets Report No 381 read  
Chinese Livery Stables - Extract from Mr Keeles Report No 381  
 "Numbers have been issued for all the carriages as the only way of preventing unlicensed carriages from being hired but a good deal of objection is shown by some of the Stable Keepers to having their carriages numbered and I would suggest the advisability of its being intimated to the owner that the removal of a number from a carriage would entail either an additional fee being exacted or a fine to be deducted from the guarantees deposited with the Council" - after consideration

It was moved by Mr Moses seconded by Mr Coyell and

No 1177 Resolved

That a clause be inserted in the form of license issued for the future to Chinese Livery Stable Keepers requiring each vehicle hired out to have a Municipal number on it, so that the Police may know that the carriage is duly licensed otherwise the vehicle will be considered as an unlicensed one

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 354 - read, approved and passed

Police - Dismissal P. C. Aarestrup. Letter from Danish Consul No 395 of 10<sup>th</sup> inst was read - applying on behalf of P. C. Aarestrup for a gratuity of £200 and free passage home.

Mr Pinfolds Report No 436 of 12<sup>th</sup> inst was read - representing that the Constable was guilty of a deliberate & wilful breach of duty when sent to patrol the Bouzali District at 8 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo, he, knowing he was the only foreign Constable, proceeded direct in face of a previous caution from the station to the house of a Chinawoman which he entered locking the door and remaining there until 11.30 p.m. etc.



serious charge when made in presence of the man was not denied by him. At the time of answering the Charge he wished to be allowed to resign the force.

After consideration it was decided to reply to Danish Consul's letter that Council were unable to entertain the claim made on the man's behalf but at the same time should P.C. Aarestrop desire to leave Shanghai the Council would provide him with a passage to Europe or America, not because he has any claim on them for such but simply for the credit of the Force as the Members of it do not like to see a man who was formerly their comrade roaming about the Streets as a vagrant without home or food.

### General.

Rate Payers Meeting - Deferring of - It was thought desirable by the Council to defer the Meeting to the 12<sup>th</sup> May instead of the 5<sup>th</sup> as previously suggested (vide page 365 N<sup>o</sup> 7. Minute Book) -  
In this connection

It was moved by Mr Dent seconded by Mr Palmer and  
Rs 1125 Resolved

That referring to Resolution N<sup>o</sup> 1158 passed by the Council at their Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> March last the Council be requested to convene the Annual General Meeting of Ratepayers on the 12<sup>th</sup> May instead of the 5<sup>th</sup> as previously suggested.

Staff - Leave of Absence - Mr Keele's application N<sup>o</sup> 409 of 10<sup>th</sup> inst for nine months leave of absence was read and considered - and  
It was moved by Mr Dent, seconded by Mr Haron and

Rs 1125 Resolved

That Mr Keele be granted nine (9) months leave of absence from such date as he may avail of it provided he makes such arrangements for the performance of his duties as may be approved of by the Watch Committee -

In acceding to this application of Mr Keele's the Council are actuated by peculiarity of his case, and it is to form no precedent in future for employes to apply for long leave, until after the completion of the full term of service -  
five years.

Wheelbarrow Tax - Account current between the Municipalities North and South of the Yang-King-Pang - The French Municipal Councils letter N° 3574 of 31<sup>st</sup> March handing Memo of Account the Tax on Wheelbarrows had produced to their Municipality from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1872 up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1873, and applying for balance of share which was in their favor viz \$672.19 submitted - Instructions given for the balance to be paid.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 5<sup>ante</sup>) 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

Chairman

Secretary

N° 1187.

Council Room  
Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> April 1873.

Sir.

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> instant at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Defence Committee - Lieut Pearson's resignation.

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

Local Post Masters Report

Discussion in regard to question of provision of sinking fund

Proclamation in regard to Chinese House numbers

Authority to close transfer books - Loan 1872.

Letter from Fore Commission in re subscription to S.E.D.

Woods

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report

Extension Seward Road through Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co's Lane  
 Works Committee's remarks on Secretary's circular re reduction  
 Budget.

Consideration of Budget 1873-74

Watch Committee - Inspector of Finances Report

Return of number of horses and carriages  
 Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co's letter - removal of night soil  
 Report. Constables in Hospital.

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

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Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
 Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April 1873.

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Council Room

Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15  
 Honan Road Shanghai

No 1188.

Council Room  
Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> May 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Arnan Road Shanghai on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May A.D. 1873 at 8<sup>30</sup> o'clock in the forenoon

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence Committee - Memorandum from.Finance Committee - Report fromWorks Committee - Report fromWatch Committee - Memorandum from

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 the Council at the  
General meeting held on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1873

Council Room  
15 Roman Road  
Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> Day 1893

at the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room  
15 Roman Road, on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May A.D.  
1893 pursuant to notice

Present.

Old Council

J. Dent Esq.  
R. J. Pearson Esq.  
M. Coryell Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.  
Absent.  
O. C. Rehn Esq.  
A. Paterson Esq.  
A. J. Wood Esq.

New Council

R. J. Pearson Esq. Chairman  
S. M. Moses Esq.  
J. J. Purdon Esq.  
W. S. Wetmore Esq.  
R. W. Little Esq.  
J. Wilson Esq.  
M. Kalk Esq.  
E. Seligmann Esq.  
Alex. J. Johnston Secretary  
Absent  
J. D. Barnes Esq.

No 1189 The Secretarys summons calling the meeting was read.

No 1190 The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed  
and signed.

The Police Force was inspected by the members of the old and new  
Councils.

Mr. Dent the Chairman of the retiring Council after introducing  
the members of the new Council to Mr. Buford and his  
officers, addressed the members of the Force in the following  
terms. "He had been Chairman of the Council for  
inwards of two years during which time he had great pleasure  
in bearing testimony to the efficiency and the uniform  
steadiness of the Force. Shanghai might be quite  
proud to have such a body of men for their protection.

The crime had been small, the nature of it had  
been light, offenders traced and punished - rewarded -

The general morale of the Force is all that could  
be desired. There was one matter before him

The force with which he had such pleasure in undertaking that was forwarding medals from the Chinese government to Messrs Penfold and Stripling. The words of Mr. Medhurst's letter were so eulogistic that he could add nothing to them to word that he and his colleagues heartily endorsed them. (vide Mr. Medhurst's letter no 584 of 8<sup>th</sup> June 173)

The old and new Councils then adjourned to the Council Chamber.

Outstanding matters. Before formally handing over the affairs of the Municipality there were one or two points which called for attention from him (the Chairman - Mr. Dent). The first was that -

Mr. Keele had been granted leave of absence under the conditions of the resolution passed at the Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April last (vide p 14 ante). His duties would be undertaken under terms of his letter of 14<sup>th</sup> May which he (the Chairman) had on behalf of the Watch Committee approved.

The other matter was with regard to Mr. Hart who had entered the Council's service sometime ago and with whom there was no written agreement, though he (the Chairman) had led Mr. Hart to suppose that the employment was permanent and only wished forming the terms for a written agreement. He wished to state his impressions in this matter for the information of the new Council when they came to deal with this matter.

He considered Mr. Hart's and others claims to be kept permanently of the arrangements of the Watch by the new Council permitted it.

He was not aware that there was any thing else. Mr. Deason said he would claim the attention of the meeting for the moment before Mr. Dent vacated the Chair and that was to say a few words in regard to our Western Mission.

The pleasant friendly intercourse which had existed between the members of the Council had conducted much to the efficiency of the working. During his connection with public affairs - in no body of men did he meet with the same unanimity and common interest. The gentlemanly manners and kind feeling of Mr. Dent - had done much to lighten our labors and his services had

fact had conduce much to the welfare of the municipality -  
 we had therefore much pleasure in moving the  
 following resolution.

It was proposed by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Jones and  
No 1191. Unanimously Resolved

That this being the last meeting of the  
 Council elected to serve for the year 1872-73, this meeting  
 consider it as well their duty as their pleasure to  
 acknowledge their obligations to their Chairman Mr. John Dea.  
 Throughout the year he has been ever mindful of his  
 responsible duties, discharging them all in a most exemplary  
 manner, and in now presenting him their best thanks  
 for his able and consistent services, the Council would join  
 their hearty congratulations upon the successful progress  
 made in municipal matters during the two years he has  
 presided over the deliberations of the Municipal Board.

Mr. Dea said he was quite surprised at what had fallen  
 from Mr. Pearson - It was certainly an unexpected pleasure

He had no idea till now that his services were so  
 valued and he would esteem this expression of his  
 colleagues' appreciation of his services, very much.

He could not take all the credit to himself - there  
 was much due to his colleagues and it would not be fair  
 to omit mention of the officers to whom he returned  
 his special thanks for the manner in which the duties  
 generally had been performed and the Budget and  
 Annual Report had been framed and brought out.

In the new Council he wished a prosperous and  
 successful year.

The Old Council then retired, after which the  
 Secretary read Art. I of the Standing orders which  
 runs to the following effect. "The Council will at  
 its first meeting, after election by the Ratepayers and before  
 proceeding to any other business elect a Chairman and  
 Vice Chairman for the year."

It was moved by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Jones and  
No 1192. Unanimously Resolved

That Mr. Pearson be elected Chairman

of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai for the Municipal year 1873-74.

No 1193 It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Moses and  
Unanimously Resolved

That Mr. Wetmore be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, for the Municipal year 1873-74.

No 1194 It was moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Wilson and  
Unanimously Resolved

That the following members of the Council be appointed to serve on the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee for the Municipal year 1873-74

Messrs R. J. Pearson  
S. M. Moses  
E. Seligmann

No 1195 It was moved by Mr. Pearson seconded by Mr. Stalk and  
Unanimously Resolved

That the following members of the Council be appointed to serve on the Public Works Committee for the Municipal year 1873-74

Messrs J. G. Purdon  
J. D. Barnes  
J. Wilson.

No 1196 It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Moses and  
Unanimously Resolved

That the following members of the Council be appointed to serve on the Watch Committee for the Municipal year 1873-74.

Messrs W. S. Wetmore  
R. W. Little.  
Mr. Stalk

No 1197. It was moved by Mr. Moses seconded by Mr. Seligmann and  
Unanimously Resolved

That the following members of the Council



be appointed to serve on the Defence Committee for  
the Municipal year 1873-74

next: R. J. Reason

J. Wilson

W. S. Wetmore

None of Council meeting. The following amendment was made in  
art-II of the Standing Orders.

It was proposed by Mr. Reason seconded by Mr. Purden and

No. 1178 Resolved

that the meetings of the Council will in future  
be held on Monday mornings at 8.30 o'clock

Programme of immediate meetings. It was decided as follows: -

next - Council meeting to be held at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday

next - the 20<sup>th</sup> inst

Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee. to be held at 3 p.m.  
today

Watch Committee. at 10 a.m. tomorrow 16<sup>th</sup> inst

Works Committee. at 4 p.m. tomorrow 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

Defence Committee - on Monday next at 10 a.m.

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

Resolved

that the meeting do now adjourn.

Robert J. Reason

Chairman

W. S. Wetmore

Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> May 1873.

at the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room  
15 Roman Road, on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D.  
1873 pursuant to notice.

Present

R. J. Reason

W. S. Wetmore Esq. Vice Chairman

J. G. Purdon Esq.

J. Wilson Esq.

R. W. Little Esq.

Mr. Kall Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

Alex. J. Johnston - Secy.

Absent

J. D. Barnes Esq.

S. Schigmann Esq.

No 1199 The Secretary's Summons calling the meeting was read  
No 1200 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed  
 and signed

No 1201 A Report from the Defence Committee (vide Committee  
 Minute Book p. 1) was received and read.  
 It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Moses

No 1202 Resolved  
 That the Report of the Defence Committee be  
 approved and passed and entered into the minutes.

No 1203 A Report from the Finance, Rate and Appeal Committee  
 (vide Committee Minute Book No 5 pp 2) was received  
 and read.

It was moved by Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Kall and  
No 1204 Resolved

That the draft memorandum on the condition  
 of Municipal Finance prepared by the Finance, Rate  
 and Appeal Committee for the information of the members  
 of the Council be remitted back for amendment and  
 alteration and be embodied in a Report from the  
 Committee to be circulated to and approved by the  
 Council before further action is taken.

No 1205 A Report from the Public Works Committee  
 (vide Committee Minute Book No 6 pp 2) was received and read.  
 It was moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Kall and

No 1206 Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee be approved, passed and published

No 1207 A Report from the Watch Committee (vide Committee Minute Book No 5 pp 10) was received and read  
It was moved by Mr. Fearon, seconded by Mr. Purdon and

No 1208 Resolved

That the Report of the Watch Committee be approved, passed and published

Investigation of Municipal Expenditure In pursuance of a resolution passed at the last meeting of Ratepayers, and moved by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Fearon and

No 1209 Resolved

With reference to the resolution passed at the last Ratepayers meeting, that this meeting views with grief the continued augmentation during recent years of the cost of the Municipal Establishments, and is of opinion that the incoming Council should be requested to specially examine into and report upon the state of the Municipal Finances.

Resolved that the Works Committee, the Watch Committee and the Defence Committee, each examine into the expenditure of the several branches of the service under their control and ascertain what reduction if any, can be made therein with due regard to the necessities of the Municipality, and that the Finance Committee in like manner investigate the expenditure of the other branches of the service, and that a report of the results of the investigation of each Committee be made to the Council at as early a date as possible.

Assessments. Land and Horses. With reference to the following extract from the Finance Committee's Report: (vide Committee Minute Book No 5 p 34)

"Your Committee defer for the present making any suggestions as to the manner of conducting the assessment beyond ascertaining the names of gentlemen willing to serve on the assessment committee."

decided by the Council to address the following gentlemen requesting them to serve on the respective assessment committees.

Land.  
 P. Francis Esq.  
 W. Kingsmill Esq.  
 E. M. Smith Esq.  
 J. P. Adams Esq.  
 W. Cooper Esq.

Trades.  
 W. Kutzer Esq.  
 H. Evans Esq.  
 J. J. Plumb Esq.  
 Robt. Ferguson Esq.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 17 anti)

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. Johnson  
 Secretary

Chairman

Council Room  
 Shanghai 31<sup>st</sup> May 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Nanan Road on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Business

The Minutes to be read

The Minutes of last meeting to be corrected and signed

Finance Committee - Cash State

Appropriations

Report from Committee.

Works Committee - Engineer's Progress Report

Report from Committee

Watch Committee - Inspector of Nuisances Report

and to adopt such Report

Orders and other proceedings with reference thereto as  
the Council may deem advisable

Sam. L. G.  
Wm. O'Brien Esq.  
Secretary

To the members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General meeting  
held on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June A.D. 1873.

Council Room  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1873.

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room  
15 Huan Road on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June  
A.D. 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon pursuant to  
notice

Present:

R. J. Leason Esq. Chairman  
W. S. Wetmore Esq.  
J. G. Park Esq.  
R. W. Little Esq.  
F. D. Barnes Esq.  
M. Kalk Esq.  
S. Schigmann Esq.  
Alex. J. Johnston Secretary

Absent:

S. M. Jones Esq.  
John Wilson Esq.

- No 1210 The Summons calling the meeting was read.  
 No 1211 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 -

Cash State

No 1212 The Cash State for the 24<sup>th</sup> May was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows:-  
 In Comrades hands Rs 8627.98  
 In Bank 15000.00

No 1213 The Cash State for the 31<sup>st</sup> May was handed round for inspection - It showed balances as follows:-  
 In Comrades hands Rs 9396.84  
 In Bank 15000.00

Memorandum

Current-acc B. Balance Rs 2071.97  
 Deposit - C - - - 15000.00  
 Shanghai Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai 31<sup>st</sup> May 1927

Appropriations. It was moved in the Forum recorded by Mr. Jones and

No 1214 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

Volunteer Fund.	Rs 100	asked for by Mr. Jones.
Storage work and material	} \$ 350	} Chairman's Exp. Recd for
Comrades		
- Do - Do -	30	Hats & Leather Belts
Position Book Iron Bridge	Rs 50	H. Esters (Surveyor) minute
Telegraph Dept: spare material	Rs 505	Ed. Printing etc
Mattings	about \$ 30.	(left-over (S <sup>1</sup> ) R.D.F. see note)

Report of the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee (vide p. 23 and daily committee) (vide Committee minute Book No 5 p. was submitted for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Purdon and  
No 1215 Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Rate and appeal  
 committee passed back to the committee at last meeting  
 of Council is now amended. be approved and passed

No 1216 A Report from the Finance Rate and appeal committee  
 (the committee minute Book No 5 page 24) was  
 received and read.

It was moved by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Purdon  
No 1217 Resolved

That the Report of the Finance, Rate and  
 appeal committee be approved and passed.

### Public Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Reports nos 318 & 319 dated 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. were  
 read, approved and passed for publication.

A Report of the Public Works Committee was read and referred  
 back to the Committee for reconsideration.

### Watch Committee.

Pundarrest. The Secretary informed the meeting that certain  
 diseased meat had been seized by his authority - &  
 the Council ratified his action.

The owners of the meat were subsequently brought  
 up at the next Com. - and fined \$10 and \$5 each  
 and the meat ordered to be impounded.

### General.

General Notification. It was decided to notify the public  
 to address the heads of Departments direct in connection  
 with matters referring to the respective Branches.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide, page 26 ante) various subjects were  
 discussed, correspondents laid on the table, considered  
 and referred to the different Committees and it

was Resolved

that the meeting be now adjourned

Chas. P. ...

Chairman

Secretary

...

Council Room

Shanghai 14<sup>th</sup> June 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Huanan Road on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June next A.D. 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Summary of Business

Summonses to be sent

minutes of last meeting to be confirmed

Cash State

Report from Committee

Tenders for Debt to be opened and allotment made

Engineers Progress Report - 7<sup>th</sup> June.

Report from Committee

Inspector of Insurance Report.

Land Regulation - Communication from Japanese and General

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

Asst Secretary

I

The Members  
of the Council

Finance

Works

Watch

General



Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General Meeting held  
on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1873.

Robt. S. ...  
 M. S. ...  
 J. G. ...  
 R. W. ...  
 M. ...  
 F. D. ...  
 E. ...  
 John ...  
 S. M. ...

Present

Council Room  
 Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> June 1873.

at the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
 Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room  
 15 Hunan Road, on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1873  
 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon pursuant to notice

Present

- R. S. Dawson Esq. Chairman
  - M. S. ... Esq.
  - J. G. ... Esq.
  - R. W. ... Esq.
  - M. ... Esq.
  - F. D. ... Esq.
  - E. ... Esq.
  - John ... Esq.
  - S. M. ... Esq.
- Edward B. Souper - Ass't Secretary.

No 1218 The Summons calling the meeting was read  
No 1219 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed  
 and signed by the Chairman and Ass't Secretary and  
 the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon  
Finance Committee.

Cash State - The Cash state for the 14<sup>th</sup> June was handed and  
No 1220 for inspection. It showed balances as follows.

In Comrades hands      Rs 6722-75  
 In Banks.                      Rs 15000

Memorandum

Cur. ofc      Dr      Rs 20171-97  
 Fixed Deposit      Cr      Rs 15000  
 Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation  
 Shanghai June 16<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Reports nos

of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June from the Finance, Audit and appeal Committee were submitted and it was moved by Mr. Pardon, seconded by Mr. Wilson and

3/12/93

Resolved

That the Reports of the Finance, Audit and appeal Committee, of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June be approved and passed for publication.

Municipal Loan - 1893 - (Doochoo Creek Bridge Loan) - vide Resolution

XIV Ratepayers meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May 1893. The tenders for this loan were opened by the Chairman and were

1. Barnes Dallas by 3 debentures @ Rs 107
2. Robt. Ferguson on behalf of Richard Maxwell      30      "      "      106
3. C. Paterson      10      "      "      105
4. Joseph Edkins      2      "      "      101-50
5. F. D. Barnes      50      "      "      101.
6. C. I. Barnes      20      "      "      101.
- 6<sup>th</sup> A. McLean      10      "      "      101.
7. Trustees Markham Memorial Fund      57      "      "      100
8. William Saunders      30      "      "      100
9. Russell Ho.      30      "      "      100
10. F. Stokes on behalf of J. B. Wilson      60      "      "      100  
 (received too late (6:30 pm. 14<sup>th</sup> inst-))
11. Power Banking Co      30      "      "      102
12. - do - do -      30      "      "      103

Allocation was made as under.

No 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. in full.

No 7.	27 allotted
- 8.	14 ---
- 9.	14 ---
- 10.	30 ---

Memoandum.

The issue has been made at a profit of Rs 334  
The average rate at which Debentures have been allotted  
is Rs 101.59 or 101<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> per debenture.

Two tenders Nos 11 172 from Messrs Pinner Hanbury  
Esq. by unanimous consent of the Council, were not  
entertained. having been delivered at the Council  
offices at 6.30 p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> inst - whereas tenders  
closed in accordance with Notification in the Public  
Papers at noon of that day  
Priority of Security. Under this head an important  
question had been raised by Messrs Pinner Hanbury  
and Co in their letter of 5<sup>th</sup> inst - <sup>Finance</sup> ~~6.55~~ which was  
read as under.

Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Wm J. Johnston Esq  
Secretary

Shanghai Municipal Council

Dear Sir,

Municipal Loan of 31<sup>st</sup> October 1872.

We beg to draw your attention to clause 6 (i.e.)  
inserted in this scrip viz.

"The property of the Municipality and the yearly  
Municipal Revenue are the security for the repayment  
of the money advanced and for the interest thereon  
&c &c &c"

In the new loan now advertised we notice the  
same security is again offered.

As representing Captain Pomeroy who was one  
of the first loan we should be glad to know  
if any provision has been made to establish the priority  
of the new loan to the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1872 issue as implied  
in the above clause; it seems to us to be a matter  
of importance both for present and subsequent holders

1877  
 In reply to your letter of 5th inst. I am directed by the Finance Committee  
 to say that no special provision appears to have been made by the Hongkong & Shanghai  
 in 1872 to 1873 to include the proceeds of any bonds to the loan of 1872 in the  
 present Commission do not feel that they would be justified in making any  
 contribution, but would be offering my opinion upon the question as to  
 in your letter is in writing to the effect that the loan was advanced by the Council in 1872  
 because the "increase to be made in accordance with the resolution of the  
 date of the meeting in 1872" is the cause of the "debt".

of Shanghai Municipal Debentures that this point  
be clearly understood

Mr. Rennie's opinion as follows:

In answer to your letter enclosing one from  
 Messrs. Bouver & Lombard containing certain queries  
 as to the debenture bonds of the Municipality. I can  
 only say that I imagine the earlier bonds issued would  
 have priority over those later issued. I shall be glad  
 if you will send me forms of the <sup>certificates</sup> ~~negotiations~~ and  
 copies of the different advertisements issued in respect  
 of them as I have not up to the present time had any  
 question relating to them laid before me.

This opinion was <sup>subsequently</sup> ~~immediately~~  
 and the Council's reply drafted by Mr. Rennie  
 were read & the views expressed concurred in by  
 the members of the Council.

Mr. Rennie had further expressed his opinion  
 in reply to the question from the Assistant Secretary whether  
 it would be advisable to attach a memorandum to  
 the back of the present issue stating that Rs 400000  
 had already been raised against the same security  
 named in clause 6. It was contained in his  
 letter of 16th inst.

Mr. Deason and Mr. Seligmann called upon me on  
 Friday in reference to the debenture question and I  
 explained to them my views on the matter very fully.

I do not think it would be desirable to add  
 to the conditions on the back of the Certificate any clause  
 which was not specified in the advertisement.

Draft at Bankers. The Council were informed of the arrangement made  
 by the Chairman vizt that the Bank is to charge the  
 Council interest at 8 per cent per annum on their  
 debit balance on current account during the next four  
 months. In other words the Bank lend the Council  
 20000 taels or whatever less sum the Council may require  
 for 4 months from this date at 8 per cent per annum.  
 The arrangement does not extend beyond that  
 time. If the Council have still a balance on their  
 wrong side on the 13th October, it will necessitate a fresh  
 understanding with the Bank.

London Agent: John Books terms for executing Council's orders.

The Finance Committee's resolution of 15<sup>th</sup> inst. approving and accepting Mr Books terms - was confirmed, the Assistant Secretary being instructed for reference and record to insert a copy of Mr Books letter of 28<sup>th</sup> March 1873 in the minutes.

4 Leine Street Square  
London March 28<sup>th</sup> 1873.

Alex: Johnston Esq  
Secretary - Municipal Council  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter no 31 of the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month I have to make the following proposals to the Municipal Council as to the terms I am willing to do the Council's work in London.

The Municipal Council finding funds in London in exchange for shipping documents my charge will be 2½ p cent. commission.

Executing orders on credit for the Council, the Council remitting me sight draft on receipt of documents 5 p cent.

In doing business on those terms I should wish it to be clearly understood that a remittance is to follow closely on receipt of documents.

Should the Council think fit to remit me in long dated bills the cost of discount to be borne by the Council, to save the delay of any reference back to England on this subject I have asked Mr H. P. Sangren (Messrs A. Dent & Co) to act on my behalf in any matter that requires attention and I bind myself to abide by any alteration he may agree to.

The charge of 5 p cent. commission on the drain paper sent out through Messrs Aspin & Co is a mistake, it should not have been so, and I credit the Council with 2½ p cent. return commission amounting to £30-1-7 which has gone to the credit of the Council as p incm<sup>d</sup> enclosed.

Should the Council think fit to accept the latter offer I have made I will be prepared to ship goods to the extent of £3000 on credit-

I am, Dear Sir,  
Your obedient servant-  
Signed, John Cook.

Charge for permits for erecting and making connection drains. In the recommendation of the Works Committee it was moved by Mr. Hudson seconded by Mr. Wilson and

No 1222 Resolved

That a charge of 10 cents per linear foot be levied for erection of awnings or sun shades, to pay for the damage done to the roads, and one of Rs 5 for supervising connection of drains - as per reports of Works Committee of 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June inst.

Land In. for Chinese. Letter Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1922 from the Chairman Council Body was read, the Council adopting the views expressed therein, as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup> That it is scarcely expedient to raise the question of the liability of Chinese proprietors to the Land Regulations in the face of the fact that the Sultan has never given in a formal adhesion thereto either for himself or on behalf of his government, and that it would appear the less necessary to agitate the subject at this moment - inasmuch as a resolution has lately been passed by the Ratepayers, in public meeting assembled, declaring the regulations to be defective for present purposes, and recommending the incoming Council to seek the aid of the Council Body in modifying and re-framing them -

And 2<sup>nd</sup> that it is doubtful how far it would be wise to place a list of the Native proprietors of Land within the limits, in the hands of the undertakers of the Native Examiners, who might be tempted to make use of the information to their own advantage

The Councils are unanimous in this opinion

with one exception, that of Mr. Jordan, who has not signed my circular.

It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Purdon and  
No 1223 Resolved

That in view of the representations made to the Council in the Consul's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> June 1873, the collection of land tax from Chinese owned property be continued on the same system as heretofore.

Note. The above resolution to be considered as instructions to the Secretary!

Advertising. It was moved by Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Little and  
No 1224 Resolved.

That in accordance with the views expressed by the Ratepayers at meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May last, calling on the Council to curtail expenditure where practicable, Municipal Notifications shall in future be confined to one local Newspaper and that for the present the North China Daily News having the largest circulation, all notifications be given to that paper.

House Assessment Committee. 1873. It was moved by Mr. Pearson seconded by Mr. Welmore and

No 1225 Resolved

That Messrs. J. Klein, J. Bonteaeger, H. Swain, R. Jergusson, W. Fisher and A. Robinson being willing to serve, be appointed members of the Shanghai House Assessment Committee for 1873 under terms of the Resolution (XVIII) passed at meeting of Ratepayers on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May last.

Finance Minutes. The Council were informed of the substance of the Finance Committee's minutes of meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1873 they called for no comment.

### Public Works Committee.

Report from Engineer of 14<sup>th</sup> June was laid on the table.

Reports from Public Works Committee No 2 of 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June

were read.

It was moved by Mr. Pearson seconded by Mr. Barnes and  
No 1226 Resolved

That the Public Works Committee Reports dated 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June be approved and passed for publication.

From These Reports - Strang up for consideration -  
Hongkong Road Extension from Shekuen to Triangle Road. It was  
 moved by Mr. Welton, seconded by Mr. Kialb and

No 1227 Resolved

That the Works Committee be authorized to take such steps as may appear necessary to carry out the engagements of previous Councils for the extension of the Hongkong Road to the Triangle Road.

Metalling Road. In reply to the question from Mr. S. M. Jones, Mr. Pearson explained that the gentlemen on the Works Committee last year delayed metalling the bund pending decision as to the Bunding Scheme and that he gathered from Mr. Pearson, Chairman of the Public Works Committee that at present there was great difficulty in obtaining granite chips.

Telegraph Department. Mr. Barnes informed the members present that in compliance with request he had seen the manager of the Great Northern Telegraph Co and found that he was quite disposed to allow one of their staff to supervise the working of the Councils lines.

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 61 of 14 June was laid on the table

Jewichshaw - Exhibition of - Mr. Inman's letter <sup>watch</sup> 609 considered Mr. Inman's proposals.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To introduce "small two-wheeled land vehicles for the purpose of enabling foreigners as well as natives to move about the Settlements with comfort and speed
2. subject to rules laid down by the Council as to



stands and rates

- 3.<sup>rd</sup> not allowed to move unless required by passengers.
- 4.<sup>th</sup> to obtain from the Council exclusive right - for ten years, subject to a certain tax to be levied by the Council

After some little discussion amongst the members as to the desirability of introducing them, the Assistant Secretary was instructed to reply in the following sense.

a. That the Council would be glad to encourage any attempt to improve communication in the Settlements

b. That they were prepared to grant - license and draw up a set of rules.

c. That they could not entertain the question of monopoly without authorization from the Ruler, and thus it was doubtful they would be disposed to grant.

Furions Riding and Driving - Mr. Barnes said his attention had been drawn to furions reckless riding by sailors in the Bond on Sunday afternoon opposite the Club. There appeared no policeman on duty in the neighbourhood and no steps to stop the nuisance. The members present agreed with Mr. Barnes that it was evident there had been several cases of furions riding in the streets of late, evidently owing to the number of men of war in harbour and that some energetic steps must be taken to protect the Community.

The Watch Committee undertook to give the subject their immediate consideration

### General

Land Regulations. Letter <sup>General</sup> 727 was read from Gen I da H. I. Japanese Consul General in China promising to obtain the adherence of his government to the Land Regulations and Private Lands of 1870, provisionally that Page Law 3<sup>rd</sup> was so far modified as to

admit the same persons (Japanese subjects) wearing swords in Shanghai as were privileged to do so in their own Country

The Assistant Secretary was instructed to reply that this <sup>class of</sup> ~~difference~~ had already been met in 1872. and for persons privileged to wear swords

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 30 anti)

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.

Robt P. Pearson  
Chairman

Howard Hooper

Assistant Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> June 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Horan Road on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June next A.D. 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes of last meeting to be confirmed & signed

Cash State

Appropriations.

Local Post Office Report to 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

Report from Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report

Report from Committee

Report from Committee

Report on proceedings.

Finance.

Works.

Watch.

Defence.

Assessment.

And to adopt such Reports Resolutions orders and other proceedings with reference thereto

as

as the Council may deem advisable.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

Asst. Secretary.

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the General  
meeting held on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of ~~May~~<sup>June</sup> 1893.

Robert Thomson  
W. S. Wetmore  
John G. Purdon  
John Wilson  
E. Seligmann  
R. W. Little  
S. M. Cross

Council Room  
Shanghai 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1893.

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room  
15 Homan Road, on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June  
A.D. 1893 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant  
to notice

Present

R. J. Deason Esq. Chairman  
W. S. Wetmore Esq.  
John G. Purdon Esq.  
John Wilson Esq.  
E. Seligmann Esq.  
R. W. Little Esq.  
S. M. Cross Esq.

M. Hall Esq.  
 F. D. Barnes Esq.  
 Edward B. Soper. Secy Secretary.

No 1228 The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read  
No 1229 The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and  
 signed by the Chairman and Asst Secretary and the  
 seal of the municipality impressed thereon

Cash State. for the 21<sup>st</sup> June was handed round for inspection  
 It showed balances as follows.

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 4245.20
In Bank. Current account.	2331.03
- Do - Deposit - - -	15000.00
	<u>21576.23.</u>

Memorandum.

Municipal Council

Current - a/c - Cr. Rs 2331.03

By Deposit - Cr. 15000.00

Strongly Their Banking Corporation

Shanghai June 21<sup>st</sup> 1893.

Wooden Bridge Sochow Creek. A letter from Messrs S. C. Farnham No  
 780 of 21<sup>st</sup> inst was read - asking for Rs 5000 on account  
 It had been submitted to the Engineer with following  
 remark.

Referred to Engineer allowing  
 for old Bridge Rs 7500  
 and present application 5000

They will have received 12500

"Does the work done permit of paying the above"

To which the Engineer replied "yes" on this  
 appropriation made. (vide appropriation Book)

Appropriations It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Wetmore and  
Resolved

that the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned  
 New Bridge. Sochow Creek. Rs 5000  
 S. C. Farnham Messrs Contract. Rs 5000

Local Post Office Report no 453 of 10<sup>th</sup> inst was read

mat shed for ponies referred to therein. Mr. Purdon thought there was accommodation at his stables for two or three ponies to which the Council were welcome & would see, and inform Mr. Purdon.

Public Works Committee.

Report from Committee for week ending 21<sup>st</sup> June 1873 was referred back for further consideration. The Report having reached the Committee too late to admit of their going into it thoroughly General Permit for Shanghai Gas Company. A letter <sup>was</sup> read from the Gas Company.

Shanghai Gas Company  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> June 1873.

Sir,

The system at present adopted of having to obtain a permit signed by three officials of the Council on every occasion that the Gas Company require to open the ground often causes delay in the execution of the Company's work and sometimes occasions great inconvenience and loss.

I am therefore instructed by the Directors of the Company to ask should there be no objection on the part of the Council, for a general permit to the Gas Company to open the ground when they require to do so - it being of course understood that the Company give the Municipal Council in each instance at the earliest possible moment notice of where such opening is being made.

The object of the permit being to enable the Gas Company's employees to work at hours when the Municipal Office may not be open.

Awaiting your reply.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant

signed W. G. Mead

Alex J. Johnston Esq  
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Eng. & Secty.

The Council were in favor of meeting the Gas Company in their request. The question arose in connexion with this matter how far the granting of permit would interfere with Bye Law XVII which provides that the Council shall cause any building, hole or other place near any street to be repaired, protected or inclosed so as to prevent danger therefrom.

After some discussion it was resolved and

instructions issued accordingly to the Assistant Secretary to refer the draft of permit to Mr. Rennie for his opinion  
Wells Bridge. Mr. Purdon Chairman of the Works Committee informed the Council that the public appeared to disregard the notice that the bridge was unsafe for carrying traffic. The Engineer had been instructed to close it. He explained that the more immediate danger arose from the rottenness of the flooring through which a pony might put its foot. The Council approved action, remarking that the inconvenience to the Public of having only one point at which to cross the Creek would be merely temporary as the new wooden bridge it was anticipated would be opened in the course of a fortnight.

Permits for smshades - and making connection drains - after a few explanatory remarks in the sense of the Works Minutes under this heading on 18<sup>th</sup> instant vide page 95. Committee Minute Book, it was moved by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Edgemma and  
No 1230. Resolved

that the resolution passed by the Works Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> inst substituting a charge of \$2 per Chain Course in the case of granting permits for smshades, in lieu of the charge of 10 link cuts resolved upon at meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> inst, be approved and hereby confirmed.

Woodsong Road Company - A letter <sup>20th</sup> 741 from the Company was read replying to the Council's letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst as follows:-

Council's letter 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1913

Woodsong Road Co's reply

The Council will be glad if you will afford them information & on the following points

1<sup>st</sup> The names of promoters and Directors of the Company.

2. What they propose to give the Municipal by for the concession

1. The names of the Executive Committee of the Company are Messrs R. B. Johnson, S. Brown and A. A. Hayes Jr

2. We are anxious to deal quite fairly with the Municipality and would ask them to state their own views as to the terms

Council's letter - 2<sup>nd</sup> June/13

3. Supply plans. sections (particularly of rails) and drawings particularly of passenger and goods trucks
4. Gauge and width (outside) of carriages

5. Such reports as may be in your possession

6. Names of Roads within the Municipal limits it is now proposed to carry the lines, also the situation of Depots

7. Number of cars it is proposed to run. The number of hours in a day and the intervals of time between

Woodrow Road Co's reply.

or royalty which they desire to fix. bearing in mind that the enterprise will be a tentative one and that they desire to have it as little burdened as possible

3/4. The carrying of goods forms no part of our plans. and the design of the passenger carriages will be a matter of experiment.

as it will be most important that the gauge of the road should conform to that of possible outside connections and it is therefore difficult to fix it definitely at the present time.

We would suggest that in recommending the Rulerangero to grant a concession the simplest course would be to fix maximum limits and lay down such stipulations regarding laying of tracks & so might effectually guard the public interests.

5. We have no collection of reports that would compare in completeness with those procured in Europe by your Secretary.

6. We are anxious to choose a route which will cause as little inconvenience as possible while at the same time it serves our immediate needs and affords a practical demonstration (as we are convinced that it will) of its utility thus opening the way for extended lines.

The cars as near as can be

We are now engaged in negotiations with property owners from whom we hope to secure the right of way from the Souchon Creek at the end of Roman Road to the Maloo without touching existing roads. Should we accomplish this, we shall probably ask for a single line of rails up the Maloo to Crossak Road and a double one thence that end to the Yangtze River. We shall also apply for a line (in single track) on the Souchon Creek Road from a point opposite the end of Roman Road to the other bank and down the Broadway to the Yangtze River.

It now only remained to appoint the Committee in accordance with resolution 1211 passed at last Ratepayers meeting, to consider and report on the scheme.

Some conversation ensued as to whether the Council should form a part of the Committee - the members being of opinion that it would answer every purpose if two of the Council were represented.

It was moved by Mr. Barnes seconded by Mr. Kault. &

No 1231 Resolved

That the Chairman and Vice Chairman represent the Council on the Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the plans and proposals of the Wasing Road Company.

It was moved by Mr. Jearns seconded by Mr. Pardon and

No 1232 Resolved

That the following gentlemen be requested to act as a Committee of Ratepayers to consider and report on the plans and proposals of the Wasing Road Company -

Sir Ed. Hornby and Messrs. [unclear]



Bill Forbes, Corwell, Coates, Mackie, James Elliot,  
Franklin, Hyslop, Ball and Dwyer with the Chairman  
and Vice Chairman of the Council

Some discussion arose as to the rights of the  
Municipality to grant any concession as to which there  
was evidently room for doubt - as remarked by Mr. Mackie  
at Ratpayers meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May last - it was  
ultimately moved by Mr. Little seconded by Mr. Seligmann and

181233 Resolved - with one dissentient -

That - Mr. Rennie's Opinion be asked, as legal  
adviser to the Council, as to the rights of the Municipality  
to grant the concession asked for by the Wreathing Road  
Company -

#### Watch Committee -

Report from Inspector of Nuisances No 62 of 21<sup>st</sup> June 1893 was  
read and contents noted.

Report from Committee for week ending 21<sup>st</sup> June was read, in  
connection with which it was moved by Mr. Seligmann  
seconded by Mr. Hudson and

181234 Resolved

That - The Report of the Watch Committee  
for week ending 21<sup>st</sup> June 1893 be approved and  
passed.

Furrow, a Reckless Riding & Driving of The Asst. Secretary read out Mr.  
Excessing horses and ponies Rennie's opinion on the Resolutions  
referred to in the report under this head.

#### Mr. Rennie's Opinion.

I do not think it would be advisable to adventure to  
two resolutions you enclose as passed by the Watch  
Committee this morning relative to riding, driving and  
breaking horses within the Attachment. I much doubt  
whether the Council have power absolutely to prohibit  
the breaking in of horses and ponies within the  
limits or to withdraw a Riding Stable Passes because  
because he may do so. The greatest length to

to which I think the Council could safely go in such case would be to summons the offender under Bye Law ~~XXXV~~ (if his conduct amounted to furious or improper driving) and to warn him that his license might not be renewed. As regard to furious riding or driving generally the offence is under the Bye Law a civil one punishable on summons by a fine of \$10 and the offender should not be apprehended or arrested by the Police unless his conduct be absolutely dangerous to the public or unless the Police cannot ascertain his name and address. The Superintendent of Police must exercise his discretion in the matter and I think the only intification which should be published in the newspapers would be one to the effect that

In consequence of numerous complaints from the public of frequent instances of furious and improper riding, driving and exercising horses and ponies within the limits of the Settlements the Council have determined to enforce rigidly the provisions of Bye Law ~~XXXV~~ against all offenders

Mr. Wetmore Chairman of the Watch Committee explained to the Council that it was after full consideration the Watch Committee had not carried out Mr. Rennie's suggestion but had published the resolutions in the papers. in this it appeared to them there could be no harm. they felt that to check the evil at which the resolutions were directed the Council must run some risk of overstepping their authority and should the Council Body and the Community were at one with the Council in taking strong measures they need not stop to try the question of their legality until an occasion arose.

The Council entirely agreed with Mr. Wetmore and confirmed the Watch Committee's action.

### Defence Committee

Report from Committee - contained little matter of importance and was not submitted.

Report on trial of Henry Martini Carbine by Capt-Dunn was read and noted (vide Committee M. B. No 5 p 89) and the Council informed that the Rifles were being tested.

By...

### Assessment

Report - containing substance of proceedings at 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (vide Committee M. B. No 5 page 75) was submitted and approved.

### General

Revision of Land Regulations & Bye Laws 1870. In reply to the question from a member, Mr. Seaton informed the Council that the first meeting between the Consular Body and the Committee of Ratepayers had been fixed for Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> inst at 2 o'clock.

Reports from Committees. It was arranged by unanimous consent that unless any important subject should come up for discussion - Reports should be made up monthly.

Register of Attendance having been signed. (vide page 40 anti) 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

Ralph H. Johnson  
Chairman

Edward B. Soupe  
Asst. Secretary

Council Room  
Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> June 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Hwanan Road on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Appropriations

Cash State

General Municipal Rate - Shanghai Gas Co - Letter from

Dues on Merchandise - owing by P. & O. Co

- do - China Steam Navigation Co.

Mr. Naas. Interpreter - as to renewing agreement

Tax on British Consulate Buildings - Joint-Letter from

Council and Chief Judge.

Works Committee - Engineers Progress Report.

General Permit Gas Co. to be submitted for approval.

Watch Committee - Inspector of Insurances Report - No. 63.

General - Revision of Land Regulations. - Other Ratepayers to be invited to serve on Committee in place of those who have refused

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

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Asst Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the General meeting held on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1893.

John C. Pardon  
Moses

W. S. Wetmore  
 M. Kratt  
W. S. Wetmore

Council Room

Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> June 1893

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Roman Road on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1893 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon pursuant to notice

Present:

R. J. Pearson Esq. Chairman

J. G. Pardon Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

R. W. Little Esq.

E. Scheinmann Esq.

M. Kratt Esq.

F. D. Barner Esq.

Edward B. Souper - Assistant Secretary

Absent:

W. S. Wetmore Esq.

J. Wilson Esq.

XV 1235- The Summons calling the meeting was read

XV 1236- The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Assistant Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

## Finance

Appropriations - Spare telegraph material supplied by Mr. J. D. Bishop - Rs 505<sup>00</sup>

Mr. Pardon Chairman of the Works Committee stated that he had examined the invoices in Mr. Bishop's possession and found the account was made up thus

Material - £105-10-8

charges 25% 26. 7. 8.

131-18. 4 2 6/-

Profit 15%

Rs 439-66

65-94

505-60

deduct overcharge on 1 falsified iron wire drum } £1-12-2 1/2  
1 set stretching tackle  
3 Pns cutting pliers

5-33

500-33

and it was remained for the Council to say whether the payment of the whole amount should be sanctioned. The Works Committee had enquired into the matter and found that whatever instructions Mr. Bishop had received to order out the goods, were verbal.

Some discussion then followed upon the irregularities in the account under notice. The Council were strongly opposed to the principle of any person in their employ making a profit on goods ordered for the Municipality or of any articles being purchased without written sanction previously obtained.

It was ultimately moved by Mr. Pearson seconded by Mr. Pardon and

40 12 31 Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned

Telegraph Department - Spare material - Rs 505-60

Less 7 1/2% Commission is 32-97

.. overcharge £1-12-2 1/2

5-33

38-30

Rs 467-30

Cash State The Cash State for the 28<sup>th</sup> June was handed round for inspection.

It showed balance as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands

Rs 3454-18

In Bank - deposit

15000-00

18454-18

Do Current account

Overdrawn

608-97

17785-21



he intended to dispute the claim as the persons passing the goods were residents beyond Municipal limits viz in Poole - that the goods were simply passed from ship to ship in the harbour and did not therefore in any way derive any benefit or protection from the Municipality.

He had before made the same statement to Mr. Johnston the Secretary and proposed that the point at issue be submitted for opinion of Sir Edmund Hornby. This was really how the case stood.

The Assistant Secretary with the permission of the Chairman begged to explain the position in which he found things as from Mr. Barnes statement - some blame might be attributed to him for not representing these facts to the Council.

In an important matter as that under discussion he had gone into the correspondence himself and found that on the 8<sup>th</sup> February the Council demanded payment of account - No 21196.

That on the 10<sup>th</sup> idem the P.T.O. Co replied declining to have any thing to do with the account - that on the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> in accordance with minute of Finance Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February, the Secretary had written to the P.T.O. Co calling attention to foot note requiring payment within 14 days. also Councils letter of 17<sup>th</sup> March

~~P.T.O. Co reply of 18<sup>th</sup> idem~~. This was all that he could find officially recorded and he presumed therefore from Mr. Barnes remarks that a semi-official letter had been written to Mr. Johnston in the sense previously alluded to and such letter had not come into his possession and he could only judge therefore from the correspondence - in the official registers -

This explanation was considered satisfactory.

Mr. Barnes then urged that expense on both sides might be saved by submitting the question for opinion of Sir Edmund Hornby. The Council were not in favour of this course at the time. The question raised was most important in more ways than one and they thought that the case and decision should be made public for guidance of other people, if it should be found impossible for the Council to come to terms with the



P.T.O. Co. It was evident - duties were being evaded by goods being passed by persons resident outside the limits, for firms and other residents in the settlement a course which did affect and threatened still more to do so, the Municipal Revenue and if not checked it would be undoubtedly the duty of the Ratepayers to consider some other means of raising funds for municipal requirements.

It was decided therefore that the Assistant Secretary should write on behalf of the Council asking what the intentions of the P.T.O. Co were and in the event of their continuing to dispute the claim, whether they had any good reason to put forward that the case should not see and for all be settled in Court.

China Steam Navigation Company (Messrs Butterfield & Swire agents) - The Assistant Secretary stated that this firm declined to pay dues on goods passed through the Customs in their name as agents of the above Company on the ground that they have no authority to pay such dues.

It was decided and instructions issued accordingly to the Assistant Secretary to write and ascertain clearly what the grounds were for deferring payment.

Staff --

Mr. Haas, Interpreter - a letter <sup>7m</sup> 348 referred from the Finance Committee (vide C. M. Book No 5 page 122.) asking for a permanent agreement for three years or more.

Mr. Haas Chairman of the Finance Committee remarked that they had considered the nature of the appointment and were doubtful whether it was necessary to employ an Interpreter at a fixed salary of Rs 1000 a year.

It was evident to the Finance Committee it was neither practicable nor advisable to make a permanent engagement with a gentleman situated as Mr. Haas was, already in the employ of the Austrian Government and liable therefore to be removed at any time.

In reply to the question from the Chairman the Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. Haas' duties

consisted of checking Chinese contracts, translating Chinese documents addressed to the Council such as petitions, proclamations & tenders and when necessary arranging with Chinese for purchase of land for new roads.

The Council after a few remarks later it thought Mr. Haas' most important duties lay more directly in connexion with the Works Committee and requested that they report as to the necessity of obtaining a permanent Interpreter, which Mr. Purdon undertook to furnish.

Taxes on H.B.'s Consulate and Supreme Court. a letter in <sup>Fin</sup> 002

from Mr. Medhurst and Sir Edmund Hornby, was read protesting against 'the Supreme Court and Consulate' which constitute one complete and undivided building having been separately assessed at a rental for the former of Rs 1500 and for the latter of Rs 3000, and that this estimate of value had moreover been arrived at as far as they were ~~was~~ aware without reference to them.

The Assistant Secretary informed the meeting that he had referred to previous correspondence and found that the assessment rental of Rs 3000 on H.B.'s Consulate had been arranged between the Council and Mr. Consul Manchester and confirmed by Mr. Haas to Mr. Peking (Sir Rutherford Alcock) in 1866 (for particulars of correspondence & vide minute no 138). That it was a nominal rate instead of Rs 6000 or Rs 7000 the fair market value at that time for such premises for renting, every consideration being given to the argument used by Mr. B. Haas himself in despatch of 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1866 to Mr. Manchester "that a distinction should be made between property permanently dedicated to public and beneficial use in which the Community share and that held by private individuals" the Council remarking in their letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> March that they could not allow the settlement of taxes (incurs in 1866) to pass in any way as a precedent it being still open in future to question whether the receipt of fees and Registration Tax may not do away largely with the view that H.B.'s Consulate is dedicated alone to public purposes.

The assessment (No 1500) on H.B. No Supreme Court (attached to the Consulate) the Assistant Secretary added was made by the Council but without reference to H.B. No Government - the taxes had been regularly paid from the first (January Quarter 1872) on that assessment - exception being taken only when tax note was presented for the current quarter.

Further the Assistant Secretary had submitted the letter under notice to Mr. Bunn the Councils legal adviser for an opinion on the points raised. That gentleman had merely remarked that he differed from the views expressed by Mr. Medhurst H.B. No Council and Sir Edmund Hornby and that it remained entirely with the Council to decide whether they should meet these gentlemen or hold out for full taxes.

The Council were of opinion that as a matter of policy it was advisable not to fight with H.B. No Government <sup>for No 90 a year</sup> and as a means of settling the present difficulty instructed the Assistant Secretary to reply that the Council would intimate to the assessment Committee to assess the building containing H.B. No Consulate, H.B. No Supreme Court and offices as one block and that whatever assessment they made the Council would see to what the premises contained to be occupied as offices. At the same time further instructions were given to Mr. Saper to make known the sense of this minute to the assessment Committee and to suggest that they would so far co-operate by placing a nominal assessment say Rs 500 to cover the building above referred to.

### Works Committee.

Haaf King Pung Creek - Mr. Seaman suggested to the members of the Works Committee the desirability of occasionally digging out the mud from this side of the Creek - it would tend to facilitate traffic greatly. Mr. Purdon took note of Mr. Seaman's remarks.

Engineers Progress Report - no 323 of 28<sup>th</sup> June 1873 was read and noted.

General Permit - Shanghai Gas Company - Draft permit from Mr. Bunn was submitted and slightly altered by the addition

of the following words at the end of Condition 10 -  
 "until 3 hours after notice of such opening having been made has been received by the Municipal Engineer."

It was then moved by Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Smith and

No 1238 Resolved

That a general permit be granted to the Shanghai Gas Company on the following conditions.

- a. That such openings be made only for purposes of repairing Company's mains and pipes.
- b. That any and all damages done to -
- b. That notice of any such openings being about to be made or (in cases of urgency) having been made, shall be given forthwith to the Municipal Engineer.
- c. That any and all damages done to any of the Roads consequent upon any such openings shall be repaired forthwith by, or at the expense of the Company.
- d. That the Company shall be held solely responsible for any damage or injury arising or happening to any person or persons in consequence of any such openings having been made, until 3 hours after notice of such openings having been made has been received by the Municipal Engineer.
- e. That the permit be withdrawable at the pleasure of the Council.

#### Watch Committee.

Report from Inspector of Nuisances No 63 of 26<sup>th</sup> June was read and noted.

Yang King Pang. Mr. Seligmann drew attention to the heaps of garbage and other refuse accumulated in heaps on the Yang King Pang, more especially near the Kiangse Road.

Mr. Pardon on the other hand remarked that <sup>when</sup> he has been in the neighbourhood on the same day and he was not inclined to think that any <sup>was</sup> before or after Mr. Seligmann and he noticed nothing offensive.

The Assistant Secretary said that this could be explained by Mr. Pardon's Inspector of Nuisances' having

in Report for 1871-72 p 29 - he says "the roads are no more swept than the Chinese street - more garbage." and again in Report 1872-73 p 45 he writes "great difficulty is experienced in keeping the roads clean, they are no sooner swept and the garbage removed than the Chinese begin at once to throw garbage into the road, in many instances even before the cart is out of reach of their doors."

### General.

Washing Road Company. In lieu of those gentlemen who had declined to serve on the Committee to consider and report upon the proposals of the Company, it was decided to ask Messrs. Sedhurst, F. D. Mitchell, W. A. Jumbull, U. G. Wood, W. Wans ~~and~~ W. Saunders to serve.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 50 ante), Yamins 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

Robt. T. Pearson

Chairman

Edward B. Storer, Jr.  
Asst. Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 5<sup>th</sup> July 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Amoy Road, on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Summary of Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance - Appropriations  
Cash state.

J. M. Rate - Shanghai Gas Co. - Resolution at Nanking meeting to be considered.

Messrs. Chandize - China Navigation Co (Butterfield & Swire) - Letter from to be read and decision come to.

Local Post Office - Report of S.D. Hume.

Works.

General Permit - Shanghai Gas Co. - Letter agreeing to Council's conditions.

Gravite clips - Orders to be submitted and approved.

Bonding S.S. Co's property east of the English Dock - Agreement to be submitted for approval.

Watch Committee. - Inspector of nuisances report -

Japanese wearing swords - Letter from Japanese cons.

Revised Bye Law XXXIV - Letter from A.B. his Council intimating A.B. his Minister's approval.

Hendrickshaw - Proposal from French Municipal Council. Police - Letter from Chief Engineer Shanghai Fire Dept in connexion with services of Police at premises of St. Barn's premises.

General. - Housing Road Company - Committee to be appointed.

Legal advisers' Opinion as to right of Council to grant the concession - to be read.

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

Wm. Becking.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at the general meeting held on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1892

John A. Gordon  
Robt. Thomas  
W. H. Watson  
J. H. Reeves  
E. J. ...  
W. White  
Miss ...  
Alford

Council Room  
Shanghai 7<sup>th</sup> July 1893.

At the General meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 10 Roman Road on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1893 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon pursuant to notice.

Present-

R. J. Pearson Esq. Chairman

D. S. Wetmore Esq.

J. G. Purton Esq.

F. D. Barnes Esq.

E. Seligmann Esq.

R. W. Little Esq.

M. Kall Esq.

S. M. Jones Esq.

Edward B. Cooper. Asst Secretary

Absent-

John Wilson Esq.

No 1239 The Summons calling the meeting was read

No 1240 The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst Secretary and the seal of the municipality impressed thereon

Finance Committee

Cash State for the 5<sup>th</sup> July was handed round for inspection.

It showed balances as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands Rs 2880-14.

In Bank's deposit 15000.00

17880-14

Bank's account overdrawn 126-34

Rs 17733.80

Special Municipal Rate - Shanghai Gas Company - A letter <sup>Fin</sup> 882 was read from the Company asking for Councils receipt for f. m. Rate for ~~October~~ Quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1893. No. 51  
In connexion with this, the question arose

as to the resolution passed at Ratepayers meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. Mr. Fearon stated that those interested in the question on the part of the Gas Company (Sir Edmund Komby, Mr. F. B. Forbes, Mr. J. G. Purdon & others) he had reason to believe were prepared to deny that the portion of Resolution (No. VI) authorising the raising of funds for current municipal year contained the words under head of General Municipal Rate and including Rs 1000 leviable on the Gas Company and further that Mr. Medhurst the Chairman of the meeting had no recollection of the resolution in its amended form having been read. It would appear therefore that it was the original resolution in which the Ratepayers had voted, though doubtless under the impression that it embodied Rs 1000 from the Gas Company. The explanation in his mind was that during the discussion at the meeting, Mr. Johnston (Secretary M/C) had inserted the words in the margin and that by an oversight the Chairman of the meeting had omitted to put the resolution to the meeting in its amended form and that it had been passed to the Secretary of the meeting (Mr. Soper) thus altered and had been recorded in the official proceedings of the meeting.

After considerable discussion on the subject it was decided to reply that the tax was under consideration of the Council.

Dues on Merchandise - China Navigation Co (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire agents) A letter <sup>7/11</sup> 880 was read in reply to the Councils <sup>7/11</sup> 773 stating that their reasons for declining payment of the dues on goods passed through the Custom House in their name as agents of the Company were "that the business of this Company is not conducted on the English Settlement and is not within your jurisdiction, that it never uses the wharves or landing places of your Municipality for the loading or discharging of goods & further that it pays to the French Municipal Councils



a Wharfage Tax for the privileges obtained from that concession.

The Council decided to obtain the legal advisers opinion before taking any further action in the matter the Assistant Secretary being instructed to invite Mr. Rennie to attend next meeting of the Finance Committee for the purpose.

Peninsular & Oriental S. N. Co. - Steamships. The same course to be pursued as in the case of the China Navigation Co.

Assessments. H. B. Ho's Consulate and Supreme Court. The Chairman suggested that in the absence of Sir Edmund St Aubrey this matter should stand in abeyance until he returned from Chefoo, H. B. Ho's government being addressed in terms of minute passed on 30 June 1876 (page 56 ante). In the meanwhile Mr. Fean would explain to Mr. Medhurst H. B. Ho's Consul how matters stood.

The suggestion was approved of.

Local Post Office Report - to 30<sup>th</sup> Ultimo. is  $\frac{210}{874}$  was read

Pillar Boxes. In reply to the questions in the report the Council thought there was no necessity to place more and decided to not to extend the system at present.

### Works Committee.

General Permit Shanghai Gas Company. A letter  $\frac{2016}{897}$  was read from the Gas Co agreeing to the conditions stipulated by the Council (vide page 57 ante) and further the Secretary of the Company writes "For their own security as well as to enable the Police to satisfy themselves that no unauthorized persons are opening the roads under pretence of being employed by the Gas Company - the Directors have instructed me to furnish our workmen while at such work with pocket-tablets or badges signed by me, which are to be shown to the Police or other Municipal Officers when required."

The communication was noted and its contents approved.

Shanghai Gas Company. Injury to mains. Letter <sup>22/10/876</sup> was read, confirming the understanding under which claims for damage to mains & leakage laid at the Council's door, will be entertained in future viz "that in future when any question arises as to the damage to the Company's mains from work being carried out by the Council or neglect or carelessness of their employees, the same shall immediately be enquired into by the respective Engineers of the Council and Gas Company and the amount of damages - if any - settled upon by them subject to the approval of the Council and Directors of the Gas Company."

Granite Chips. Tenders were submitted from - (<sup>22/10/875</sup>)

1. Tsen. Hsu. Chang.
2. Tsue. heng. tai
3. Hsu. Shun. Ho. Kee.
4. Lu. Cho. Kee.
5. A. J. Limby Esq

and the Engineers recommendation is <sup>22/10/875</sup> of 400 is considered. It was then moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Barnes and

No 1241 Resolved

That Tsen. Hsu. Chang's tender is £20 (one hundred thousand) per ton to supply 10,000 (Ten thousand) tons granite chips, be approved and accepted.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Co's property east of Hongkong Creek

The following agreement was submitted, approved and confirmed by resolution moved by Mr. Kern seconded by Mr. Purdon and

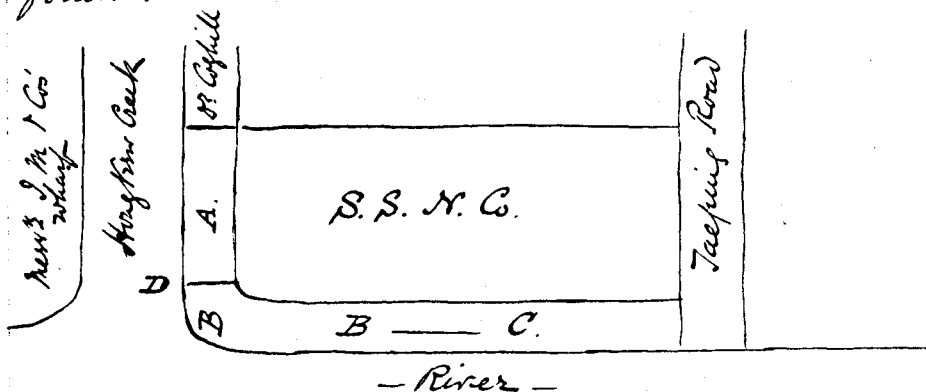
No 1242 Resolved

That the understanding between the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co and the Municipality as arranged verbally between Mr. Conyell and Messrs Russell Esq in 1872 relative to the S. S. N. Co's property east of the Hongkong Creek and now confirmed

by arrangement between Messrs Russell Ho and the Works Committee of the present Council, be approved and accepted.

Memo relating to the S. S. N. Co's property East of the Hongkong Creek.

The understanding between the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company and the Municipality as arranged verbally between Mr. Conyell and Messrs Russell Ho in 1872 and now confirmed by arrangement between Messrs Russell Ho and the Works Committee of the present Council, is as follows.



1. That the Council should build and fill in A in conformity with the building in front of Dr. Coghills property.
2. That in consideration thereof the S. S. N. Company shall now make over to the public the road A. The present width of this road is to be 21 feet 6 inches but it is agreed that whenever the godowns of the S. S. N. Co. abutting on the road are pulled down & rebuilt (or need repairs rendering the change possible) they shall be moved back by the S. S. N. Company from the road at least 3 ft 6 inches from the present line so as to give a clear roadway of 25 feet.
3. That the S. S. N. Company shall build B-C, filling out to the shore line indicated by the

Council's Engineer in conformity with the general  
 bunding scheme brought out by the Council.

4. But whenever called upon to do so, by the  
 Municipality the S. S. N. Company shall make  
 over to the public the road B-C (forty feet wide)  
 up to Jaeping road in consideration of their  
 being reimbursed by the Municipality - at that  
 time for the cost of the bunding and filling in  
 aforesaid (B-C)

5. In the meanwhile, however, it is understood  
 that the Municipality will not claim the road  
 B-C until they can make arrangements for  
 its continuance eastward of Jaeping Road;  
 and that until then Messrs Russell & Co may  
 if they deem fit close the road communicate  
 to the public between A and B by a gate  
 at the point D or thereabouts.

Shanghai July 1<sup>st</sup> 1893.

(signed)

Russell & Co

Agents Shanghai Steam Nav. Coy.

(signed)

John G. Purdon

Chairman Public

Works Committee.

Yang King Pang. Mr. Purdon Chairman of the Works Committee  
 said with reference to the remarks made  
 Mr. Seaton at last meeting of Council, he found  
 on enquiries that until the weather was cooler  
 it was dangerous to move the mud and refuse  
 in the Yang King Pang Creek

### Watch Committee.

Inspector of Nuisances Report - his letter of 4<sup>th</sup> July read & noted.

Japanese wearing swords. ~~See~~ a letter <sup>with</sup> <sub>803</sub> from Inspector

Ida H. J. J. his Council General was read, informing  
 the Council that in Japan persons who belong  
 to the samurai class (or shi-yoku) are entitled  
 to wear swords, with a very few exceptions.

persons who were in the service of the late Princes etc belong to this class, but they are also privileged at their discretion to wear swords, whether they are in office at the time or not.

Merchants, tradesmen, farmers etc do not belong to this class and are consequently not allowed to wear arms.

The Council were satisfied with this communication and decided not to require Japanese carrying arms, to register themselves at the Police Station.

Opium Laws - Revised Opium Law XXXIV. A communication <sup>839</sup> ~~was~~ from H.B. his Consul was read notifying that H.B. his Minister at Peking had signified his approval of Revised Opium Law XXXIV affecting the sale of opium and drinks at Shanghai and of a license to be issued to persons engaged in the sale of commodities that may be so described and conveying on the part of H.B. his Minister his regret at having allowed the reference made to him to remain so long unanswered.

Jim-ick-shaws - The Chairman submitted proposition from the French Municipal Council placed in his hands by their Chairman D<sup>r</sup> Galle, regarding licenses to two-wheeled hand vehicles or Jim-ick-shaws. It ran thus:-

Proposition of the French Municipal Council submitted by their Chairman D<sup>r</sup> Galle verbally to Mr. Pearson, regarding licenses for two-wheeled hand vehicles or Jim-ick-shaws.

That with the view of encouraging the introduction of improved means of locomotion in the two settlements the two Councils shall hold themselves in readiness to issue licenses to carriages of the above description on the following conditions.

They reserve to themselves the right of granting them only to responsible parties, native or foreign, who could be dealt with satisfactorily in case of complaint.

for infringement of traffic regulations &c. So that  
 and no licenses shall be issued for a smaller  
 payment as fee to the municipality than 20 shillings  
 per month for each license, but each license so issued  
 shall authorize the person taking it out to run  
 any number, not exceeding one hundred, of these  
 vehicles; subject to whatever regulations may be  
 found necessary by the Council.

That for the present neither Council proposes  
 to issue more than 5 licenses (covering 500 vehicles)  
 but they may increase or diminish the number  
 whenever it seems expedient in the public interests  
 and in such case would endeavor if possible to  
 act in concert with each other.

Police regulations to be agreed upon between  
 the Watch Committees of the two Councils

There appearing no disapproval on the part of the  
 members present, it was moved by Mr. Fearon  
 seconded by Mr. Seligmann and

No 1243. Resolved

That the Council approve of an experimental  
 issue of licenses to two-wheeled hand vehicles or  
 "fin-veh-shaws" on the basis of Dr. Gall's proposition  
 and that the Watch Committee be authorized to  
 communicate with the French Municipal Council and  
 arrange details with them on that basis.

Instructions were issued to the Assistant Secretary  
 to inform the Councils decision to the French Council  
 and request them to fix a time and place to meet  
 the Watch Committee of this Council and arrange details.

Salvage from Guardian Assurance Office. A letter <sup>7.12</sup>/<sub>806</sub> from the  
 Chief Engineer S. F. D. was read, handing report of a  
 fire at No 8 Portland Terrace on 21<sup>st</sup> May last - in  
 the occupancy at that time of Mr. Burr and suggesting  
 that as the fire had been put out at its outbreak  
 solely by the police, the "Guardian Assurance Co" who  
 had a risk of £2000 on the contents should be



Council Room  
Shanghai 19<sup>th</sup> July 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Human Road, on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of July 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Summary of Business

The Summons to be read

The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance

Cash State

L.P.O. Report

Census

Mr Maas. Interpreter - as to continuing services

Works

New wooden Bridge - Special Report

Dutch

Inspector of Nuisances Report

Firing of Crackers - Mess<sup>rs</sup> D'Almeida & Co and

F. & B. Johnson's letters

Defence

Martini Heavy Rifles, as to opening  
improved ranges, appointment of Capt. Gore Booth to command  
Manning Road Company - Is Participants meeting to  
be called for 12<sup>th</sup> August 1873.

General

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

Wm. D. Johnston

Register of attendance of members of Council at the General  
meeting held on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of July 1873.

Robt. T. ...

W. White

John C. Pindson

John W. ...

M. ...

M. ...



Council Room  
Shanghai 21<sup>st</sup> July 1893

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1893 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to notice

Present:

R. J. Pearson Esq. Chairman  
J. G. Purdon Esq.  
J. Wilson Esq.  
R. W. Little Esq.  
M. Ball Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.

Edward B. Soper. Asst-Secretary.

Absent:

W. S. Wetmore Esq.  
F. D. Barnes Esq.  
E. Seligmann Esq.

The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash State

No 12111 The Cash State for the 19<sup>th</sup> July was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades hands	Rs 2429.35
In Bank Deposit	15000
" Current-account	5320.77
	<u>Rs 22756.12</u>

Local Post-office Report -  $\frac{210}{943}$  - 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July/93 was read.

The L.P. Office and Cook's rooms to be colored and whitewashed as recommended by Local Postmaster.

Dues on merchandise - China Navigation Co. - Mr. Pearson communicated the views of the Finance Committee

at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> inst. (vide C.M. Book No. 5 p. 145) recommending that some understanding should be come to if possible with Messrs. Butterfield & Swire as had been made with Messrs. Russell & Co agents of the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co.

The Council concurred in adopting this course Mr. Pearson undertaking to see Mr. King of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

Census.

The following items compiled by the Capt. of Police was laid before the Council

Census Average

English Settlement-	47,754	
Employed in Foreign Kings	4687	
Boat population in Swichow Creek	}	8390. 00,820-
Sampans and vagrants-		
 Hong Kong.	15090	
Employed in Foreign Kings	887	
Boat population, Beggars Camp	1563	17,542
	Total	78367
Foreigners including sailors &c		2000
	Total	<u>80367</u>

Mr. Purdon regarded this an average census - remarking that on the last occasion returns had been procured from each Foreign Householder.

In reply to the question from a member the Asst. Secretary stated that he had been given to understand by Mr. Penfold that the information had been gathered through various sources quietly as on the previous occasion there was a reluctance on the part of Chinese to afford the information required and difficulties were further thrown in the way of obtaining it. Mr. Penfold was inclined to think that the figures might be taken as fairly correct. Mr. Haas - Interpreter, Mr. Purdon Chairman of the Public Works Committee communicated the conclusion come to by the Works Committee (vide

Staff.

C. N. Book No 5-p (60) viz that with a very competent Chinese Linguist in the Engineers office, the Department under their charge did not require that the Foreign Interpreter should be permanently engaged.

whereupon after a few remarks it was moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Wilson and

No 1465 Resolved

That the question of retaining Mr. Haas in the Councils employ be left to the Finance Committee with the expression of opinion on the part of the Council that the services of a permanent Interpreter do not appear to them, necessary.

### Works Committee

Bridges. New Wooden Bridge. Lochun Creek. Engineers  
Special Report - <sup>works</sup> 818 of 25<sup>th</sup> June was read reporting that ravins of the piles used for the new bridge were split but they having been securely bolted he did not in his opinion at all interfere with the durability of the structure as the splits were all many feet above high water line.

The Works Committee informed the meeting that it had been proposed to remove the split piles but found that there were none to be had to put in their place. They had further satisfied themselves that the Bridge was durable and safe

A reference was made to the arrangement made with Messrs S. C. Samhan & Co from which it appeared they undertook to build the bridge with Singapore Hardwood (Singapore Malaya wood) but a member was of opinion that the Bridge was not built of such wood.

The Works Committee were requested to look into the matter

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report - <sup>watch</sup> 950 of 15<sup>th</sup> July

Firing of Crackers. F.H.B. Jenkins and Messrs Olyphant & Co's letters dated Nos 911 & 927 were read. The Council were surprised at the contents of these letters and expressed a very decided objection to their tone.

Much discussion ensued in connexion with them, the feelings of the Council were divided one being in favor of a summons, others of allowing the matter to drop; on the other hand whilst the standing instructions to the Police were modified at Chinese New Year to permit of Chinese firing Crackers for 10 or 12 days continuously it was a question whether as a matter of equity the same privilege should not be extended on the 4<sup>th</sup> July - to this there was the counter reply that the Chinese regarded the firing of Crackers a religious ceremony and if prevented the effect might be to drive them from the Settlement. Whilst with foreigners it was only to be supposed they were more amenable to reason and did not expect to be placed on a par with the Chinese in this respect.

With a view to avoiding complications with an important and large portion of the Community (the Americans) it was ultimately concluded to ~~enter~~ let the matter drop at present and not to enter into further correspondence but to leave on record for the guidance of succeeding Councils the existing Council's protest and views.

#### Defence Committee.

Rifles. Capt-Brewers letter of 19<sup>th</sup> July read. It was left to the Defence Committee to decide as to what was to be done in the matter of the 26 Martin Henry rifles, referred to as unserviceable.

It was decided further to leave it to the Adjutant General and Officers of Companies whether to issue the new arm before the soldiers still out - the number of 179 were returned into the Ammunition.

Mounted Rangers. Promotion - E. H. Gore Booth to Lieutenancy -

Capt Dennis letter  $\frac{D.C.}{782}$  of 20<sup>th</sup> June stating that Sergt Gore Booth had been unanimously proposed by the members of the Corps since Lieut. H. S. Bidwell resigned.

It was moved by Mr. Pearson seconded by Mr. Huxes and

No. 1246. Resolved

That Sergeant - E. H. Gore Booth be promoted to be Lieutenant of the Mounted Rangers since Lieut. H. S. Bidwell resigned.

General.

Wabung Road Company. It was decided on Sir Ed. Hombly's return from Chefoo to represent to the Committee appointed to report on the plans and proposals of the Company, that Resolution No. ~~XXX~~ Ratepayers meeting required the Report to be in the hands of the Ratepayers by 12<sup>th</sup> August next.

Finance Committee.

Dues on Transhipments. Peninsular & Oriental S.S. Co. The Chairman (Mr. Pearson) stated that the Finance Committee had met Mr. Romie on the subject. Mr. Romie was inclined to think that the Council had every chance of gaining a case in Court - and if agreeable to the P. & O. Co he advocated the facts of the case being laid before the Chief Judge, Supreme Court for his opinion whether the Company were liable for the dues in question in the strict letter of the law.

The Chairman had at the same time received a semi-official letter from Mr. Barnes, Agent of the Company advocating that the question be not pressed as on referring the point in dispute to another legal gentleman the latter had stated as his opinion that the Council had no grounds for the claim whatever.

The point to be settled therefore in justice to the Ratepayers and those who recognised the Land Regulations and paid Dues on transhipments

Should the case be made public? In the event of an adverse decision the revenue would suffer to the extent of Rs 6000 to 8000 and it would be incumbent to raise money from some other source; besides argument in Chambers or submitting the case for private decision, in the opinion of the Council could not fail to be made public, so that with the exception of the cost, the result would be the same as a public case. Was it not the better course to have the question settled in due form so that the Ratepayers might know exactly how they stood.

The Council were generally in favor of meeting the question boldly, and decided as a preliminary measure to inform Mr. Barnes that the Council were prepared to do anything that was reasonable to arrive at an amicable settlement. Mr. Deason undertaking to see that gentleman and report for the information of Council at next meeting.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 69 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

Robt. P. Fearon

Chairman

Edward B. Soreffer  
Assistant Secretary

No 127.

Council Room

Shanghai 26<sup>th</sup> July 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Huan Road on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of July inst. 1873 at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Business

- The Minutes to be read
- The Minutes to be confirmed and signed.
- Finance - Cash State.
- Report from Committee to be submitted.
- Agreement: ~~Dr. Dawson~~ Mr. Dawson's agreement for signature
- Works - Report from Committee to be submitted.
- Monthly Report from Engineer
- Engineer's Report - No 326 of 19<sup>th</sup> July 1893.
- New Wooden Bridge. For Chow Creek. Special Report -  
by Committee
- Telegraph Lines - Mr. Bishop's scheme and tender to be  
considered
- Watch - Report from Committee.
- Inspection of Nuisances Report - No 67.
- Houses of Entertainment } as to licensing  
Samshoo row }
- Lock Hospital. To be temporarily use as Chinese  
Hospital
- Mi-nick. Shaw. Proposal by French Council
- Defence - Report from Committee
- General - Report on General matters
- Shanghai Mi Dept. Letter from Chief 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

Edwards's Son & Co.

Asst. Secy.

To the members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at general meeting  
held on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1893.

Whitte  
Phillips

Robt G. Thomson

W. J. Watson

John G. Pardon

John Nibby

John Nibby

Council Room  
Shanghai 28<sup>th</sup> July 1873.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Homan Road, on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to notice.

Present.

Robt J. Pearson Esq. Chairman  
 W. S. Wetmore Esq.  
 John G. Purdon Esq.  
 E. Schjmann Esq.  
 John Wilson Esq.  
 R. W. Little Esq.  
 S. M. Moses Esq.

Edward B. Souper. Asst Secretary.

Absent: Messrs J. D. Barnes and M. Peab.

- N<sup>o</sup> 1247 The Summons calling the meeting was read  
N<sup>o</sup> 1248 The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash State } The Cash State for the 26<sup>th</sup> inst was handed round  
N<sup>o</sup> 1249 } for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-  
 In Comrades' Hands Rs 3029.44  
 In Bank - Deposit. 15000.  
 " Current account - 6413.98  
 Rs 24443.22

Report from Committee N<sup>o</sup> 4. was submitted. It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Moses and  
N<sup>o</sup> 1250 Resolved

That the Report of the Finance and Appeal Committee for month ending 21<sup>st</sup> July 1873 be approved and passed for publication.



Monthly Report from Engineer (No <sup>works</sup> 979) was read and passed for publication.

Engineers weekly Report - No 326 of 19: inst - was read.

Bridges. Loochoo Creek. New wooden bridge. The Works Committee informed the Council that in accordance with request at last General meeting (vide page 72 ante) they had enquired into the matter and found that <sup>(no contract had been made for the work but that)</sup> so far as they were aware the bridge had been built in accordance with the terms contained in the correspondence that had passed between the Council and Messrs S.C. Jamman & Co on the subject (vide Contract No 325)

name of new bridge. Referred to Works Committee to suggest.

Traffic. Decided to issue notification requiring drivers of carriages &c to slow down to a walk when passing over the new bridge and that all wheelbarrows go over "wills" bridge so long as it exists.

Free Ferry. The Works Committee were requested to enquire into the ground of complaint made by the Chinese against the Ferry. Most of the objections which had been brought forward such as its being too low and making the water course too narrow and shallow &c &c appeared to bear with more justice on the stone bridge with which the Chinese were quite satisfied.

The advisability of removal and mode of utilizing the pontoons &c to be left with the Public Works Committee.

Hoosung Road Company - Committee to report on plans &c. The following gentlemen had consented to serve on the Committee Sir E. Hosely, J. P. Dromby, G. W. Carter, A. Mackie, Mrs Kedar, H. Dreyer, R. J. Seaman, W. S. Wetmore, W. G. Dumbell, W. H. Madhurst, A. G. Wood, E. W. Bull, St. Evans.

The Asst Secretary was directed to call a meeting of this Committee on Wednesday next at 9 a.m. at the Board Room, and to write Mr. Haas Secretary of Hoosung Road Co. to furnish all the information he can.

Roads. Tree broken by Mr. Bigby's trap. It was decided in this instance not to enforce payment of \$5 (see Councils letter 583 of 26: July) but to request Mr. Bigby to arrange with the Engineer for replacing the tree.

Road through Mount Thorne P<sup>no</sup> property in Hong Kong. Mr. Pearson and Mr. Purdon decided to go and see what could be done.

Telegraph Lines. Mr. J. D. Bishop. It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Wilson and

No 1257. Resolved

That Mr. J. D. Bishop's proposal (contained in his letter and Memorandum of 17<sup>th</sup> June 1873) to supervise work and maintain the Council's telegraphic lines throughout the Settlement as "Telegraph Engineer" to the Council on a salary of Rs 60 (sixty Rupees) per mensem be approved and accepted for 2 years, and that an agreement between the Council and Mr. Bishop be executed upon that basis.

It was further decided that in drawing up Mr. Bishop's agreement a special clause be inserted with reference to long leave of absence.

Report from Public Works Committee No 5. was submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. Pearson and

No 1252 Resolved

That the Works Committee's Report for month ending 21<sup>st</sup> July 1873 (No 5) be approved and passed for publication.

### Watch Committee

Report from Committee No 3, was submitted. It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Moses and

No 1253 Resolved

That the Report of the Watch Committee for month ending 21<sup>st</sup> July 1873 be approved and passed for publication.

Inspector of Nuisances Report No 67 was read

Licenses. Houses of Entertainment } The Watch Committee's  
Sanctos Shops } views as to licensing,  
(vide Cont. Min Book No 5 p 177) were communicated to the Council. It was then moved by Mr.

Deason seconded by Mr. Purdon and  
N<sup>o</sup> 1254 Resolved

That the Watch Committee's recommendation with reference to licensing the Native sunshoo shops and foreign houses of entertainment, be approved and authorized to be carried into practice.

Lock Hospital. Temporary use of as Chinese Hospital. It was moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Seligmann and  
N<sup>o</sup> 1255 Resolved

That Dr. Johnston's (medical officer of the Chinese Hospital) application for the temporary use of the Lock Hospital be granted.

Co-operation of French Council. The Asst. Secretary was requested to circulate the correspondence which had passed with the French Council on the subject of the establishment of a Lock Hospital.

Jin-ick-shaw. Proposal from French Council. The Watch Committee's recommendation (vide C. M. Book N<sup>o</sup> 5 pages 180/184) was approved and accepted. It was moved by Mr. McClure seconded by Mr. Purdon and  
N<sup>o</sup> 1256. Resolved

That the rules and regulations submitted by the French Municipal Council in their letter (<sup>dated</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> July 1873) for the control of Jin-ick-shaws, proposed to be introduced into the Settlements be approved and accepted, with the addition of a further condition that a tariff of fares be agreed upon by the two Councils.

A Member drew attention to the unsafe condition of many Chinese houses and the slight way in which they were run up.

Decided that the Engineer report such buildings he considers unsafe and that Bye Law ~~XX~~ be enforced

### Defence Committee

Report from Committee N<sup>o</sup> 2 was submitted.

It was moved by Mr. Deason seconded by Mr. Little and  
Resolved

N<sup>o</sup> 1257 Resolved

That the Report of The Defence Committee for month ending 21<sup>st</sup> July 1893 be approved and passed for publication.

General.

Land Regulations Committee. The minutes of the first meeting of this Committee (vide Printed Reports Book page 11) were read and noted.

Shanghai Fire Department. Mr. Bletchens resignation from post of Chief Engineer. Letter from him  $\frac{2.0}{9.15}$  read.  
It was moved by Mr. Jearns seconded by Mr. Wetmore and

N<sup>o</sup> 1258 Resolved

That the Council regret the unavoidable resignation by Chief Engineer Bletchen of the position which he has so ably filled during the past seven years and desire that the thanks of the Municipality be recorded and communicated by the Secretary to that gentleman for his successful exertions in bringing the Fire Department to its present high state of efficiency.

Land Assessment Committee. The gentlemen mentioned in the following resolution having consented to serve, it was moved by Mr. Jearns seconded by Mr. Wetmore and

N<sup>o</sup> 1259 Resolved

That Messrs A. A. Trauers, R. Francis, H. A. Lambell, J. W. Kingsmill, J. S. Pembly and J. E. Heyden, be appointed a General Land Assessment Committee.

Works.

Bridges. "Wills". It was moved by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Wilson and

N<sup>o</sup> 1260 Resolved

That tenders be invited for the purchase and removal of "Wills Bridge".

Finance.

Dues on Merchandise: Peninsular & Oriental S. N. Co. - Mr. Stamm said that Mr. Barnes still desired that the case should not be pressed. Stamm showing the P. O. Coy's case was read. After discussion as to whether the case should be submitted to Sir E. Hornby, or not, a division was taken showing

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Noes</u>
W. S. Wetmore Esq	R. J. Stamm Esq
S. M. Moses Esq	E. Seligmann Esq
J. Wilson Esq	J. G. Pardon Esq
R. W. Little Esq	

The ayes having a majority of one, the question to be submitted to Sir Edmund Hornby.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 76 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  
W. S. Wetmore,

Edward Moser  
Asst-Secretary.

Sec. Chairman

No 1261.

Council Room  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> August-1873

Sir,  
I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15 Huanan Road, Shanghai on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of August-1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance - Cash Statement.

Works. Bridges across Yangtze River - Decision of Works Committee to be communicated.

Watch. Inspection of Nuisances Report.

Letter from Chairman Council Body - as to taking precautionary measures against outbreak of Cholera 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  
Stewart & Co. Secy,  
Asst Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of members of Council at the general meeting held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of August-1893.

H. S. Wetmore  
W. G. Pardon  
John C. Pardon  
J. H. Wilson  
E. Seligman

M. S.

White.

Council Room  
Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> August-1893

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15 Hunan Road, on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August-1893 at 8.30 a.m. pursuant to notice

Present

H. S. Wetmore Esq. Vice Chairman in the Chair  
J. G. Pardon Esq.  
W. G. Pardon Esq.  
J. H. Wilson Esq.  
E. Seligman Esq.

S. M. Jones Esq.  
R. H. Little Esq.

Edward B. Somper. Asst-Secretary.

Absent-

R. J. Keown Esq.  
F. J. Barnes Esq.

No 1261. The Summons calling the meeting was read  
No 1262. The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman and Asst-Secretary and  
the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash State for the 2<sup>nd</sup> August was handed round for inspection  
No 1263. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 2422.77
In Bank. Deposit	15000.00
Do Current- <u>etc.</u>	<u>7365.18</u>
	<u>Rs 24787.95</u>

Dues on Merchandise. Council v Buckhaster. claim for Dues. The  
Asst-Secretary upon the question being put to him by a  
member, explained that this case was at present  
waiting decision of the German Council - that owing to  
the death of Mr. Paul Wentzel at the time the suit  
was initiated, some considerable time had been lost  
before another Council had been appointed. He had  
been given to understand by Mr. Johnston that the  
present Council wanted a compromise made - stating  
as his reason that the German Government at home  
had not given in their sanction to the Land Regulation  
and in Court of law he might be bound to decide  
against the Council for part of their claim - but  
to this the Council had been opposed.

This was how the case stood at present.

The Asst-Secretary was instructed to ask Mr.  
Rennie to take steps to obtain a settlement.

L. Heard to. The Asst-Secretary explained that  
Messrs Heard & Co would not pay dues until a nuisance

(a corner of private alley used as a urinal) had been abated. Asst-Secretary instructed to take steps to have the nuisance attended to.

Local Post Office: Mr. Purdon drew attention to the wretched condition of the L.P.O. premises. The Asst-Secretary said this matter had already received attention in his report from L.P.O. for August: just received, in which the Local Postmaster recommended fewer deliveries during the day at the outer districts, and this the Finance Committee would deal with at their next meeting.

### Works Committee

Bridges - Yangtzing Pang Bridges - Bund - Speichen Road - Konan Road. Mr. <sup>Purdon</sup> ~~Seaton~~ Chairman of Works Committee informed the Council that in the opinion of the Engineer the bridges across the Yangtzing Pang at these points were in an unsafe condition and should be replaced by new bridges. The French Council had been addressed on the subject asking their co-operation. Their reply <sup>works</sup> had been received late on Saturday - it had not yet come before the Works Committee. Mr. Purdon simply confined himself to reading the letter for information of the members present - pending a further report from the Works Committee.

"Wells Bridge" The meeting was informed by Mr. Purdon that tenders for purchase and removal of this bridge had been received from Chinese, translations of which - up to Saturday at noon - had not yet been sent by the Interpreter. The tenders were very poor so far as he could see.

"Garden" Bridge. It was decided before confirming the name of this Bridge by resolution to reconsider the matter at a future meeting.

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Staircases Report no 68 of 1<sup>st</sup> August/75.



Cholera. Precautionary measures. - The following correspondence was read.

Watch dated 29<sup>th</sup> July/73 - from Chairman Council Body  
1035  
a. reporting existence of Cholera at Bangkok & Singapore  
b. urging on the Council the adoption of increased sanitary precautions

c. suggesting the expediency of flushing the drains in the Chinese and Foreign Quarters of the Settlement.

Watch dated 2<sup>nd</sup> Augt from the Council in reply to above  
925  
a. suggesting that H. E. the Sartai be urged to extend Quarantine so far as to prevent vessels from suspected Quarters approaching nearer than the Lightship or the Beacon until they can show a clean bill of health

b. that a system of quarantine should apply to vessels coming from any part in China seas, south of Foochow.

c. undertaking to adopt immediate measures to obtain increased sanitary precautions.

d. Enclosing copy letter to Harbour Master in same subject  
watch to Harbour Master. asking co. operation by strict enforcement of existing harbour regulations or by devising others if necessary. and enquiring whether in the case of the "Friendship" arrived from Bangkok the day previous, the Harbour Regulations of 1869 had been acted upon and what was the condition of the crew and passengers.

In connexion with these Reports were read

from Dr. Henderson - Health Officer. watch of 2<sup>nd</sup> Augt  
1054  
advocating flushing of drains at short intervals -  
that roads and alleys in both Settlements should be swept daily, Sundays not excepted.

The appointment of another Nuisance Inspector to assist Mr. Nones.

The division of the Settlement into districts and appointing for each a visiting Committee.

That nuisances should be summarily dealt with under Bye Law ~~XXX~~.

That the public be notified of such an intention and invited to point out existing faults.

Limewashing of houses.

Drawing attention to overcrowding of houses and inhabitants in Chinese Quarter and expressing an opinion that under existing circumstances he feared little could be done efficiently for their improvement.

From Engineer <sup>10/53</sup> 1053, as follows: -

Engineers Office

Shanghai 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1873.

To the  
Public Works Committee  
Gentlemen,

In reply to your Board order of yesterday afternoon I beg to report upon the questions as follows  
1<sup>st</sup> The state of drains and how you would propose flushing them.

I have every reason to believe that the foreign built drains, or rather Municipal drains, are in good working order and have little or no deposit. The native drains and private house drains are often quite useless for their purposes and are mere deposits of filth, although I think that any deposit that may be in them at present must - owing to the long continued drought - be nearly solid. I have not seen any reports of the Health Officer but my impression is that if you attempt to flush or scour these drains at present, you will stir up the now nearly solid mass allowing the escape of noxious gases and driving the remaining filth into the larger Municipal sewers where during the dry weather it would I believe again form itself into a deposit as I do not think we have adequate means at command to provide sufficient water to properly scour our main sewers. Take for an example the Kangse Road sewer, the smallest portion of which is of the following section (1.6) - To scour this properly water ought to be constantly supplied so as to keep the sewer at least half full, for say at least one hour. The quantity of water required to circulate would be 410 cub feet or 2562 gallons per

minute.

Note. Many suggestions have been made by non-professional men on the desirability of placing flood gates at the mouths of the main sewers confining the water at high tide and liberating it at low. This course I cannot recommend, nearly all of the native and private drains are above the ordinary high water line so that the water would not reach into those parts that require the most cleansing, and the scum would only (on opening the gates) be created at the sewer mouths where it is not required; at the same time a great risk would be run of bursting the drains in any weak places during the confining of the water.

There are manholes at short-distances apart; to all the drains and sewers (municipal) which can be opened for flushing at any part that may be desired.

2<sup>nd</sup> Any other measures you think will assist the Council in improving the sanitary condition of the Settlement.

Although this I think is a question that comes more directly under the officer of health. I would beg to suggest:-

That no attempt at present be made to flush i.e. scour the drains of the settlement but that disinfectants be placed in all sinks, cesspools and entrances to drains, and a free use be made of lime-wash in all alleyways, back courts and yards of native and foreign houses and that the staff of the Nuisance Inspector be greatly increased so that each house and private drain may be thoroughly and constantly examined.

3<sup>rd</sup> That districts you think require most-attention first-

In the English and Hongkong Settlements the districts requiring most attention are the Louza, the upper part of Canton Road and the back shums of  
Hongkong.

Hong Kong

I am, Gentlemen,  
 Your obedient servant  
 (signed) E. H. Oliver.

From Inspector of Nuisances (vide his paper 160). Remark  
 as follows:—

Referring to the letter of Mr. Consul Medhurst regarding precautions against Cholera, I beg to state that similar attention is paid to the alleys in the back part of the Settlement as is paid to the Road in the Foreign portion of the Settlement— a larger quantity of garbage is always to be found in the alleys from the fact that they are so thickly inhabited and garbage is continually being thrown out. I think little or no danger can be apprehended from this cause as the garbage is removed daily. I believe the great source of danger is to be apprehended from dirty stagnant water and the accumulation of street sweepings deposited at present on low land on the old Race Course to the amount of about sixty cart-loads per day (in July 1850 loads)— a large proportion being refuse of water melon, it decomposes rapidly when exposed to the hot sun. I think this garbage should be covered over as quickly as possible with earth, large quantities of lime and charcoal being used with it. I would suggest that if possible the garbage be removed out of the limits of the Settlement, also that all Pigs kept by natives be removed the same distance from the Settlement— they being kept in such a filthy state. Pigs are kept by some foreigners but are in more airy situations and if kept clean are not likely to prove dangerous.

There are some dirty corners and places in the Settlement which should be drained and filled in, — these I could point out to the Engineer better than to describe them on paper.

(signed) John Hower  
 Inspector of Nuisances.

D<sup>r</sup> Henderson having attended by invitation said that as far as he knew, it was doubtful whether the Asiatic cholera was prevalent in Bangkok or Singapore. He was inclined to think that it was choleraic diarrhoea which attacked natives more or less at this season of the year and which from proper precautions or treatment proved in many instances fatal in a short time but he had not heard of any foreigner having died from it. There had been a great deal of choleraic diarrhoea during July in the city and there had been many deaths in consequence but it was now getting past the time when the disease was so violent and beyond taking the steps he had suggested he did not think there was any cause for alarm.

Latrines. Before leaving D<sup>r</sup> Henderson drew attention to the state of private latrines - they were injurious to the health of persons residing in the neighbourhood and he urged very strongly that the owners should be called upon to keep them in a thoroughly good condition if the Council were not in a position to insist on their removal altogether.

Mr. Purdon Chairman of the Works Committee here explained that the previous Council had made strenuous efforts to obtain sites for more public latrines but were unable to secure one owing to the opposition of property owners to sell any land for the purpose. It was just possible therefore that if the private latrines were removed, the Council would be in a worse position than before.

D<sup>r</sup> Henderson then withdrew.

after a few remarks amongst the members of the Council during which Mr. Seligmann pointed out that he feared the Consul for France would not act in concert with other Consuls, nor submit to the Sanitary guarantees, French vessels, it was left to the Health Committee to take such steps and to deal with existing nuisance as they deemed necessary.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 83 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

Edward B. Souper  
Asst Secretary

W. S. V. ...  
Vice Chairman

No 1264.

Council Room  
Shanghai 9<sup>th</sup> August 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15-Hunan Road on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1873. at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance -

Cash State

Appropriations

Works -

Engineers Report -

Report from Committee as to controlling building of Chinese Houses and requisite drainage in connection with Prof Law VIII

Watch -  
General -

Inspector of Nuisances Report.

Report from Committee to consider plans and proposals of Wusung Road 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

To the members  
of the Council.

Asst Secretary

Register of Attendance of members of Council at general meeting  
 called ~~held~~ on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1873. - adjourned  
 till 14<sup>th</sup> August 1873

W. Wetmore  
 J. G. Purdon  
 John White  
 John Wilson  
 M. Moses  
 Moritz Kalb

Council Room.  
 Shanghai. 11<sup>th</sup> August 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
 Council Room 15 Noman Road on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>  
 August 1873 at 8.30 a.m. pursuant to notice

Present.

W. S. Wetmore *vice* Chairman in the Chair  
 J. G. Purdon.  
 E. Seligman

E. P. Souper. Asst Secretary

Absent.

R. J. Fearon. Chairman  
 S. M. Moses.  
 F. D. Barnes  
 J. Wilson  
 R. W. Little  
 M. Kalb.

Upon the Meeting assembling, the Assistant  
 Secretary regretted that it was his painful  
 duty to inform the Council of the death that  
 morning at 4 a.m. of their Secretary  
 Mr A. J. Johnston.  
 The Members present thereupon decided to adjourn.

but before doing so authorized the Municipal  
 offices being closed till the morning of the  
 13<sup>th</sup> met as a mark of respect to Mrs

Johnston and passed the following resolution,  
 "That the Council desire to record their deep  
 regret at the loss which they have sustained  
 by the death of their much valued Secretary  
 Mr. Alexander John Johnston, and take this  
 opportunity on behalf of the Community of  
 Shanghai and themselves of testifying to  
 the very courteous, able, zealous and thoroughly  
 satisfactory manner in which that gentleman  
 performed the duties entrusted to him since he  
 joined the Council's service in July 1863. a  
 period of 10 years, and that the Chairman  
 of the Council shall convey on behalf of  
 his colleagues their sympathy with her widow  
 and family in their bereavement."  
 The Meeting then adjourned.

Council Room.  
 Shanghai. 14<sup>th</sup> August 1873

at the General Meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
 Council Room 15, No. 15, Road, on Thursday the  
 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1873. at 8.30 a. m pursuant  
 to notice

Present.

W. S. Wetmore. Vice Chairman in the Chair  
 E. Seligman  
 R. W. Little  
 J. G. Purden.  
 J. Wilson  
 S. M. Moses  
 M. Hall.

E. B. Souper. Asst. Secretary.



Absent.

R. J. Teason  
J. D. Barnes.

No 1264 The Summons calling the Meeting was read  
No 1265 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed &  
signed by the Chairman and Assistant Secretary  
and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

Cash Stat. for 9<sup>th</sup> August was handed round for inspection  
No 1265

Works Committee

Engineer's Report No. 329. of 7<sup>th</sup> August 1873 was  
read and noted.

Mr Purden informed the Meeting of what had been  
decided on at ~~Meeting~~<sup>Works</sup> Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> inst with regard  
to Bridge across the Yang-king-pang referred to  
in Report submitted.

Also that instructions had been given to Engineer  
to have Telegraph Wires carried over Garden Bridge  
on Pickets instead of on Poles as usual - which  
was generally approved.

Trains on Private Properties. As referred to by Bye  
Law VIII, the following report by the Works  
Committee was read.

"Gentlemen, a recommendation to the Works Committee  
has emanated from the Water Committee that  
Bye Law VIII, attached to the Land Regulations  
should be acted upon with a view to maintaining  
a sound sanitary condition in the Settlements  
and to preventing so far as possible the  
overcrowding of Chinese houses, so frequently  
alluded to by the Health Officer in his various  
reports, as detrimental to the health of the  
inhabitants.

The Works Committee understand that the Water  
Committee desire to see the condition of the Bye

Law enforced generally, but more especially, with regard to the construction of Chinese Houses. The Bye Law in question states "That it shall not be lawful to erect any house <sup>or to rebuild any house in</sup> ~~in~~ the Settlement, until a drain or drains be constructed of such size and materials and at such level and with such fall as upon the report of the Surveyor, made to the Council, shall appear to be necessary and sufficient for the proper and effectual drainage of the same and its appurtenances: such report to be made within fourteen days after notice is given to the said Surveyor of the proposed erection or rebuilding &c."

Your Worths Committee are equally anxious to take any steps and co-operate with the Natch Committee in improving the Chinese quarter of the Settlement but regret that they regard the provisions of the Bye Law as impracticable without entailing on the Municipality a very heavy outlay.

As will be seen by reference to the Bye Law the "report of the Surveyor is to be made fourteen days after notice is given to the said Surveyor of the proposed erection", but the Bye Law does not state who is to give the notice of such erection - nor inflict any penalty for not giving such notice; this in itself renders the Bye Law inoperative, but the Worths Committee will presume for sake of illustration that it falls within the duty of the Police, which however is never done, to report to the Engineer (or Surveyor) that new houses are being built from time to time. - The Bye Law requires that the Engineer should report to the Council what appears to him "necessary and sufficient for the proper and effectual drainage of the same and its appurtenances" - this would necessitate a survey and require more attention from the Council's staff than they can reasonably be expected to give. it would in short require

an addition of one or two competent Surveyors to attend especially to the works. On the other hand it may be said that these services would be chargeable to the persons building. The Works Committee fail to see what authority the Council have to make an arbitrary charge of this nature. It is the Council's duty, in terms of the Bye Law to see that properties are properly drained and it is moreover their duty to afford every facility to property owners to drain their houses &c.

Again the Works Committee cannot lose sight of the fact that the Council are bound to construct Municipal drains in districts from which a great portion of taxes are derived for the purpose, - it appears unreasonable to expect that owners of property will allow their land to be vacant and to be unprofitable until the Municipality has afforded them the means of drainage. The property holders are left two courses to pursue:

- a. Either to go to a great deal of expense in connecting with Municipal Sewers not within one hundred feet of the property,
- b. or, to draw into a cess-pool.

The first course the Committee think the Council will admit would be avoided in the majority of instances - and, the second if adopted as a system the Works Committee are of opinion would prove a great if not a greater nuisance than the one that the Water Committee are now desirous of dealing with, and moreover is rendered impracticable as the Bye Law stipulates that the cess-pool must not be within one hundred feet of any other house. The Bye Law undoubtedly gives the Council great power to deal with the question, but that power the Works Committee must admit they fail to see can be judiciously and fairly exercised without the Council coming forward equally energetically to assist property owners - fulfil

that there is no reluctance on the part of private individuals to cooperate with the Council. Such assistance the Works Committee will conclude by remarking will cost the Ratepayers more than they are in a position to lay out for some time to come.

The Works Committee take this opportunity of informing the Council that it is their intention on the approach of cooler weather to examine the state of the drains in the back part of the Settlements, with a view to ameliorating their condition, but at the present season it would be most unsafe to open drains.

In conclusion the Works Committee would suggest that in future whenever any assistance from the Works Department or measures to be taken by the employes of Engineers Department are requisite to the carrying out of plans of any other of the Council's Committees, the same be communicated to the Works Committee and not directly to the Engineer, as in this latter case it is very likely to conflict or interfere with orders from the Works Committee, and is not in accordance with established usages.

In connexion with it Mr Moore explained that so far as the instructions to the Engineer were concerned the Watch Committee understood the Council at Meeting on, 14<sup>th</sup> Augt, left it with the Watch Committee to take what precautionary steps appeared to them necessary to prevent the introduction of Cholera and that being a special case they understood that the services of the whole of the Council's staff were placed at the disposal of the Watch Committee for the purpose, the object being an object on an emergency of the kind and it was to be expected that instructions they gave should be acted on with as little delay as possible.

Further in view of the Report now before Council that it was impracticable in a great measure to control building of Chinese Houses without proper drainage he strongly urged that the Report be published as the Works Committee so far as the provisions of the Bye Law VIII concerned them were ready to make it apply, but as it appeared their hands were tied it was necessary to let the community know the fact.

Mr. Wetmore's suggestion was generally approved. After some considerable discussion as to how far the requirements of the Bye Law could be carried out, it was resolved, "that the Works Committee be instructed to take such measures under Bye Law VII with reference to erecting houses as may be in their power, and issue a notification that for the future intimation of any proposed buildings should be given to the Council by parties intending to erect the same."

Garden Bridge. - It was proposed by Mr. Little seconded by Mr. Wilson, and resolved, that, "the new Bridge over the Locks and Creek shall be called the Garden Bridge."

Wills' Bridge. Mr. Purdon informed the meeting that the Works Committee after considering the matter had decided to recommend that the Bridge be removed. - he moved, and was seconded by Mr. Wilson, "that Wills' Bridge be removed and sold, Shen Juen's tender to purchase and remove it for \$600.00 being accepted for the purpose."

Mr. Wetmore thought the price obtained very small and that the Bridge might be made use of in the construction of other works.

In reply Mr. Purdon stated that the Engineer considered that the lumber was rotten and not

worth using for Municipal purposes. -  
The resolution was then put and carried. -

Watch Committee.

The Inspector of Nuisances Report having already been circulated for information of the Watch Committee was taken as read. -

The Health Officer's remarks regarding Piggeries and Latrines read and noted. -

The Assistant Secretary informed the meeting that the Proprietors of Piggeries had been called upon to keep them in a clean condition and failing their complying with the regulations would be summarily dealt with. -

General Business.

Woosung Road Company. The report having been previously circulated amongst the members it was resolved "that the Report by the Special Committee of Ratepayers on the Plans & Proposals of the Woosung Road Coy together with minutes and correspondence referring thereto be published and circulated amongst Ratepayers in accordance with Resolution 881. passed at General Meeting of Ratepayers on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May last." -

No 1268

and further decided to have a Ratepayers Meeting to consider the Report, Plans and Proposals of the Company on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> provided it was convenient to the Promoters of the Company. -

Mr. A. J. Johnston's death. - Mr. Purdon said he had been requested to convey to the Council the sincere thanks of Mrs. Johnston for the mark of respect paid by the members at the funeral of her husband and the assistance they had kindly afforded in connection with the last Offices performed. -

Register of attendance having been signed (vide page 92 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. -

No 1269.

Council Room  
Shanghai. 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 1874.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room, 15 Nnow Road, on Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1874, at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Business.

Summons to be read.

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Cash State.

Engineer's Report

Inspector of Markets

Inspector of Nuisances

Letter from <sup>Council</sup> Council

Letter from French Council

Letter from Mr. Medhurst

Secretaryship

M<sup>r</sup> Blatche.

And to adopt such Reports Resolutions

Orders & other proceedings

with reference there

to as the Council may deem advisable.

I am Sir,

Your Obedt Servant.

To the Members of the  
Municipal Council.

Asst. Secretary

Finance  
Works  
Water

General

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
General Meeting called for Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1873.

Robt D. Pearson  
John A. Purdon  
John Wilson  
R. W. Little  
a  
Samuel Kell  
S. M. Laves  
M. Kell

Council Room  
Shanghai 25<sup>th</sup> August 1873

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room  
15 Hunan Road on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August  
1873 pursuant to notice.

Present:

R. D. Pearson Esq. Chairman

J. G. Purdon Esq.

J. Wilson Esq.

R. W. Little Esq.

M. Kell Esq.

S. Seligman Esq.

S. M. Laves Esq.

E. B. Soper. Asst. Secretary.

Absent:

W. S. Wetmore Esq.

F. D. Barnes Esq.

No 1269

No 1270

The Summons calling the meeting was read

The minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed  
& signed by the Chairman and Secretary and the seal  
of the Municipality impressed thereon.



Finance Committee.

Cash State - The Cash state for the 23<sup>rd</sup> August was handed round  
N<sup>o</sup> 1271 for inspection. It showed balances as follows:

In Comptroller's hands	Rs 1850-15
In Bank: Deposit	15000.00
Current-acc	<u>10087.56</u>
	<u>Rs 26937.71</u>

Works Committee.

Engineers Progress Report No 331 of 21<sup>st</sup> August - was read  
Municipal Buildings. Mr. Purdon Chairman of the Works Committee  
 stated that he had heard that the resolution N<sup>o</sup> 11 passed  
 at Ratepayers meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May last was  
 intended to prevent any others besides an architect  
 competing for the best design for municipal buildings.

In him it was evident that this was never intended  
 when the resolution was passed. He therefore moved  
 - seconded by Mr. Wilson

N<sup>o</sup> 1272. That in the opinion of the Council the word  
 "Architect" in Resolution N<sup>o</sup> 11 passed at Ratepayers  
 meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May last does not exclude any  
 competent person from competing

Carried nem. con.

Further, in connexion with Municipal Buildings  
 conversation ensued as to the necessity of providing  
 all the accommodation covered by the specifications

Mr. Seaman moved, seconded by Mr. Hoos and it was

N<sup>o</sup> 1273 Resolved

That the specifications for new Municipal Buildings  
 be referred back to the Works Committee for modification  
 if necessary.

Application from the Engineer. Mr. Oliver, requesting to be  
 allowed to compete in designs for Municipal Buildings

The Council decided to grant, provided the work  
 did not interfere with Mr. Oliver's municipal duties.

Wusung Road Company - Mr. Deason stated that Mr. D. B. Johnson had called upon him and requested on behalf of the Promoters of the Company that the special meeting of Ratepayers proposed to be convened for 16<sup>th</sup> September next - might be postponed indefinitely, partly because Mr. Hayes was absent but more especially because of difficulties that had arisen with the Chinese Authorities.

After a few remarks amongst the members it was moved by Mr. Moses seconded by Mr. Seligmann &

No 1274 Resolved

That at the request of the Wusung Road Company the Ratepayers meeting to consider their plans and proposals for a tramway be postponed pace die.

Instructions were given to the Asst-Secretary to notify the Secretary of the Company of this decision.

Bridges - Yangking Pang. In reply to the question by a member the Asst-Secretary informed the meeting that nothing further had been heard from the French Municipal Council as to their intentions with regard to reconstruction of bridges across the Yangking Pang.

Municipal Buildings - Specifications. It was moved by Mr. Pardon seconded by Mr. Wilson and

No 1275 Resolved

That - in the opinion of the Council a reasonable degree of latitude should be allowed competitors in departing from the strict terms of the Specifications and requirements for the New Municipal Buildings as now drawn out. The Council to be the judges of the same.

### Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 271 of 22<sup>nd</sup> Augt - was read Native Piggeries referred to in above report - The Council authorized such pigs being seized in accordance with sanction of hired Court - as were not moved out of the settlement by the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

Inspector of Markets - Report - to 31<sup>st</sup> July - read & noted.

Slaughter House - Mr. Deason informed the meeting that he had been called upon unofficially by Mr. Wheelock of the French Municipal Council who stated that the French Council were ready to go ahead with the building of a Slaughter House but it appeared to the French Council that it was not necessary to construct such a building in each Settlement and therefore he wished to know what steps the English Council intended taking in the matter as the French Council were ready to build at once.

The Council were in favor of allowing the French Council to take the initiative and requested that the Watch Committee would take the matter up and co-operate with the French Council.

### General.

Consular Body. Letter from Mr. Hedhurst - <sup>Genl</sup> 1136 Chairman of the Consular Body notifying that Mr. G. F. Seaward U.S. Consul General had resumed his functions as Senior Consul. was read and noted.

Mr. Johnston's death. Letters from O. B. Bradford U.S. Vice Consul General, M. Surparanga - Spanish Consul and N. Sayer - Secretary French Municipal Council expressing their deep regret at the loss the Council have sustained. The Asst. Secretary was directed to circulate.

Sympathy with Mr. Johnston's widow and family. The following letter containing expressions of the Council's sympathy with Mrs. Johnston and the decision of the Council to grant her a sum (to be paid at a later date) & expenses of her passage to England - was submitted and approved.

Office of the Municipal Council

Shanghai

August - 27<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Madam,

At a meeting of the Municipal Council held on

the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and recorded:-

"That the Council desire to record their deep regret for the loss which they have this day sustained by the death of their much esteemed Secretary Mr. Alexander J. Johnston, and they take this opportunity on behalf of the Community of Shanghai and themselves, of testifying to the very courteous, able, zealous and thoroughly efficient manner in which that gentleman performed the duties entrusted to him since he joined the Council's service in July 1863, a period of ten years. It is

further resolved that the Chairman of the Council shall convey on behalf of his colleagues, their sympathy with Mr Johnston's widow and family in their bereavement.

The blow which has fallen so heavily upon yourself and upon all who were near and dear to your late husband is universally deplored in this Settlement as a public misfortune.

From his first entrance into the service of the Municipality, Mr. Johnston attracted the admiration and esteem of those with whom he was brought into contact, by the energy and ability with which his various duties were performed, and these qualities combined with a rare tact, gentlemanly feeling and discretion were never more conspicuously displayed than after his promotion to the position of Secretary, which he filled so ably for a period of eight years.

I will not venture, Madam, to intrude further upon your sorrows, but will conclude by assuring you of the heartfelt sympathy of the whole Community of this place: and by requesting your acceptance, in their name, as a token of their respect for your lamented husband, of the sum of £1000 for the use of yourself and of the late Mr. Johnston's children.

This sum will be placed at your credit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Shanghai or London as may suit you best.

The Council also ask the privilege of defraying the expenses of your passage to England whenever

you return to that country

I have the honor to be

Madam,

Your obedient servant

(signed) Robt. J. Pearson

Chairman of the  
Municipal Council.

Secretaryship. Application from Mr. Harry Parkes in Clatchie no 1151 of 19<sup>th</sup> Augt for the vacant post was read and ordered to be filed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The Asst Secretary then withdrew and the Council proceeded to discuss a letter from several Ratepayers suggesting that the Council should propose to the Municipality the pension to Mr. Johnston for life of £500 and a free passage home for Mrs Johnston and himself.

Mr. Johnston's death having unfortunately occurred so soon after the suggestion had been made, the Council resolved to offer Mrs Johnston £1000 and to pay expenses of her passage to England.

Letter signed by several Ratepayers commending to the earnest consideration of the Council that no steps should be taken to appoint Mr. Johnston's successor until opportunity has been given for eligible candidates to present themselves.

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

No 1276 Resolved

That the Council advertise, inviting applications for the post of Secretary, to be received until 31<sup>st</sup> December 1893.

The form of advertisement to be prepared and sent round for approval.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 107 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

Robt. J. Pearson

Robt. J. Pearson

Chairman

No 1277.

Council Room  
Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 1893.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Roman Road on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of September 1893 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Defence. The following elections to be confirmed  
Lieut. Sim - to 1 Company.  
" Harvey. - 2 -  
" Mylne - 3 -

Capt Brewer's application for 12 months leave.

Finance. Appropriations

Cash State.

Back pay to Mr. Pothop. Telegraph Engineer

Works. Engineers Progress Report - no 332 of 28<sup>th</sup> Aug-Municipal Buildings - Draft letters to Messrs Vidner Kingmill & Sexton.Wabun Road Company - as to circulating Report on plans and proposals.Watch. Inspector of Nuisances Report - no 72General - Secretarieship - Length of time to be fixed for inserting advertisement.

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

asst Secretary

To the members  
of the Council

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting  
held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of ~~August~~<sup>September</sup> 1873.

Robert [unclear]  
W. S. Wetmore

John G. Purdon

White

Bremer

Morris Hall

Moses

Council Room  
Shanghai 1<sup>st</sup> September 1873.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign  
Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15  
Hunan Road, on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of September 1873  
at 8.30 o'clock in the Forenoon pursuant to notice

Present

R. J. Deason Esq. Chairman

W. S. Wetmore Esq.

John G. Purdon Esq.

R. W. Little Esq.

E. Lehmann Esq.

M. Hall Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

Edward B. Sangier. - Asst. Secretary.

Absent

F. D. Barnes Esq.

John Wilson Esq.

No 1277.

No 1278.

The Summons calling the meeting was read

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman and Asst. Secretary and the  
seal of the municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee

Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps. Elections. Capt-Brewer's letter to 1099 was read, and it was moved by Mr. Kearon seconded by Mr. Wetmore and

No 1279

Resolved

That the election of the following gentlemen as Lieutenants in the Shanghai Municipal Volunteer Corps, as conveyed in Capt-Brewer's letter of 15<sup>th</sup> inst be hereby approved and confirmed.

Lieutenant Sun	No 1 Company.
" Harrie	" 2 "
" Mylue	" 3 "

vide Resolution No 1279  
Resolution Book page 229.

Promotions: Lieut Jucker to be Captain of No 3 Company and Capt Kidner to be appointed to No 1. Company as recommended by Capt Brewer in letter to 1099 of 15<sup>th</sup> August, were approved and confirmed.

Commissions for the above, to be made out and duly forwarded through the Adjutant General Leare. Capt Brewer's application to 1202 of 30<sup>th</sup> August for 12 months leave of absence, was read.

The Asst Secretary drew attention to a resolution passed by a former Council on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 1898 vide no 6. General Minute Book page 118 expressing the opinion that it was inadvisable to grant leave to Officers of the Volunteers except for short periods & then only to visit the coast ports of Japan.

The Council did not think it necessary to adhere to this when there appeared no immediate prospect of an emergency arising. It was therefore moved by Mr. Kearon seconded by Mr. Wetmore and

No 1280

Resolved

That Capt-Brewer's application for twelve months leave of absence from date of leaving Shanghai be granted.

The Asst Secretary was directed to express to Capt Brewer the Council's high appreciation of his



and energy he had shown in matters connected with the Volunteer Corps since he had been connected with it, and to express the hope that he would return re-invigorated, to resume the post which he had so ably filled.

Acting Adjutant General. It was moved by Mr. Seligman seconded by Mr. Little and

No 1281. Resolved

That Capt. J. Cann be appointed acting Adjutant General to the Shanghai Volunteer Corps during the absence of Adjutant General Brewer on leave.

### Finance Committee

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Karm seconded by Mr. Hoes and

No 1282. Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sum be sanctioned

Telegraph. Back pay for year	} No 250	Drain	No 250
1 <sup>st</sup> April 1892 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1893		p. Agreement	500
to Telegraph Engineer			<u>No 250</u>

Cash State for the 30<sup>th</sup> August - was handed round for inspection.

No 1283

It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades hands	No 2150.09
In Bank. Deposit	15000.00
do. Current Account	<u>2500.00</u>
	<u>No 19650.09</u>

Staff.

Mr. J. D. Bishop. Claim for back pay. The circumstances under which this claim was made were as follows:- Mr. Bishop on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1891 (<sup>20/10</sup>) tendered for maintenance of Council telegraph lines for No 250 on the basis of No 10 a month per instrument. This was accepted by the Council.

There were at that time only 3 instruments - but during the last year there had increased to 8 or 9. Mr. Bishop considered therefore that he was entitled under the original arrangement, to No 50 or No 60 a month more than he had drawn. He did not think however that it was fair to the Council to ask for this amount - but begged

that he might draw from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1872 at the rate of 10 60 a month that being the amount the Council now propose to give him for taking care of their lines

The Council considered Mr. Bishop's claim just and accordingly appropriated the balance due to him under this arrangement (see Appropriations above)

Lease. Council House. The question of renewal of lease at expiry on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1875 was referred to the Finance Committee

Assessments. House. Appeal Committee. The assessment of the foreign houses in both Settlements having been completed it was necessary in accordance with Resolution XVIII at Ratepayers Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May last, to appoint a Committee to consider and decide upon the Appeals.

It was decided to write to the following gentlemen requesting them to serve:-  
 A. Michie, S. H. Lasors, W. J. Blydenburgh, A. Little,  
 R. E. Wainwright

Buildings. Room over Local Post Office. Mr. Keown stated that Mr. Spence had applied to him on behalf of the Amateur Glee Society for the use of the room over the Local Post Office, while it might remain vacant.

The Council saw no objection to their using it occasionally until a tenant was found, provided the Council were put to no expense such as gas &c

### Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report. No 332 of 28<sup>th</sup> August was read.

Landing Accommodation. Pontons. Mr. Purdon referring to the paragraph in Engineers Report No 332 relating to the pontons & bridges in English Settlement regarding thorough repairs - stated that the Works Committee had decided to let Messrs S. C. Parkham & Co repair the worst one say Foreman Road and then they would perhaps be in a better position to make a tender for repairing the others

Municipal Buildings. Draft letter to be written to Messrs

Roads.

Kidder, Kingmill & Lester. was submitted & approved Yangetzow Road. Letter of 30<sup>th</sup> Augt from Mr. Haas read, requesting to know the Councils views as to the disposition of the land surrendered by the villagers, on the understanding that the road is to be continue without any delay.

The Council were not prepared to carry through the road at once there being no appropriation for the purpose in the Budget. but later on they would be glad to have the land.

Watch Committee

Inspector of Nuisances Report - No 72 of 29<sup>th</sup> August - was read. Nuisance in alley near Mess<sup>rs</sup> Vrand No<sup>1</sup> premises. The question being put to the Asst Secretary regarding nuisance in alley adjacent to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Vrand No<sup>1</sup> premises, as to what had been done, he stated that he had been advised by Mr. Romie that the Bye Laws attached to the Land Regulations did not meet the case and that no action could under them strictly speaking be taken against the owner of the private alley believed to belong to Mr. E. M. Smith, and on the other hand the Chinese did not regard committing nuisance as an offence and would not punish. A notification had however been posted up on the wall and several Chinese locked up for disregarding it.

The Council were still in favor of calling on Mr. Smith to take steps to remedy the nuisance.

General.

Wusung Road Company. Mr. Jeann stated that he had been requested by Mr. Johnson on behalf of the Wusung Road Co, not to circulate, for the present, the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the plans and proposals of the Company.

He had therefore given instructions to hold back the Report pending Councils decision.

The Council after consideration decided that they had no option but to circulate the Report in accordance with

instructions of Rileysayers at meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May last and they also thought it was due to the members of the Committee, as a matter of courtesy Secretaryship. Advertisement. Decided to insert in the 'Daily News' once a week on front-page, until 31<sup>st</sup> December and also in the 'Hongkong Daily Press'.

Mr. Seaton undertook further to write to Mr. Hambury with a view to having it inserted in the 'Times'. The following letter from Mrs. Johnston was read

Shanghai  
August 29<sup>th</sup> 1873.

My dear Mr. Seaton,

Words will scarcely express the feelings of deep gratification with which I read the document accompanying your most kind note of yesterday - It will indeed be ever most highly prized by me, and my children, living to understand its purport will learn how great an honor it is to possess such a testimony to their father's worth.

I am truly sensible of the liberality which has been shown me in the handsome donation of a thousand pounds and the kind intention of defraying the expenses of my passage home, and I feel assured dear Mr. Seaton I may ask you to convey my most heartfelt thanks, not alone for the substantial pecuniary aid which very kind friends have afforded me but also for the universal expression of sympathy & respect which has marked so strongly every circumstance connected with my husband's death.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely

(signed) Lucy H. Johnston.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 108a) 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. H. B. Jenkins  
Chairman  
Asst Secretary

Council Room

Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> Sept-1893.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council which will be held at the Council Room 15 Hunan Road on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1893 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Business

The Summons to be read  
The Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance.

Appropriations

Cash State.

Death of Mr. Danson. Assistant in Charge of Despatch Office  
Mr. Haas. Interpreter - Letter from to be considered  
Report for month of August - to be submitted for approval.

Works.

Engineers Progress Report -

Report from Committee for approval.

Watch.

Inspector of Nuisances Report -

Report from Committee for approval

Inspector of Nuisances Special Report - Assmt by  
Mr. F. H. B. Jenkins

General.

Reports - Signatures of members 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

To the members  
of the Council

Asst Secretary

Register of attendance of members of Council at General meeting held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1873

H. S. Wetmore  
John G. Pearson  
R. W. Little  
E. Seligmann  
Moritz Kallb

Council Room  
Shanghai 8<sup>th</sup> Sept- 1873.

At the general meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15-Human Road on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September A.D. 1873 pursuant to notice

Present.

H. S. Wetmore Esq. Vice Chairman in the Chair  
John G. Pearson Esq.  
R. W. Little Esq.  
E. Seligmann Esq.  
M. Kallb Esq.  
Edward B. Somper. ass<sup>t</sup>-Secretary.

Absent.

R. J. Kearns Esq.  
S. M. Moses Esq.  
F. D. Barnes Esq.  
John Wilson Esq.

No 1284. The Summons calling the meeting was read

No 1285- The Minutes of the last meeting were read confirmed and signed by the <sup>vice</sup> Chairman and ass<sup>t</sup>-Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Chairman. Letter read from Mr. Kearns regretting that being unwell was unable to attend the meeting. The chair was therefore taken by Mr. Wetmore.

Finance Committee

Cash State } The Cash State for the 6<sup>th</sup> September was handed over  
 No 1286 } for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comrades' Funds	Rs 2568.15
In Banks. Deposit	15000.00
- - Current account	2074.19.
	<u>Rs 19642.34</u>

Staff. Death of Mr. W. Dawson. Assistant in charge of Dues Office.  
 It was moved by Mr. Purdy seconded by Mr. Seligmann &  
 No 1287 Resolved

That the Council learn with much regret the death of Mr. William Dawson late Assistant in charge of the Dues Office and desire to record the zealous and efficient manner in which he had performed the duties entrusted to him since he joined the Council's service (Jan 1872)

Mr. Haas. Letter by <sup>Jan</sup><sub>12/12</sub> from Mr. Haas regarding the discontinuance of his services as Interpreter after the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Consideration postponed until there was a full Board.

Report - No 5 from Finance Committee for the month of August was submitted for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Little seconded by Mr. Purdy and  
 No 1288 Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Rate and appeal Committee for the month of August be approved and passed for publication

Public Works Committee

Engineers Progress Report - No 333 of 1<sup>st</sup> Sept - was read.

Report - No 6 from Public Works Committee was submitted for approval

It was moved by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Seligmann and  
 No 1289 Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee for month ending 31<sup>st</sup> August - 1873 be approved and passed for publication

Bridges. Yang Kung Pang. Speechen Road. It was moved  
by Mr. Purdon seconded by Mr. Little and  
No 1290 Resolved

That tenders be invited for the construction  
of a hardwood bridge over the Yang Kung Pang creek at  
Speechen Road.

### Watch Committee.

Reports. Inspector of Fisheries weekly Report - No 73 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept  
was read and referred to Watch Committee for action.  
Inspector of Fisheries Special Report - watch 1221 of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept  
regarding account in line by Mr. F. H. B. Jenkins, was read  
and noted.  
Inspector of Markets monthly Report - in watch 1207 of 31<sup>st</sup> August  
was read and noted.

Report - No 4 from Watch Committee for month of  
August was submitted for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Seligmann, seconded by Mr. Purdon &  
No 1291 Resolved

That the Report of the Watch Committee for  
month ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 1893 be approved and passed  
for publication.

### General.

Report on general matters for month of August was submitted for  
approval.

It was moved by Mr. Welton seconded by Mr. Purdon and  
No 1292 Resolved

That the Report by the Council on general  
matters be approved and published.

Reports. Signatures of members of Council. It was moved  
by Mr. Seligmann seconded by Mr. Little and

No 1293 Resolved

That the practice of attaching the names  
of members of Council to monthly and ordinary reports  
whether they are present or not, be discontinued and  
that for the future the Reports be signed under the



signature of the Secretary alone, by order of the Council

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 115 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

Vice Chairman

and Secretary.

Council Room,  
Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room, 15 Horse Road, on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September AD 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Business.

The Summons to be read.

The Minutes of the last meeting to be confirmed & signed

Defence Committee.

Letter from Capt. Gann accepting Commission of Acting Adjutant General, to be read.

Letter from Capt. Dunn asking extra appropriate Martini Henri Cartridges.

Finance Committee

Cash State

Appropriations

Local Post Office. Report for fortnight ending 16<sup>th</sup> Sept

Interpreter. Letter from Mr. Kaas as to retaining his services, to be reconsidered.

Application from Mr. J. M. Young attorney for Mr. Hele for monies due. to be considered.

Laud Assessment Appeal Committee to be nominated

Sundry Accounts presumably irrecoverable to be written

No 1294

No 1295

No 1296

No 1297

off.-

Works Committee.Engineer's Progress Report No: 325.Garden Bridge - to be submitted for approval -  
Letter to Consular Body preferring claim on N. E.  
the Toatai for share of cost. -Kona Road Bridge - as proposed - letter in same  
connexion to be submitted for approval. -Howard's Wharf - Letter to Mr. Haubury in connexion  
with bunding at this point to be submitted for  
approval. -Kongkong Road - extension - Arrangements made  
to be communicated. -Watch Committee.Inspector of Nuisances Report No: 4/5.Assault - Justice on Inspector of Nuisances -  
Result of case. -

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Act. Secretary.

To the Members of the Council

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Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
General Meeting held on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>  
1873. -

Council Room  
Shanghai 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1873

8.30 am.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room 15. Noman Road on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1873 pursuant to notice

Present.

R. J. Fearon Esq.

J. G. Purdon Esq.

J. Wilson Esq.

M. Hall Esq.

R. W. Little Esq.

E. D. Souper Esq.

Asst. Secretary

Absent.

W. S. Wetmore Esq.

F. J. Barnes Esq.

S. M. Moses Esq.

E. Seligman Esq.

No 1294

The Summons calling the Meeting was taken as read  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst. Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed there

Defence Committee

A letter D.C. of 15<sup>th</sup> September from Capt. J. J. Crew was read thanking the Council for the confidence they placed in him by appointing him Acting Adjutant General during Capt. Drew's absence and further stating that commissions for Capt Dallas & Lieut. Waller &c. had been duly handed to those Officers.

Martini Henri Castines - a letter D.C. <sup>982</sup> submitted for consideration of the Council a request from Capt Dume of the Rangers that the Council would refund him No 133: 51. which he had

expended out of his own pocket to meet the deficiency between the actual cost (\$719.11) and the original estimate. The cost had been met as follows:-

Subscriptions from 22 Members of the Corps @ \$9. each Keeping their weapons as security for the advance	\$198.00
From Funds of the Corps	87.60
"    the Council	300.00
Personally supplied by Capt. Druce	
the balance	133.51
	<u>\$719.11</u>

The Council admitted the justice of the request and passed the necessary appropriation.

Finance Committee

Cash State. The Cash State for 20<sup>th</sup> September was handed  
No. 1296 round for inspection. It showed balances  
as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands	\$1343.19
In Bank Deposit.	1500.00
"    "    Current Account.	4291.49
	<u>\$20,634.68</u>

Appropriations

No. 1297. It was moved by Mr. Seaman seconded by Mr. Purden  
and Resolved,

that the following expenditure  
be sanctioned:-

Volunteers

Extra Grant to Shanghai Mounted Rangers for Martini- Heuri. Carbines	\$133.51
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1. Barrel Beer for Shan- ghai in Jan'y 1872	\$24.00
Refreshment Mch " "	70.00
	<u>\$94.00</u>

Engineers Dept.

Kicks & Side Channels for Pund.	\$1500.00
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Reports Local Post Office No. 12. for fortnight ending 15<sup>th</sup> September was read

Interpreter. Letter <sup>Finance</sup> 1212 of 29<sup>th</sup> August 1873, from Mr. Naas was read begging the Council to reconsider the question of engaging a permanent Interpreter; also letter from same gentleman, dated 20<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1873, asking for 7 months leave of absence from 25<sup>th</sup> instant as he was compelled <sup>to leave</sup> for Europe, and requesting a testimonial for the services he had rendered whilst engaged by the Council. After a few remarks it was moved by Mr. Little and seconded by Mr. Stabb, and,

N<sup>o</sup> 1295. Resolved.

That the Secretary write to Mr. Naas in reply to his communication of 29<sup>th</sup> August & 20<sup>th</sup> September 1873, confirming the Council's previous decision that Mr. Naas's services will no longer be required after the 30<sup>th</sup> instant; and at the same time conveying to Mr. Naas the Council's appreciation of the efficient manner in which he has performed

vide Fin: Makin's duties as Municipal Interpreter.  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1873

O. R. Kele. Inspector of Markets and Livery Stables.

The following claim was submitted by Mr J. M. Young, Attorney for Mr. Kele:-

Rent of Stables May to Augt. 4 months @ 50. -- =

£ 200. 00.

Mr. Williams House. Rent for same period

@ 50. -- =

£ 80. 00

£ 280. 00.

As to the first item the Council were not aware that any question had been raised by them and instructed the Asst: Secretary to send the amount (£ 200. --) to Mr. Young.

Rent for Mr. Williams House the Council knew nothing about and declined to pay.

Instructions were given to the Asst: Secretary to reply in this sense and to explain that any arrangement Mr. Kele wished to propose, had

never reached the Council or Watch Committee in any form, though probably a matter of conversation between the late Mr Johnston & Mr. Hale.

Land Assessment Appeal Committee.

a List of gentlemen submitted, the Assistant Secretary being instructed to write and invite them to become members of the Committee.

Sundry Amounts presumably irrecoverable. The Council decided to defer writing off until nearer the close of the Municipal year.

Works Committee.

Engineer's Progress Report No. 335 was read.

Garden Bridge. Letter to the Senior Consul preferring claim on N. E. the Yaotai of share of cost, after deducting proceeds from sale of Iron Bridge, was read, approved and signed by the Chairman. The claim was \$6250.00 made up thus:-  
 Farquhar's Contract for Garden Bridge \$19,000. --  
 Deduct proceeds Iron Bridge                   + 6,500.  
\$6250

Yaotai's share - say half = \$3125.

In this connection Mr Purdon informed the Meeting that he had called on Mr Seward who advised the letter being sent in, but in doing so, he doubted whether the money would be paid, as the Bridge was finished and the Yaotai had never been consulted about either Plans or Costs. He would however take the sense of the Consular Body and if they decided that it was advisable to press the matter before the Chinese Authorities, he would be glad to do so, urging all the arguments he could in favor of the Council's claim.

Honau Road Bridge. - Across Sorchow Creek - as proposed.

A letter to the Senior Consul, asking him to ascertain whether N. E. the Yaotai would bear half cost of constructing this bridge for which the Council had a most favorable tender. \$5000. u.

and to inform the Garter that if he were disposed to do so the Council would recommend the removal of the Pontoon Bridge known as the "Free Ferry" and the construction of the Roxau Road Bridge, at once - was read, approved and signed by the Chairman  
Northward's Wharf.

Draft letter to Mr. Nantury in connection with bunding at this point, in the sense of Worth's Minute, Committee Minute Book, page, 22. No. 6, Meeting Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, was read and approved.

Nony Nony Road. Extension Speechum to Hiansi Road.

Mr. Purdon Chairman of the Worth's Committee informed the meeting that after trying in every way possible to complete this work but without success there being no records of any written notice being sent to the owners & occupiers of the land, they had concluded arrangements with Mr. Purdon, Executor of Mr. Stoopers's Estate as follows:-

The work to be delayed until expiry of Messrs. Edbrooks's lease Nos<sup>rs</sup> 1876.

On such expiry the Council to pay at the rate of 1/2 £2000. per acre for the land required for the road and 1/2 £200. compensation.

In the event of a sale of the property in the meantime a stipulation to the above effect to be made in the Deed of Sale, so that the purchaser may be bound to allow the road through the property.

Further, in the event of a renewal of the lease being granted to Messrs. Edbrooks or to any other party, a similar stipulation to be made.

— Watch Committee. —

Inspector of Quisance's Report No. 75 was read.

Account of Mr. Jentius on Inspector of Quisance.

Mr. Jentius admitted he was in the wrong and was sorry for what had occurred. He had written a letter of apology to Mr. Howe, with which <sup>(Mr. Howe)</sup> he was quite satisfied.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 119. 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.

Robt. S. [unclear]

Chairman -

Edward Souper  
 Ant. Secretary -



Council Room.  
Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1873

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room, 15. Noman Road on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

Business:

- c/o 1299 The Summons to be read  
 " 1300 The Minutes of the last meeting to be confirmed & signed  
 — Treasure Committee —  
 " 1301 Cash State  
 " 1302 Appropriations  
Local Post Office - Report from 17<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1873  
House Assessment - and appeals  
Laud — do — Letter from Mr. Hingewill  
 as to formation of Appeal Committee, to be considered  
O. R. Kule - Letter from Mr. J. M. Young.  
Stid. - Result of Tenders  
Appointment - Letter from Mr. W. J. E. Stewart.

— Works Committee —

Engineers' Progress Report c/o. 337.

— Watch Committee —

Inspector of Finances' Report c/o. 474.  
 — do — of Markets' — do. —

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Asst. Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at  
General Meeting held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> Day  
of October 1872.

Wm. Wilson  
John Wilson  
W. Little  
A. Harris  
J. Deane

Council Room  
Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> October 1873.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15. Roman Road on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1873. at 8.30. a. m. pursuant to notice,

Present.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>

R. J. Fearon  
W. S. Wetmore  
J. G. Purdon  
J. D. Barnes  
E. Seligmann  
J. Wilson  
R. W. Little.

E. D. Souper. Asst. Secretary.

Absent.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>

M. Hall.  
L. M. Moses.

1299 The Summons calling the Meeting was taken as read.

1300 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed & signed by the Chairman and Asst. Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

— Finance Committee —

Cash State. The cash state for 4<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> was handed round No 1301. for inspection. It showed balances as follows:

In Comptroller's hands	\$ 3,654. 18
In Draft Deposit	15,000. 00.
— Do. — Current Account.	<u>4,575. 75</u>
	<u>\$ 23,232. 93.</u>

Local Post Office Report No. 12 - 14<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> was read.

— Do — Cards. The Local Post Master's suggestion that Cards with "One Candareen" impressed should be issued to Non-Subscribers was approved, and authority given to have some printed.

House Assessment and Appeals.

The Meeting was informed that the Assessment had been completed and the Appeals disposed of, and that a memorandum of the result would be submitted to Council at an early date.

Land Assessment.

A letter <sup>Finance</sup> 1354 of 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> was read from Mr J. W. Hingemill, Chairman of the General Land Assessment Committee of 1873, enquiring what steps the Council intended to take in the appointment of the Committee to hear appeals and asking for a list of the proposed members.

The Council were of opinion that as every Rate-payer was more or less interested in land, it was inadvisable to come to any definite decision until the assessment was complete and the names of appellants ascertained; and directed the Asst. Secretary to reply to Mr Hingemill in this sense.

O. R. Keele. Inspector of Markets and Livery Stables.

A letter <sup>Finance</sup> 1365 of 25<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1873 from Mr J. M. Young Attorney for Mr Keele, was read, - in reply to Council's communication <sup>Finance</sup> 1375 of 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1873

- a. Acknowledging receipt of £10 2s 200. (Rent Stables)
- b. Requesting to receive the rent for Stables at end of every month - £1s 50. on behalf of Mr Keele.
- c. Stating that he was unwilling to decide any question for Mr Keele in connexion with allowance for rent for Mr William's house - and begging that the matter might remain in abeyance for future settlement with Mr Keele.
- d. Declining to give any instructions as to disburse of balance (£1s 20.) of pay due Mr Keele.
- e. Referring to correspondence he had seen with the late Secretary of Mr Keele relative to the arrangements in dispute. -

The Council noted the contents of the letter and consented to meet Mr Young in his request (b & c) A few remarks passed amongst the Members tending to confirm the opinion that under the

previous nor the present Council had been consulted as to the matter of pay and allowance during Mr. Hales absence on leave.

Stock.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the tenders (Edbrook's - Croft's & Surge - J. Williams) for keep of the Council's stock were higher than the Council are now paying, and the Finance Com<sup>tee</sup> had therefore been unable to entertain them.

But since then an offer had been made by Ah-Ming, the Chinaman who now provided keep and indoor labor, under the supervision of Mr. Williams, to reduce the present charge of  $\$10$  per head per month to  $\$9$  per head per month. This was the best that could be done towards reducing the cost of keeping the stock - and the Finance Committee therefore recommended that the offer be accepted.

It was therefore moved by Mr. F. D. Barnes and seconded by - Mr. J. G. Purdon.

do do

and Resolved,

That Ah-Ming's tender to keep the Municipal Stock from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1873 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1874 and to find all indoor labor at following rates be accepted: -

Five Cattle (S.S.) per month for each animal in  
~~Four Cattle, Five Mares~~ working condition  
Four Cattle, Five Mares per month for each animal  
 whilst unfit for work

Appointments - A letter from Mr. W. J. E. Stewart, - <sup>Secretary</sup> of 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1873 with copies testimonials - applying for an appointment in the Council's service was read and ordered to be filed for reference when necessary.

Claim by Mr. Nowie for Compensation for Grey Horse.

Mr. Fearon said he had been called on by Mr. Nowie who begged that the Council would allow compensation for his horse which he alleged was hopelessly lame from bad treatment whilst in the Council's employ. Mr. Nowie had been willing to part with him for  $\$200$  before he was sent

into the Council's hands, and he made a claim on the Council for that amount. Certificates from Mr Williams, who looked after the stud, and Mr. Stoves, who used the animal, both of whom denied that the lameness was caused by neglect or overwork, were produced, and the claim was not entertained.

The Asst. Secretary was instructed however to show these papers to Mr. Stoves and to inform him of the Council's decision - but <sup>that</sup> they would be prepared to pay Mr. Stoves what the animal was worth at present.

### Worth's Committee.

Engineer's Weekly Report to: 33<sup>rd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> October, was read  
Bridges. Outside Roads.

Mr. Purves drew attention to a dangerous hole in the first Bridge Siccawei Road, and another Yang-lee-foo Road.

Mr. Purdon, Chairman Worth's Committee, said they would be attended to at once and further informed the meeting that correspondence had been going on of late with the Senior Consul, complaining of the state of part of the Bridges, and requesting that pressure be brought to bear through H. E. the Sartai on the Sepoys of the districts to take such steps as will stop such deprivations.

### Pontoon Bridge or "Free Ferry"

In case the Council Body might form the impression from the terms of the Council's letter ( ~~135~~ ) of 22 Sept 1884, that the Municipality advocated the removal of the "Free Ferry", the Asst. Secretary was instructed to write with a view to removing any such impression, that the Council were in favor of its remaining where it is for the present as it relieved the "Garden Bridge" of a great deal of traffic it being estimated that as many as 4000 persons on an average crossed the Ferry daily, but that if the Chinese Authorities desired its removal

on the grounds that it proved an obstruction in the water course the Council would be prepared to recommend the Rate payers to remove it.—

Yang-King-fang Bridges.

In reply to the question from a member Mr Purdon stated that nothing had been definitely settled with the French Municipal Council and that nothing could be done until the Chinese Authorities expressed their views.—

Roads

King-po to Pekin Rd.—between Chelliang & Substia St.

Mr Purdon informed the Meeting that the Works Committee were now arranging for the construction of a road through the large block bounded by these roads. There had been an alley through for some years which had virtually been taken possession of by the Municipality by fixing public lamp-posts, and to convert it now into a Municipal Road required only the removal at one end of a few houses in very poor condition, the property owners (Mickie, Gundry and others) being willing to surrender part of their land for widening and completing the thoroughfare.—

Watch Committee

Inspector of Quisances Monthly Report No. 777 was read.—

Inspector of Markets Monthly Report for Sept. was read.  
Decayed Meat for Chinese use.

R/10.387. Discussion ensued on the instances enumerated in the Acting Inspector of Markets' report of cattle droving being allowed to be cut up for Chinese use. The inconsistency of such a practice was evident where on the one hand a servant of the Council summoned a Chinese Butcher before the Mixed Court for exposing decayed meat for sale for foreign consumption—and on the other hand a servant of the Council sold decayed animals to Chinese and openly allowed the meat to be cut up for Chinese use!

The Council strongly deprecated the practice &

gave instructions to the Asst. Secretary to have it stopped at once and to inform the Inspector of Markets that sick animals were to be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent their being consumed either by Foreigners or Chinese. —

#### Lopping of Trees.

Mr. Darwin complained of the overhanging of branches of trees as a nuisance. — He was informed by the Chairman that instructions had only lately been given to the Inspector of Nuisances to lop off branches overhanging the roads, but they would be renewed. —

#### Hose.

A Report was read from Mr. Nowes, Inspector of Nuisances condemning the leather hose imported from England on 30<sup>th</sup> April last. It had not been in use 3 months, and was now quite rotten and useless; it was loaded in good condition and has burst in several places. A portion was laid on the table and inspected, after which the Asst. Secretary was instructed to forward it to Messrs. Pootle & Co. with a copy of Mr. Nowes's report, requesting them to act as they thought best in the Council's interests. — In this connexion a member remarked, that possibly the hose had not been properly oiled from time to time. — The Asst. Secretary undertook to enquire. —

Register of attendance having been signed (vide page 12<sup>o</sup> ante) various subjects were discussed, correspondences laid on the table, considered and referred to the different Committees, and it was

#### Resolved

that the Meeting do now adjourn.

Robt. J. Parsons  
Chairman. —

Edward B. Cooper  
Asst. Secretary.



(Council Room,  
Shanghai 11 Oct 1873

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance  
at a General Meeting of the Council to be held at the  
Council Room on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> inst at 8.30 o'clock in  
the morning

Business

No 1303 Summons to be read

No 1304 Minutes to be confirmed and signed

No 5 Finance - Cash state

Report for September 1873

Defense - D. - D. - D.

Works. D. - D. - D.

Engineer Report No 338 (weekly)

D - D. (monthly)

Watch - Inspector of Nuisance Report No 78

Report for September 1873

General. Report on general matters

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

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

(Signed) Edward B. Cooper

Assistant Secretary

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General  
Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1873

Robt. B. Keenan  
John C. Funder  
D. H. ...

W. H. ...  
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M. H. ...

Shanghai. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room, 15 Noman Road on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1873 at 8.30 a.m. Pursuant to notice

Present:Mess<sup>rs</sup>

R. J. Fearon. Chairman

J. D. Barnes

M. Hall

R. W. Little

J. G. Purdon

E. B. Soper. Asst. Secretary.

AbsentMess<sup>rs</sup>

S. M. Moses

E. Seligman

W. S. Wetmore

J. Wilson.

<sup>1303</sup> The Business calling the meeting was taken as read.

<sup>1304</sup> The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst. Secretary, and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee

<sup>1305</sup> The Report from the Committee for the month of September 1873 was read, approved and passed for publication.

<sup>1305</sup> Resolution moved by Mr J. G. Purdon; seconded by Mr J. D. Barnes.

Finance Committee

Cash State - The Cash State for 11<sup>th</sup> October was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands      \$b. 1602. 22.

In Bank Deposit                      , 15,000. 00.

— do — Current Account      , 7,162. 81.

\$b. 23,765. 03.

Report from the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee for the month of September 1873, was read, approved and passed for publication.

No 1307 The Resolution moved by Mr. Kabb, seconded by Mr. R. W. Little.

Worth's Committee

Engineer's Weekly Report, No. 338, of 9. October 1873 was read  
Report from Committee for month of September 1873, was read,  
approved and passed for publication.

No 1308 Resolution moved by Mr. R. J. Tharion, seconded by Mr. M. Kabb.

Report from Engineer for month of September 1873, in rough draft,  
was also read and approved.

Bridges - Bridge leading into Mr. Labrie's premises (Alpha Farm)  
outside Road.

A request was submitted from Mr. C. A. Labrie, that the Council would repair the Bridge (a private one) at present in a dangerous condition, on the grounds that the Community made use of it as a driving turn on the occasion of the Regatta.

The Council were only in favor of doing the work, provided, that when arrangements could be made for continuing the Markham Road to the Bubbling-well Road, Mr. Labrie would give the corner that would be required, from his garden, for the road.

Roads - new Road. Markham Road to Bubbling-well Road.

The desirability of carrying on the road having been discussed, it was decided to ascertain how far Mr. Doll, who, it was believed, had recently purchased "Freuchard Farm", would cooperate with the Council, by giving 15 feet from the property.

St. James's Church.

R/O. 392. In compliance with the request from Mr. Barnes, on the part of the Trustees, the Council undertook to place the services of the Engineer's Department towards repairing the Vestrey in the manner suggested in the Official Engineer's Report read at the meeting. It was understood that the work should be done at cost of the Church Trustees.

Watch Committee

Report from Inspector of Nuisances, No. 78 of 10<sup>th</sup> October was read and noted, and the matters therein mentioned referred to the Watch Committee to be dealt with.

Report from Committee for month of September 1873 was read, approved, and passed for publication.

Resolution moved by Mr R. J. Fearon, seconded by Mr J. G. Purdon.

General.

Report on General Matters, for September 1873, was read, approved and passed for publication.

Wossung Road Company. Report on Tramways from Mr Hopkins in hand, previously circulated for information of Council.

The Assistant Secretary was instructed to file this amongst the papers connected with the Tramway Scheme in order that the information they contained might be embodied in the Council's next Annual Report.

Wossung-Dar and Conservation of the River.

Mr Barnes brought this question before the meeting and advocated that the Council should take energetic, ~~and~~ steps in common with the Chamber of Commerce, towards the removal of the Wossung-Dar, and the conservation of the River. The rate at which the river was silting up, new banks and mud deposits formed, was becoming serious, and, in his opinion, if steps were not taken to check it, the interests of every person doing business or owning property in Shaughad, were threatened.

The P & O. Company would be prepared to assist any Committee that might be appointed from the two Bodies, (Chamber & Council) to move in the matter, - and to place at the disposal of such Committee, the means of inspecting for themselves, the various new banks and mud deposits formed within the last few years. Mr Barnes, himself, would be glad to afford them, all the information and statistics he had gathered after much trouble, tending to confirm what he had already stated, and the considerable

outlay Ship-owners and Agent had been put to in consequence of detentions at the Port.

Mr. Fearon, on the part of the Embargo, thanked Mr. Barnes for his proffered assistance, and replied that he would inform Mr. F. D. Johnson, Chairman of the Chamber, of what had passed. He might mention at the same time that the Chamber of Commerce had repeatedly represented the feelings of the Community in the case of Mr. Barnes' remarks, to the local authorities, also to Mr. Hart, Inspector of Customs at Tientsin and to Mr. D. McMinister, but so far they had been unable to obtain any satisfaction. The Chamber had however recently been advised to bring all the pressure to bear locally. Mr. Barnes' information would be most available in taking such a course, - and the Chamber were now preparing to deal with the question in this way. -

Register of Attendance. Having been signed (vide page 134. 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 A. Lunan  
for  
Chairman

M. Ward, Esq. Secy.  
Assistant Secretary.

Register of attendance of members of Council  
at General Meeting 20 October 1873 (Memorandum 28)

John C. Farnham  
J. D. Barnes

John Wright  
Monmouth  
Moses

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Council Room  
Shanghai 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
Council Room, 15 Noman Road, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Day of October 1873, at 8.30. a. m. pursuant  
to notice.

Present.

Messrs

J. G. Purdon. in the Chair.

J. D. Barnes

W. Hall

S. M. Moses

J. Wilson.

E. P. Louper. Act. Secretary

Absent.

Messrs

R. J. Fearn

R. W. Little

E. Seligmann

W. S. Wetmore.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr Purdon, by request, took the Chair.—

The Minutes calling the Meeting was taken as read  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst. Secretary, and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

— Defence Committee. —

Rifle Dutts.— Damage by firing party from S.M.S. "Hobie"  
 A letter, <sup>7th Oct</sup> 1891, was read from Capt. Ward, expressing his regret at the accident and that any inconvenience should have been caused to the Volunteers by a disregard of the rules laid down for the guidance of those using the Dutts; and stating that the Artificers of the ship were employed doing the necessary repairs, which he anticipated would be completed in a day, as the men had orders to undertake the work with the utmost despatch.—

— Finance Committee. —

Cash State. The Cash State for 18<sup>th</sup> October was handed down <sup>cto 1312</sup> for inspection. It showed Balances as follows:—

In Comptroller's hands.	£s. 2275. 09.
In Bank Deposit	, 15,000. 00.
— Do — Current Account.	, <u>8,198. 03.</u>
	<u>£s. 25,473. 12.</u>

Report from Local Post Office. cto: 13. (1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>) was read.—

Appeal. Royal Asiatic Society.—

A letter <sup>Finance</sup> <sub>1433</sub> of 13<sup>th</sup> October was read from the Vice President (Mr A. Wylie) of the Society, praying exemption from taxation on the following grounds:—

"That the premises at cto: 1. Grosvenor Road, known as the Shanghai Library and Museum, are built on land given by Her Majesty's Government, for public purposes and that the cost of the erection was defrayed by donations from residents.—

That the Council for the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, acting on behalf of the donors of this building, are pledged to devote it to literary, scientific and useful objects, and in no way to convert it into a means of pecuniary gain or profit.

That the expense of maintaining the Museum building is defrayed by the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, from the limited income which that Society derives from its members' subscriptions.

That as regards the portion of the premises occupied by the Shanghai Library, the case is the same, that Association also devoting its available means to literary purposes, and in no way seeking for pecuniary gain or profit. I therefore submit that the proposed assessment of One Thousand Taels (£1000) per annum, is unfairly high, and that in view of the special circumstances, a nominal assessed rental of not over £100. per annum, would equitably meet the case.

The feeling of the meeting being in favor of making the Tax a nominal one, it was proposed by Mr. Moses, seconded by Mr. Purdon, and,

### Resolved,

That the Council recommend to the Rate-payers that a nominal rate of Taels 10. per annum be collected from the Royal Asiatic Society, as Gen<sup>l</sup> Min<sup>l</sup> Rate, in respect of the premises c/o: 1. Inoaueu Road, now occupied by that Society, - on the grounds set forth in their letter to the Council dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 1873.

Dues.

J. J. Duckheister.

It was moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Moses, and

### Resolved

That Mr. Duckheister being willing to pay the



amount filed (Yb 123:92) against him in the German Consular Court, with costs, and as it appears to the Council's legal adviser, obvious, that if Mr Duchbuit is liable to pay this sum, he should also pay the Balance claimed, but looking at the fact that Mr Duchbuit has now quitted the settlement - that the principle of his liability, with to a certain extent, be affirmed by his paying the amount sued for - that the defence he would raise to any further suit, would be that, although nominally residing within the limits of the Municipality, he had his office and carried on his business in the French Concession during the period when the dues were claimed from him, and, bearing in mind the extreme unwillingness of the German Consul, to try the case - the legal adviser is of opinion that the Council would be well advised to take Yb 123:92 and let the matter drop.

The Amount offered (Yb 123:92) be accepted in full discharge of all outstanding claims against Mr Duchbuit in respect of Dues on Goods passed through the Chinese Custom house in his name. -

#### Works Committee.

Report from Engineer No. 339 of 16<sup>th</sup> October 1875 was read.

Yuen-Tong-Road. Obstruction by Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co.

Consideration as to course of action deferred for a fuller meeting. -

#### Quinding Scheme.

The following draft letter which the Senior Consul (Mr Seward, U. S. Consul General) proposed address to H. E. the Yotai, was read and approved,

The Senior Consul duly transmitted to the Council the Yotai's letter relative to the Quinding of the Soochow Creek &c, and has now to communicate to the Yotai their response,

They accept the plan proposed by the Yotai.

and with this letter the Senior Consul handed to the Tostai, a map, which has been drawn in accordance with the Tostai's suggestion.

They desire the Senior Consul to state however that the corners outside the red lines are occupied, and will inevitably continue to be occupied by mud banks, and that these will cause as much inconvenience to native boats while entering the creek, as would be occasioned if the corners were filled up, as they have recommended.

They desire the Senior Consul to state, further, that the object in drawing in the mouth of the Creek, is, to prevent an accumulation of mud at the corners, and, to so adapt the Wharves that a stone will be effected by the currents and tides. — This course they think a very desirable measure for the conservation of the river.

Mr. Seward accompanied it with remarks (vide <sup>Works</sup> 1206 Outward, and <sup>Works</sup> 1137 Inward) "that he has not thought it desirable to ask his (Tostai's) assent now, to the proposition that the Council may be allowed to fill up the corner at the mouth of the Soochow Creek, in case the mud banks prove a source of danger to the river, as it does not seem a practical question at the moment, and as it may be very well dealt with when the contingent fact shall have occurred.

Watch Committee.

Report from Inspector of Insurance No. 79 of 17<sup>th</sup> Oct was read.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page, 139 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

Robert Pearson  
Chairman

Meredith Cooper  
Asst Secretary

Register of attendance of Members of Council at  
General Meeting 11. November 1873

Robert Pearson

Finances

John A. Pinson

W. White

Moses

*[Signature]*

Council Room

Shanghai 8<sup>o</sup> to 10<sup>o</sup> 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council  
to be held at the Council Room on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> instant  
at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Business.

No 1315

Summons to be read

" 1316

Minutes to be confirmed & signed.

Defence. As to distribution of Prizes to Volunteers

" 1317

Finance. Cash State

Local Post Office Report.

Royal Asiatic Society: Exemption from taxes

Letter from President to be read.

Shanghai Gas Coy. Assessment &c.

Letter from Chairman Gas Coy.

Works. Engineer's Reports c to 340. 341. 342.

Water. c Vices Report. c to. 82.

c Native Mill Shops.

Committee action on petition against

tax, to be communitated.-

I am, Sir,

Your obedt servant.-  
(signed) Edward D. Souper  
Asst Secretary

Council Room

10<sup>th</sup> e November 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for  
the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at  
the Council Room, 15 Roman Road, on ~~Monday~~<sup>Sunday</sup>  
10<sup>th</sup> Day of e November 1873, at 8.30 a.m.  
pursuant to notice.-

Present.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>:

R. J. Fearn

J. S. Barnes

R. W. Little

S. M. Maus

J. G. Purdon

E. Seligmann

E. D. Souper. Asst. Secretary

Absent

Mess<sup>rs</sup>:

M. Kahl

W. S. Welton

J. Wilson

315-The Summons calling the Meeting, was taken as read

316-The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, confirmed and  
signed by the Chairman & Asst. Secretary  
and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee

Distribution of Prizes to Volunteers.

The Chairman consented to distribute the prizes,  
when the time had been fixed for doing.

Finance Committee

Cash State - The Cash State for 8<sup>th</sup> November was landed  
No. 1317 found for inspection; it showed balances as follows

In Comptroller's hands	£ 2,010.67.
In Bank Deposit	1,5000.00.
In - do - Current Account	8,974.70.
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	£ 25,985.37

Report from Local Post Office, etc. etc. (17<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1875)  
was read -

Royal Asiatic Society - A letter <sup>Finance</sup> 1478 from the  
President, was read, thanking the Council for  
promise to recommend to the Rate-payers that  
the Society be exempted from paying full rates  
on premises occupied by them -

The question of referring the matter at all, to the  
Rate-payers was reconsidered, and after a few  
remarks amongst the members, it was decided to  
accept a nominal rate of £ 10. per ann., subject  
to confirmation ~~subject to~~ by the Electors.

General Menu: Rate - Shanghai Gas Coy.

The following letter, <sup>Finance</sup> 1485 from the Gas Coy was read  
Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the  
Council's letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> inst, informing the Gas Coy  
that the rental of the Works Plant belonging to  
them, has been assessed at £ 5000. or £ 16,666<sup>66</sup>  
per annum. The Directors have considered the same,  
and beg to reply, as follows:-

In the first place they deny the right of  
the Council to tax their property, as it does not  
fall within any class upon which the Land  
Regulations give the Council the power to levy a tax.  
The views of the Directors on this point are very  
strong, and they will be most happy to lay them  
fully before the Council or the Appeal Committee,  
either in writing or orally, should the Council require  
it, but do not consider it necessary to repeat them  
at length here. They feel confident, however, that

the Council's legal adviser will concur in these views.

While the Directors of the Coy. are prepared to resist the tax on the above grounds, they wish however at the same time to point out, that even upon the Council's own grounds, the tax is unreasonable and exorbitant. It is avowedly levied upon the property within the settlement i.e. the King's Road Holder and the pipes underground. The cost of these does not exceed £60,000; at 10% this would give a rental of £6000, and the tax on that @ 6% would be £360 per annum, instead of £1000. as proposed by the Council. In stating the cost of the works in question at about £60,000, it is to be borne in mind, that in any estimate for assessing a rental, the yearly cost of repair and maintenance of these works must be taken into consideration, which would reduce the rental value to about £5,500 per an.—

Furthermore it would be unjust to tax even this reduced valuation of the Coy's plant, for pipes have been laid through extensive districts (which do not, and probably will not for sometime, contain a gas consuming population) for the sole purpose of supplying isolated Municipal lamps for the better lighting of the public streets. It would be easy to show that on a considerable portion of the outlay thus incurred by the Coy at the instance of the Council, there is, not only no adequate return but positive loss of interest and cost of maintenance.

Finally while protesting against the assessment and the principle on which it is based, the Directors are however, as already intimated to the Council, willing to continue a voluntary annual contribution as their share towards the revenue of the Municipality, and while considering the amount ~~hitherto~~ hitherto contributed, viz. £250. per an. a fair and reasonable amount, they are

be willing to increase that to  $\$6350$  per an.

As above stated, they are prepared to submit their views at more detail if necessary, but they trust that the Council may consider this letter as sufficient justification for the position taken by the Company. - -

Before any discussion arose, Mr. Purdon stated he would rather leave the Council to discuss the subject freely amongst themselves and would retire. - The meeting, thankful Mr. Purdon but saw no necessity for his doing so. - They understood that he was averse to making any comment on behalf of the Gas Coy, and that any views he expressed would be in the interests of the Municipality.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the proposal on the part of the Gas Coy to pay a sum of  $\$6350$  in the form of a contribution to the Municipal Revenue. It did not meet with the favor of the meeting, - considering the large sum  $\$214,000$ , annually paid to the Gas Coy, the privilege of laying and repairing main in roads constructed and kept in good order and repair by the Municipality, - that several of the Shareholders were resident in England and contributed nothing directly or indirectly to the revenue of the settlement, - the high charge for Gas, and also regarding the fact, though not taken as a basis for taxation, that the Company's shares commanded a high premium (38%) in the market, - The Council were of opinion that the Coy should at least pay  $\$1000$ , for the advantages they derived from the Municipality, - it might be by the reduction in the charge made for Gas to Public lamps, if they objected to the principle of a tax on their property. - Less than this, it was the feeling of the meeting could not be accepted in the face of the views of the Ratepayers expressed at the meeting of Ratepayers in May last, and though by an oversight it appeared that the

resolution had not been put to the meeting, empowering the Council to collect £1000 from the Gas Coy, yet to their minds, such was the evident intention of the majority of the Rate payers.

After further conversation, the meeting deprecated anything but a spirit of conciliation in any negotiation that may take place to bring about a settlement of the question in dispute and was in favor of delegates being appointed from the Council to the Gas Coy, to come to an amicable understanding; but before letting any definite steps in this direction, it was decided to refer the letter under discussion for the views of the appeal Committee, the Asst. Secretary being instructed to communicate the sense of this minute to the Gas Coy.

Works Committee

Reports from Engineer etas. 340 of 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: 341 of 30<sup>th</sup> Oct and 342 of 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, were read.

Fore-shore.

Mr. Purdon drew attention to the Council's letter <sup>no. 1106</sup> of 14<sup>th</sup> October, to Messrs. Thorne & Sons, in which, in reply to an application from that firm to have stowing material on the beach ground in front of their premises, Yaugtose Rd. the following words are used:-

"There is no occasion to obtain permission from the Council to use the fore-shore attached to your premises."

The Asst. Secretary explained that the letter had been written under a misconception in the office. He was instructed to write withdrawing the letter above alluded to, and to state the reason above given.

Outside Roads. Extension Marlham Rd past Trefaucho

A member inquired what was to be gained by this. Mr. Purdon, Chairman of the Works Committee,



explained that the previous Council had urged the extension at this point of the Markham Road to Puddingwell, but having been unable to arrange for the widening of the road opposite the Pancha, with the previous proposals the idea was abandoned for the time. The new road proposed would afford another good drive and be thought a great boon to the community. The sense of the Council being taken, they were decidedly in favor of the extension of the road as opportunity offered.

Watch Committee.

Report from Inspector of nuisances No. 82, of 6<sup>th</sup> Nov  
was read.

Native Wine Shops.

The Asst. Secretary, as the Chairman of the Watch Committee was not present and Mr. Little had been absent at the Watch Meeting, at which the petition was considered, - begged to inform the meeting, that a petition had been sent through Chen, on behalf of the proprietors of Wine Shops, against the tax recently imposed, on the grounds that their capital is small, business very bad, expenses very heavy. The Watch Committee, however, had not granted it, as a reference to the Criminal statistics, published by the Council yearly, proved that during the last 10 years, drunkenness amongst the native population had been on the increase, and the establishments should therefore be controlled and the sale of liquor checked.

Disinfectants.

At the suggestion of a member, it was decided when ordering for the future, to obtain an extra supply for the use of private individuals.

Register of Attendance having been signed (via

page 144 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 so adjourn.

Robert V. C.

Chairman -

Wm. W. S. S. S. S.  
Asst. Secretary.

Council Room

17<sup>th</sup> November 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> inst, at 8.30. a.m.

Business -

c to 1318 Resolutions to be read  
" 1319 Minutes of last meeting to be confirmed & signed.  
Finance - Appropriations.

c to 1320 Cash State  
" 1321 Gen. Mun. Rate - Letter to Gas Coy to be read.  
Vote £1000. to widow & Children of late Secretary -  
how paid.

Formation of Land Appeal Committee.  
Report from Committee for October/73 to be submitted for approval.

Works - Engineer's Report c to 343.

do do for October 1873

Report from Committee for approval

Watch - Inspector of Staircases Report c to 83.

Report from Watch Committee for October.

Found. - Establishing of - to be considered  
Maloo Market. as to taxing.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant  
(signed) E. D. Soper

Asst. Secretary

Register of Attendance at General Meeting  
held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 1873

Robt. Fessom

W. S. Peterson

John G. Purdon

John Wilson

R. W. Little

F. D. Barnes

M. Kall

Moses

Council Room

18<sup>th</sup> November 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
Council Room 15, Roman Road, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
inst, at 8.30. am. pursuant to notice,

Present.

Members

R. J. Fessom

F. D. Barnes

M. Kall

R. W. Little

S. M. Moses

J. G. Purdon

W. S. Peterson

J. Wilson

E. B. Souper, Act. Secretary

Absent.

E. Seligman Esq. -

The Signior calling the Meeting was -

etc 1378

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed to 1319 & signed by the Chairman & Asst. Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon. -

Finance Committee.

Appropriations: The following appropriations were passed. -

No 1320.

Stud.

Grey horse from Mr. Norvic. Ys 145. -

D/c. 1286

Seward Road Extension.

Munungpoa to Broadway,  
purchase of houses in line. Ys 1000. -

Cash State

No 1321.

The Cash State for 15<sup>th</sup> November was laid round for inspection, it showed balances as follows:

In Comptrollers hands	Ys. 695. 63.
In Bank Deposit	15,000. 00.
In Bank Current Account	13,405. 36.
	<u>Ys. 29,100. 99.</u>

Assessment - Shanghai Gas Coy. Assessment of Plant, Main &c.

Reply <sup>Finance</sup> 1055, in the sense of views expressed at last meeting of Council in connection with the Gas Coy's letter <sup>Finance</sup> 1185, of 27 October 1873, was read and approved.

Note to Widows & Children of the late Secretary.

The Chairman informed the meeting that at the request of Mr. Johnston, a letter of credit in his favor on the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank in London, had been furnished for £900... and paid here 100...

Mr. Fearon remarking that this course appeared to be more advisable than buying a bill of exchange, regarding the present extremely low rates and that possibly, the drafts under the credit might not reach this till the next Municipal year and thus become a charge on the next Budget.

The course above adopted met with approval

Conf. Appeal Committee. -

all the appeals being now in, a list of names was given to the Asst. Secretary from which to form a Committee.

Finance Rate and Appeal Committee - Report from -

It was proposed by Mr. J. G. Purdon, seconded by Mr. J. Wilson and

c to 1322.

Resolved,

That the report by the Finance Rate and Appeal Committee for the month of October 1873, be approved and passed for publication.

Public Works Committee.

Report from Engineer etc: 343. of 13<sup>th</sup> November. was read and noted.

Monthly Report from Engineer, etc: 5. of 14 November. also read.

Report from Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. W. S. Mathews, seconded by Mr. L. M. Moses, and

c to 1323.

Resolved,

That the report of the Public Works Committee for the month of October 1873 be approved and passed for publication.

Queen's Quay Road - Obstruction by Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.

A Member (Mr. Davies) remarked, that discussion on this matter had been deferred on a previous occasion till a fuller meeting, and the present seemed a good opportunity to ascertain the views of the Council on Messrs. Jardine Matheson's action.

Mr. Purdon explained that a letter <sup>of the 14<sup>th</sup> 1873.</sup> had already been circulated conveying the Council's views and approved.

In that letter the following proposal had been made as a means of defining the limits of the rights of the Public to a landing or accommodation at the Queen's Quay Road, and, at the same time preserving the rights of the owners of the wharves over the property.

The Council at once to construct a landing jetty in such a manner that it shall not prevent the convenient mooring of vessels alongside the wharf nor in any way interfere with the business of the wharf. -  
Such Jetty to meet Messrs. Jardine Matheson's approval. -

Messrs. J. Matheson to consent that it shall remain so long as the public require it. -

That in the event of the Wharf property changing hands, it shall be subject to this condition. -

This being agreed to, the Council to take over the Queen's Road (which although used as a public road appears from Messrs. Jardine Matheson's letter never to have been formally surrendered) and to light, drain and keep it in good repair. -

It being further understood that in the event of the matter not being definitely settled in this way, that what the Council have submitted is altogether without prejudice to any rights that the Council or public may possess as to the roads and their water frontage in Hong Kong. -

#### Howard Road Extension. - (Mau Mau Rd to Broadway)

The Chairman of the Works Committee explained how this would be a great improvement and afford direct communication from the "Garden Bridge" to the leading thoroughfare and Wharfs in Hong Kong. -

The Trustees of Will's Estate had consented to surrender the land required, and it only wanted \$1000. to compensate the owner, a Chinaman, for the houses on the line. -

The Council concurred in the views of the Works Committee, and passed the necessary appropriation (vide page 153, ante).

#### Water Committee

The report from Inspector of Businesses, c to 83. of 13. 1883

was read.

Found - The Question of establishing a fund was referred for consideration of the Watch Committee  
Maloo Market -

The question of having the Maloo Market was also referred to the Watch Committee.

Report from Committee

It was proposed by Mr. D. J. Fearon, seconded by Mr. J. M. Mosch, and

Resolved,

That the report of the Watch Committee for the month of October 1873, be approved and passed for publication.

General

Report on General Matters was read, approved and passed for publication.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 152 ante) various subjects were discussed, copies for same laid on the table, considered & referred to the different Committees, and it was

Resolved,

that the meeting do now adjourn.

Robert Pearson  
Chairman.

Edwards Secretary  
A. C. [unclear]

Register of attendance at General Meeting held on 22nd Nov. 1873

Robert Pearson

Ismael

Whittle

Moore

Council Room  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 1873

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council, to be held at the Council Room, 15 Abchurch Lane, on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 1873, at 8.30. am

Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance. Cash State.

L. P. Office Report.

Assessment. Oriental Bank. Letter from  
Legal Adviser to be considered.

Works. Engineer's Report.

Watch. Inspector of Steamers Report.

Inspector of Markets Report for October.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
(Signed) E. P. Soper  
Act. Secretary



Council Room  
24<sup>th</sup> of November 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council Room 15 Horse Road, on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1873 at 8.30 a.m. Pursuant to notice.

Present.

Meas<sup>rs</sup>:

R. A. Pearson.  
J. D. Barnes  
M. Hall.  
R. W. Little  
W. S. Wetmore  
E. B. Lopes, Act. Secretary

Absent.

Meas<sup>rs</sup>:

J. G. Purdon.  
E. Seligmann.  
J. Wilson.

The Summons calling the meeting was read.  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed & signed by the Chairman and Act. Secretary, and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee

Cash State. The Cash State for 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. was handed round for inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Comptroller's hands.	Ys. 1099. 65
In Bank Deposit.	" 15,000. 00.
In Bank Current Account.	" 10,869. 56.
	<u>Ys 26,969. 21.</u>

Report from Local Post Office @ 10.15. from 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of 1873 was read.

Special Report from Local Post Office of 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1873 was

was read, <sup>and approved</sup> suggesting that the two pony couriers be done away with, and that 3 or 4 Coochies be taken on in their place. The Change would have an advantage over the present system, by giving 5 deliveries daily, at the outside districts, instead of 2, and would effect a small saving in expenses.

10th. 11.20

Mr. Haron stated that the Finance Committee had sanctioned the new arrangement, to commence on 1st. 1st. 1890.

### Pushing Well Road, Taxing Residents.

R/S. 11.21

11.21

The Asst. Secretary was instructed to obtain estimates from the Supt. of Police and Engineer, as to cost of Policing and Lighting, this road properly, prior to addressing the residents on the Pushing Well Road as to their willingness to pay taxes.

### Assessment, Oriental Bazaar.

The following opinion from the Legal Adviser as to the course to be adopted in this case, was read, - as follows:-

"In my opinion the Council should resist Mr. Paterson or any other Ratepayer's refusal to pay upon the Assessment made by the Committee and confirmed by the Committee of Appeal, but I think it would be desirable, if possible, to have the dispute settled without recourse to a Court of law, and therefore if both parties would agree to an arbitration it would probably be the most satisfactory solution of the questions at issue."

"I think it would be undesirable to bring the question into a Court of law, because the only provision in the Land Regulations as regards Assessment is contained in Article IX which provides that the Council General Meeting of Ratepayers shall be competent to declare an assessment in the form of a rate to be made on the said land & buildings."

The meaning of this passage is to me somewhat obscure, but at any rate it does not provide for the appointment of an Assessment Committee and

Committee of Appeal, and it is therefore possible that the British Judge or even Foreign Consul might hold that the course taken by the Rate-payers in this and former instances, is not fully warranted by the Land Regulations.

In the event of the Council and the Oriental Bank not being able to agree as to an arbitration, I am of opinion that it would be better for the Council to desist (in a friendly way) upon the O. P. C. premises, as provided for in article X of the Regulations, than to bring an action in the Supreme Court.

My reason for this is that in such case the legal remedy of the O. P. C. would be to sue the Council in the Court of Treaty Consuls for a wrongful distress, and a decision would then be arrived at which would be binding upon Foreigners of all nationalities alike, & the Court of Consuls would not, I apprehend, be bound so technically to a strictly legal decision as H. P. M.'s Supreme Court.

also draft reply from the same Genl Comd to the Duval's letter <sup>Finance</sup> 11/2/73;

I am directed by the Council to inform you that they do not consider it within their discretionary power to accept the reduced sum you propose to pay upon the Corporation's premises, in lieu of that fixed by the Assessment Committee.

I am to point out to you that the valuation of that Committee has been confirmed on Appeal in accordance with the provisions made for such purpose by the last Rate-payers' Meeting, and that the Council in the absence of any further instructions from the Rate-payers, consider themselves bound to enforce the conclusions arrived at by these Committees.

In the meanwhile they accept the amount covered by your Cashier's Cheque, on account only.

The Clerk <sup>and stated met</sup> The Asst. Secretary <sup>visited</sup> the bank called upon Mr. Paterson, Manager Oriental Bank, on Saturday, and mentioned that the general opinion

outside was that the Oriental Bank was very fairly assessed, at £8000..., and that if he continued to contend against it both he and the Council would be put to a great deal of trouble. Mr Paterson stated that personally he did not wish to be obstructive in any way, but the Head Office, would not, he felt sure, submit to such a valuation. The Head Office charged the Shanghai office £4000... for rental, the building east to build, from first to last, £60,000, and at the time it was finished Mr Hinder then valued the building at £40,000..., which was agreed to by the Council and the Bank. That valuation was the highest figure to assess the bank for purposes of taxation - he was willing to submit the case to arbitration.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr Neture, seconded by Mr Moses and,  
Resolved,

That the Acting Secretary shall write to the Manager of the O.P.C. in terms of Mr Pennie's draft letter, and shall thereafter take such steps, through the latter, as may be necessary to disband on the Corporation to enforce payment of the Municipal Taxes in question.

U.P.C. Committee for Assessment of Land:

Only 5 Gentlemen - G. J. W. Condie, F. N. Bell, J. H. Thordike, J. Ashton, and J. A. Maitland, of those given at last meeting having consented to serve, it was considered advisable to have a Committee of seven. Other names were given to the Asst. Secretary from whom to make up the additional 2.0 required. Letters were read from those who had declined to serve on the Committee.

North's Committee

Inspector's Report, e. to: 344, of 20<sup>th</sup> e Nov 1873, was read

Railway Sookhow Creek.

R/O. 423. Mr. Wetmore, Chairman Watch Committee, advised the placing of railway, as a matter of safety, on the South side Sookhow Creek, from end of Public Garden to Boat House, and begged to refer for consideration of Public Works Committee.

Watch Committee

Inspector of Municipalities Report & Co. No. of 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1898 was read, Mr. Wetmore remarking in connection with it, that the Watch Committee had decided to appeal against the decision of the Mixed Court Magistrate in the matter of the Five-year lease for a road near Peking Road (referred to in Inspector of Municipalities Report No. 83. of 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1898.)

Inspector of Markets Report for October 1898 was read.

Storage Kerosine Oil.

R/O 424 The attention of the Watch Committee was called to enormous quantities of Kerosine Oil, (by some estimated to amount to as much as 10 years consumption, stored in the neighborhoods of Shanghai. Mr. Wetmore promised that it should be looked into, and instructed the Asst. Secretary to ascertain the quantity stored in the Settlement and to urge on the police the necessity of taking strict precautions against more than was safe finding its way into the Settlement.

Mr. Wetmore further was inclined to think stocks had been exaggerated - and that the greater part of the oil was stored at Pookung - Tszungkoo & other places from which there was no danger to be apprehended.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Robt. Ferguson

Chairman

Howard Stouper  
Asst. Secretary

Register of attendance at General Meeting of Council held on  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 1873.

Robert F. ...  
John & Richard  
D. ...  
Morris

Moritz Kald  
B...

Council Room.  
Shanghai 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the Council  
Room 15 Roman Road, on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of  
December 1873. at 8.30 a.m. pursuant to  
notice.

Present

R. J. ...  
W. S. ...  
F. D. ...  
M. ...  
J. M. ...  
J. G. ...  
E. Seligmann

E. D. ... Act. Secretary

Absent

P. W. Little  
J. Wilson

The Summons calling the meeting was read  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed & signed by  
the Chairman & Act. Secretary, and the seal of the  
Municipality impressed thereon.

— Finance Committee —

Cash State. The Cash State for 29 November, was handed over for inspection. It showed balances as follows:

In Comprodes' hands	Rp. 1903. 31.
In Bank Deposit	. 15000.
In Bank Current Account	. 11,569 56.
	<u>Rp. 28,472. 87.</u>

Appropriations.

On the Recommendation of the Finance Committee the following appropriation was passed:—

General Hospital - Contribution - Rp. 1000.

Taxes.

Imperial Tax on Outside Roads.  
A Report <sup>20th</sup> 1608 of 28 November 1873 by the Committee (Messrs Medhurst, Schlicht & Sueder) appointed by the Consular Body to consider the subject of arrears of Taxes on Outside Roads, ~~alleged to be due~~ by the Chinese Authorities to be due by the Municipality, was read, and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes:—

Sir,

As a Committee of the Consular Body, appointed at their meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> Decr, we have under our consideration the letter from the Magistrate of Shanghai, dated 24<sup>th</sup> June last, on the subject of arrears of taxes alleged to be due on three further roads <sup>within</sup> ~~outside~~ the limits of the Foreign Settlements.

On reference to former official documents bearing on this subject, we find that the taxation of these & other roads is closely connected with the question of their proprietorship, custody & repairs; that the Consular Body, so far back as the 30<sup>th</sup> January 1869, appointed a Committee of three of their number, to endeavour to procure from the Taotai, the remission of all taxes on the land so to them left, and the adoption of some systematic plan for maintenance of said roads & their protection from encroachment and injury: that, failing success in these efforts, Mr Medhurst

(the only remaining member of the Committee at that time - October 1870) recommended a representation of the case to the Supreme Government through the several Legations at Peking; that his colleagues approved of this proposition, and requested him to draw up a memorandum embodying the entire history of the question for their information; that Mr. Medhurst submitted a memorandum accordingly; and that at a meeting of the Consular Body, held on 2<sup>d</sup> January, 1871, it was decided to ask the Government to procure the assent of the Imperial Government to the principle of exemption from taxation.

We are led to conclude from these facts, that the whole question has been formally submitted for the consideration of the Taisai, and that it is at this moment before the several Legations at Peking, awaiting their action.

Under these circumstances it would seem expedient, before any further local proceedings are taken in the matter, that the Consuls should severally ascertain from their respective Legations whether any reference of the question has been made to the Supreme Government, and if so what has been the result.

We would further venture to suggest, <sup>that</sup> you should put yourselves in communication with the Taisai with a view to discovering whether he, on his part, has made any reference of the subject to the Viceroy, as we have reason to believe he was requested to do by the Committee who first took up the question in 1869.

We have the honor to be,  
 signed W. Medhurst  
 Schletté  
 C. Lueder



Assessment Shanghai Gas Coys' Plant &c.  
Further discussion was postponed until the  
Finance Committee have considered it in Meeting.

Works Committee.

Bridge. Yang King Yang. Honan Rd to Porte du Nord.  
On the recommendation of the Public Works Committee  
the Council authorized an Iron Bridge, in  
accordance with plan & estimate already submitted,  
to be ordered by the French Municipal Council, and  
agreed to bear half the cost, understanding that  
the total cost will be about No 2500.  
The Council trust that the French Municipality  
will, as far as possible, have the alterations  
made in the plan as suggested in the Council's  
letter of 15. September last. <sup>Nov 1797</sup>

Mr. E. de Sartais share of cost building Bridges  
in the Settlement.

The following Report from Mr. Medhurst  
was read:—  
Sir,

In accordance with the desire  
expressed by my colleagues at the meeting of  
the Consular Body held on 30 Dec<sup>r</sup>, I have  
placed myself in communication with the Sartais,  
in reference to the application of the Municipal  
Council for contributions for the Chinese contribution  
towards the cost of constructing the Garden Bridge  
and a proposed new Bridge at the north end of  
Honan Road. I at the same time made known to the  
Sartais, the strong wish of the Council to retain  
if possible, the floating bridge in its present position.

The result of my interference, as will be  
seen from the accompanying translation of a letter  
which I have received from the Sartais, has not  
been so satisfactory.

The decision to pay anything further towards  
the construction of Bridges, either here or on the

France's side, and he persists in his protest against  
the inconvenience caused to the staple Port  
of India, by the Floating Bridge -

The reply of the Yantai is couched in such  
positive terms, that I have not thought it worth  
while to urge the matter further on behalf of my  
colleagues. Personally, I should feel access to  
doing so, because I consider it scarcely reasonable  
to make these extra claims upon the Yantai's  
private or public purse, in the face of the  
fact, that they already contribute an annual  
sum towards the Municipal Funds, and that  
the Chinese in the Settlement, likewise, bear a  
considerable share of the public taxation. -  
As a question of expediency, moreover, it appears  
to me unwise to levy exactions of this nature  
upon the Local Authorities, inasmuch as a  
colourable excuse is thereby afforded them  
for multiplying the trade through their own people,  
a privilege which they are already found too prone  
to lay claim to, and which it is clearly to our  
interest so far as possible, to resist -

(Signed) W. Medhurst  
Consul

The Yantai to Mr. Medhurst -

On 15 inst I received a letter from the French  
Consul General, Monsieur Godéau, forwarding a  
petition from the French Municipal Council, asking  
in contribution of one third from me towards the  
expense of reconstructing a bridge over the Yang-  
Kiang Yang Que!! which has cost \$614,000.  
On the 16<sup>th</sup> I received your despatch  
communicating the propositions of the English  
Municipal Council, applying for my customary  
subscription of one half towards the expense  
of the new Bridge over the Loehow Que!! which  
has cost \$614,000... also deprecating the demand

of the floating bridge, as it was a relief to the  
 new one; and recommending the opportunity offered  
 of a contractor to build a new bridge at the end of  
 Honan Road for \$500. which offer might be  
 closed, if I subscribed  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the cost.

I beg to state that, although it has been  
 customary for the Taitai to contribute to the expense  
 of building and repairing bridges, in Yang King Paug,  
 yet this practice was forbidden in future, by  
 a dispatch from a former Vice Roy, dated 6<sup>th</sup> of  
 5<sup>th</sup> Moon (May 1864)

In the present instance, the repairs of these  
 3 bridges amount to over \$30,000., so that even  
 at one third the Taitai would have to give over  
 \$10,000., and I really have no funds to apply  
 to this purpose. At any rate having received  
 distinct orders from the Secretary not to subscribe,  
 it is quite beyond my power to assist.

As to the Floating Bridge, it very much  
 impedes the progress of boats, and I must still  
 hope you will order the Municipal Council to  
 remove it for the benefit of the boats.

I am answering the French Consul General to  
 the same effect, and now send you this special  
 note to beg you to let the Municipal Council  
 understand.

(signed) A. R. Margary  
 Interpreter.

also translation of letter from H. E. the Taitai  
 to Mr. Seward, U. S. Consul General, declining  
 to pay his share,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of cost of building wooden  
 bridge across Yang King Paug at Lee Kuen Road  
 The Council regretted to learn the conclusion  
 come to by the Taitai, but before accepting the  
 position, decided to request the Consul to refer  
 the question to Peking, furnishing them with  
 such statistics, as to the nature of the traffic  
 across the bridge in the Settlements, and

using such arguments as will strengthen the Council's hands.

The Asst. Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Council to Mr. Medhurst and Mr. Seward for their intervention with the Taitai—

Construction of Wharf (by Dufferin & Smeeth) in front of French Settlement—

A letter <sup>1823</sup> of 29<sup>th</sup> November, was read from Mr. Seward, suggesting that the representations contained in the Council's letter of 28<sup>th</sup> October, as to the encroachment on the French line, be addressed to Mr. Medhurst, as the works complained of, had received the approval of N. D. M. Government and the native authorities—

The Council was inclined to think, that in a question affecting the Settlement so generally, their protest should be with more propriety referred to the Consular Body; and after much discussion as to the course of procedure suggested by Mr. Seward, it was moved by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Darves and,

Resolved,

That a letter be addressed to N. D. M. Consul enclosing copies of their correspondence with the Senior Consul regarding the Wharves now in course of construction in front of the French Point, as these encroachments on the river are made by British Subjects, and that the correspondence be also published—

Mr. Purdon was requested, before the correspondence is made public, to ascertain whether there is any objection on the part of either Mr. Seward or Mr. Medhurst to the latter's letter being published—

— Native Committee. —

Inspector of Finances Report No. 85 of 29<sup>th</sup> October was read—

Agreement Superintendent of Police -

Mr. Hall on the part of the Watch Committee stated that Mr. Penfold's agreement expired in February 1873, and had not yet been renewed. Mr. Penfold took charge of the Municipal Police on 17 April 1864, on a pay of £600 (sterling) per annum. His agreement was renewed for 3 years in 1867 & 1870, with pay at £800 per annum, and again in 1870 at £1000 per annum, which latter he has been up to the present time. Mr. Penfold has from the first drawn its equivalent at 6% - This rate has very rarely been obtained & Mr. Penfold has therefore, strictly speaking, not drawn what he was entitled to by agreement. Mr. Penfold is willing to serve the Council for another 3 years upon the same terms -

- Memo -

Drawn by Mr. Penfold hitherto  $\pounds 277^78$  per m.  $\pounds 3333^33$  p. a.  
Proposed to be increased to  $\pounds 300$  .. =  $\pounds 3600$  ..

Increase per year  $\pounds 266.67$   
of which the Police Estimates will fully admit.

Further it has been suggested by Mr. Penfold himself, to suit the interest of the Municipality, that his agreement should date one year later than those of Messrs. Strippling & Fowler, instead of falling due on same date as hitherto - It might put the community to much inconvenience if from any cause, at a future date, they took advantage of the opportunity afforded them of all leaving the Council's service at the same time.

Messrs. Strippling & Fowler's agreement to were renewed in February - would it not be advisable to date Mr. Penfold's from 1<sup>st</sup> January next, he himself being quite agreeable to it.

Register of Attendance It was then moved by

Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Moses, and  
Resolved,

That an agreement be concluded  
 with Mr. C. E. Peufold, as Superintendent  
 of the Municipal Police - for 3 years from  
 1<sup>st</sup> January 1894, with pay at the rate of  
 Three Hundred Rupees (Rs 300) Rs. per month  
 and the usual allowances.

The Register of Attendance having been signed  
 (vide page 163) 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

Robt. S. Pearson  
 Chairman

Edward Hooper  
 Asst. Secretary

Council Room  
 Shanghai, 8<sup>th</sup> December 1893

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request  
 your attendance at a General Meeting of the Council  
 to be held at the Council Room, 15 Henan Road  
 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> inst, at 8.30 a.m.

Business:-

Summons to be read

Minutes of last Meeting to be confirmed & signed.

Finance Committee.

Cash State

Re. L. Wardell Result of case

L. P. Office Report

Taxes owing by Oriental Bank Corporation  
 (Legal adviser will attend to advise course of action)

For the Committee—

Engineer's Weekly Report etc. 345. to be read  
 —do— Monthly —do— o. b. —do—

Watch Committee—

Inspector of Amusements Report to be read  
 —do— Markets —do— —do—  
 Messines & other etc. Report from Superintendent  
 of Police to be read.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(Signed) Edward P. Louper

Asst. Secy. 1874.

Register of Attendance at General Meeting  
 of Council, held at Council Room, 15 Roman Rd.  
 on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 1873, at 8.30. a.m.

Robt & Pearson  
 John G. P. P. P.  
 John G. P. P.

Mess

W. H. Little

Council Room.  
 Shanghai. 9. Dec<sup>r</sup> 1873

At the General Meeting of the Council for the  
 Foreign Community of Shanghai, held at the  
 Council Room 15 Roman Road, on Tuesday  
 9<sup>th</sup> December 1873, at 8.30 a.m. pursuant  
 to notice.

Present,

Mess:

R. J. Pearson,

Mess<sup>rs</sup>:

R. W. Little

S. M. Moses

J. G. Purdon

J. Wilson

E. B. Souper Asst. Secretary

Abouk.Mess<sup>rs</sup>:

W. S. Wehuore

M. Kall.

J. D. Barues

E. Seligman

The Summons calling the Meeting was read--  
 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read confirmed &  
 signed by the Chairman & Asst. Secretary, and the  
 seal of the Municipality impressed thereon--

Finance Committee

Cash State. The Cash State for 6<sup>th</sup> December 1873, was handed  
 round for inspection. It showed balances as follows--

In Compradores' hands	Rs. 1823.0.1.
In Bank's <u>Reserve</u> Deposit	" 15000.0.0.
In Bank's Current Account.	" 12,889.20
	<u>Rs 29,712.21.</u>

Dues on Merchandise. L. Orardale.

A Letter <sup>dated</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> was read from the Council's Legal  
 Adviser, (Mr R. J. Rennie) handing C/o for Rs 191.<sup>13</sup>  
 in settlement of the Council's outstanding claims--

Charles Leroyale.

The Asst. Secretary was instructed to ascertain the  
 opinion of the French Consul as to the liability of  
 this Firm for dues outstanding within the meaning  
 of Art. IX of the Laws Regulations--

Notes.

Dues Owning by Oriental Bank Corporation.

M<sup>r</sup> Rennie attended the Council and with reference  
 to his letter to the Secretary of the Council dated,  
 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> (vide page 159. ante) explained that--



writing that letter he had further considered the expediency of the distraint he had suggested should be made upon the Oriental Bank premises for arrears of assessed taxes. He pointed out to the Council the difficulties which might arise in such a case, or even in a similar suit against the corporation, supposing they should try to avail themselves of technical defenses, or the lack of power given by the Land Regulations, and finally suggested that if the Oriental Bank Corporation would consent (as it was most probable they might) to stating a case for the opinion of Sir Edmund Hornby as to whether the demands of the Appeal Committee on Assessment was binding upon them or not, that would probably be the most satisfactory course to adopt; and that if they should refuse it would only remain to the Council to proceed by a suit in the regular way.

The Board desired to proceed in this way and requested Mr. Reineis to ascertain from Mr. Patterson, Manager Oriental Bank Corp<sup>o</sup>, if he was agreeable to such a course being pursued and to abide by the decision of the Judge.

The instructions given to the Asst. Secretary in this matter at Council Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last, were then cancelled.

Committee of Appeal for Land Assessment 1873

It was proposed by Mr. Fearson, seconded by Mr. Purdon, and

Resolved,

That Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. Ashton, J. N. Bell - W. Brand - J. J. W. Ervic - M. S. Gutteray - W. Hildes - J. A. Maitland - & J. H. Thordicke, being willing to serve, be appointed a Committee to hear and decide upon Appeals against the valuations recently placed upon Land for purposes of taxation. -

over

Report. Local Post Office Report. eto 17 of 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> was deferred consideration until next meeting.

Works Committee.

Reports Engineer's Report. Weekly eto 345 of 27 eto 30<sup>th</sup> 346 of 11<sup>th</sup> December. and monthly eto 6. of 5<sup>th</sup> December (for eto November). Reading of was deferred until next meeting.

Wharves.

Construction of Wharf Truck Quay.

M<sup>r</sup> Purdon stated that as requested at last meeting of Council, he had called upon M<sup>r</sup> Medhurst who had no objection to M<sup>r</sup> Seward's letter being made public, - but as the correspondence in connection with it contained a complaint against a firm, (Butterfield & Swire, Agents China Navigation Co.) he asked that publication might be held over until he had communicated with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Butterfield & Swire, and had conveyed their reply to the Council.

Watch Committee.

Reports

Report from Inspector of etuisances eto. 86. of 5. December 1873, and from Inspector of Markets for eto November 1873, were ordered to be held over till next meeting.

Certs.

Herosine & other Oils. - Spring of  
a report, <sup>Watch</sup> eto 1631 of 11<sup>th</sup> December, from the Supt of Police was read, stating that the Stores & godowns in the English & Hongkong Settlements, were frequently visited by the Police, in order to ascertain the quantity of Oil stored in them. That there were seldom more than 5 Cases in one building, that most of the oil imported into Shanghai is stored at Poohung, that there are 25,000 Cases at present in Mess<sup>rs</sup> Shaw's godown in Poohung, and also a quantity at Tung Ka-doo - & that directions have been given for a strict examina to be made weekly at all places, where Herosine is likely to be stored, within the Settlements.

<sup>Attendance</sup>  
 Register of ~~Minutes~~ having been signed (vide page 172 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 adjourn.

Robt J. Fearon

Chairman

Asst. Secretary.

Council Room

Shanghai 15<sup>th</sup> December 1873.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Huan Road Shanghai on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon

Summary of Business.

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed

Finance Committee - Cash State

Appropriations

Report for November

L.P.O. Report.

Shanghai Gas Company - Letter from -

Works Committee - Engineer's monthly Report

Committee's Report for November.

Wharf - French side. Letter from H. B. de Consul.

Watch. Inspector of Nuisances Report -

Inspector of Markets Report.

Report for November.

Inspection of Drains

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

(Signed) Edward B. Souper.

Register of Attendance of Members of Council at General Meeting held on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1873.

Robert J. Pearson  
 John G. Purdon  
 J. D. Barnes  
 John Wilson  
 R. W. Little  
 S. M. Moses  
 E. Seligman

Council Room  
 Shanghai 16<sup>th</sup> December 1873.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai held at the Council Room - 15<sup>th</sup> Hunan Road on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1873 at 8.30 o'clock in the Forenoon.

Present -

- R. J. Pearson Esq. Chairman
- John G. Purdon Esq.
- J. D. Barnes Esq.
- John Wilson Esq.
- R. W. Little Esq.
- S. M. Moses Esq.
- E. Seligman Esq.
- Edward B. Souper. Asst Secretary.

Absent -

- W. S. Wetmore Esq.
- M. Kall Esq.

The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Finance Committee.

The Cash State for the 13<sup>th</sup> December was handed round for

inspection. It showed balances as follows:-

In Compadrais Funds	Rs 1801.45
In Bank. Deposit	15000.00
" Current Account-	9869.90
	<u>Rs 26671.35.</u>

Appropriations. It was moved by Mr. Karm, seconded by Mr. Purdon and

Resolved

That the expenditure of the following sums be sanctioned

<u>Engineers Dept.</u>	<u>Timber</u>	Rs 500
	<u>Trees</u>	250

Compensation to owners of houses  
in line of New Road between  
Jankien and Chetwang Road - from  
Jackson to Pekin Roads.

Kiao Yung - Ching \$120

Jue - Chang - Paon .. 80

Straightening Chetwang Road Rs 84<sup>60</sup> for land from  
Trades Mr. F. D Barnes property near its junction with  
Tsochow Road. on South side.

Local Post-Office Report No 17 of 1<sup>st</sup> December was read.

Committee Report for November. It was moved by Mr. Wilson  
seconded by Mr. Purdon and

Resolved

That the Report of the Finance Rate and appeal  
Committee for November 1893 be approved and passed for  
publication.

Shanghai Gas Company. The following proposal submitted in a letter  
(<sup>Jan</sup> of 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov) from the Gas Company was considered.  
1679 - That some arrangement should be come to by  
which the question at issue (agreement of Plant and mains)  
will be definitely settled and which will be satisfactory  
to all concerned. They (the Gas Co) will modify  
their views previously expressed to the Council by consenting  
to a reduction in the price of gas supplied to the Public  
Street lamps under the understanding that the Council waive  
the claim to the right to tax the Company as proposed  
in previous correspondence and in lieu of all other

contributions from the Company to the Council."

This proposition meeting with the favor of the members it was moved by Mr. Pearson seconded by Mr. Seligmann and

Resolved

That the arrangement proposed by the Shanghai Gas Company in their letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov be approved so far as this Council's year of office is concerned, it being understood that the Council shall recommend its continuance at the next Ratepayers meeting - reserving to the Ratepayers themselves the question of waiving the right to tax the Company's property.

Assessment - Oriental Bank. The Chairman informed the meeting that Mr. Patterson manager of the Oriental Bank consents to the case being referred to the Judge by whose opinion he was willing to abide.

Artillery Poles. The Finance Committee are requested to enquire into the arrangement under which these mounds are placed at disposal of the Volunteer Artillery.

### Public Works Committee.

Engineers Weekly Report and for the month of November - Mr. Pardon explained what had been done in connexion with contents

Committee Report for month of November. It was moved by Mr. Seligmann seconded by Mr. Moses and

Resolved

That the Report of the Public Works Committee for the month of November 1873 be approved and carried for publication.

Printed List. The following communication ( $\frac{2000}{1000}$  of 11<sup>th</sup> Dec/73) from the Finis Comm<sup>l</sup> covering copy of letter from M. S. M. Comm<sup>l</sup> having been previously circulated was taken as read

No 6532.

United States Consulate General  
Shanghai 11<sup>th</sup> December 1873.

R. J. Pearson Esquire

Chairman Municipal Council  
Shanghai

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter which I have received, as Senior Consul, from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul.

You will observe that Mr. Medhurst while declaring the case of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire concluded in his opinion by the assent of the native Authorities to the works progressing in front of the French Bond with great good feeling opens the way for a reconsideration of the matter.

I have submitted Mr. Medhurst's letter to my colleague and they authorize me to say that the consent of the native Authorities to the works upon a report from Mr. Yiquier seems to them to go far to justify Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and they do not feel at liberty to move for a reconsideration of the issue upon the somewhat bald report made by Mr. Oliver. If however the Council support Mr. Oliver's opinion by competent authority, for instance that of naval and other Commanders or pilots familiar with the port, the Council will take such action as may seem desirable.

In this connection the Council desire me to say that they will be glad to receive the fullest information in possession of the Council in regard to the Bond Line which Mr. Oliver refers to as having been heretofore determined upon.

Such a line would seem to be necessary, but the Consular Body are not aware that it has ever been authoritatively laid down and agreed to.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant  
(signed) George F. Leonard  
Senior Consul.

(Enclosure)

Nº 21.

British Consulate  
Shanghai 10<sup>th</sup> December 1873

Sir,

It having been signified to me by the Secretary to the Municipal Council that they were in correspondence with yourself upon the subject of an alleged encroachment by British subjects upon the Bond Line of the river South of the Yangtze River before they applied to me directly.

for address in the matter, I have the honor to submit herewith, for your information and that of our several colleagues a copy of the letter which I have addressed on the subject to the Council in reply to their communication

You will observe from the defence set up by Messrs Butterfield & Swire the respondents, that their case is so conclusive, as to leave me no room for interference with the works which they have undertaken and should the Council consider that the interests of the Community call for further action in the matter, I can see no alternative but for them to court a re-consideration on the part of the Council of the sanction which he has given

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours obedient Servant  
(signed) W. A. Medhurst  
Secy Majesty's Council

George F. Leward Esq.  
U. S. Consul General  
and Mayor Council.

The Council were glad to recognize the good feeling exhibited by the Councils in their readiness to open up the question again.

Sense of repl. was submitted by the Works Committee and approved. Letter to be circulated before being forwarded. will be recd in full on next minutes.

Ponding Scheme. Howard Wharf. Mr. Gordon stated that Mr. vanburg's agents in Shanghai will telegraph to England for their gentleman's consent - if the Council will undertake to bind at once at this point and carry out the arrangement proposed in the Council's letter of 29<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting did not recognize the necessity for immediate action in the matter and prefer to learn the views of the Ratepayers.

Roads.

Eucalyptus Trees. A member drew the attention of the Works Committee to this class of trees. a number are now in the nursery ground attached to the Public Garden and he believed the Committee will be glad to supply



the public with a quantity of young plants.

widening Stockton Road - between Duane Road and Defence Creek

The Works Committee were requested to see what arrangements can be made with Mr. E. M. Smith, to widen it - to 30 feet.

### Watch Committee.

Reports - Inspector of Nuisances Report was read & filed. ( $\frac{\text{watch}}{1636}$  of 5<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Health Officers Special Report - on Ponds in  $\frac{\text{watch}}{1687}$  of 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

The Watch Committee stated was receiving their attention.

Inspector of Markets Report in  $\frac{\text{watch}}{1621}$  of 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. read and filed.

Committee Report for month of November was submitted. It

was moved by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Moses and

Resolved

That the Report of the Watch Committee for the month of November 1873 be approved and passed for publication.

Sanitary Department - Inspection of Drains - The Council were informed

that an inspection had taken place composed of members of Works Committee, Watch Committee, Health Officer and Executive Staff attached to each Department - a Report would be submitted in due course.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 177 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 A. Burdick  
for  
Chairman

Anti-epidemic.

Council Room

Shanghai 29<sup>th</sup> December 1873.

Sir

I am directed by the Chairman to request your attendance at a general meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Room on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.

December 1873 at 9 o'clock a.m.

Business

Summons to be read

Minutes to be confirmed and signed.

Finance.

Cash State.

Assessment Circular Buildings - Letter from H.B. ins Council  
L.P.O. Report

Defence.

Report from Instructor of Musketry.

Works.

Stone Crusher - as to procuring.

Weccheong Road

Queen Jong Road } Letter from Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co  
Engineers Report

Seizure of Contractor Ganytzepoo Road by Yamen  
Runners.

Watch.

Inspector of Nuisances 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

(signed) Edward B. Tomper.

Asst Secretary

To the Members  
of the Council.

Register of <sup>Attendance of</sup> Members of Council at general meeting held on  
Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1873.

M. J. S. S. S.

H. J. S. S. S.

W. H. Little.

Morris Kalb

Council Room  
Shanghai 30<sup>th</sup> Decr. ber 1873.

At the General Meeting of the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai North of the Yangtze River, held at the Council Room 15<sup>th</sup> Hunan Road on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1873 pursuant to notice

Present-

John G. Purdon Esq. in the Chair

F. D. Barnes Esq

R. W. Little Esq

M. Hall Esq

Edward B. Soper. Asst Secretary.

Absent-

R. J. Reason Esq

W. S. Wetmore Esq

E. Seligmann Esq

S. M. Moses Esq.

J. Wilson Esq.

A letter was read from Mr. Reason regretting his inability to attend.

Mr. Purdon was requested to take the Chair

The Summons calling the meeting was taken as read  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman and Asst Secretary and the seal of the Municipality impressed thereon.

Defence Committee.

Report from Instructor of Musketry <sup>of</sup> 1873 was ordered to be circulated for the information of the Council

Finance Committee

Cash State for the 24<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> was handed over for inspection. H. H.

Balance, as follows:-

Wh- Comptroller	Rs 1849.00
In Bank. Deposit	15000.00
In Bank. Current a/c	3940.00
	<u>Rs 17789.00</u>

Assessment - Consular and Supreme Court-Buildings. A letter  
 $\frac{200}{1682}$  p 17: Dec 173. from Sr. J. P. M. Consal is read accepting  
 the valuation of Rs 3000 placed upon the Supreme  
 Court and Consulate Offices.

Local Post Office Report -  $\frac{2000}{1685}$  p 17: December was read & noted.

Works Committee.

Engineers Report -  $\frac{2000}{1673}$  p 16: Dec was read and noted.

Stone Crusher. A memo was submitted showing the great  
 saving to be made by using one of these machines  
 instead of hand labor.

Statement of probable cost of Stone Crushing machine  
 and of saving effected by using the same.

<u>Cost of machine</u> (Blake's patent with mouth 15" x 7")	£ 200
6 HP Engine	180
Freight - packing insurance &c	40
	<u>£ 425.</u>
or say at $\frac{5}{10}$ assumed rate when remittance will be required	Rs 1457 or say <u>Rs 1500.</u>

Estimated expenditure for crushing 15000 tons  
 assumed annual supply, with machine.

Chinese Enginemen Rs 20 per man	Rs 240
10 coolies feeding &c say 3000 in all	412
40 tons of coal - Rs 10 each	400
wear and tear of machinery $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ on Rs 1500	188
	<u>1240</u>
Expended at present for breaking chips say 15000 tons of metal (12000 coolies)	<u>1648</u>
giving a saving on labor above of	<u>Rs 1200</u>

A large amount will be saved on the cost of the  
 metal as any size of granite can be used.

I estimate that Rs 0<sup>20</sup> may be saved by say Rs 0<sup>10</sup>

15000 tons at Rs 0<sup>12</sup> = Rs 15000 annual saving.

Mr. Purdon states that there are two Blakes' Patents in Japan which he has reason to believe can be obtained cheap - one about \$1200 - the other \$3500 - he strongly recommended one of them being procured and in the meantime had written for further particulars -

The meeting is in favor of buying the larger one of the two and refer the matter to the Finance Committee to report - as to how the cost can be met -

Roads - Keecheung Road } Letter <sup>works</sup> <sub>1878</sub> from Messrs Jardine  
Queen Hong Road } Matheson & Co is deferred consideration till a fuller meeting. In the meanwhile evidence to be collected to support the Comals demands -

Mr Purdon remarked that Messrs Pedro Loreiro, C. L. Hofoed and others were prepared to come forward to prove that the Keecheung Road had been surrendered down to the River.

Watch Committee

Arrest of Contractor (E. Sang Ching) new Yangtze-poo Road - The meeting is informed by report of Supt of Police <sup>22nd</sup> <sub>1894</sub> that the contractor had been arrested near the Little East gate on chekensis warrant and taken into the City where he was now detained. Enquiries were being made as to the charge on which he is arrested. If on receipt of them, as believed, it is found to be a case trumped up by petty officials in the Yangtze-poo District to extort money out of the Councils contractor, the Senior Consul to be communicated with immediately, with a view to obtaining the contractors release or obtaining for him a fair trial at the mixed court if there is any charge against him.

Register of Attendance having been signed (vide page 183 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 G. Purdon

Secretary  
in Charge

Chairman