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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

(1897—1898)

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Raffles Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1877,  
at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present

M. Moses  
 W. Carr  
 J. M. Michael  
 W. And.  
 William Deane  
 Esq. J. P.  
 Esq.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room,  
No. 23, Raffles Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday,  
the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1877, at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present

W. Carr  
 J. L. Scott, (Chairman)  
 W. D. W. Ford,  
 D. Brand,  
 J. Cooper,  
 W. S. Garrow,  
 W. D. Little,  
 J. H. H. Michael,  
 D. M. Moses and the  
 Secretaries.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by  
 the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statements for the past week is submitted and cheques  
 for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of Prisoners apprehended and police daily reports  
 for the past week are submitted.  
Call in Native Dairies, The Inspector reports

✓

Markets

that the cattle in 3 dairies have been infected with rinderpest, that 2 of the dairies are now closed, and the other, situated in Scott road is visited daily. Report by the Inspector is submitted, stating that during December the markets, and butcher shops were visited daily and the meat carefully examined. Beef and mutton, have been in abundant supply, and both of good quality, whilst fish, vegetables and fruit have been fairly supplied at moderate prices, but for all descriptions of game prices have ruled high.

The following animals have been slaughtered at the abattoir during the month. Oxen 1152, Sheep 215, Calves 182, and pigs 179, on which the fees have amounted to \$ 241, in addition to which there has been collected \$ 1152, for branding Tongues and tails, \$ 38.54, for water supplied to grease shop mounds, \$ 1.50, for special permits, and \$ 32, for butcher licenses, making in all \$ 324.06, and the attached fees have amounted to \$ 1013.65.

During the month 1 Ox, 4 Sheep, and 3 pigs were rejected as unfit for foreign consumption and sold to the grease shops, of these 1 Ox, and 2 Sheep were slaughtered by licensed stall men for the markets, 8 lbs beef, and 10 lbs mutton were also seized and confiscated, and 3 Oxen, and 3 Sheep were rejected at the Sheds.

The animals brought to Pak Sim Jark, included 204 Oxen, 380 water buffalo, 60 deer Sheep, and 28 ponies, 31 butcher licenses, have been issued for January.

The market in New King road was closed on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, in order to allow of the sheds being pulled down, preparatory for the building of the new market, and in the meantime a temporary market has been provided for the dealers in the Lloyd road where they now have their stalls.

During the month rinderpest appeared amongst the cattle in two of the Hong Kew dairies, and in one near Carter road. On the 20<sup>th</sup> December, at

At the request of the Council, the High Court Magistrate issued a proclamation prohibiting the removal of cattle from the infected dairies, & the settlements & places of which have been circulated amongst the dairy men.

✓ Police Stables

The Inspector reports that during October he visited the different Army Stables, and found the ponies, in good health and condition, & that worn out ponies have been seen in the stables, and a few cases of glanders were reported at some private stables.

583 Carriages, and 673 ponies have been licensed for January, against 588 of the former, and 677 of the latter for December, and 457 and 573 of each respectively for January 1896.

3845 Hired Carriages, and 4098 Hired Carriages have been licensed for the current month, license fee.

✓ Do

Summary for December is submitted showing the following amounts to be collected, £20,357.75 against £19,926.45, and £14,190.08 for the same month in 1895, & 1894, respectively, and for the year to £114,721.89, against £97,914.78 last year, an increase of £22,318.11.

✓ Fire Department

Letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission is read intimating that the following gentlemen have been elected to serve as Officers of the department during next year.

1893.

- Chief Engineer -
- 1st District - do -
- 2d - do - do -
- 3d - do - do -

- J. Moore
- C. A. Quinlan
- P. A. W. O'Hara
- J. Gallard

Referring to Mr C. J. Ashley's resignation of the post of Chief Engineer, the Chairman suggests that he should be presented with a testimonial of some kind in recognition of the services which he has rendered as an officer of the Fire Brigade since it was first formed some 30 years ago, which is unanimously agreed to.



Some conversation then takes place about the amount to be voted for this purpose, and the kind of testimonial which would be most acceptable to Mr. Ashley, and Mr. Ferson undertakes to ascertain about this from Mr. McLeod, the Chairman of the Fire Commission.

7-17 Lighting - Changpoa Road. Letter from Mr. John is read complaining of the insufficient lighting of the eastern end of this road, and stating that the light given by the lamp at the corner of the Ming Kong and Changpoa roads for some nights, has not extended one candle down.

8 Letter to the Gas Company is also read directing their attention to this complaint, and their reply stating that the lamp referred to was found to be defective on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto, and arrangements were at once made to have it repaired, but the intervention of the holidays has prevented the work being completed.

11 Local Post Office - Mails for Outports. Letter from the China Merchants Co. is read intimating that on, and after China New Year, day, the 2<sup>d</sup> February next, the Imperial Chinese postal service will come into operation, and from that day his steamers will refuse to carry mails for Chinese ports, other than those put on board by the Imperial Chinese post office.

Mr. Alfred mentions that similar notices will be sent by the different steamer companies, as a similar arrangement has been made with all of them.

Some conversation takes place about the effect this will have on the future income of the local post office, and it is agreed that it will be necessary to increase the rates of postage for local deliveries.

✓ Ac - - - - - Report by the Post Master on the working of the office during the past year is submitted.

✓ Volunteers - New Commissions. Letter from Mr. Forster is read thanking the Council for his appointment as Major in the **SYC**.

Letter from Major MacKuzie is also read.

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Thanking the Council for the honour they have conferred on him, by appointing him Major Commanding the Shanghai Volunteer Corps,

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Volunteers - German Company.

Another letter from Major MacKenzie is read enclosing one from Lieutenant Beck asking permission to make certain alterations in the uniforms of the German Company, which he recommends should be sanctioned, as of the 11th rank and file comprising the Company are recruits, and have not yet received any uniform and I have had their uniforms for more than three years, and are entitled to new ones.

Decided to sanction the proposed alterations.

No

Drill Shed.

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Another letter from Major MacKenzie is also read intimating that it is impossible to rent a good room for a drill hall for the training season, and suggesting that a marked 150 x 50 should be erected on the South foreshore of the Dockyard Creek, which could be used for this purpose.

Mr. Hesse having intimated that he has no objection to the proposed shed being erected on the foreshore between the Dockyard and Kiangse & road bridges, it is decided to approve of this suggestion, and the Engineer is to be instructed to have the shed erected there.

No

Uniforms.

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Letter from Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co is read intimating that their contract for the supply of Volunteer Uniforms has expired, and asking whether the Council intend to renew it or not.

The Secretary having mentioned that Major MacKenzie recommends it being renewed for another year, it is decided to write to Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co, to this effect.

Councillors for 1897.

The Chairman says that he has written to the Senior Consul suggesting that the Consular Board should appoint

Wednesday

Wednesday & Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> inst, for  
the election of the Council for next year,  
the Meeting thus adjourned.

J. J. Wood  
Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No 23 Abchurch Lane,  
Shanghai, on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1897.  
at 11 o'clock P.M.

J. J. Wood

- Chambers
- J. M. Moss
- W. H. Searns
- Johnston
- William D. S. S. S.
- W. H. Searns

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, White Horse Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1894, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present

- Messrs J. L. Scott, Chairman
- A. P. Clifford
- J. C. [unclear]
- G. S. [unclear]
- W. D. [unclear]
- J. H. M. Michael
- R. M. [unclear] and the Secretary
- A. S. [unclear]

Absent

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisons apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ Cattle in Native Districts — The Inspector reports that during the week disease broke out in 2<sup>nd</sup> Bu-tsun-dai, that 5 of the cattle are dead, and 2 have been sent to the country. On the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, the owner of an infected dairy was taken to the Mipsa Court and charged with bringing a diseased animal into the settlement. He was ordered to have all his cows removed to the country by boat, and his premises disinfected.

✓ Local Post Office, Letter from the Datto China Steam Navigation Co. is read intimating that, on, and after the 2<sup>nd</sup> proximo, under the arrangement made for the establishment of an Imperial Union Postal Service, they will be unable to carry the local post mails between ports in China.

✓ Whulbarrow Tax. Proclamation by the Municipal Court Magistrate is read giving notice that the Council intend to increase the Whulbarrow tax to be a cash in three months from now, as they do a

great deal of damage to the roads and calling upon the coolies to pay the increased tax,  
 ✓ Volunteers - New Commission Letter from the Commandant

16. is now intimating that on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1896, Second Lieut Miller was appointed Lieutenant in Command of the Machine Gunners, and requesting that a Commission may be issued to him bearing that date.

The Chairman says that the Commission applied for has been issued to Lieut Miller.  
 ✓ - Do - Uniforms Letter from the Genl

17. in favour of 5 years, requesting that the contract for the supply of Volunteer Uniforms be renewed for 3 years, instead of for 1 only, as proposed, in consideration of their having to lay in a large stock of submito, leggings, and other accoutrements, which it cannot be conveniently done for a short period.

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Major Macdonald having stated that there is no objection to the contract being made for 3 years, it is decided to agree to this being done.

✓ Le Kien Station in the Settlement Report by the

2. Chinese Superintendent of Police is read, stating that a Le Kien office has been established in the Settlement in an alley way off Che Kiang road, and that on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. a runner seized and took to it 3 bales of feathers belonging to a German firm.

When this being reported to the Police the runner and manager of the station were arrested, and charged and the feathers removed to the Surge Station.

As Le Kien Stations are not allowed in the Settlement it is decided to write to the Senior Consul and request him to bring the occurrence to the notice of the Tacu Tai, and to ask him to order the removal of the Station, and to give notice that no Le Kien is allowed to be collected in the Settlement.

✓ Seward Road - Letter from Capt King, & Mr Bryant

is read complaining of the state of Seward road, in which there is no drainage from Hung Pui road Eastward, and as the sidewalk is some inches higher than the road, the water runs into it, where it remains until it is evaporated, which is a danger to the

health of these Civics Shop, They add that if nothing is done to improve the road, they will be compelled to address this Council, and to ask his assistance in order to obtain that, to which they are justly entitled, that is, a decent road to their houses,

Decided to refer the letter to Mr Mayor's report,

- ✓ Sir R's Department - Referring to what was conveyed at last Meeting about presenting a testimonial to Mr C. J. Ashley, Mr Farnon says that a watch with an inscription on it is what he would prefer, It is then decided to present Mr Ashley with a gold watch and chain, with an inscription stating that they are presented to him by the Council in recognition of the services he has rendered as Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade, and Mr Farnon who is leaving for the States, undertakes to purchase the watch &c.
- ✓ Electric Department - Report by the Superintendent is submitted, giving particulars of the work completed during December, and of those still in progress.
- ✓ Annual Reports - Reports for 1876, by the Captain Superintendent of Police, and the Gaolwarden are submitted,

- ✓ Garbage in the Streets, Report by the Gaolwarden is read, stating that for some months past native servants in foreign employ, particularly in the English Settlement are in the habit of throwing out on the roads refuse, ashes &c, as late as 9.30 or 10 a.m., after the carts have passed round for the second time, and suggesting that the police should be instructed to enforce the Municipal Police regulations which prohibits this being done,

Decided to refer the report to the police, and to inform the Council of this enforcement.

JAMES A. COOKE  
Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance at the Meeting of the Council held  
in the Town Room, No. 25, Temple Street, Singapore,  
on Tuesday the 17th January 1897, at 11 o'clock,

James Scott Esq

~~Chairman~~

J. M. Moss

J. H. Mitchell

W. M. A. S.

William Scott

W. A. S.

At the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Town Room,  
No. 25, Temple Street, Singapore on Tuesday the 19th  
January, 1897, at 4 o'clock, P.M.

Present

Mr J. L. Scott, Chairman

W. M. A. S.

W. M. A. S.

W. M. A. S.

W. M. A. S.

J. H. Mitchell

J. M. Moss

and the

Secretary

J. S. Swain

Absent

The minutes of the last meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Books Statement for the last week is submitted, and  
accounts for sundry accounts are signed.

Reports of District Inspector and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Called in Native Diseases. The Inspector reports that  
the Station animals, with 1 dog head & cattle have  
all been visited during the past week, and that  
1 Heifer Cow, 1 Bull, and 1 Calf suffering from

minutes book were sent from the Butler's diary, (water road, to be slaughtered at Pak Sun Joo Hee.

Local Post Office,

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Letters from the China Navigation Co., and Messrs. (Graham) Co., are read, intimating that on and after the 2<sup>d</sup> February, their Steamers will be unable to carry mail matter for Great ports in China, including Hankow, other than that put on board by the Imperial Chinese Postal Administration.

Entrance to Hong-Kong Creek - Obstructions,

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Report from the Sanitary Inspector is read, stating that on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., the entrance to the Hong-Kong Creek was blocked up by the Steamers "Teh Koon", and "Lai Yuen", which were moored across it; consequently the garbage boats belonging to the Municipal Contractor were unable to get to their scow-pockets, those already loaded were obliged to remain in the Creek, and a large quantity of garbage had to be piled up on the Western bank, and this has occurred twice within the last fortnight, He suggests that the attention of the Harbour Authorities should be called to this, so as to prevent it from occurring again.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary says that Capt. Bishop, the Harbour Master is absent from Shanghai at present, but Mr. Cameron reported the occurrence to Capt. Cocher, who said that it is the duty of the river police, to see that the entrance to the Creek is kept clear, and that he would mention what had occurred to Mr. Hellew, and to Capt. Bishop, so that Steamers may be warned against mooring in such a way as to prevent boats from getting in, or out of the Creek.

Seaward Road,

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Report by the Engineer is read referring to the letter from Capt. Stagg & Mr. Bryant, submitted at last meeting, and explaining that the part of this road about which they complain has now been restored no more than only 3 foreign houses there, and very little traffic, and that the resurfacing of the other portion of Seaward road has been allowed to stand over for some time owing to the supply of granite-chips being insufficient for the other roads. He adds that the resurfacing of the Bund has been postponed for two years for the same reason; but it is now being



long, as private ships are arriving, he will however, allow the land to stand over, and get on with the Seward road at once, if the Council wish him to do so,

Decided to write to Capt Flagg and inform him, that the Seward roads shall be attended to as soon as possible,

Recreation Ground,

Letter from Mr Fearon is read agreeing to remain on the Committee in charge of the ground,

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On the suggestion of the Chairman it is decided to write to Mr H. J. St. Fripp, and to ask him to join the Committee,

Public and Chinese Gardens,

Reports for

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Markets and Slaughter House

1896 are submitted,

Report by the

Manukui Public School,

Inspector is submitted. Letter from the Trustees of the Educational Committee is submitted covering report on the School for the past year, thanking the Council for their support, and requesting that the Committee's recommendations, respecting furniture and apparatus may receive their favourable consideration.

Site for an Isolation Hospital,

Letter from Messrs Morrison & Sutton is read intimating that the unregistered portion of the land purchased by the Council was measured by the Civil Authorities on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst, and requesting that the sum of £12,277.0.0 be now paid to the vendors as previously arranged,

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Decided to send them a cheque for this amount, which will leave a balance of £2,000 still to be paid, when the land is transferred to the Council.

Accounts for 1896, and the Budget for 1897 are

submitted. The Chairman says that the account for 1896 close with a deficit of £113,000, and the Budget for 1897 estimates the expenditure at £244,000 in excess of the Income, amounting together to £142,000. The deficit for this year is caused

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by the large amounts expended under the head of Land & Buildings amounting to \$117,000, which includes \$2,000 for the Hong Kong Park, the other land acquired consists of the New Rifle Range, the site for the Isolation Hospital, and for 2 district Police Stations in Hong Kong, all of which form very good assets, so that he does not think that the rate payers will make any objections to the amounts expended. With regard to the budget, the accounts ought to balance, and a good many of the works recommended might be allowed to stand over. For instance \$6,000 provided for a proposed sewage at the rifle buttes, might be omitted, as it is not necessary to build the gash this year, and the other \$14,000 might be deducted from the amounts provided for drainage, laying out the range and other public works.

It is then decided to have the budget altered as recommended, and to have copies printed and circulated.

The Meeting then adjourned.

James A. Scott  
Chairman.

Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Spruce Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1897, at  
11 o'clock P.M.

James McD<sup>o</sup>  
~~Ernst~~  
 J. M. Jones  
 J. H. Morrison  
 W. H. Wood  
 William Smith

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Spruce Road, Shanghai on Tuesday  
the 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1897, at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present, Messrs J. L. Scott, Chairman,  
 G. Brown,  
 J. H. Morrison,  
 W. H. Wood,  
 W. M. Richards,  
 A. M. Mason, and the  
 Secretary,  
 C. S. M. Ford.

Absent -

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman, and passed for publication.  
 Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and police daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.

✓ Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports  
 that the different native dairies with 508 head  
 of cattle have all been visited during the week, and  
 the cattle found healthy except at Yu Bickers

dingy whose rinderpest is still prevalent.  
General Municipal Rate - Victoria, Return for December  
 47 Quarter is submitted.

Dues in Merchandise, Summary for December is  
 submitted showing the following amounts to be collected.

48 On Imports to \$3,387.80  
 Exports 774.79  
 Re-Exports 853.00 to 5,372.47, against  
 \$5,163.61 for the same month last year, an increase  
 of \$208.86, there being an excess of \$600 on the  
 dues in Imports, and a decrease of \$1400 on those  
 on Exports and Re-Exports.

Dutch - Spouting Cemetery, Letter from Messrs Morrison  
 & Gratton is read, submitting a plan showing a scheme  
 55 of new 30 foot roads at Spouting Point, for  
 which the different owners have agreed to surrender  
 free of cost the portions of their land required, and  
 asking the Council to allow the use of a strip of about  
 350 feet x 15 feet along the North Western boundary  
 of the Oxemus Church premises, for this purpose,  
 the rest of the road along the boundary of the Church and  
 Cemetery for a distance of about 500 feet having been  
 given up by the adjoining owners, clear of the boundary  
 fence.

56 Report by the Engineer is also read, recommend-  
 ing the Council to agree to this, on condition that the  
 different owners of the land interested in the scheme  
 undertake to surrender the above roads in their entirety,  
 at any future date, if the Council should wish to  
 acquire them.

Decided to write to Messrs Morrison & Gratton  
 to this effect.

Recreation Ground, Letter from Mr H. J. H. Tripp is  
 55/50 read agreeing to act as one of the Committee for the  
 management of the ground, and thanking the Council  
 for the honour they have done him by asking him to  
 join the Committee.

Shanghai Public School, Letter from the  
 51 Honorary Secretary is read requesting that a member  
 of the Council for 1897 shall be nominated to give

The vacancy on the School Committee, caused by Mr Scott having withdrawn his name from the list of candidates for the office of Councilor for next year, as it is stipulated, in the rules of the Institution, that one of the Committee shall also be a member of the Council,

✓ Mr's Hauberg School and Wilkeson Home Letter from the President, Mr C Thome, is read requesting the Council to nominate four members to serve on the School Committee for 1897, in accordance with Clause 11 of the deed of trust, and expressing the hope, that the usual grant to the School, will be provided in the Provisional Budget for 1897.

Decided, to nominate the Rev. H. C. & Mrs. George Dr. C. Stuebel, and Mr J. F. Seaman

✓ Volunteers - Annual Inspections. Letter from Major MacKenzie is read intimating that the Annual Inspection of the Volunteers Corps will take place on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> April, and requesting that applications be made to the General at Hong Kong to detain an officer to come to Shanghai to inspect the Corps, and for the services of an Artillery Sergeant as Drill Instructor from the 1<sup>st</sup> March, till the 10<sup>th</sup> April; and at the same time, to thank him for having appointed Sergeant Barnes of the West Yorkshires regiment to come up as drill instructor from the 1<sup>st</sup> January, to 30<sup>th</sup> April,

✓ - No - A - Company - Another letter from Major MacKenzie is read intimating that at the Annual General Meeting of A, Co<sup>th</sup> held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, Captain Dudgeon, resigned the command of it, and Mr C. D. Little having been unanimously requested to accept the vacant command agreed to do so subject to the approval of the Council; Captain MacKenzie requests that a Commission be granted to Mr Little, and that the Commissions of Lieut. Vinegrove, and Gumpert be renewed for a further term of 3 years, as they have expired, and these officers were re-elected,

Decided, to approve of, and confirm the appointment of Capt. Little, and to grant the

Commissions as requested, and to renew the other two Commissions from the date of their expiry.

53. Par. 2 of Avenue Roads. Letter from Mr. Mudge to Capt Mackenzie is read asking him to give instructions for the policing of these roads as they have been taken over by the Council.

The Secretary says that Capt Mackenzie informed him, that to police these roads would require additional men, and Mr. Little says that he will arrange about this with Capt Mackenzie.

519. North Homan Road. The Engineer having included in the Public Works Act for the year two amounts for Rs 4000, and Rs 1800, together, Rs 5800 to be paid to Mr. J. Scott, N.B. M. Vic Consul on account of the widening of the North Homan road, attention is directed to the fact that he has never reported that the land has been arranged for, and that the purchase carries with it the right of possession in perpetuity over the road, from the Tinsbury road to the settlement boundary as recommended, in his Memo of 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

It is then decided to instruct Mr. Mudge to send in a full report with all the necessary information and to suspend the charges until it is received.

52. Plague in Bombay. Letter from the Health Officer is read pointing out that there is no medical inspection of ships arriving here from Bombay, although it has for some time past been declared infected with plague, and suggesting that the Customs Authorities be asked to put in force in the case of these vessels the same regulations now in force applied to vessels from Hong Kong.

The Members are of opinion that it is not necessary to put upon this suggestion at present.

55. Budget for 1897. - Is again submitted, showing an unappropriated balance of Rs 24, and the deficit of Rs 118,754,77, in the accounts for 1896.

It is then decided to approve of the budget, but the expenditure is to be increased so as to make the estimated income and expenditure balance, and that

✓ Local Post Office — Referring to the Notices received from the different Shipping Companies, that on and after the 2<sup>d</sup> February, they will only carry mail packets for the Outports paid on board by the Chinese Postal Administration. The Chairman mentions that Mr. Hyslop's letter to inform him that the Customs are prepared to undertake the delivery of the Mail matter in the Settlement, and to take over the local post office, and all the staff, but did not give any information about the rates of Postages proposed to be charged. The Chairman adds that the handing over of the local post to the Customs is a matter for the consideration of the rate payers, and that when a similar proposal was made by the Customs in 1856, they were strongly opposed to its being accepted.

Some conversation then takes place about the effect which the new regulation will have upon the income derived from the local post, and the Secretary having mentioned that the Post Master would like to know what is to be done should any letters be sent by the Customs to the local post,

✓ It is agreed that until the Council receive some official notice from the Customs, about the new regulations, the local post must go on as at present, under the direction of the Postmaster. The Chairman then says that something must be said in the Municipal Report about the extension of the Settlement, as it was mentioned in the report for 1895, and it is agreed that as nothing definite was at that time reported, it will be sufficient to say that the Council believe that negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily.

✓ Selection of Councillors for 1897. — Messrs J. L. Scott, and J. H. M. Michener have assumed to act they are appointed Scrutiners of the votes cast for the different candidates for

for election,  
The Meeting then adjourned.

James Reed Esq  
Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No 23, Cross Street,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 1897.  
at 4 o'clock P.M.

James Reed Esq

~~James~~

Am Moses

W. L. and

William

et al



At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Exchange Road, Singapore on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1897, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present Messrs J. Scott Chairman,  
 W. F. Alfred  
 J. Braud  
 J. C. & Son  
 H. D. Little  
 R. M. Moses and the Secretary

Absent J. H. M. Michael

The Minutes of the last meeting is taken as read, the Resolutions of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

The Work Statement for the past week is submitted, and charges for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners is presented, and Police and Reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Reserves. The Inspector's report that a rider out has broken out amongst the cattle in a very dangerous situation between Carbor and Sima roads, four buffaloes, and two cows killed; and two were sent to Frank Sui Jock to be slaughtered.

Markets. — Report by the Inspector is submitted, stating that during January the markets, and butcher shops were visited daily, and all the meat offering for sale carefully inspected. Beef has been of fairly good quality but the supply of live stocks has been limited and prices have ruled high. Mutton has been good, and the supply of cheese continues to improve, and the markets have been well supplied with fish, fruit, and groceries of all kinds, but owing to the large quantity of groceries shipped to the Straits, prices have been rather high for it.

The following animals have been slaughtered.

at the Abattoir - Ofw 1120, Sheep 2001. Value 183, Pigs 104, on which the fees amounted to \$ 276.55. In addition to which there has been collected \$ 11.20. for branding tongues and tails, \$ 34.10, for water to the grass shed, and butchers, 20. Cts. for special permits, and \$ 31. for butchers licenses, making in all \$ 306.15. Whilst the cattle shed fees for the month amounted to \$ 985.10.

During the month 3 Oxen, 3 Sheep and 1 calf have been rejected at the abattoir, as unfit for foreign consumption, and sold to the grass shed. Of these, 3 Oxen, and 1 Sheep were slaughtered by licensed stall men for the market,

1 Ox, 2 Sheep, and 2 Calves were rejected at the Cattle shed.

The animals brought to Pak Sim Joo's consisted of 121 Oxen, 344 water buffaloes, 63 head Sheep, and 30 ponies.

The Cattle at the native dairies have been found free from disease, except at Yee Butlers, in the Carro road, where 8 have died from rinderpest during the month, and 1 was slaughtered.

✓ Native Sundry Stables.

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The Inspector reports that all the stables were visited during January, and the ponies found free from disease; but 39 old worn out animals were sold to the Hwee Koo.

58 Carriages, and 727 ponies have been licensed for February against 533, and 643 of each last month, and 485 of the former, and 599 of the latter for the same months last year.

3837 Jurikohas, and 3732 wheel barrows have been licensed for the current month.

✓ License Fees.

Summary for January is submitted amounting to \$ 30,860.03, against \$ 18,775.57, and \$ 18,346.32 for the same month in 1876, and 1875 respectively.

✓ High Range.

Letter from Hon Consul Dool is read intimating that the price to be paid for the removal of certain grass on the south side of the range is to be \$ 1. in addition to

which there has to be paid, \$710. for road access, and \$500. for official fees &c, making in all \$1210. — and requesting that two Cheques for \$511. and \$50. be sent to him;

71 Memo by the Engineer is also read, stating that these graves were on the land sold to Mr Dallas, which the Council undertook to have removed, that the cost is \$586 over Mr Dallas estimate, but that the account is all in order.

The Chairman says that orders for the amount asked for have been sent to Mr Scott,

✓ North Annual Report. —

Referring to what was decided on at last meeting about keeping back the cheques for \$5500. cost of the land for widening this road, he adds that Mr. Bayne having informed him that everything has been arranged satisfactorily, the cheques were forwarded to the Vice Consul.

✓ Old Rifle Range.

72 Letter from Mr W. E. Drummond is read, stating that some coolies employed by the Council have recently cut a ditch, part of which is on land registered in his name, as Lot 2114, at the W. D. Consulate, and asking to have it filled up, and the land put into the condition it was previously, and instructions given that there be no further interference with the property.

The Director says that the land referred to is said to have originally formed part of the reserve, but the Council have no title deed for it, and they don't seem to have ever claimed it as their property.

73 Memo by the Engineer is also read stating that he will ask the legal adviser about the lot.

✓ Volunteers. —

74 Letter from the Commandant is read intimating that Lieut. Miller, commanding the Machine Gunners, has applied for one years leave, with permission to retain his rank, in order to undergo a course of instruction while in England, and he will resign his Commission on his return from leave.

Decided to grant the leave applied for, as recommended by Major Mackenzie.

✓ Do — A Company.

Another letter from the

70 Commandant is read, intimating that Captain Letta has requested him to convey his thanks to the Council for the honour done him, by conferring upon him the Commission of Captain in the Volunteer Corps.

Fire Department — Letter from the Fire Commission is read enclosing copy of the following resolution passed at a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> ulto.

71 " That the Fire Commission pass a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. C. J. Ashby, late Chief Engineer, for his valued services to the Fire Department during the past 30 years, and express their regret at the termination of his connection with the Fire Brigade.

Water Works Co. — Charge for Hydrants. Letter

69 from the Acting Secretary is read intimating that owing to the rapid extension of Knapshill, the Company find that it will be necessary to use the mains in many of the districts, which were specially laid for the Fire Department, and that they have decided that there will be no further charge on account of these extensions from the 1<sup>st</sup> January last, and that the payments made annually for the four hydrants on the Canal will cease from the same date.

Local Post — Letter from the Commission of Customs is read intimating that the arrangement hitherto existing between the Customs, and the Council for the collection & distribution of Mail matter, will come to an end on and after the 1<sup>st</sup> February, and expressing his best thanks for the courtesy and attention that the Customs has received from the Council and Mr. Rom, the Local Post Master, in connection with postal matters.

✓ Budget for 1877 — The budget and preamble are submitted, and the Chairman says that at last meeting it was decided that the deficit of 1876 should not appear in the budget for 1877, and it was made to balance by omitting certain works, but on the income side is included No. 2500, the unissued debentures authorized last year, of which No. 15000, were for the New Market, and Old Hall.

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\$16,000 for the survey of the Uposung-bar, and \$5,200 for a garbage destructor, the two first are again included in the budget for 1897, but the garbage destructor has been omitted; it will, however, be necessary to include it, as it is intended to issue the debentures, authorized for it, so that there will now be a deficit in the budget of \$5,200, to be added to the \$118,500, deficit of 1897, making the total amount \$140,500, which the rate payers will be asked to authorize being raised by debentures.

It is now apparent that the Municipal income is not sufficient to meet the current expenditure of the Settlement, and the New Council should be requested to go into the whole question of taxes and license fees, with the view of increasing them.

Mr. Alford says that the normal expenditure exceeds the income by some \$14,000, and points out that the amount paid into the Sinking fund for the redemption of debentures is quite insufficient compared with the present Municipal debt, and the large amount which will be added to it this year.

It is then decided to include the garbage destructor in the budget, and allow the deficit of \$5,200 to appear in it. The preamble is then agreed to with a few alterations.

Annual Meeting.

The Chairman mentions that Tuesday, the 7th March, is the day fixed for the Meeting.

U. Meeting ~~Full & adjourned.~~

James Macdonald  
Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Range Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1897, at  
4 o'clock p.m.

Lawrence Reed Esq

~~Esq~~

S. M. Moses

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William S. Lee

Esq

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,  
No. 23, Range Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday the  
16<sup>th</sup> February, 1897, at 4 o'clock p.m.,

Present.

Mr J. L. Scott, (Chairman)

C. F. Atwood

D. Brand

J. C. ...

W. D. Little

D. M. Moses

Secretary and the

following members of the  
 Council for 1897:

C. Dowdall

R. E. Freeman

C. Karbe

R. W. Mestard

E. A. Probst

J. H. M. ...

Absent.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.

The Chairman then says that as  
 some of the new members may wish to leave, it will  
 perhaps be advisable to discuss the budget before  
 proceeding with the usual business of the Meeting.

✓ which is agreed to.  
The Budget for 1897 is then submitted, and the Chairman directs the attention of the new members to the estimated income, and expenditures, and points out that there is an excess in the latter of \$52,000, over the former, which, it is proposed to get authority from the rate-payers to raise by the issue of 100,000 debentures, and he adds that even with a large reduction in the amount required for public works, the Municipal income is now insufficient to cover the ordinary expenditures. It is therefore intended to recommend the rate-payers to instruct the incoming Council, to take into consideration what means should be adopted to increase the income, either by raising the present scale of Taxes, and license fees, or by introducing some new source of income.

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Mr. Probst suggests that the Land and House Tax might be increased. Mr. Ed. Ford points out that in addition to the above \$52,000, there is a deficit of \$11,000 in the accounts for 1897, to gether, \$140,000, which will also have to be provided for, and that the amount of the Municipals will have to be increased by some 10 per cent. unless the proposed debentures are all issued.

In reply to Mr. Probst the Chairman says that nothing has been done about the New Code of Laws regulations, as the Council were informed that they would not be confirmed at present.

The Budget is then agreed to and the usual business is proceeded with.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and August's subsidiary accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended, and Police duty reports for the past week, are submitted.

Cattle in Rabon Curus. The Inspector reports that the cattle dairies with one head of cattle have been visited during the week, and that there has been no fresh outbreak of disease since last report.

General Municipal Rate - Police - Returns for December quarter is submitted.

Volunteers - Home Guard. Letter from the Commandant is read, intimating that it is proposed to reorganise the Home Guard, and suggesting that an Infantry Company of fifty old Volunteers should be formed which Mr. Duynhoven has consented to command, the members to wear their old uniforms, and the Council to provide them with Martini Henri rifles.

Decided to approve of this suggestion and to authorize Major Mackenzie to raise and organize the Company.

Do - Retired List. The Commandant also requests that a Commission be granted to Captain Snijders as Captain on the Retired List in recognition of his having had 18 years service in the Volunteers, the last 10 of which were as Captain Commanding in the Mi-Ho-Long Rifles.

Decided to grant the Commission as requested.

Do - Machine Gunners' Company. The Commandant further intimates that at a Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January the Machine Gunners unanimously resolved to form themselves into an Infantry Company, to recruit up to the strength of the other Companies, and to ask permission to retain the Machine guns, the members undertaking to qualify in gun drill, he therefore requests that they may be enrolled as "C" Company with the honour of keeping the Machine Guns. He adds that at this meeting Lieutenant Miller was unanimously elected Captain, and C. Murray Alderson, and Color Sergeant J. E. Alderson, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants, and recommends that a Commission should be granted to Captain Miller at once, and to the two others when they have passed the necessary examinations.

Decided to approve of the above applications, to confirm these elections, and to grant the Commission as requested.

Do - Light Horse. Letter from Capt. E. Reddick is read intuding his resignation of the post of Captain Commanding the Light Horse, as he will be absent from Shanghai for some time, including the period of



annual training,

Decided to accept the resignation, and to write  
 Hon. Capt. Beadell for his services as a Volunteer,  
Municipal Public School. Letter from Mr. Beadell.

Very Secretary Managing Committee is read referring to the  
 letters which have appeared in one of the evening  
 papers, making certain charges against the Committee,  
 and explaining that they were forced to decide upon  
 the exclusion of certain children from the school, as  
 their presence, in, and admission to the establishment,  
 was found to be injurious to its general interests.

Mr. Deett says that at present he is the Chairman  
 of the School Committee, and states that when the  
 school was taken over by the ratepayers from the Masonic  
 Board, it was clearly understood that it was  
 only to be open to children of European nationality,  
 in proof of which he read extracts from the speeches  
 made by Mr. Co. J. J. and himself at the  
 Meeting of Ratepayers on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1894, and in  
 reply to Mr. Alfred and Mr. Probst he says that  
 parents of European children objected to the Eurasian  
 children being admitted to the school, along with theirs  
 and that the Committee found that this was interfering  
 with the success of the public school, "because" which  
 there are three other schools all of which receive grants  
 from the Council, to which Eurasians can be sent to be  
 educated.

After some further discussion, in the course of which,  
 several of the members express their disapproval of the  
 decision of the School Committee, it is decided that  
 the question must be referred to the ratepayers at the  
 Annual Meeting.

Local Post Office.

Letter from Mr. Kopsch is read  
 intimating that if desired by the Municipality the  
 Imperial Chinese Post will take over the entire plant  
 and staff of the local post-office, together with  
 the lease of such premises as may be necessary, and  
 that as regards postal business within the area at  
 present covered by the local post the service will  
 be conducted exactly as heretofore, whilst the

exchange of inter-port mails will be governed ~~by the~~ by the regulations and tariff of the Imperial Post-office.  
 A memo by the local post master is also submitted suggesting certain alterations in the present rates of postage &c, which is ordered to be circulated and it is agreed that the question of transferring the local post to the Customs must be referred to the rate payers, but the members generally are opposed to the transfer.

Electrical Department - Report by the Superintendent is submitted giving details of the works completed during January, and of those still in progress.  
 The Meeting then adjourned.

J. W. C. D. B.  
 Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No. 23, Quays Road, Mangla, on Tuesday, the 23rd February, 1897, at 11 o'clock P.M.

J. W. C. D. B.  
 Present  
 Mr. W. S. S.  
 Mr. W. S. S.  
 Mr. W. S. S.  
 Mr. W. S. S.

At the Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23, Mudge Road, Shanghai, on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1894, at 11 o'clock  
P.M.

Present,  
Messrs J. L. Scott, (Chairman),  
W. F. Alford,  
J. Cooper,  
W. D. Little,  
J. H. M. Michaels  
R. W. Moses and the  
Secretary,  
D. Brand

Absent.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman and passed for publication,  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
changes for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Diseases apprehended and Police daily  
reports for the past week, are submitted.

✓ Cattle in Native Districts — The Inspector reports that  
all the farms with 500 head of Cattle, were  
visited during the week, that there has been no  
fresh outbreaks of disease, but that two dairies are  
still infected.

✓ Local Post Office Letter from Mr. Niprach, is  
read intimating that no change will be made in the  
rates of foreign postage now levied by the Local  
Post, if the Rate payers decide to transfer it to the  
Imperial Chinese Postal Service.

✓ Proposed New Boat House Letter from the Secretary  
Shanghai Rowing Club is read asking whether the  
Council approve of the position selected for the  
proposed new boat house, plan of which is sent  
with the letter.

✓ Outside Roads — Sewerage. Decided to reply approving of the position  
Letter from the Engineer is read intimating that as Mr. Cameron, the  
Sanitary Inspector is to have charge of the park.

and Avenue roads, it would be advisable that he should take over the scavenging of all the outside roads from the 1<sup>st</sup> March,

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Letter from the Sanitary Inspector is also read stating that he is prepared to take over the scavenging of all the outside roads, and that after the Park and Avenue roads have once been thoroughly cleaned, 2 Carts, 2 Mafods, 10 Coolies, and 1 Foreman will be sufficient for the work.

The Secretary says that at present Akien Cooks after the outside roads, for which he is paid Rs 100, per month, and that if they are handed over to the Sanitary Inspector, this amount will be sufficient for the whole of them.

Decided to approve of the proposed arrangement.

✓ Volunteers - Engineers - Letter from the Commandant is read intimating that at the Annual General Meeting of the Engineers on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst the members decided to disband owing to the apparent impossibility of the Company continuing as an efficient Engineer Company, but that Captain Dowson has not sent in his resignation as there is a proposal to have him detailed for duty on the Staff as an Engineer officer, and to be in charge of all the Municipal, seaside stores, and asking whether the Council approve of this proposal.

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Decided to approve of the proposed arrangement.

✓ No - B & C Companies. Another letter from the Commandant is also read intimating that at the Annual General Meeting of B Company on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst Corporal Daldy of A Company was elected first Lieutenant, and Sergeant Whitfield of B Company, second Lieutenant of B Company, and as they, and also, Mr C Murray, Adamson and Colour Sergeant S. E. Anderson, C Company, have passed the required examinations, he requests that Commissions be issued to them. Decided to issue the Commissions as requested.

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St Francis Xavier School,

Letter from

Peré Omilian is read, enclosing the following amendment to the budget which will be proposed by Mr Ellis at the Annual Meeting,

"That the Council be empowered to increase the Annual Grant of \$1,500 to the School to the sum of \$2,000 for the purposes of Education &c."

The Members are unanimously of opinion that they should oppose the amendment, and it is pointed out that if it is agreed to, similar applications will be sent in by all the other schools which receive grants,

Works Matters,

Report by the Engineer is sub-

mitted, giving particulars of the works completed during January, and of those still in progress.

Sluice Bridges,

Letter from Mr Dallas is read

asking to be allowed to look after the construction of the new bridge across the Goodland Creek, in an honorary capacity, as it will tend to facilitate matters in connection with the extension of the Settlement,

Annual Meeting.

Decided to grant the permission applied for. The Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual Meeting are then discussed, and it is agreed that in proposing the passing of the accounts for the past year, the rate payers should be asked to authorize the issue of Debentures for \$118,800. to meet the deficit for the year, and that in proposing the budget resolutions authority should be asked to raise \$60,000. by Debentures, both bearing interest at not over 5%.

With regard to the offer made by the Suisse Postre Service to take over the local post, Mr Allford recommends that the new Council should be left a free hand either to accept or refuse it, and that if the rate payers decide that the offer is to be refused, that they should authorize the Council to make such changes in the rates of postage, as may be necessary to prevent loss to the department.

After some discussion it is decided to propose the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:  
 "That the incoming Council be authorized to accept, or to decline during the year, as may appear best in the public interest, any proposal for the transfer of the Local Post Offices to the disposable services of Postal Service, and that they be empowered to make such alterations in the postage rates, as may be necessary to prevent loss in the Department."

The Meeting then adjourns.

Witnessed by  
 Chairman,

Secretary,

Records of Addresses at a Meeting of the Council  
 held in the Board Room, No. 23, Change Alley, or  
 Chamber, on Tuesday, the 2<sup>d</sup> March, 1897, at  
 4 o'clock P.M.

Witnessed by

John  
Smith

Wm. Michael  
William D. Smith  
Esq.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Wingate Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1897, at 4 o'clock.

Present

Me pro J. L. Scott, Chairman  
 G. J. Clifford,  
 J. Cooper,  
 W. D. Little,  
 J. N. M. Michael, O.  
 D. W. Moses and the  
 Secretary  
 D. Braud.

Absent

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
 the Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
Chiquing for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.

Call in Herdive & Cairias, The Inspector reports  
 that during the past month, all the dairies have  
 been regularly visited, and that there has been no  
 fresh outbreak of disease amongst the cattle since  
 the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, so that by the end of March it is  
 hoped that it will have entirely disappeared.

Markets — Report by the Inspector is submitted  
 stating that during February, the markets, and  
 butcher shops were visited daily, and all meat  
 carefully inspected. The beef of fine quality,  
 but the butchers have had great difficulty in  
 purchasing animals for slaughter, the supply of  
 live stock during the month having been limited,  
 and prices have ruled high, the dealers at  
 Tak Sim Juck having been at times entirely  
 without cattle. In consequence of this the  
 butchers have increased the price for meat  
 by 2 cents per lb.

uttons has been fairly good, but prices

have advanced, the supply having been limited,  
 There has been a fair supply of Fish, Fruit, and  
 game of all kinds, but Vegetables have been scarce,  
 the supplies from the South not yet having come forward,  
 and prices for all articles offered for sale, have advanced  
 considerably.

The following animals have been slaughtered at the  
 abattoir during the month, Oxen 448, Sheep 1354,  
 Calves 132, Pigs 94, on which the fees amounted  
 to \$153.80, in addition to which \$448 has been  
 collected for branding tongues and tails, \$29.94 for  
 water supplied to grease shopmen, and butchers, 0.15<sup>00</sup>  
 for special permits, and \$32 for butcher licenses &c,  
 making in all \$223.39, and the fees for the Slaughter  
 sheds amount to \$66.175. During February 2  
 Sheep were rejected at the abattoir, and 3 at the Slaughter  
 and 7 the beef, 5 the mutton, and 6 the porks have been  
 seized and confiscated.

The animals brought to Pak. Din. Jidic consisted  
 of 24 Oxen, 36 water buffaloes, 19 dead sheep, and  
 26 ponies,

✓ Licence Fees, Summary for February is submitted  
 amounting to \$17,699.57, against \$15,320.65 and \$13,500.00  
 for the same month in 1896 & 1895, and for the two  
 months to \$38,569.67 against \$31,093.03, for same  
 periods last year.

✓ The Assessment of Settlement, Letter from the Secretary  
 Assessment Committee is read, intimating that the  
 1117 new schedules of the land in the English Settlement  
 are now printed and approved of, but the small  
 plans to accompany them will not be lithographed  
 505 for another fortnight, and the Hong Kong schedule  
 and plan will probably be ready for distribution in  
 about three weeks. The publication of these plans  
 brings the labours of the Assessment Committee to their  
 close.

Decided to forward to the members of the  
 Committee the following copy:

✓ Police Department, - Letter from the Captain Superintendent  
 115 of Police is read, recommending that a Constable &



should be stationed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. at the Klee Cheong, Yuen Fong, and Chaou Fong road jetties, and he adds that a lamp is required at each of these jetties, and that they are in need of repair.

The Chairman says that there is always a number of Europeans collected at these jetties, and that at night there is a great risk of a sailor stepping into the water, in trying to get into a boat to take him to his ship, and he recommends that a Native Constable should be stationed at each of the jetties and a lamp supplied as proposed.

Decided to have this done, and the jetties repaired.

✓ Volunteers — Retired List. Letter from Major Mackenzie is read requesting that a Commission as Captain on the retired list be conferred on Mr G. O. Kiddell, who joined the Light Horse in 1880, was appointed Lieutenant in 1881 and Captain in 1891 and has commanded the troop ever since, and that Major Morrison's Commission as Major on the retired list, which has expired, be re-dated from the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1897.

✓ No — Artillery — Quarter letter from the Commandant is read intimating that at a meeting of the Artillery Co on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst, Driver J. Reiff was unanimously elected to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, and requesting that a Commission be granted to him when he has passed the usual examination.

Decided to approve of, and confirm this election, and to grant the Commission as requested.

✓ Building Permit. Letter from the Shanghai Gas Co is read applying for a permit to build their new storage and distribution works in Suwara road, and enclosing a block plan of the proposed works. 112  
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Memo by the Engineer is also read intimating that as there are a good many foreign houses in close proximity to the site, the Gas Co should be asked before the permit is granted whether they propose to manufacture at any time gas, or coal

residual product arising from the manufacture of gas, on the site in question,

Decided to write to the Gas Co as recommended,  
 ✓ Stock and Creek Foreshore Letter from Messrs Hall & Holtz L<sup>rs</sup> is read applying for permission to erect a temporary fence, and to store building materials upon the foreshore of the Creek opposite to the end of the Jumbuling Yuen road, whilst they are having a go down built on their ground in the neighbourhood, and stating that they will remove the whole when the building is completed.

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Decided to grant the permission applied for on their giving an undertaking to remove the fence as promised in their letter.

✓ Police - Interpreter at Mixed Court, Letter from the Captain Superintendent is submitted for-  
 118 forwarding a report by Inspector Wilson intimating that the British Assessor at the Mixed Court wished him to inform the Council that in future the Police must provide their own interpreter at the Mixed Court, as he declined to interpret for them.

Captain MacKenzie adds that every Police Court has its own interpreter, that the Police being the prosecutors, they are debarred from providing their own interpreter, and he recommends that this British Assessor's decision, should be reported to H. B. M. Consul General, as, if it is correct, every one bringing a case before the Mixed Court when he is sitting, will require to bring his own interpreter.

Decided to send Captain MacKenzie's report to H. B. M. Consul General, and to ask him whether he thinks that the Consular Body desire this new arrangement to be in force, whether the Assessor for the day may be, as if so, the Council will arrange about an Interpreter for the Police.

✓ Shanghai Public School, Letter from Messrs Brown & Ellis is read forwarding a petition from members of the Community regarding the recent action of the Educational Committee, in excluding all children from the Shanghai Public School except such as  
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are of Western parentage on both sides, and requesting the Council to instruct the Committee to withdraw and cancel their circular letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> February,

After considerable discussion in the course of which it is suggested that the new members of Council should be consulted as to what is to be done, it is finally agreed that as the Educational Committee evidently considered that they were carrying out the intentions of the rate-payers, in excluding Eurasian children from the school, it would be better to leave it as an open question for their consideration at the Annual Meeting, and it is decided to write to Messrs Brownell & Elliot to this effect and to inform them, that in view of the approaching Annual Meeting, and the near termination of the term of office of the Educational Committee and the Council, the latter are of opinion that no action on their part can now serve any useful purpose.

✓ Plague in Bombay.

The Chairman reads a letter from the Commissioner of Customs asking whether the Council consider that steps should be taken to stop the import of Cotton and Cotton Yarn from Bombay, in order to guard against the introduction of the plague which is now epidemic there.

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A letter from the Health Officer is also read stating that nothing is known positively about the propagation of plague by articles of Commerce, but it is not likely to be brought to Shanghai by means of press packed Cotton.

The Chairman says that he will write to Mr. Roher to this effect.

✓ Outside Roads.

The Chairman directs attention to the insanitary state of the Singa and other roads just outside the Settlement, which is a constant danger to the health of the Community, and he recommends that the Senior Consul should be requested to bring this to the notice of the Taou Tai, with the view of getting him to have the Singa road scavenged, and the garbage &c regularly removed from it, as is done with

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other roads in the settlement, or that he will authorize the Council to do so.

Decided to write to the Senior Counsel as recommended.

✓ Educations of Chinese,

The Chairman also mentions that Dr. Huirhead called to ask him, whether he thought that anything could be done about getting a grant of money for some public scheme of education for the Chinese in the settlement, and whether the rate payers would be likely to give any support to a resolution to this effect if submitted to them at the annual meeting: if they would, he would propose a resolution, if not, he would leave the matter alone. The Chairman adds that he told Dr. Huirhead that he did not think such a resolution would get much support.

✓ Annual Meeting.

The Resolutions to be brought forward by the Council are then submitted, and agreed to, and it is decided to leave out the usual paragraph about the local post office in a

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Resolution 7,  
The Meeting then adjourned,

James A. Scott,  
Chairman

Secretary,

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Haingse Road Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1894 at 4 o'clock P.M.

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Wardle.

C. Dowdall.

W. Alfred

William Scott

Richard. Freeman

R. W. Mustard

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Haingse Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1894, at 4 o'clock P.M.,

Present W. J. Fox

W. A. Cross, Chairman

E. J. Allford

J. Cooper

C. Dowdall

R. S. Freeman

W. Wardle

W. D. Little

D. W. Moore

R. W. Mustard, Secy

W. J. Fox

and the following Members of the Council for 1896

J. L. Scott.

J. N. M. Michael

The Minutes calling the business is taken as read, the Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, and signed by Mr. Scott as Chairman of the outgoing

Council, and he mentions that as arranged at that Meeting he brought to the notice of N. B. M. Consul General, what was said by the British Consul at the Consular Court about the Police in future preferring their own interpreter, and Sir N. Hannay called to inform him that there is some misunderstanding about what the Consul meant, as he is quite willing that cases should continue to be conducted as at present, and Sir Nicholas suggested that the letter written to him should be withdrawn, which has been done, & Mr Scott & then says that this concludes the business of the Council for 1876, and Mr M. Michael and himself will now retire; but before leaving he wishes to thank the Members of the old Council for the cordial support they always gave him as their Chairman.

Mr Little says that it falls to his lot to propose a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman; he does not propose to refer to his eminent public services, he merely wishes to confine himself to thanking him on behalf of his colleagues and himself for the able way, and the ever courteous manner in which he has always conducted their deliberations in the Council Chamber.

Mr Alford says that he begs most cordially to second this vote of thanks.

Mr Scott, and Mr M. Michael, the two retiring Members of the Council for 1876 then leave, and the present Council proceed to elect the following officers to serve during the current year.

Chairman	— do —	Mr E. A. Probst
Vice	— do —	Mr E. J. Alford
Works Committee		Messrs E. A. Probst, J. J. J. J., and D. M. Moser.
Water & Sewage	— do —	Messrs W. O. Little, R. S. Truman, and R. O. Mustard.
Finance, Rates, and Appeals	— do —	Messrs E. J. Alford, C. Daddall, and C. Harvie

\*It is said that Mr Scott is in view of crossing his operations as the Chairman, and that the Council will have no objection, but that the Council will have no objection to the same being proposed during the term of office of the Chairman.

Cash Statement for the past week week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Reports of Prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that during the past two weeks the dairies with 530 x head of cattle have been regularly visited, and that there has been no fresh outbreak of disease amongst the stock.

Sanitary Board. The Chairman says that the Health Officer, Public Committee, and Sanitary Inspector will continue to form the Board, and that it is not necessary to make any special appointments and arrangements unless the plague should make its appearance here.

Committee Meetings. On the suggestion of the Chairman it is then decided, that the Minutes of the different Committee Meetings are to be read along with the General Minutes.

Public School. Letter from the Consul General for Japan is received protesting, as a diplomatic representation of the Japanese residents in Singapore, against the decision of the Educational Committee of the Public School, as embodied in their circular letter of the 17th February, and requesting the Council to take the necessary steps to have it rescinded.

Do do Committee. Letter from Mr F. M. Galloway, Army Secretary is received intimating that he is compelled to sever his connection with the School in which he has always taken a deep interest, and resigning his position as a Member of the Committee at the same time he forwards the resignations of Mr J. L. Scott, Mr T. L. Bullock, and Dr D. Justice the other Members of the Committee.

Decided to accept these resignations, and write thanking the members for their services in connection with the School.

It is then decided to invite the following to form the new Committee,

Rev. J. Storr

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 Messrs A. M. Hooper, C. White, J. Stanhouse, and  
 E. Thorne,

✓ Public School Committee.

Letter from Mr Kanning  
 Head Master is also read directing attention to the  
 signing of the usual monthly cheques for the school  
 expenses, which have hitherto been countersigned by  
 two members of the Committee; and suggesting that  
 pending the appointment of a new committee, the  
 bank should be authorized to make the usual pay-  
 ments, and asking how the cheques are to be signed  
 in the meantime.

Decided to write to the Bank as suggested,  
 and to inform Mr Kanning that the Secretary to the  
 Council will countersign the cheques in the mean-  
 time.

✓ Consul General for Portugal.

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 Letter from Mr Voldez  
 is read intimating that on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst he resumed  
 charge of the Consulate General for Portugal at  
 this port.

✓ Dues on Merchandise.

Summary for December is  
 submitted showing the following amounts to be  
 collected on

Imports	Rs 3334.71
Exports	633.75
Re-Exports	<u>492.23</u> Rs 12963.39

against Rs 14773.36 for the same month last year, an  
 increase of Rs 240.26. The total amount of dues  
 charged for the year is Rs 58,432.21, against Rs 58,103,121.  
 in 1875, an increase of Rs 328.44.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, &  
 Mr Alfred undertakes to see whether some alterations  
 should not be made in the form in which the  
 weekly statement of income and expenditure is  
 submitted to the Members at each meeting.

✓ Native Ivory Stables.

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 Report by the Inspector is  
 submitted stating that the different stables have  
 been regularly visited during the month, and were  
 found in good sanitary condition, and all the  
 species in good health, and free from disease,  
 545 carriages, and 46 ponies have been



licensed for barrow against 586 of the former, and 727 of the latter last month, and 597 and 913 of each respectively, for March 1876,

3379 Jimmieshaw, and 5914 Wheelbarrows have been licensed for the current month,

✓ Fire Department

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Letter from the Secretary of the Fire Commission is read submitting the following copy of a resolution passed by the Supply Committee at a Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst, which has been approved of by the Fire Commission, and which they recommend should be embodied in the Constitution of the Fire Department,

"That debit notes for value received, before presentation to the Fire Commission for payment, shall be passed by the Chief Engineer, as Chairman of the Supply Committee. The Chief Engineer may however, at his discretion, authorize the Honorary Secretary of the Supply Committee to act on his behalf. In the event of an account being presented, of which the Chief Engineer (or his Deputy, acting on his behalf) does not approve, the matter shall be referred to, and adjusted by the Supply Committee."

Decided to refer the letter to the Water Committee for consideration.

✓ Chicago Quarry

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Letter from the Engineer is read applying for permission to forward to Mr. Stuart at the quarry, instalments of \$500 1000, at a time as a good deal of money is now being expended in & being it up, as in addition to the ordinary expenses, a residence is being built for the Overseer and a dynamite magazine is now being put up. The stone from the quarry is of excellent quality and much superior to Schohar granite. The Engineer also applies for permission to order a ton of dynamite with the necessary fuses and detonators, from the firm Archbold & Furberg & Co.

Decided to grant the permission applied

for, but it is suggested that the money required at the quarry should be forwarded in Bank orders so as to avoid risk of loss on the way there.

Gamblers in Li Hong Keid

Letter from the

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Captain Dupire liddell of Police is now directing attention to the offensive gambling going on, which is conducted, just outside the Settlement, and reporting that on the 27<sup>th</sup> inst, a fight took place between two groups of gamblers, in the course of which two men were badly stabbed, who were brought to the Station and sent to St Lukes Hospital, and one man detained in custody pending inquiries.

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As the gamblers are a source of danger to the peace and good order of the Settlement, it is recommended that the Sui Sui should be asked to grant permission to the police to pull down the gambling sheds, and to arrest the gamblers, as was formerly done.

Letter to the Sui Sui Consul is also read, requesting him to apply to the Sui Sui for the permission, and recommended.

1 Family Department

Report by the Health Officer, and Municipal Surgeon, for February is submitted.

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The Meeting then adjourned.

E. Robt

Chairman

~~E. Robt~~

William D. Lusk

Secretary

Special Meeting.

The Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room at 23, St. James's Street, St. James, on Saturday the 7th March, 1899, at 10.30 A.M.

Present—

- Mr. W. C. O'Connell (Chairman)
- Mr. W. J. O'Connell
- Mr. J. P. O'Connell
- Mr. J. O'Connell
- Mr. J. O'Connell
- Mr. J. O'Connell
- Mr. J. O'Connell
- Mr. J. O'Connell
- Mr. J. O'Connell
- Mr. J. O'Connell

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Minutes of Sikkim Constables.

The Chairman says that the Constables are aware that they have been summoned to meet this morning, in consequence of the Watch Committee having reported that a number of the Sikkim Constables, having refused duty, they have been suspended, in the meantime, and he asks Mr. Little as Chairman of the Watch Committee for information about what has taken place.

Mr. J. P. Little states that yesterday morning, the Constables were as usual paraded for drill at 6.30 A.M., but as it commenced to rain soon afterwards, it was decided not to drill, so they were dismissed and told to return to their duties; this however, they refused to do, but went in a body to the Central Station, where they complained of having been sent to drill in the rain; Chief Inspector Howard told them if they had any complaint to make, they must come at the proper hour, say 7.30, A.M., when the Captain Superintendent would see them, and in the meantime they must go on duty as usual. They however, refused to leave the Station, saying they wanted to see the Watch Committee. Captain MacKuzie reported this, and it was arranged that the Watch Committee should meet at 2.30, and hear what

the men had to say, which was, "These complaints were—"

1. That they were sent to drill in the rain,
2. That Sergeant Barnes advised them at drill and used violent language to them,
3. That their stripes have been taken away, that they do not get as good clothes as formerly, or the same amount of merit pay,
4. That no attention is paid to their complaints."

Mr Little said that after listening to all they had to say the Watch Committee decided that their complaints were trivial, that when it commenced to rain yesterday morning they were not required to drill, but they refused to leave the ground, that Sergeant Barnes is a very quiet man, and there is no evidence that he advised them as stated, that they get the same clothes and merit pay as formerly, the only difference being in the boots, which are now got from India, and they don't like the shape of them. In all the men were told, refusal of duty was very insubordinate conduct, but that it would be overlooked if they returned to their duty by 11 P.M., and their complaints would be considered by the Council, that those who did not return to duty would be suspended at once, and then dismissed.

In reply to Mr. Cefore, Mr. Little says that 144 men refused duty yesterday forenoon, and since then 15 men from the Carter road Station have also refused duty making 59 out of a total force of 90, all of whom have been suspended, that the Watch Committee considers that there was nothing to justify the conduct of the men, and strong measures should be taken with them, and he adds that Chief Inspector Howard mentioned that some years since when Mr. Purdon was Chairman, something of the same nature occurred, when against the advice of Capt. McEuen, the men were let off, with a nominal fine, which had a very bad effect.

That Sergeant Barnes told him, he thought the men were discontented because they were too loose

paid, that they complained of getting too much drill, and of having no superior native officer to whom they could make their complaints. This letter adds that the Council were unable to get a Jemadar from India, as they were not prepared to give the pay asked and he strongly recommends that one should be got even if they have to pay him handsomely.

After some discussion as to whether Sergeant Barnes is the proper person to drill the Sikh Constables, it is decided that of the men suspended, some 15 who have the worst records should be dismissed and the others given an opportunity of returning to their duty.

Captain MacKenzie is then sent for and told to arrange for the men being assembled at the central station at noon where the Council will meet them, and let them know their decision.

The following Minute is then agreed to, and a Board order is to be given dismissing the 15 men which will be read to them this afternoon.

"Decide that of the men suspended, 15 whose records are worst - during the past year be dismissed, and that the whole of the remainder, or any one of them who does not turn out for duty at 11 p.m. today be then dismissed,

That the remainder be taken back on duty without punishment - pending further inquiry by the Watch Committee, and in the mean time it is not desirable that they should be drilled by Sergeant Barnes without Captain MacKenzie, or the Chief Inspector being present."

The Meeting then adjourned,

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Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No 23, Nanking Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1896, at  
4 o'clock p.m.

Erwood  
~~Erwood~~  
 D M Moses  
 Charles Dowdall  
 Erwood  
Erwood  
 William Erwood  
 W J Fulman  
 R W Mustard

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No 23 Nanking Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday,  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1896, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present — Messrs

W L Erwood, (Chairman),  
 E J Willford,  
 J Cooper,  
 W J Fulman,  
 W J Erwood,  
 W L Little,  
 D M Moses,  
 R W Mustard and the  
 Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman, and passed for publication  
 A Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and

- ✓ Charges for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of Prisoners - signed and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.
- ✓ Cattle in Native Quiries - The Inspector reports that the Native Quiries, with 532 head of cattle have been visited during the past week, and all the animals have been found free from disease.
- ✓ Census Merchandize - Summary for January is submitted. Allocated the following amounts to be collected
 

Charters.	£ 1581.74.	
Exports.	1798.21.	
At Exports.	415.38.	£ 2845.31.

 against £160.04 for the same month last year, an increase of £2652.27, mainly derived from imports.
- ✓ Shield of Wick Constables - Minute of the Special Meeting of Council held on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. is read, and the Chairman of the Watch Committee reports, that with the exception of the 15 men who were dismissed, all the others who were suspended, returned at once to their duties; and 3 of those dismissed have since written and asked to be taken back.
- ✓ North Matters - Report by the Engineer is submitted giving particulars of the works completed during February, and of those still in progress.
- ✓ Electrical Department - Report by the Superintendent is submitted, giving a detailed statement of the work completed during February, and of those in progress on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst.
- ✓ Volunteer Uniforms - Letter from Captain & Adjutant Hewitt is read, intimating that he has received a very great number of complaints about the manner in which the men have been treated by the Contractors for the supply of the Volunteer Uniforms are proceeding. He finds that 8 members of the Corps are unable to obtain uniforms, owing to the want of proper requirements buttons, and that other 17 are unable to do so owing to the want of cloth, so that 25 members are without uniforms, entirely owing to the negligence of the Contractors.

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156. Minute by the Chairman of the Watch Committee

is also read recommending that Messrs. G. and G. should be written to, and asked for some explanation of their conduct and what the present position is as to their being able to supply the uniforms now required.

✓ Uosung Road Extension, 1511  
 Decided to write as recommended. Letter from the Messrs. G. and G. is read offering to surrender five of cost an extension of this road measuring about 63 x 30 feet. This road, they add, has been drained and chip paved for a width of 30 feet, and they look to the Council to lay proper foot paths and curbs, and to relay the chip paving to suit.

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 Report by the Engineer is also read stating that the cost of making up the above extension will amount to about Rs 2000, inclusive of the cost of raising the road 2 feet and chip paving and curbing the additional 10 feet strip, in addition to which 14 gas lamps will be required for the road costing Rs 121 per annum. On the recommendation of the Works Committee it is decided to accept this offer.

✓ Shanghai Public Order, 174  
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 The Chairman mentions that the Rep. Mr. Thomas, and Messrs J. Sturkhouse, R. White, and D. M. Hoese have agreed to be members of the Committee of management, but Mr. Thomas is unable to do so, and he adds that the Rep. Mr. Hykes has informed him, that he is willing to be a member. Decided to write and invite Mr. Hykes to join the Committee.

✓ Veterinary Surgeon, 165  
 Letter from Mr. Keylock is read offering his services as Veterinary Surgeon to the Municipal Society with the view of attending professionally to the horses employed in the Police force, the Constables, and Fire Brigades. After some conversations about the number of horses, which would have to be attended to, it is decided to refer the letter to the Works Committee for report.

✓ Queen's Books, 157  
 Inspections by Police. Letter from the Senior Constable is read forwarding transactions of



a despatches from the Tzuu Tai about the regulations in force in the Serampore Settlements with regard to articles stolen, or otherwise illegally acquired, and pawned in the Shaughaid Pawnshop, with an amendment which is now proposed by the Chinese authorities, and requesting the Council to inform him, how and when the existing regulations were agreed upon between the Serampore and Chinese Authorities, and whether there is any objection on the part of the police to the proposed amendment.

The Members consider that the Tzuu Tai's letter is most objectionable, that it contains a gross libel upon the police, and that a strong protest should be made against the proposed amendment to the pawnshop regulations, or any attempt of the Chinese authorities to interfere in the government of the Settlement, and the Chairman undertakes to draw a reply to the Senior Council to this effect.

The Minutes are approved.

*A. Webb*  
Chairman

Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, 72 & 74, Abchurch Lane, London, on Tuesday the 20th March, 1897, at 4 o'clock P.M.

*A. Webb*  
*C. J. ...*  
*W. M. ...*  
*E. A. ...*  
*William ...*  
*W. ...*  
*A. ...*

White General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 20, Rudge Road, Shanghai, on Monday, the 30th March 1877, at 4 o'clock.

Present Messrs W. A. Probst, Chairman, W. F. Uford, J. G. ... A. D. ... A. S. ... W. D. ... D. M. ... R. W. ... and the Secretary

Absent W. Kerbe

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read. The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication. Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and showing for sundry accounts were signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Write in Native Quizzes. The newspaper reports that the Native dairies containing 533 head of cattle have all been visited during the week, and the animals found free from disease.

Volunteers Annual Inspection. Letter from General Black is read intimating that he has detailed Colonel C. S. Gordon, 11th West Yorkshire Regiment to carry out the inspection of the Volunteer Corps, on the 10th April, and that he will arrive in Shanghai a day or two previous to that date.

do. do. No Commission. Letter from the Commandant is read intimating that his Majesty's Commission has passed the necessary formalities, and requesting that his Commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the 11th West Yorkshire be issued. The Chairman says that the

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571 ✓ Volunteers - Resignation - Commission has been issued as requested. Letter from Lieut. Colonel Porter, commanding the Light Horse is read resigning his command as he is about to leave. Although he would request that he may be allowed to retain his rank, in order to go through a course of cavalry drill whilst at home.

572 ✓ Public School Committee - Decided to grant the permission applied for. Letter from the Rev. Mr. Perkins is read accepting the Council's invitation & to him to be a member of the Educational Committee of the School.

573 ✓ Wangshoo Hoare - Letter from Dr. Hoare is read acknowledging the receipt of Native Bank order for £500. on account of his services in connection with the Council's organ at Wangshoo.

574 ✓ Inspection of Quarters - Referring to the letter from the Senior Consul enclosing translation of one addressed to him by the Jussu Juss which were submitted at the Meeting last week, the Chairman says that it is unnecessary for him to read the Council's reply as they all saw the draft. Dr. Sturdee has since called on him, and in the course of a long interview ~~is~~ assured him that the Council might always depend upon getting every assistance from the Consular Body in retaining any privileges which had once been granted by the Chinese Authorities, but it is necessary to be careful, particularly at present, so as not to interfere with the proposed extension of the settlement which they hoped to attain. Dr. Sturdee is also of opinion that it will be better not to send any official reply to the Jussu Juss letter in the meantime, and should he insist upon one, he will see him personally and explain matters to him.

575 ✓ Bank and Avenue Road - The Chairman says that he told Dr. Sturdee about the Chinese Authorities putting proclamations in the settlement without the sanction of the Senior Consul and that they have been removed by the police. Dr. Sturdee also referred to the disturbances about the Deawenging

of these roads, and said that in his opinion the Council had not gone the right way to work. Every privilege must be retained, but they have no rights outside the settlement.

The Chairman then reads the notice served by the Sanitary Inspector upon the residents on these roads, informing them of certain regulations for the removal of garbage, night-soil &c, and that these regulations would be enforced by the police.

Mr. Stuebel is of opinion that issuing such a document was a mistake, as it has got into the hands of the Surge officials who are making the most of it, and the Council ought to be very careful what they do outside the settlement. He strongly advises that the matter should be settled with the Surge officials, which can probably be done by paying them a "squeeze" to compensate them for any loss they may have sustained by the new regulations.

Mr. Cooper says that before taking over the scavenging and removal of night-soil, some arrangement should have been made with the former contractor.

Some conversation then takes place as to who instructed the Sanitary Inspector to scavenge the roads, and the Secretary says that it was arranged by the Council that the roads were to be policed and scavenged, and they are now regularly patrolled by the police.

Finally, on the suggestion of the Chairman it is agreed that Mr. Mayne is to see what arrangement can be made for compensating the former contractor, so as to get the matter settled quietly.

Sanitary Department. Some conversation then takes place as to which department the Sanitary Inspector is under, as it is agreed that he ought to be under some control. The Chairman says that he is under the Watch and Work Committee, and on his suggestion it is decided that the following Bf order is to be issued.

"That further order the Sanitary Inspector shall

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"Shall be under the direct control of the Secretary of the Council, who in turn shall refer all matters to the Estates, and Works Committees, to which ever the case may appertain, No Notice whatsoever shall be served upon any resident outside the Settlement, without the sanction of the Council, and any notices served upon residents within the Settlement, shall, in accordance with the Land Regulations, be signed by the Secretary by order of the Council."

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Jubilee Celebrations.

The Chairman says that it is necessary to decide upon what the Council intend doing about the celebration of the Jubilee. He has referred to what was done on the former occasion in 1887 and there seems to have been only decorating the build, and illuminations, and the amount expended was Rs 1400. He suggests that he should be authorized to inform Sir H. Haines that the Council are willing to contribute towards the cost of celebrating of the Jubilee to a moderate amount - say Rs 5000 here -  
Decide to agree to this.

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Works Department.

The Minutes of the Minutes of the Works Committee is read.

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Building Permit.

Referring to the application from the G.P.S. Co for a permit to build upon their land in Suwara road, the Chairman mentions that a plan of the proposed building has been deposited, and as it is merely intended for a Cycle Shop, the Works Committee decided that there is no ground for refusing the permit applied for, and if the adjoining land owners have any objections they can take their steps as they may consider necessary in order to protect themselves.

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Lighting Outside Roads.

The Chairman also mentions that the Engineer submitted an estimate of the cost of lighting the Park, and Avenue roads, and as the Committee are of opinion that additional lamps are required for other outside roads, he was instructed to see how many are wanted, and prepare an estimate of the cost of supplying them, but he

adds that there is no provision for this in the Budget.  
The Minutes that appeared.

Errol,  
Chairman

Secretary

Special Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 23 Raffles Road, Singapore, on Tuesday, the  
4th April, 1897, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present: Messrs

- W. A. Probst (Chairman)
- W. H. Ford
- J. C. G. G. G.
- W. S. G. G.
- R. S. Freeman
- E. G. G.
- W. D. G.

A. B. G.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Gifford, and himself were present at a Meeting of the Consular Body the previous afternoon & at which the situation with regard to the Chulabang riots were discussed; after a long deliberation it was decided, upon the suggestion of the Consul that an ultimatum be presented to the Queen Vic - viz. that he should issue a proclamation bearing the Consular Seal to the effect that for the present the increase of 300 Cents in the License fee shall be remitted, but that on and after the 1st July, the full license fee of 600 Cents shall be rigorously enforced. The Chairman asked the Members of the Council whether they concurred in the

actions taken by himself and Mr Alford and received their unanimous assent. The Chairman proceeded to explain that his reply from the Iron Ore was to be received at 10.30 that morning but that it was the opinion of the Council that the Iron Ore would decline to place himself in such a position of responsibility, and he, the Chairman, asked the Council in the event of the Iron Ore refusing, what position should be taken up. It was then unanimously decided that in the event of the Iron Ore refusing to accept the said ultimatum, that Messrs Proctor and Alford were empowered to issue Notices at the rate of 1400 Cwt's per the month of April, but that from the 1st May the new tax would be rigidly enforced.

The Minutes then approved

W. Proctor  
Chairman

Secretary

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Council held at the Town Hall, Room No 23, Highgate Road, on Wednesday the 11th April 1897, at 11 o'clock. Present

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- W. Proctor (Chairman)
- W. H. Alford
- J. Cooper
- C. Dowdall
- R. S. Truman
- W. Martin
- W. D. Little
- D. H. Harris
- R. W. Hubbard

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 The Government of the United Kingdom having  
 been advised that, in pursuance of a proclamation issued by the  
 Queen, it was decided to dismiss the Volunteer  
 force from extra duty, but that until Parliament  
 met, they were to assemble upon the sounding  
 of the Fire Bell, and that every precaution was to  
 be taken by the Police to maintain order.

It was also decided to ask the Consuls to  
 retain a picket of say 20 or 30 Sailors at the  
 Central (Police Station),

On Wednesday, 12th inst. at 12 o'clock  
 the Council met the Consular Body, and the  
 Minutes of this Meeting were taken by the Secretary  
 of the Senior Consul.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Edw. J. ...

Chairman



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
 held in the Board Room, No. 23, Rangoon Road  
 Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1897, at  
 11 o'clock P.M.

Essoves

Smith

Simmes

Starr

Thompson

Ward

Wheeler

W. S. Smith

Williams

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Town Hall  
vis-a-vis Public House, Southampton, on Tuesday, the  
5<sup>th</sup> April, 1897, at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present— Messrs. A. H. Probst, Chairman,  
 W. S. Alford,  
 J. Cooper,  
 C. Howdell,  
 J. J. Frimma, Esq.,  
 L. D. Little,  
 J. M. Thomas,  
 A. G. Husband, the  
 Secretary, and the  
 Asst. Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are taken as read (owing to  
 pressure of business) signed and passed for publication,  
 the Chairman states that a vacancy of absence  
 has been created to the Secretary from the 1<sup>st</sup> May, and  
 Mr. Hand is to be Acting Secretary during his absence.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques  
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for  
 the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies— The Inspector reports that during  
 the past month all the dairies have been regularly  
 visited and there has been no appearance of disease.

Market— Report by the Inspector is submitted  
 stating that during March the Markets we have been  
 visited daily and all meat carefully inspected, Beef  
 offered for sale has been plentiful and good, though  
 dear, Mutton poor and scarce. The supply of  
 Pigs has been good, and seven varieties of Pigs have  
 been on sale throughout the month. The sale of game  
 and wild Fowl was prohibited by the Chief Justice  
 Magistrate's proclamation on 15<sup>th</sup> March. Vegetables  
 were more plentiful than during February, and supplies  
 have

have begun to arrive from the South,

The number of animals slaughtered at the Aballair lot are  
 1st, as follows, as follows. 960 Oxen, 1888 Sheep  
 122 Calves, and 101 Pigs, being an increase of 786 head  
 over the preceding month.

During the month, 3 Oxen, 21 Sheep, and 2 Calves  
 have been rejected as unfit for foreign consumption. Of  
 these, 3 Oxen, and 12 Sheep were slaughtered by  
 licensed Stallmen for the open markets,

29 lbs Mutton, have been seized and confiscated.

The fees for slaughtering animals amount to \$203.70,  
 for branding tongues and tails \$960. for water to grass  
 shop men \$19.30, Special permits \$1.20, water to Blood  
 contractor \$16. Butcher licenses \$30, a total of  
 \$277.28 including confiscation.

The Cattle shed fees for March amount to \$89.45,  
 During the month 2 Sheep and 2 Calves were rejected  
 at the Sheds.

The number of animals slaughtered for  
 Native consumption or brought over to Pak Din Joo  
 is as follows: 40 Oxen, 52 Water Buffaloes  
 38 Sheep (dead) and 31 Pigs.

Butcher licenses for April number 28,

Native License fees,

Summary for March is submitted  
 showing total for the month, of \$2052.17, against \$1846.77  
 and \$1447.02, in 1896 and 1895, respectively; and a  
 total of \$5909.19 for the quarter as against \$5308.80  
 for last year.

Seavenging of Siu Road, Letter from the Senior Consul  
 is read, in which replying to Council's letter of 6th March,  
 he informs the Council that the Saou Sai has been duly  
 communicated with in reference to the insanitary condition  
 of this road. Translation of the Saou Sai's reply  
 now forwarded, to the effect that he has given orders  
 to the Native authorities for the regular scavenging of  
 the Siu road but will not consent to the Council  
 taking charge.

Chairman's reply, in acknowledgment of Senior  
 Consul's communication is read for information of  
 the Members.

Gambling in Li Hong Koo. Communication from the Senior Consul is read submitting enclosed translation of Tsau Tai's despatch which states that every effort will be made to put down this nuisance, with the assistance of the Municipal Police, as this represents no advance on the previously existing state of affairs, the Chairman has addressed another letter to the Senior Consul asking that the Tsau Tai be requested to give the Council a free warrant for the arrest of Gamblers in the districts of Li Hong Koo.

1914 Skating Rink - Hong Koo Market. An application from Mr S. Marks to establish a Skating Rink in the Hong Koo market is submitted, and refused.

Representation of S.V.C. at Diamond Jubilee.

1910 A letter from Captain Ilbuckhous is read, asking the Council to permit Lieutenant Porter, and three other members of the Light Horse to represent the Corps in the forthcoming Jubilee celebration in London.

Permission to this effect is granted and the Secretary is directed to write to H. B. M. Consul General and request that an official application for such permission be forwarded to the proper military authorities.

11 Abulbarrow Riots - Damage to property. A letter from Mr G. M. Bain is read, requesting the Council to make good certain plate glass windows broken on his premises during the recent riots.

After consideration of the matter, the Secretary is directed to reply that this claim should be addressed by Mr G. M. Bain to the native authorities, through his Consul.

Proposed Truck Company. Letter from Mr A. Docter, forwarded by Major Browne & Co., is read in which Mr Docter notifies the Council of his intention to start a company for the carriage of goods in the Settlements on Trucks.

Matter referred to the Works Committee.

Chinese officials visiting the Settlements. Letters from

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from the Senior Consul are submitted. Notifying that H. E. Sai, Governor of Kuperi, and H. E. Chong special envoy to England with their suites, will be passing through the Settlements and asking that the customary precautions be taken by the Police to prevent disturbances.

Pawn Shops.

The usual replies have been sent by the Chairman. Letter from the Senior Consul is submitted forwarding a communication from the Tava Tai with regard to Regulations for recovery of stolen property from pawnshops, as a certain clause (originally agreed to by the native authorities) with regard to recovery without payment, of goods stolen from foreigners, has now been omitted from the proposed regulations.

Letter has been drafted in which the Chairman requests the Senior Consul to have this clause inserted. Chairman says that he will see the Senior Consul personally in the matter and this correspondence is accordingly handed to him.

Pitigiano Quarry

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Letter from the Commissioner of Customs at Hongkong to Mr Bland is submitted, asking that the Council should buy certain ground at the foot of the quarry hills used by the Council in carrying stone to the creek and consequently useless for agricultural purposes, a petition to this effect, having been received from the owner.

The Chairman recommends the purchase of this land in order to avoid troubles; its area is about 60 mou and the price asked is \$30 per mou, but the owners would probably accept a reduction.

The meeting accordingly authorizes this purchase, at a cost not to exceed \$1800, and directs that Title Deeds be obtained for the land.

Hotel Barrow Tax Riots.

The Chairman informs the Council that the Tava Tai has agreed to the proposal made to him by the Consular Body that the increased tax shall come into force on 1 July.

The Chairman also explains that certain proclamations

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Cons. Council (interim, Subcom.) by the Taca Tax  
 before with the Council, had been taken down by the  
 Police. It now proposes to notify the public, through  
 advertisements in the native papers, that the Wharf tax  
 will remain at 400 Cash, until the first of July -  
 or after that date, the Taca Tax proclamation makes  
 it quite clear and certain that the increased tax will be  
 observed.

(With reference to the earlier proclamation by the  
 Taca Court Magistrate (as published in the Council's  
 minutes) notifying the increase of tax from 1<sup>st</sup> April, -  
 the Chairman quotes the opinion of the Taca Court that  
 the document in question was quite useless, whereas  
 the present Taca Tax proclamation binds the Taca  
 authorities to support the Council in July. -

The Consular Body pledges its word that on  
 1<sup>st</sup> July the law will be enforced, and that in case  
 of trouble arrangements will be made to carry it through  
 if necessary, by force.

The Chairman is of opinion that in adopting  
 this course the public's interests are in the way. In  
 Sovereign but that on the contrary are important.  
 Privately is joined.

The Council agrees that if the Consular Code of  
 regulations, as indicated, is adopted, the  
 possibility of enforcing the tax on 1<sup>st</sup> July will  
 restrict the Consular Body, and that it will be the  
 duty of that Body to provide sufficient force to deal  
 with any disturbances. On the same day, the  
 matter of drawing up a brief for which Council is  
 left to the local Committee.

Circular letters of thanks sent by Chairman to the  
 Commanders of Navy & Co. in port, explaining the  
 necessity for their services are read for information of  
 the Council.

The following then adjourned

Atrobs

Chairman

J. R. Bland  
 J. G. Bland

Special Meeting

Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
at 28 Lincoln Road, Shanghai, on Thursday  
3<sup>rd</sup> Decr, 1897 at 11.30 a.m.

Present

W. J. J. J.

E. C. Forster, Chairman,

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R. S. Truman,

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Secretary

the  
and Clerk

Secretary

The Journals relating the Meeting is taken as read.

The Chairman, addressing the Members, stated that it had been found necessary to convene this meeting to decide on what steps should be taken by the Council in view of the Resolutions passed by the Public Meeting at the Winter Hall on the evening of the previous day.

With regard to those Resolutions, he regretted that the statements made by the Speaker at that Meeting, notably that referring to the agreement made by the Council with the High Court Magistrate, and that of the Council being dictated to by the High Court, were based on unfounded surmises, and he also regretted that the public had asked for no explanation as to the Council's action & before venturing to criticize it. Personally he was strongly of opinion that the Council's action should be placed before a Special Meeting of Ratepayers without delay. It was his wish to lay before the Ratepayers

a concise statement of the whole matter, and if, after such explanation, the Council's acts are not upheld, it was his intention to resign, and leave the Community to elect another representative.

No little suspicion that it would be more desirable to allow the Rite-payers to call a special meeting, was of opinion that the Council should not move in the matter. The Chairman dissented from this view, believing it to be very uncertain that the Rite-payers would call for a meeting, and as he fully believed in the necessity for holding one, he thought the Council should convene it.

Mr. Ulford proposed that the question of calling a Special Meeting of Rite-payers be left open until the Meeting of the Council on Tuesday next. It is evident that it would be unadvisable on the part of the Council to vote for such a meeting at present, it would be better to wait and see whether the Community would convene one, and if not the Council could then do so. In the meantime it would suggest that nothing be done by way of the measure with regard to the Council's intention of its own State-lands until some time would be taken to object, Justice advised.

Mr. Ulford at this point alluded to the fact that it was commonly reported and believed that the Council had not been unanimous in their recent action; he greatly regretted that if there had been any dissensions at the Special Meeting held on Tuesday morning (last) they had not seen fit to propose some amendment to that meeting's resolutions. He thereupon moved, and the motion was seconded.

The Chairman.

" That in future Rule 8 of the Standing orders be observed and that any resolutions proposed at a Meeting of the Council be put to the meeting, and a show of hands required, as notwithstanding the fact that the Chairman on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of 30, did distinctly explained the position, vis a vis the

\* The fact the matter could not be settled at the next meeting, as the Rite-payers would have to call a meeting in their own right, and the Council would have to call for a meeting in their own right. In the meantime the Council should do nothing to save the Rite-payers from the Rite-payers.



"The Consular Body and Juan Tai, and gave an opportunity for each member to speak, it is correctly reported that the Council were not unanimous, though not a word of dissent was expressed."

The Resolution was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously on a show of hands. The Chairman proposed that no action be taken with regard to calling a Meeting of Rate payers until next Tuesday, and that the matter be left open for discussion at that day's meeting.

After some further discussion, in which the Chairman and Mr. Wilson laid great stress on the necessity of an opportunity to explain the Council's action to the Rate payers, it was agreed that, should any communication be received from the Chairman of the Public Meeting, it should be replied to by stating that the Council would consider it at its Meeting on Tuesday next.

The Meeting then adjourned

Edw. Robt.  
Chairman

Wm. Stewart  
Secty.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23, Finsbury Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1897, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Present  
Mr. Mores  
Mr. Harbe  
Mr. Woodall  
Mr. Alfred  
William Diet.  
Mr. Prussian  
R. H. Mustard

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Finsbury Road, Shanghai, on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1897, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Present  
Mr. Mores  
Mr. Woodall  
Mr. Alfred  
Mr. Prussian  
Mr. Harbe  
Mr. Diet.  
Mr. Mores?  
R. H. Mustard  
Secretary  
Asst. Secretary  
J. G. & Co

Abstract  
The Minutes calling the Meeting is laid on the table.  
The Minutes of last Meeting being ready ~~and~~ before passing them, Mr. Harbe wishes to enquire whether at the previous Meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> April on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, it would have been possible

1. for the members to dissent from the Agreement, made on behalf of the Council with the Councilar Body and Subtribe, by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. He would like to be informed whether that agreement was not virtually concluded, and whether any disapproval of its terms would not therefore have been needed. He is aware that, as a matter of fact, at the special meeting mentioned, no dissent to the Councilar proposals was actually expressed; but this may have been because the members believed the Agreement to be actually concluded. He brings up this question, because he has been informed that at the forthcoming Ratepayers Meeting a statement is likely to be made that the Council were not unanimous in their action, and he thinks it may be well to be prepared to meet this statement.

Mr Dowdall observes that he personally consented to the agreement referred to, although he did so reluctantly, and he is of opinion that, whatever the feelings of members may have been, their assent to the proposals of the Councilar Body was unanimous since no objections were raised at the meeting.

The Minutes were then passed on a show of hands, signed by the Chairman, and ordered to be published.

Week Statement for the past week is submitted, and charges for sundry accounts are signed.

Report of Prisoners is presented, and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that during the past week the Native dairies, containing 579 head of cattle have all been visited; the animals were found to be in good condition, and free from disease.

Sanitary Department Report by the Health Officer, and Municipal Surgeon for March is submitted.

Native Livery Stables — Report by the Inspector is

is submitted, being that during the day, the different bottles  
have been repeatedly washed and found in good sanitary  
condition, the pans were also found in good  
health, and free from disease.

The number of Carriages licensed for 1871 is  
16, and for 1872, amount 573 of the former,  
and 76 of the latter, look month,  
3380 in, 1871, and 6361 in 1872 have  
been licensed for the current month.

Volunteers. — Diamond Jubilee, — Communication from

217 Sir, H. Cannon is submitted in which he promises to  
forward to the proper authorities the Commissions of Public  
Officers for permission to Lieutenant Porter and three or 4  
sergeants of the Light Horse to represent the Volunteer  
Corps at the Majesty's Jubilee.

218 By Dowdall's opinion whether the expenses  
incurred in providing refreshments for the Volunteers  
and Cavalry parties, will be defrayed by the Council.

Proposed Truck Company. — The Health Committee having  
circulated their opinion that the proposed Trucks be  
allowed on certain conditions, it is now decided  
to refer the matter to the consideration of the Works &  
Committee and Engineer.

219 Sanitation Committee — The Chairman points out that  
some provision must be made to deal with Cholera  
patients this summer, and although the Health  
Officers advice is against the erection of temporary  
buildings, he is of opinion that it would be best  
to erect rough huts, firstly, because this is  
Council's recommendation this year, and secondly, because  
there is no appropriation for the large sum required  
for permanent buildings.

218 By Mr. Astor's observation that the site purchased is  
not suitable, for a hospital being too near the  
laughter track, and in a rapid drainage, might be  
decided to instruct the Engineer to prepare plans  
and estimates for temporary huts, to be used this  
summer, and that it should be left to the Sanitary  
Department.

Department to consider before next year any objections to the existing site.  
 Letter from Mr. Combes is read in which the offer to sell land for the Extension is withdrawn.

The Chairman points out that the land in question belongs to Mr. Middleton, who now finds it inconvenient to have a wide road through it.  
 It is decided to instruct the Engineer to see Mr. Middleton and try to arrange the matter.

Public School Letter from Mr. John Strathouse is read informing the Council that at the first meeting of the new Educational Committee he was elected Secretary, and Mr. J. S. Stevens, Chairman.

Resignation of Councillor Letter is read from Mr. Cooper stating that his approaching departure from Shanghai compels him to resign his seat on the Council.  
 The Secretary is directed to reply, and express the Council's regret at the loss of Mr. Cooper's valuable services.

Gambling in Li Hong Kwei A communication from the Senior Council is read, stating with regard to the Council's request that the Factory should issue a Warrant for the arrest of gamblers, that in the opinion of the Council Body it would not be opportune to press this matter at the present juncture.

Rate Payers Meeting Letter from Mr. R. McCampbell is read enclosing original notice of meeting signed by a number of Rate Payers. With regard to earlier letter in which Mr. Campbell forwarded a piece of "Public Notice & Resolutions", the Secretary is now directed to reply that the Rate Payers having called a meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst., the Council has nothing to add to its letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst.

On Mr. Alford's suggestion, it is decided to offer Mr. Campbell the use of the Municipal Board Room for the Rate Payers Meeting.  
Shulbarrow Mr. Hoar states that it was some

to his knowledge that certain owners of private licenses are compelled by the Police to take out licenses for them. Upon some discussion, in which the Chairman is expressed that such vehicles are probably public carriers, the Chairman suggests that it might be well to bring forward any properly authenticated cases of this nature.

The Chairman then refers at some length to the workings of the Tax Office, as applied to vehicle licenses, explaining the system under which these are issued, and the reasons in which fines are levied on the owners for staying without one.

He further alludes to the difficulty of dealing with large numbers of such cases at the Police Court. In his opinion it would be well to stop all issue of licenses after the 1st of each month - they are now given out till the 15th - and to take measures for putting the vehicles on the roads, as "Peshawari" men, &c. under the control of a guide. By these means, he thinks that a very large number of the present number of unlicensed men, who are not natives of Peshawar, could be kept away. He has seen the Police Constable and Mr. W. P. P. on the subject, who suggest that the Council should draw up a general report concerning unlicensed vehicles, pointing out several defects as exist in the present system, in order to obtain the cooperation of the native authorities in enforcing better Regulations.

Resolved to instruct the City Secretary to consult with the head of the Tax Office, and to draw up a Report on these lines.

The Gentleman alluding to the proposed Curfew in Unlicensed Cases which was referred at the last meeting to the Water Committee, suggests that if a Bill is to be drawn up - although he does not see clearly how it could be done - it should be embodied in the above Report.

The Council concurring in this and instructing to that effect.

Police

Police Mag. Mixed Court. The Chairman, referring to the difficulty of obtaining adequate punishments in many cases which come before the Mixed Court Magistrates, states that he has recently discussed the question with the Senior Consul. The latter suggests that the Police be instructed to draw up a report summarising the various offenses and punishments from the cases, & death with last year, together with suggestions for a scale of adequate punishments. If this were done, the Consular Body would consider the question with the Council and submit its proposals for the sanction of the Home Authorities.

Mr Little is accordingly requested to arrange with Captain Mackenzie to have this Report drawn up.

Do Annual Imprestion — Mr Little suggests that it will be held tomorrow, the 17th inst., in the grounds of St. B. Mc's Consulate, at 11 p.m., and this being agreed to, the Assistant Secretary is instructed to ask Sir W. Thomson's permission for the use of the ground.

The Chairman proposes that rewards be given to the two Irish, and to the European members of the Force who rendered such excellent services during the late disturbances, in recognition of their zeal and courage.

Mr Little, however, points out that the Captain Superintendent is averse to such a course, and after some discussion the matter is referred to the Trade Committee.

Local Dock Van. The Secretary states that Mr Geo Caldwell Macgregor & Co have offered to purchase the L.P.D. Van, for which there is no further use.

Decided that ten offers should be asked for, and the amount of £150 is paid for it, & names included.

Ratepayers Meeting. Mr Dowdall suggests that, as the published estimate of rates some explanation to be made by the Council, a communication to the Ratepayers be published without delay explaining the Council's

Council's action; He has drafted a letter in this sense and with the consent of the members, would read it for their approval. (Letter read.)

The Chairman, states that he is opposed to any explanation of the Council's reasons for their action before the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst; on that occasion, by agreement with the Council, he will act as Spokesman for them and for the Council, and he proposes to draw up a statement at once for the approval of both bodies. He promises to have this statement ready by Saturday morning, and it is agreed that the Council shall meet at 11 a.m. on that day to hear and consider it.

Some discussion ensuing as to the manner in which the Council should attend the Rate Payers meeting - i.e., where they should sit - The Chairman undertakes to consult Sir St. Auston on the subject.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> inst.

E. Frost,

Chairman.

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525 head of cattle, have all been visited; the animals were found to be free from disease.

Works & Matters. Report by the Chairman is submitted, giving

257 particulars of the works completed during March, and of those still in progress.

Electricity Department. Report by the Superintendent

258 is submitted, giving a detailed statement of the works completed during March, and of those now in progress.

Law on Merchandise. Summary for February is submitted, showing the following amounts to be collected

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Imports,	to	273,31.
Exports,		519,43
Re-Exports,		368,00

to 232,214, for the same month last year, an increase of 79,996.

With regard to Mr. Corneil's report of the case of the J. & S. Service, in which it is stated that Mr. Service, refuses to pay dues on the ground that the goods in question are the property of his wife, it is decided that no action shall be taken in the matter by the Council, the amount involved being a small one, and the questions a difficult one to raise.

Mulberryes. Report by the Chairman of Justice with notes thereon by the Asst. Secretary is submitted. As this report has already been circulated and the question is one requiring careful consideration, it is decided to postpone its discussion until the next meeting, when the result of the Rate payers' meeting will be known.

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2116. A letter from the Secretary of the French Municipal Council is read, intimating that it has been decided to raise the tax on black barrow in the French Concession to 600 cash.

The Secretary is directed to acknowledge receipt and to say that any measures taken with regard to the issue of licenses at the increased rate in the Settlements will be redrafted as soon as possible.



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Exploit Superintendent submitted, stating that several complaints have been made of ladies being insulted and assaulted, recently on the Sierra and Josephine Rivers and requesting that the Council Council be asked to inform the Secretary, in order that the local native authorities may be instructed to prevent any further occurrences of this nature.

Decided that the Council Committee should inquire further into the matter before any action is taken.

1 Customs Clock-towers - Electric Light - Letter

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from Mr. Becker, the Commissioner of Customs is read, referring to the fact that an account of \$300.00 has been presented for this light for March and asking whether the Council intend to increase the charge originally agreed on, \$18. per annum.

Decided that as the light is for the public benefit, the original charge is not to be increased, and the Secretary is directed to reply to this effect.

1 Slaughter House -

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The application is submitted from Mr. J. Dalton asking permission to rent space at the abattoir for the purpose of cleaning intestines.

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Report on the same by Market Inspector is also submitted.

Decided that the matter is one calling for careful consideration, and the Secretary is directed to reply that it will have the attention of the Council, but that permission cannot be granted without further inquiries.

1 Por-Fung Chapel -

The Chairman mentions that the French Fathers Missions (Sanguin) have asked to be allowed the use of the Siamese Chapel at Por-Fung, as a loan, and he suggests that the caretaker be instructed to allow the Fathers to make use of the Chapel accordingly. The correspondence on the subject will be found at H. B. M.'s Consulate, for information.

Decided to comply with this request.

1 Rate Payers Meeting -

The Chairman reads the Statement which

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which he proposes to make on behalf of the Council at the meeting tomorrow, which is finally approved. The meeting then adjourned.

Enrolled,  
Chairman,

J. J. Oland  
as Secy

Special Meeting.

A Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1897, at noon.

Present,

- Mr J. W. A. Brown, (Chairman)
- E. J. Alford,
- C. Dowdall,
- R. D. Freeman,
- W. D. Little,
- D. W. Dixon,
- R. W. Muscard,
- Secretary
- W. H. - do -
- E. K. - do -

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Absent,

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

Resignation of the Council. Draft letter is read conveying to the Governing Council the intimation of the Council's resignation and asking that the Council Body appoint an early date for the

The election of a new Council, this draft being  
 approved.  
 The Meeting then adjourned.

E. Webb  
 Chairman

W. J. Stand  
 at the Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the  
Council held in the Board Room, No. 23  
Manly Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the  
29<sup>th</sup> April, 1897, at 11 o'clock P.M.

E. Webb  
 W. J. Stand  
 Charles  
 Donaldson  
 Crawford  
 William Tait  
 W. J. Stand  
 W. J. Stand

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the  
Board Room, No. 23, Raffles Road, Singapore,  
on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 1897, at  
4 o'clock P.M.

Present.

- Major G. H. Probst, Chairman  
 E. S. Clifford  
 C. D. ...  
 R. S. ...  
 W. ...  
 W. D. Little  
 D. M. ...  
 R. W. ...  
 Secretary and the  
 W. ...

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read,  
 the Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statements for the past week is submitted, and  
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Reports of ... and Police ...  
 reports for the past week are submitted,

Cattle in Native Division. The Inspector reports that  
 during the past week the Native division contain-  
 ing 513 head of Cattle have all been visited -  
 the animals were found to be free from disease.

Also under Hospital - Tender by ... for the  
 construction of temporary mat sheds is submitted,  
 the acceptance of which is recommended by the  
 Engineer. The buildings to be guaranteed storm-proof  
 and the total cost Rs 5725.

As it is essential that accommodation for  
 cholera patients should be provided without delay,  
 the Chairman recommends that the Engineer be  
 authorised to proceed with this work forthwith.  
 The tender is accordingly accepted.

Wharves - A petition is submitted from the  
 Sick Guild and other Native Merchants, interceding

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on behalf of the wheelbarrow coolies and asking the Council to deal leniently with them in the matter of taxation.

Draft reply is read, and authorized to be sent, in which it is pointed out that the Councils object in raising the tax was to reduce the numbers of these vehicles in the settlements, and that by so doing the resident barrow men of Shanghai will be protected from undue competition of outsiders.

✓ Wheelbarrows — Report on Licenses and Fairs is again submitted, but the Members are of opinion that it must be referred to the incoming Council.

✓ Barrowbrokers Licenses. — Referring to the Senior Consul's letter of 7<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing copy of proposed proclamation by British Court Magistrate on this subject, the Chairman states that owing to pressure of other business, this question has not yet been sufficiently considered to allow of a reply being sent. In view of the fact that the Council's successors will assume office in a fortnight, he is of opinion that the matter had better be postponed for their consideration and action, and the Secretary accordingly directed to draft a letter to the Senior Consul notifying him of this decision.

15/ Sanitary House. — Report by the Health Officer is read strongly advising that Mr Dalton's application to make use of the Municipal Water for industrial cleaning operations be refused.

It is accordingly decided not to accede to Mr Dalton's request for permission to lease part of the water.

✓ With reference to this subject, and in reply to a remark by Mr Ulford, the Chairman states that he had for some time contemplated suggesting that the supervision of markets, abattoirs &c should rest with the Health Officer, under the Sanitary Committee of the Council. He is of opinion that the matter is one which requires the early attention of the new Council.

Resolution



1 Rowdyism on Jessfield Road. Referring to a report by the Supt. of Police on the 20. inst, of an assault by certain natives on a nurse and child, Mr Little explains the actual facts of the case, and states that, although, technically speaking there was an assault committed, the case is not one which in his opinion it would be advisable to press. He would suggest that it be placed on record, and that in the event of any further trouble in that locality, steps should be taken to address the Supt. and request him that instructions be given to the local officials for the preservation of order.

1 Public School. Letter from the Hon. Secretary to read, notifying the Council that Mr D. M. Hooper has resigned his seat on the School Committee and asking that another member be appointed in his stead.

1 Volunteers — Adjutant Reswick. Mr Little suggests that the Major Commanding be requested to convey to the Colonel of the English Militia Regiment to which Mr Reswick belongs, the Council's appreciation of the very able manner in which he has performed the duties of Adjutant while attached to the S.V.C. This suggestion is agreed to, and Mr Little undertakes to communicate with Major MacKenzie in the matter.

1 — Do — New Commission — Letter from Major Commanding submitted in which he states that Mr Editt has passed the necessary examination, and requests that his Commission as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant may therefore be issued.

1 — Do — Uniforms — Letter from the Major Commanding submitted in which he requests that the Volunteer Corps be supplied with Khaki uniforms at an estimated cost of \$4, per man. Further in a second letter, he forwards an application from Captain Dudgeon of the Reserve Company requesting

...marked that members of the ... be supplied with ...  
... with Khaki material, the latter to be made  
up at their own expense into uniforms.

Decided to sanction the expenditure and to approve  
of the measure suggested.

Volunteers, Civil Instructions.

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Letter from Major-General ...  
... in Hong Kong is read, ...  
... to the Council's resolution that Sergeant  
... be allowed to continue the  
instructions of the N.P.C. until the end of May.

The Secretary is directed to draft a letter in  
reply, expressing the Council's thanks for the assistance  
thus rendered.

✓ Resignation of Council

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The Chairman refers to the  
terms of the resolution passed at the Special  
Meeting of 14th August in which it is stated that  
the arrangement made with the ... concerning  
... was made at the request of  
the Council. The arrangement is accordingly un-  
questioned. It has occurred to the ... in  
the matter, some ... and while he  
has referred the matter to the ...  
... and ...  
... that no good purpose would be  
served by ... contradicting the statement in  
... He wishes however, to inform the  
Council of the facts ... to receive ...

Chairman's Meeting of Council.

The Chairman  
... that ... the 11th ...  
... the Race ... the Council's next (and final)  
meeting be held on ... the 2nd ... at noon.

To this proposal the Members agree,  
and ... then adjourned.

Errol

Secretary

For Stand  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council,  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Raffles Road, Singapore,  
on Friday, the 7th May, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon,

Edwards  
Am Moses  
Harbe  
Howdall  
H. Helman  
P. W. Mustard  
W. Wood

At the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Raffles Road, Singapore, on Friday,  
the 7th May, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon.

Present — Major Edwards, Chairman,  
E. J. W. W. W.  
Howdall  
Red Freeman  
Harbe  
D. M. Jones  
R. W. Mustard and the  
Acting Secretary —

Absent —

H. A. Little

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman, and passed for publication,  
Case Statement to H. A. B. is submitted, and cheques for  
summary accounts are signed.

Reports of Prisoners are presented, and police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports  
 that

that the Justice officers have been visited weekly during the past month, and the cattle therein were all found to be free from disease.

Justice Officers

Summary for April is submitted amounting to \$30,848.25, against \$19,106.55, and \$18,721.54, in 1896 and 1895, respectively, and for the 11 months to \$79,968.04, as against \$72,165.13 for same period last year, an increase of \$7,802.91.

Native Cattle

Report by the Inspector is submitted stating that the different stations have been regularly visited during the month, and were found in good sanitary condition, and all the ponies in good health, and free from disease.

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579 carriages, and 722 ponies have been licensed for May, against 561 of the former, and 703 of the latter for April, and 559 and 627 of each respectively, for May, 1895.

3380 <sup>horses</sup> and 5667 <sup>chulbarrows</sup> have been licensed for the current month.

Markets

Report by Inspector Christie is submitted in which he states that the Markets and Butcher shops have been visited daily during April, and all meats carefully inspected. Beef has been of good quality, though high in price; mutton poor, scarce, and dear; fish, fruit and vegetables plentiful and good.

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The number of animals slaughtered at the abattoir totals 3313, apportioned as follows 960 Oxen, 1081 Sheep, 170 Cows, and 84 Pigs, being an increase of 199 head on that for March.

During the month 3 oxen, and 6 sheep have been reported as unfit for foreign consumption, the 2 oxen and sheep were slaughtered by licensed stall men for the Hong Kong market, 93 lbs beef, and 16 lbs mutton have been seized and confiscated.

The fees for slaughtering animals amount to \$20,890, for branding tongues, and tails \$465, for water to grave shop men \$100, special permits \$500, butcher licenses \$24, confiscations \$218, a total of \$

25th 78.

The Cattle show fees for April amount to \$ 870.00 - during the month, 3 oxen, and 6 sheep were rejected at the show.

The number of animals slaughtered for human consumption or brought dead to Pak Sim. Jack, is as follows: 51 oxen, 6 water buffaloes, 49 sheep (dead) and 26 ponies.

The number of Butcher Licenses for May is 28.

Scrutinizers for Ballot. As the election of the new Council is to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> inst., the meeting has now to nominate Scrutinizers for the ballot. The Chairman suggests that Messrs Dowdall and J. L. Scott be requested to act in that capacity, and Mr Dowdall agreeing to serve, it is decided to ask Mr Scott's consent.

Transfer of Office to New Council. The Chairman suggests that after the election of the incoming Council, an intimation be conveyed to its members that the outgoing Council would be glad to meet them on Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, at 11 p.m. for the purpose of handing over charge, the acting Secretary is accordingly instructed to convey this intimation; in the event of its being agreed to, he will thus notify the members of the outgoing Council so that they may attend at the hour suggested.

Petition from Riksha Men. A native petition, with translation attached, is submitted, in which certain riksha headmen beg the Council to discontinue the quarterly inspection of their vehicles on the ground of its inconvenience and of the hardship inflicted thereby on the coolies.

285 - Memorandum from the Capt Supr of Police is also read, to the effect that this inspection is absolutely indispensable.

The members are of opinion that it would be extremely inadvisable to make any change in the present system - they decide however, merely to record their opinions in the matter and to refer it to the incoming Council for settlement.

Pontoons - Obstruction of right of way, The submission from the Munsif of the Tripura District, in reply to an official protest by the Council against the Munsif's recent action in placing locked gates at the North gateway to the Pontoons. The Munsif apologises for this violation of the agreement made between his Commission and the Council in 1891, and promises that the gates will in future be kept open at all times.

Resolution Haspiter, The Council's agreement with Haspiter for the erection of matcheds &c (as authorised at Meeting of 27 April) is submitted, and duly signed by Munsif of Land by Municipal Engineer. Application by Chief Inspector Howard is submitted. This application being supported by the Asst. Supt. and the land in question being intended for Inspector Howard's own use, the Council's sanction is accordingly granted.

Memorandum for incoming Council, The manner in which the Council should hand over charge to its successors is discussed, and it is agreed that all the members who can attend should be present on that occasion. Mr. Alfred suggests that the immediate and careful attention of the incoming Council should be directed to certain matters of urgent importance, such as the finance question and the necessity for increasing the foreign Police force.

After some discussion the Chairman offers to draw up a brief memorandum on these points which will be circulated to the members, and which, if approved will be handed to the incoming Council for its information. To this course the members agree, and

The Meeting then closed.

Edward,

Chairman

J. V. Stand  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council,  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Rangoon Road,  
Shanghai on Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1897,  
at 4 o'clock p.m.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board,  
Room, No. 23, Rangoon Road, Shanghai, on  
Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1897, at 3.15 p.m.

Present:  
 The Chairman  
 C. A. Probst,  
 C. J. McFarlane,  
 C. Dowdall,  
 R. S. Freeman,  
 E. Karben,  
 W. D. Little,  
 R. W. Musgrave, and the

following members  
of the New Council:  
 The Chairman  
 J. Anderson,  
 A. R. Bursill,  
 J. S. Fearon,  
 H. C. Hewitt,  
 J. Orntice,  
 W. Bohler,  
 J. Hatch,  
 J. J. Wilkinson and the  
 Acting Secretary,

Absent:

Rev. J. R. Hykes,  
 R. Moore,

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed and signed

signed by Mr. Prout as Chairman of the Outgoing Council,  
 The Chairman, addressing the incoming Council, states that he and his colleagues have thought it advisable, before handing over things, to draw up a memorandum dealing with certain matters outstanding, and to offer suggestions on a few important questions, such as Finance, the condition of the Police Force, the Water Board tariff, &c. &c., with the permission of the members he would now read this memorandum.

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In reply to a question by Mr. Leech on the subject of the Budget, the Chairman states that, so far, the amounts received for Taxes, Licenses &c., have shown an increase over the Estimates, with regard to Expenditure, the payments had, as a rule, shown a reduction on the amounts appropriated, and the only case of Expenditure for which no appropriation had been made in the Budget, was the amount incurred for building temporary huts at the Isolation Hospital site, a work of absolute necessity.

There being no further subjects for discussion the outgoing Council retires.

The incoming Council then proceeds to elect the following official officers:

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Chairman —  
 Vice —  
Works Committee.  
 —do—  
Stubs —do—  
 —do—  
Finance, Police, Appnt. &c.

Mr. Geo. A. R. Burtin,  
J. S. Fearon  
 J. S. Fearon,  
 J. Spradling, and  
 W. White,  
 J. Leech,  
J. R. Adams and  
 H. J. Wilkinson,  
 W. R. Bennett,  
 J. Henderson, and  
 C. A. Powell.



Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week, are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts. The Inspector reports that during the past week the Native Districts containing 1177 head of Cattle have all been visited, and the animals were found to be free from disease.

Issue of Debentures — Statement is submitted of amounts authorized in the years 1847 to be raised by Debentures, and the Acting Secretary asks for authority to advertise the issue of a sum sufficient to cover the existing overdraft at the Bonds, about £250,000, also to arrange for the drawing at the next meeting of Council, of the 7% of Debentures redeemable 30<sup>th</sup> June on issue of Loan of 1888. The amount being £35,000.

After some discussion, decided to authorize the issue of Debentures for a total sum of £268,800. This amount representing £150,000 on account of Markets and Local State, and £118,800 in deficit of 1896, authorized under Resolution V of Rules passed meeting held of 17<sup>th</sup> March 1897.

Decided also that Debentures of 1888 (£35,000) shall be drawn for redemption and that their 7% shall be advertised simultaneously with the notice of new issue.

Outgoing Council's Memorandum. With regard to the suggestions contained in this Memorandum, the Chairman proposes that their discussion be postponed until the Council's next meeting, and that in the meantime the Acting Secretary shall circulate it for the consideration of the members.

Decided to adopt this proposal.

Proposals — Referring to the correspondence with the Senior Consul on this subject, (vide minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> Octo) the Acting Secretary submits Dr. Stables' communications of 1<sup>st</sup> April together with draft of proposed reply.

Decided that these are to be circulated for the information of the members and the matter brought up at their next meeting.

Director

Trotter's Proclamation - Letter from Capt. Supt submitted  
 forwarding a proclamation found to have been issued by  
 the Trooper and exhibited without the Sicut Councils  
 and the Council's vote,

Decided that should such a case occur again  
 the Sicut Council will be requested to draw the Trooper's  
 attention to the irregularity of such proceedings.  
The Meeting then adjourned.

C. R. Birkell

Chairman

J. A. Bland  
 Acting Secretary

Minutes & Attendance, at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Cannon Row, Manchester  
on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1897, at 4 o'clock p.m.

At the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,  
No. 23, Cannon Row, Manchester on Tuesday  
the 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1897, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present.

Major W. R. Barkitt, Chairman.  
 F. Underwood.  
 J. S. Farrow.  
 G. R. Hewitt.  
 J. P. Pritchard.  
 M. Roberts.  
 J. Welch.  
 N. P. Williamson, and  
 Acting Secretary.

Absent.

Rev. J. R. Stubbs.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

After proceeding to read the Minutes, the  
 Chairman said that the Rules & Orders at  
 Council Meetings, as given on page 4. of the Standing  
 Order

Orders, be henceforward adhered to, and that the business of the meetings shall be transacted in the order therein laid down.

This proposal is unanimously agreed to.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and signed for similar accounts are signed.

Returns of Diseases apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Police Divisions, The Inspector reports that all the cattle are healthy and free from disease.

Revision of Land Regulations &c. The Chairman states that in a recent conversation with Sir G. Haume, the latter suggests that the Council <sup>should</sup> take into consideration a proposal, which, in his opinion, might be selected to facilitate the revision of the Land Regulations and the extension of the Settlements. This proposal was to the effect that the Council should arrange, for the approval of the Ruler, for and subsequent ratification in Dehly a new Regulation authorizing the Commission sale of land in the Settlements for public purposes both to the Council and the His Majesty's Government, the conditions of such sale being referred if necessary to the Court of Councils. After some discussion as to the probable results of such a Regulation, the Vice Chairman suggests that the matter be referred to the Legal Adviser for his opinion. Consideration of the subject is postponed pending receipt of further information.

Memorandum by the Council is again read by the Chairman and briefly discussed. It is pointed out in regard to the question of increasing the Police Force that the present strength and cost of the Force are under consideration by the Finance Committee, which will report in the June.

The Vice Chairman says that if it is deemed probable it is found necessary to add to the present strength of the Police, he believes the best plan will be to largely

largely increase the number of Sikhs, while reducing that of the Chinese Coolies.

The matter is eventually referred to the Customs Committee for report.

### Milkmen.

The Chairman says that the Chief Consul has asked him whether the Council had drawn up the Tariff of fares for wheelbarrows to which the late Council promised to give its attention, and which is alluded to in the Sactai's proclamation of 5<sup>th</sup> April. To this question the Chairman had replied by pointing out the difficulty of framing any such general Tariff and had said that, in his opinion, it was practically impossible. The members endorsing this view, it is decided, to write officially to the Chief Consul and say that, while no Tariff can be made, the Council has no objection to the wheelbarrow men raising their fares from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### Vice King's Petition.

The petition from certain Free Traders asking that their Banners be exempted from taxation, is submitted for reply. The Finance Committee having endorsed the opinion of the Captain Superintendent, that such exemption is extremely inadvisable, it is decided, that the petition cannot be granted.

### Opium brokers' Petitions.

The question of the reply to Chief Consul regarding the proposed Sactai's proclamation on this subject is again discussed and a memorandum by Mr Anderson is read pointing out the inadvisability of allowing any proclamation to be posted which would deprive the Settlers in the Settlements of a measure of protection similar to that claimed for foreigners. After considerable discussion it is proposed by Mr Anderson, and seconded by Mr Hewitt that no proclamation be passed, but that Clause C. of the Regulations as originally proposed, be included in the Opium brokers' Ordinance for next year. To this an amendment by Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr Wilkenson, is proposed "that the Proclamation be issued with Clause C. inserted,"

On a show-of-hands the amendment is lost, and the Under-secretary's resolution is declared carried.

Decided to instruct the Secretary to draft a despatch to the Senior Council accordingly, and to circulate it for the approval of the members.

Public Board.

235 Letter from the Secretary of the Public Board is submitted, asking the Council to appoint two of its members to serve on that Board.

Mr. Jos. White and Mr. ... are accordingly elected and paper to ...

Shanghai Public School.

277 Letter from the Secretary of the School Committee is submitted, asking the Council to appoint a member to serve on that Committee in the place of Mr. D. M. ...

It is unanimously decided to request the Hon. Mr. ... to accept this office.

Petition from ...

281 ... The Council Committee having recorded its opinion that the inspection is indispensable, it is decided that the petition cannot be granted.

Mixed Court.

2820 A Report and Summary of Crimes and Punishments at the Mixed Court, forwarded by the Captain Superintendent of Police, is submitted, this document having been called for in compliance with a suggestion made by the Senior Council to the late Council.

Referred to Watch Committee for Report.

Local Post Office

The Chairman explains the present condition of the Department, alluding to the fact that under existing circumstances it is being worked at a loss to the Community. The advisability of maintaining the establishment to the Imperial Chinese Post is then discussed but the members are generally opposed to such a measure, and until it shall be definitely ascertained that the Chinese administration is on a satisfactory and permanent basis, attention of this question is therefore postponed, and ... until the Post-master report to the late Council.

is referred to the Finance Committee.  
 1 Yung King Pany, Proprietary Arrangements. A suggestion to the Works Committee is approved, to the effect that, before coming to any decision in this matter, the Council be instructed to consult with the Engineer of the French Municipality and to draw up a full report on the proposed work after personal investigation of the estimates, plans, &c.

1 Dues on Merchandise — Summary for March is submitted, showing the following amounts to be collected: —

Imports	Rs 3482.30	
Exports	1877.26	
Re-Exports	1491.26	Rs 5113.78

against Rs 5552.50 for same month last year, an increase of Rs 2118.52.

With regard to the evasion of payment of these dues by certain firms, on the ground that the goods are imported on account of Chinese, it is decided that the Customs House which requires to be dealt with. The Director is instructed to draw up a statement of the dues evaded in this way during the current year by Mr J. A. Harvie preparatory to taking the opinion of the legal adviser in the matter.

1 Sanitary Department. Report by the Health Officer and Municipal Surgeon for April, is submitted.

302 Electrical Department Report by the Superintendent is submitted, giving a detailed statement of the work completed during April, and of those now in progress.

1 Finance Matters — The Minutes of last meeting of the Finance Committee are read for the information of the members, also a Memorandum by the Finance Committee pointing out the necessity, under the existing financial conditions, of keeping the expenditure of the current year within the appropriation of the Budget and asking the Works and Water Committees to co-operate in the "practice of a wise economy in every direction".

In this connection, the Chairman proposes, and it is unanimously resolved:

"that a cordial vote of thanks be given to Mr. G. J. Morrison for his very valuable & prompt letters and MSS on the financial position of the settlement, and on the re-arrangement and simplification of the accounts as annually presented to the Rate payers, which he had drawn up for the benefit of the Municipal Council."

Insurance

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Letter from the Secretary of the Vancouver Insurance Association is received asking that the Council's insurances on accounts of the Electrician Department, be given to his office, which is a purely local one, rather than to a non-local company.

The Council voting in favour of granting this request, the Secretary is directed to say in reply that the insurance in question will in future be given to the "Vancouver Association" provided that the rates charged shall not be higher than those paid hitherto.

The resolution is to be notified of this decision.

Slaughter House

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Letter from Messrs. Brock & Ellis is received, asking, on behalf of Mr. S. S. Hall, why a certain building is excluded from the Slaughter House.

Draft of reply by Legal adviser is submitted, and approved.

Building Permit

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Letter from Mr. W. Cushing is submitted stating his objections to complying with the Engineers' request that he should take out the usual permit for certain re-building & operations at Lot 435, near the Canton Road. Mr. Cushing's comment is that his operations practically amount to repairs and that as the property does not affect on to any thoroughfare, no permission from the Council is required.

Draft letter of the Legal adviser, threatening to sue for the penalty under By-Law VIII, is submitted, and approved.

Building on Lines of Paul Extension

Mr. McManis case - Application from the Fallocks, Architect, on behalf of



behalf of Lt. H. Murray, to build a house on Lot 101, U.S.C., Hong Kong, in the line of a proposed road extension is submitted, together with minutes on the subject, from the last meeting of Works Committee.

The Council concurs in the opinion of the Works Committee that, as no payments have been made since date of 1897 notification for any lands in the line of proposed roads, it is inadvisable either to expend the building fund intended for, or to offer compensation for the land before vesting in the public's right to its use.

Decided to refer this case to the legal adviser before replying to Mr. Gillock.

1. Local Authorities. — The Vice Chairman submits the Engineer's report on the present state of the road material supply, which is practically at a standstill. With regard to this question the Works Committee is of opinion that the first installing of these roads is a proper charge on the Loan of 1896. — authorized to be expended on new roads at the subsequent meeting of 1st March, and Mr. Parn suggests that a sufficient sum be appropriated therefrom for the rapid and full development of the King's Highway, and for having certain roads made up by Contractors.

This suggestion is, after some discussion, approved; but it is decided that, before any funds are actually voted for these four years, the Works Committee shall obtain tenders and estimates for the information of the Finance Committee.

1. Members. — A communication from Major General Sleath, C.B., Commanding Officer in Hong Kong, is submitted, in which is forwarded Colonel Gordon's Report on his recent inspection of the Volunteer Corps.

307 The Acting Secretary is directed to draft the usual letter of acknowledgment and thanks to H.B.M.'s Jubilee. — The Chairman mentions that

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that Mr. Bruce, A.D.M. Vice Consul has called on him and asked what part the Council is prepared to make in view of the Jubilee Celebrations funds?

Naval Force. The Finance Committee recommends that a sum of \$750. be appropriated for this purpose, and this amount is accordingly authorized.

The Chairman wishes to ask the Chairman whether any arrangements have been made by the British and other Consulates for providing a Naval Force sufficient to cope with any disturbances that may occur on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

In reply, the Chairman states that the Council Body is obliged to arrange for the presence of such a force, but that he is unaware of any definite arrangements. He will, however, make inquiries on the subject.

Spooking Cemetery. Mr. Hatch asks that the Municipal Accountant be authorized to sign an affidavit stating that the Council has decided the Government Land Co. on certain grounds near the Spooking Cemetery for many years, such an affidavit being required by the Supreme Court before it can issue an order handing over control of the land in question to the proposed Board of Trustees for Burial at Spooking.

Decided that this proposed document be submitted for the inspection of the Council before being signed by the Accountant.

Mr. Hastings then adjourned.

A. R. Hastings

Chairman

England  
City Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Hongkong  
Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday the 25th May  
1897, at 10 o'clock p.m.

U. R. Burkill  
 James Welch  
 John R. Hughes  
 John Brantice  
 H. Roscoe  
 J. Anderson  
 Escherich  
 W. Hearn

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on Sunday  
the 27th May, 1897, at 10 o'clock p.m.

Present

H. J. U. R. Burkill, Chairman  
 J. Anderson  
 J. S. Harnon  
 W. Hearn

Absent

J. R. Hughes  
 J. Brantice  
 H. Roscoe  
 Escherich  
 R. P. Wilkinson and the  
 Acting Secretary

The minutes calling the meeting is taken as read,  
the minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Wisconsin apprehensions and Police daily reports for the week are submitted.

Cattle in future Districts. The Inspector reports that all the Cattle are healthy and free from disease.

General arrangements for 1st July. The Chairman states, with reference to the question raised by Mr. Waterman at the last meeting, that he has been informed by G.B.M. Consul General that steps have been taken by the Admiralty to ensure the presence of such a Naval Force at San Diego on 1st July, as will be sufficient to deal with any disturbances that may take place at that date.

W.I.S. medals. Turning to the preparations for celebrating the 100th jubilee, the Chairman states that by order of the Admiralty, no medals will be given from the British Men-of-war in harbor on that occasion.

It has therefore been suggested, to him by the Education Committee that the Council should place itself in communication with the San Diego Office asking him to cooperate with the Council in giving the salutes, as above, and to join the B.V.C. in the March Parade.

Sierra Range, Lot 7114. The Chairman reads a communication from the Royal Writ on the subject of Lot 7114, regarding the Sierra Range Station, according to certain title deed records and boundary plans, is the property of the Council, but to which a claim has also been advanced, by Mr. W.D. Drummond on behalf of a claimant on title deeds recently issued.

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A report in re. by the Assistant Surveyor is also submitted, and it is suggested that A.B.M. Consulate be requested to communicate with the U.S. Consulate with a view to investigating the validity of the deeds.

Decided to circulate Mr. Dowdell's letter and the Assistant Surveyor's report for the information of the members before taking any action.

Wines and Merchandise. With reference to Mr. J.W. Parices refusal to pay dues on certain importations alleged to be the property of Thiers, a memorandum

by the Acting Secretary on the Inspector's communications and other points affecting the case, is submitted, and ordered to be circulated for the information of the members.

1 Members' Licenses. The draft of letter to Junior Council on this subject, as called for at the last meeting is submitted, and with certain modifications suggested by Mr Anderson - which are approved - it is ordered to be sent.

1 Peking Road Widening. Letter from the Agents of the Land Investment Co is submitted, refusing to surrender on the terms proposed by the Council the land required for the widening of the Peking Road adjacent to their property.

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Minute from last meeting of Works Committee is read in re, and after some discussion, it is decided to pay for the land at the price originally asked by the Land Investment Co - viz. \$14500. per acre.

The Acting Secretary is instructed to write to this effect.

1 Officers - Letter from the Major Commanding is submitted stating that at a recent meeting of "C" Company, Colonel Siryank W. Whittall was unanimously elected to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, vice Lieut Anderson, resigned, and requesting the Council to issue a Commission accordingly. Subject to Mr Whittall's passing the usual examination.

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Decided to confirm this appointment, and to issue Commission in due course.

1 French Volunteer Company - Letter from the Secretary of the French Municipal Council is submitted, stating that a company of French Volunteers has been organized, which is intended to cooperate with the S.V.C. in defence of the Settlement.

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The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge, and to inform the Council's pleasure at the receipt of this intimation.

1 Local Post Office. The question of handing over this establishment to the Imperial Chinese Post is discussed.

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The Chairman observes that it is very doubtful whether the local Post can pay its expenses, even with an increase in its rates, and Mr. Anderson is of opinion that it should be handed over without delay. Mr. Wilkinson would advise postponing any action until the results of the Postal Conference, now sitting in Hong Kong, are made public, and he points out that if the Imperial Chinese Post proves itself a success, the Chinese Government will certainly be willing and ready to take over the Local Office.

The members generally are in favour of handing over the establishment as it can no longer be worked at a profit, but it is agreed to postpone further consideration of the matter until the conclusion of the Hong Kong Conference.

Postal Extensions — Draft of circular to the Consulates, as agreed on at the last meeting, is submitted and approved. Memorandum from the Legal Officer is also read, giving his opinion with regard to the difficulty of acting upon the terms of the notification of 1891, but stating that in the case of Mr. McMurtry the Council has an incontestable right to claim sum of £5000 required for road extension, as notified.

Licenses of Contractors — (Horse and Carts) are read. With reference to possibility of disturbances by the contractors men, Mr. Wilkinson suggests that with the next issue of licenses, a printed slip be handed to each cooler notifying him that the tax will be raised to 600 Cash on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The members approving of this suggestion, the Chairman is instructed to see that it is carried out.  
The Meeting then adjourns.

A. R. Arkell

Chairman

J. D. D. D.  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room No. 23, Rungtze Road, Shanghai  
on Tuesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1897, at 4 o'clock P.M.

A. R. Burkill  
M. F. Funnell  
John R. Hykes  
Joseph N. N. N.  
J. M. F. F.  
W. S. Wilkinson  
F. Anderson

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Rungtze Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday  
the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1897, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present,

Messrs A. R. Burkill, Chairman,  
F. Anderson,  
J. S. Funnell,  
W. H. Hewitt,  
J. R. Hykes,  
J. M. F. F.,  
W. S. Wilkinson, and the  
Acting Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read,  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman, and passed for publication,  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and charges  
for sundry accounts are signed,  
Return of prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

General

General Municipal Rate - Native. - Return for March in  
Quarter is submitted, and ordered to be published with  
Minutes of last Meeting.

Road Extensions. Letter from M. B. M. Consul General, in  
reply to Council's communication of 26<sup>th</sup> May, is read.

383. In this letter it is pointed out that the Consulate is  
unable to comply with the Council's request that all  
Title Deeds be endorsed in accordance with Road  
Extensions notification of 1894, for reasons stated  
verbally to the Chairman, but offering to bring the terms  
of that notification to the notice of British Subjects  
by an entry to be made on the return application form.  
The Chairman mentions that Sir Nicholas Phipps  
explained the difficulty of making entries on the actual  
deeds by saying that such action would be likely to  
throw undue responsibility on the Consulate, and that  
the documents themselves were only translations of the  
original Native Title Deeds.

The Acting Secretary is instructed to draft reply  
thanking the Consul General for the assistance there rendered,  
and saying that the method proposed will amply fulfil  
the object which the Council has in view. It is also de-  
cided that the notification of 1894 is to be re-  
published on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Whelbarrow - Memorandum by the Acting Secretary is sub-  
mitted referring to certain proposals made by heads of the  
Whelbarrow quita, on the subject of having all barrow  
coolies registered in their office and limiting their number  
to 300. The advisability of dealing with the quita is  
discussed, Mr. Smith's being strongly opposed to  
holding communication with any quita in such matters,  
and the sense of the Meeting is against unnecessary Native  
interference in the government of the Settlement.

Decided to postpone all discussion as to altering  
the system of Whelbarrow licensing until after the  
15<sup>th</sup> July.

Wife's Right of Property. - Letter from the Legal Advisor is  
read giving it as his opinion that a Court of Law  
would uphold the Council's title to the portion of  
Lot



Lot 767 now claimed by Mr H. & Drummond. The question as to whether this claim should be maintained is discussed and finally decided in the affirmative. The Acting Secretary is accordingly directed to inform the legal adviser of this decision and to request him to take such steps as may be necessary for making good the Council's title to the land. Decided also that the plan accompanying the new Hong Kong Schedule shall be amended before issue, so as to include the whole of this lot, there having been a part omitted in the plan of 1893.

Dues on merchandise. The question is discussed of establishing the Council's right to levy dues on goods imported by foreigners in the name of Chinese, as also the wider issue of defining the Saotai's commutation to cover "domestic native trade" only. In this connection the Chairman says that the Acting Secretary has seen Mr Holliday in the matter of the firms imports for the Comptroller, but that he refuses to pay dues, on the plea that to do so would simply be assisting others to compete against his Comptroller.

It is decided for the present not to deal with the ownership of goods but to re-open the question of the Saotai's commutation, and to endeavour, through the Senior Consul, to get it clearly defined. The Acting Secretary is accordingly directed to draft a despatch for the approval of the Council.

Nursing Home. Report on this Institution by the Health Officer, as called for by the Council, is submitted. Decided that before any steps are taken for modifying the existing arrangements at the Home, it will be best to await the results of the Nursing Institute scheme now mooted by the Jubilee Celebration Committee. The Report to be circulated in the manuscript for the information of the members.

Work Report for April is submitted, together with new form of abstracts for publication.

Local Book Office. It having been decided at the last meeting that the question of handing over this establishment

establishment to the Imperial Chinese Post should be postponed until the results of the Hong Kong Conference are made known, the Chairman suggests that a new scale of charges, as drawn up in the Postmaster's memorandum, be put into force without delay. The Finance Committee has gone into the subject and has ascertained that the office is at present worked at a monthly loss of 250 to 300. At the same time, he has ascertained from Mr. Alfred that the arrangement now existing between the Steam Companies and the Imperial Chinese Post is a tentative one, for one year only, and that it is impossible to say before August whether it will be renewed.

The members generally are of opinion that it will be better to defer putting up the rates. The Vice Chairman points out that such action would justify the Imperial Chinese Post in keeping them up, and the present monthly loss is comparatively insignificant.

Agreed to defer action for a month at least.

Quarantine and Sanitary Board. Letter from the Commissioner of Customs, is read, stating that measures for enforcing quarantine are about to be taken, in view of the prevalence of plague in the South, and asking whether the Council is prepared to make the same arrangements with regard to Plague Hospitals, &c, as heretofore. Decided to reply in the affirmative. —

In this connection, a letter from the Health Officer is submitted, pointing out the immediate necessity for the formation of a Sanitary Board, the members of which should be the Chairmen of the Water and Abseka Committees, the Municipal Engineer, the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Health Officer.

This suggestion is approved, and at the suggestion of the Vice Chairman it is decided to invite Dr. Macleod to join the Board.

Volunteers. Letter from the Major Commanding is submitted, forwarding the resignation of Captain Kendrick. The Acting Secretary is directed to acknowledge and to express the Council's regrets at the loss of Captain Kendrick.

366 Spwicks services.  
Bruce's in of Penier. Letter from the Honorable  
 Secretary of the Local Scientists Association is  
 read, asking the Council to limit the hours for breaking  
 in bones on the Zoo field and Bubbling Well Roads  
 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Decided that, in the interests of the general public  
 this work cannot be greater, but the existing Regulations  
 should be strictly enforced and the hours limited between  
 8 and 3 a.m.

The Acting Secretary is instructed to refer to  
 the Captain Superintendent of Police accordingly.  
Work and Avenue Roads. An official letter from  
 the Senior Council to the Chairman is read, enclosing

365 translations of two letters recently received from the  
 Suobai with regard to the action taken by the  
 Council for scavenging and patrolling the Park on  
 Avenue Roads. The Suobai lays stress on the fact  
 that the Council has exceeded its powers in claiming the  
 right to remove night soil from this locality and the  
 Senior Council suggests the advisability of settling this  
 matter privately by some amicable arrangement.

The Council concurs in this view and the Acting  
 Secretary is directed to instruct the Sanitary Inspector  
 accordingly.

363 Police Warrants. Letter from the Captain Superintendent of  
 Police is submitted, stating that S.P.M. Consulate has  
 recently on two occasions declined to issue warrants asked  
 for by him under telegraphic instructions received from  
 the Hong Kong Government, and has insisted on receiving  
 direct communication from Hong Kong; she would therefore  
 request to be informed whether the procedure heretofore  
 followed is to be discontinued.

Mr. Withers points out that the procedure  
 under which Captain MacKenzie applied for those  
 warrants is perfectly proper and that Consul Mansfield  
 must now be aware that he was out of order in  
 refusing to issue them. It is therefore decided to  
 consider the question as settled.

Rifle

Rifle Range - Case of trespass.

The Chairman of the Hatch Committee reports that recently while Voluntary firing was proceeding at the Range, a private individual, Mr. C. L. Linton, persisted in crossing the line of fire, though warned not to do so. He suggests that Mr. Linton be summoned for trespass, and that if no warrant can be obtained, the Council should forthwith put a fence around its property.

Decided to apply for a summons.

Command of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

The Chairman of the Hatch Committee states that in the opinion of his colleagues and himself it is desirable that the Command of the Volunteers should be separated from that of the Police Force. He wishes it to be understood that this opinion has been formed, not in any personal considerations, but solely on the ground of expediency. If the Council concurs in this view, he would communicate to Major MacKinnon and suggest his resigning the Command of the Corps. In the event of such resignation, Major Hoffmeyer has expressed his consent to taking the Command, and the presence of the new Drill Instructors will obviate the necessity of a paid Adjutant.

After some discussion Mr. Hatch's proposition is put to the meeting and carried - Item Done.

Amc Negotiations.

The Chairman thinks it well to inform the members that in a recent communication to the China Association, N. B. H. Minister at Peking expressed a hope of obtaining the Japanese official recognition of the Code of 1867.

Committee Minutes.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Hatch Committee are read, and the Acting Secretary is instructed to forward to the Chairman of the Hatch Committee copy of the minutes re. Proceeds Magazine, and to request attention to the matter.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. R. BARKELL

(Chairman)

J. J. STAUDY  
Acting Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No 25, Rangoon Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1897, at  
11 o'clock p.m.

A. Parkhill  
 Joseph W. Welch  
 John P. Bykes  
 J. M. ...  
 J. Anderson  
 W. J. ...  
 H. C. Wilkinson  
 H. ...  
 Albert ...

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 25, Rangoon Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday,  
the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1897, at 11 o'clock p.m.

Result.

	Mayor	A. R. Parkhill Chairman,
		J. Anderson
		J. D. ...
		C. W. ...
		J. R. Bykes
		J. ...
		H. ...
		H. C. Wilkinson and the
		Acting Secretary,

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
 The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and Cheques for

- Return of <sup>supplies accounts are signed,</sup> Provisions is prepared and of live daily reports  
 for the past week are submitted.
- 387 Cattle in Native Districts. The Inspector reports that all  
 the cattle are healthy and free from disease.
- 389 Markets — Report for May, by the Inspector is  
 submitted, it points to a general improvement in the  
 supply of live stock. The Inspector refers to the  
 necessity of reminding the public that all meat should  
 bear the Municipal Stamp.
- Total number of animals slaughtered during the  
 month is 811 of which 1587 sheep, 150 calves and 52 pigs.  
 The Slaughter House fees collected amount to £3827  
 cattle shed fees £777.
- 400 Summary of License Fees. Return for May is submitted  
 amounting to £15,432.90, against £16,745.75, and £15,702.21  
 in 1896 & 1895 respectively, and for the five months to  
 £75,400.74 as against £88,911.09 for the same period  
 last year — an increase of £13,510.35.
- 414 Sanitary Department — Report by the Health Officer and  
 Municipal Surgeon for May is submitted. The  
 report presents no unusual features. The Health  
 Officer recommends that the issue of permits for mud-  
 filling should be suspended on 31<sup>st</sup> May.
- 406 Native River Stables. Report for May by the Inspector  
 is submitted stating that the different stables have been  
 regularly visited during the month and were found in  
 good sanitary condition, and all the ponies in  
 good health.
- 550 Carriages, and 737 ponies have been licensed  
 for June, showing an increase on the figures of last year,  
 4942 jinrickshaws, and 4377 wheelbarrows have been  
 licensed for the current month.
- 424 General Municipal Vote — Forties. Summary for  
 March quarter is submitted.
- 424 Police Warrants — Referring to the system under which  
 warrants are to be issued by H. B. M. Consulate in  
 certain cases (vide Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> June) Mr. Anderson  
 understands that the question has not been definitely  
 settled.

settled, and is of opinion that it would be well to get a statement from the Societies as to the procedure which it proposes to adopt in future.

The Chairman, however, states that he has been informed that the Hong Kong Government is in communication with Sir H. Munro on the subject, and he believes it will eventually be satisfactorily settled.

After some discussion, further consideration of the question is postponed.

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Breaking the Doors

A further communication from the Honorary Secretary of the Local Hygienic Association is submitted, asking that the hours for breaking up pipes, be between 8 A.M. and 3 P.M.

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It is pointed out that the present Regulations allow this work to be done between daylight and noon, but the Captain Superintendent has suggested that if these hours are to be curtailed they should be limited between sunrise to 8 A.M. in summer and daylight to 9 A.M. in winter. His suggestion is cordially approved, and the Acting Secretary is directed to publish a notification accordingly in the Press.

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Enumeration

Letter from the Commissioner of Customs, giving the names of the Medical Officers in charge of quarantine arrangements, &c., is submitted, and the Acting Secretary is directed to acknowledge its receipt.

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Members of Board

Letter from Dr Macleod is submitted accepting the Council's invitation to join the Board, which accordingly consists of the following members:

- Mr J. S. Carson. Chairman of the Works Committee.
- Mr C. H. Hobbs. " " " " " "
- Dr Macleod. Municipal Engineer.
- Mr Chas. Mayne. Captain Superintendent of Police.
- Captain MacKenzie. Health Officer.
- Dr J. Taylor Smith. Secretary.
- Mr W. C. Jones.

The Late Captain MacEwen

1413 Petition to the Council from Colonel J. A. Clibber, uncle and guardian of the late Captain MacEwen two daughters.

is read, in which a special donation in aid of these children is asked for, in recognition of their fathers' long and faithful services to the Council.

Decided to reply that while fully realizing the excellence of the late Captain McEwen's services, the Council is unable to comply with this request, as any such special grant would require the sanction of the Ratepayers, and the Council has no power to issue it upon its own responsibility.

Command of the Volunteers — Mr. Jamieson for the Council has submitted tendering his resignation of the S.I. Co. Command while offering to continue the duties until arrangements are made for the election of a new Commandant.

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Decided to accept Mr. Jamieson's resignation, and write thanking him for his services to the Corps to explain that the separation of the Police and Volunteers is a necessity arising on grounds of efficiency and not on any personal considerations.

Newspapers

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Mr. Jamieson the Editor of the "Daily Press" is now asking to be supplied with the Council's minutes for publication as well as with Municipal advertisements. The Acting Town Clerk points out that the minutes are sent only to the "Daily Press" in the first instance, and that the other papers receive printed slips on the following day. The Rev. Mr. Hughes is of opinion that all newspapers are equally entitled to be supplied with the Council's minutes and moves that they be accorded equally to the "Daily Press". This suggestion is approved. With regard to advertisements it is decided that any increase of expenditure in this direction is inadvisable.

Quercinus Quarry

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Communications from Mr. Dundas, A.D.C. — (Meeting) issue at Langhorne's man, stating that the nation authorities are willing to allow the Council the use of certain reserved land, rent free, for 3 years in return for a Bond, binding to vacate the same at the end of that period. He suggests the addition of a clause to such Bond asserting the Council's right to remain in occupation of this land should the lease be renewed. After some discussion,



in which it is pointed out that the survey was originally  
 leased for a term of 5 years, but with a general under-  
 standing that there would be no difficulty in renewing  
 it, it is desired to reply thanking Mr. Sanderson for his  
 assistance and advice, and saying that while the  
 Council were desirous to have the use of the land in  
 question, it is opposed to giving any Bond which might  
 later be held to prejudice its further occupation of the  
 ground.

1 Waste Paper Property. Draft letter to A/B Mr. Counsel, re  
 Bureau & the Council interest is submitted, asking that  
 steps be taken to maintain the Council's title to the B. &  
 34 St. Mary's, to portions of which claim is advanced by  
 Mr. W. W. Drummond under U. S. Title deeds. The Acting  
 Secretary is directed to circulate this letter for the  
 approval of the Works Committee prior to its signature,  
 to the Chairman.

1 Health Officers Agreement. — The Rev. Mr. Stokes wishes  
 to ask for information with regard to the agreement under  
 which the Health Officer is serving. Having heard that  
 Dr. J. Taylor Grant contemplates resigning on account of  
 the unsatisfactory nature of his position, Mr. Stokes wishes  
 to know 1) what agreement, if any, has the Council  
 with Dr. Grant, 2) what is his position vis a vis the  
 Council and vis a vis Dr. Henderson, Maclean and  
 Miller; and 3) what portion of the \$5000, annually  
 paid by the Council, goes to the firm which engaged him?  
 He is of opinion that Dr. Grant is not bona fide the  
 servant of the Council, and that instead of the firm  
 assisting the Health Officer was the intention, stated  
 in the Scotch speech to the Ratepayers in 1896, it  
 would appear that Dr. Grant is practically assistant to  
 the firm. From what he has learned of the private  
 agreement between the firm and Dr. Grant, the latter is  
 not free to serve the Council after the conclusion of the  
 first five years without the firm's written permission. He  
 would therefore suggest that this private agreement be  
 submitted for the inspection of the Council.

The Chairman says that no agreement exists  
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between the Council and Drs Anderson, Macleod and Higgs beyond certain correspondence which is now read, between Dr Anderson and Mr J L Scott. The Finance Committee has already had the matter under consideration and have intended, to suggest to the Council the necessity of having a legal agreement drawn up which should clearly define the Health Officers position &c. It would be advisable that the application to see the firm's private agreement with Dr Grant should come from the Legal Adviser.

Leikin Offices in Settlement. Letter from the Captain Superintendent of Police is submitted stating that a Leikin office is coming on business <sup>to</sup> the Fort ~~to~~ <sup>Leikin</sup> ~~to~~ and asking for instructions.

Mr McEwen states that he has reason to believe that this is not the only Leikin Station in the Settlement. Decided that the Captain Superintendent be instructed to take active measures for the discovery and closing of all such offices and that the Senior Consul be requested to draw the Secretary's attention to the irregularity of such proceedings when fuller information on the subject has been received.

Committee Minutes. — The Minutes of the Finance Committee having been read, the Meeting then adjourned.

C. R. Kirkell  
Chairman

J. J. Blainey  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the  
Board Room, No. 23, Canton Road, Shanghai, on  
Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1897, at 11 o'clock P.M.

A. R. Bunker  
 H. F. Jones  
 Joseph Neleh  
 J. M. Prudhoe  
 Robert Sewell  
 W. W. Kimson  
 J. S. Farrow  
 John R. Hykes  
 Anderson

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Canton Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday,  
the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1897, at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present,

The Hon	W. R. Bunker, Chairman
	J. Anderson
	J. S. Farrow
	C. W. Howell
Revd	J. R. Hykes
	J. Prudhoe
	H. R. Jones
	J. Neleh
	A. J. Stevenson and the Acting Secretary

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Return of Prisoners apprehended and police daily reports  
 for the past week are submitted.

Cutts

Cattle in Native Dairies, The Inspector reports that all the  
 flocks are healthy and free from disease.

Rifle Range Lot.

The Chairman, referring to the letter  
 recently addressed by the Council to H.B.M. Consul General  
 in this matter says that Mr Mansfield has since advised  
 that the best course is to lodge a protest at the U.S.  
 Consulate, and at the same time to fence in the land.

The Council would then be in the position of Defendants  
 should Mr Drummond take action, and need not move  
 from the ground unless ordered to do so by H.B.M. Court.

This course has been followed, and as a result, Mr  
 Drummond has written protesting against the Council's  
 action in fencing in the land.

Health Officer

The Chairman, alluding to what was  
 said on this subject at the last meeting, states that  
 the legal adviser is now engaged in drawing up  
 a formal agreement between the Council and Dr  
 Henderson's firm, whereby the Health Officer's position  
 will be clearly defined and the Council's right re-  
 asserted to deal directly with Dr J. Taylor Grant on  
 the expiry of the five years term. He admits that  
 the conditions of the existing agreement between Dr Grant  
 and the firm are unsatisfactory, but the firm having  
 expressed its willingness to leave the entire question  
 in the hands of the Council, this matter will now be  
 commenced. He refers to the minutes of the last meeting  
 of the Finance Committee, and states that the Committee's  
 opinion is distinctly in favour of retaining the super-  
 vision of Dr's Henderson, Macleod & Miller but it  
 would suggest that the allowances to the Health  
 Officer hitherto defrayed by the Council, should in  
 future be paid by the firm. The Chairman therefore  
 moves "that a legal agreement be drawn up between  
 the Council and Dr Henderson's firm in accordance  
 with the terms mentioned in the correspondence between  
 Dr Henderson and Mr J.L. Scott."

This resolution is unanimously carried.

De Couriers

Statement of the number of De Couriers,  
 applied for in response to recent notification, is submitted.

Flowing

showing a total amount of \$36,100; thus leaving a  
 \$236,700 unapplied for. In discussing the position,  
 the Vice Chairman is in favour of extending the time  
 for receiving applications, and the Acting Secretary is  
 instructed to advertise that applications will be re-  
 ceived till further notice, for Debentures bearing  
 interest from date of receipt of applications. If this  
 method fails to produce the required loan, steps are  
 taken to raise money at home; meanwhile, the Chairman  
 undertakes to consult the heads of local Banks in  
 the matter.

Newspapers. — With reference to the resolutions passed at  
 the last meeting that a copy of the Council's Minutes  
 should in future be supplied to the "Daily Press", the  
 Acting Secretary points out that such procedure  
 would entail copying many incoming documents of  
 which the originals are now sent to the "H. C. Daily News"  
 on the day of the meeting. This being so, it is decided  
 to notify the "Daily Press" that a copy of the minutes  
 will be sent it, on the day after the meeting as is  
 done in the case of the evening newspapers.

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Markets — Referring to a recent Proclamation issued by  
 426 the Tao-tai, to enforce the use of standard weights in  
 the Municipal markets, a suggestion, approved by the  
 Market Committee, is submitted, to the effect that all  
 supervision of the markets should be placed in the  
 hands of the Market Inspector, and that such control  
 by the Chinese authorities is unnecessary. The Council  
 endorsing this view, the Acting Secretary is directed to  
 draft a letter to the Senior Consul requesting him to inform  
 the Tao-tai that the Market Inspector will be pro-  
 vided with standard weights and will see that such  
 are used by all dealers.

Le-Kin Offices in Settlement. Letter from the Captain or  
 443 Superintendent is submitted stating that he has  
 applied to the Mixed Court Magistrate for a warrant  
 to arrest the persons in charge of Le-Kin offices in  
 Peking and Hing-po Roads, but that the warrant  
 has been refused. These establishments are now  
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under Police surveillance, by order of the Watch Committee,  
The Acting Secretary is directed to draft a letter to the  
Union Consul requesting him to ask the Sultan to order  
the immediate removal of these Keshik officers.

Volunteers — Three letters from the Major Commanding are  
submitted, recommending

- 1430 1) That Mr W. W. W. be permitted to retain his  
rank as Captain of the Light Horse while on  
leave, in order to enable him to go through a  
cavalry course.
- 1432 2) That leave of absence under Rule 38 of the  
Regulations be granted to Lieutenant Rolles of  
the German Company, and
- 1437 3) That Mr Kiddell having been requested by the  
Light Horse to command the Troop, and having  
consented to again take the command, a  
Commission as Captain, be issued to him.

These recommendations are approved.

Sanitary — Opening Soil during hot weather. A petition  
from certain Rate payers residing in Brechin and  
1434 Invergowrie Roads is submitted, in which the Council  
is requested to withhold permission from Messrs Liddell &  
Co to open up the soil on their property for building  
operations during the summer months.

1470 Reports by the Health Officer state that in his  
opinion this work does not endanger the public health;  
but Mr Frutkin is in favour of granting the petition  
and suggests that the opinion of Dr Macleod be  
asked.

It is unanimously decided to refer the matter to  
the Sanitary Board.

Chinese troops in Settlement — Letter from the Union Consul  
is read stating that on the arrival of Heng Tseu  
from England a guard of Chinese troops will be  
1431 detailed to escort him, and asking that the usual  
police arrangements be made.

The Acting Secretary is directed to draft the  
customary reply.

Public Necessaries Board — Letter from the Secretary of the  
1435 Race.

Res Club is read intimating that Court A. Butler has been nominated by the Stewards of the Race Club to serve on the Committee of management of the Public Park and Recreation ground, under the terms of the Lease.

Mr. Acting Stenham is directed to acknowledge the receipt of this intimation.

Referring to a letter which appeared lately in the "N. & D. Daily News," Mr. Anderson asks whether it would not be well to place Municipal Police on the Recreation ground, the place being much frequented. Mr. Tason, in reply, states that the Committee is about to apply to the Council for the services of policemen.

Landings Stages. — Mr. Hewitt, referring to recent drowning fatalities, says that the question of providing proper landing accommodation is extremely important. He has examined all the existing jetties with the Municipal Engineer and pointed out the dangers attending their use; but so far without result. He has certain suggestions to make on the subject, to carry out which, it will be necessary for the Council to obtain the cooperation both of the owners of property and of the Harbour Authorities.

Mr. Tason suggests that if Mr. Hewitt will draw up a memorandum on the subject and refer his suggestions to the Works Committee, the latter will go into the matter without delay. Mr. Hewitt agrees to do so.

Mr. Anderson remarks that as in some cases suspicions of foul play have arisen, it might be well to adopt the Hong Kong system of police supervision of Sampan &c.

Reports of Work done and in progress during May from 446 The Engineer, and from the Electrical Superintendent; 448 are submitted, and approved.

Finance Committee. Minutes of last meeting read. In connection therewith, the Chairman says it is proposed by the Committee that a new standing order be drawn up as follows:

"That

"That in future all appointments to the Foreign Staff of the Municipality shall be made only by process of selection from candidates who shall compete for the same under conditions to be publicly notified through the public press. This rule however does not apply to appointments in the Police Force."

This suggestion is unanimously adopted and the Acting Secretary is directed to have the new Rule embodied in the next reprint of the Standing Orders.

Meetings — At the suggestion of the Vice Chairman it is decided that the hour for general meetings of the Council shall in future be 11.30, instead of 10 p.m. Next Tuesday being the day fixed for the celebration of the Jubilee, it is decided that, except in the event of an emergency, there will be no meeting of the Council until Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> inst.

The Meeting then adjourned.

C. R. SMITH  
Chairman.

J. J. STANLEY  
Acting Secretary.



61-11 Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23, Keongki Road, Shanghai, on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1897, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present.

Mr. J. C. R. Barkell, Chairman,  
 J. Anderson,  
 J. S. Seaton,  
 W. W. Howell,  
 Absent: J. R. Hykes,  
 J. Prudie,  
 Mr. No. 10,  
 J. Welch,  
 J. P. Wilkinson, and the  
 Acting Secretary.

This being a Special Meeting no minutes were read.

The Chairman says that the Meeting has been summoned to read a despatch received on the previous evening from the Senior Consul with regard to the Wheelbarrow tax, and to discuss the necessary reply. The despatch is then read, in it the Senior Consul forwards for the Council's approval translation of a proposed Proclamation in which the Sactai notifies the public that the Council will come to an arrangement with the Yung Ying Guild for raising the tariff of Wheelbarrow tax. The Consul today has discussed this Proclamation and, after certain amendments, now forwards it and enquires whether the Council approves of its issue.

The Chairman proceeds to read the rough draft of a proposed reply to the Senior Consul in which, while recognizing that the proposed Proclamation be not sanctioned it is pointed out that the Council has already, in its letter of 21<sup>st</sup> May, expressed its definite opinion with regard to the impossibility of granting or enforcing any wheelbarrow tariff; at the same time, the Senior Consul is requested to inform the Sactai.

motion that "the Council is unable to recognize the intervention of any Guild in the fiscal government of these Settlements."

Mr Wilkinson suggests the addition of a clause informing the Senior Consul that the Council has reason to believe that the Young Yung guild is neither desired nor supported by the Chinese men and that its official recognition can only result in imposing a further tax on their labours.

Mr Seaton objects to this clause, and proposes that it be not included in the Council's reply. His motion is seconded by Mr Anderson, who considers it inadvisable to offer such a direct challenge to the ex-Imperial.

After considerable discussion on this point, Mr White moves that Mr Wilkinson's clause be embodied in a separate and semi-official letter to the Senior Consul, leaving the official despatch as originally proposed. Mr Seaton secondes this amendment.

A further amendment is proposed by Mr Weeks, and seconded by Mr Hurvell, that the clause in question shall stand as part of the Council's official reply. This being put to the motion the votes are equally divided, and the Chairman's vote being given in favour of the amendment, it is carried.

The draft is then finally approved and ordered to be forwarded. The members agree that this correspondence should be sent for publication on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Acting Secretary is directed to convey to the Senior Consul a private intimation of this decision.

December 2. The Chairman wishes to explain, before the meeting closes, that the unallotted Debentures were all taken up on the day after the last meeting, an arrangement having been come to when by 2 1/2 Cacs were allotted to the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank as security against its note issue. The members are of opinion that by this arrangement a very satisfactory settlement

The Chairman understands that these

Settlement is arrived at  
 The Meeting then adjourned.

A. R. Brockell  
 Chairman.

J. S. Standif  
 Acting Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
 held in the Board Room, No. 25, Exchange Road,  
 Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1897, at  
 4.30 pm.

A. R. Brockell  
 Joseph Welch  
 John R. Hykes  
 H. Ross  
 Albert Cassel  
 John Francis  
 J. J. Deacon

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23, Rangoon Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Major C. R. Burkill (Chairman),  
J. S. Farrow,  
W. A. Newell,  
Rev. J. R. Apple,  
J. Pringle,  
W. White, and the  
Acting Secretary,

Absent.

F. Anderson,  
R. P. Mackinnon.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken up and  
The Minutes of last General and of Special Meetings were  
read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed  
for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners is perused, and Police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Police Division. The Inspector reports that  
all the Cattle are healthy and free from disease.

Assistant Secretary. The Chairman states that at the  
last Meeting of the Finance Committee it was resolved  
to recommend that an addition be made to the  
Secretarial Staff by the engagement of an Assistant  
Secretary. He is of opinion that this appointment  
is essentially necessary and would suggest that an  
advertisement be published forthwith calling for  
applications for the post. The Finance Committee  
recommends that the salary payable for the first 3  
years agreement, be Rs. 250. per mensem, further  
inducements to be offered at the end of that period  
if advisable.

The Clerk asks whether none of the present staff  
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could be given the post, but the Chairman points out that the work of the office is already very heavy, that an additional man would have to be engaged in any case, and that the salary offered would not constitute a promotion to any of Senior employes. It is therefore decided to advertise for applications until the 14<sup>th</sup> August, on the terms recommended by the Finance Committee.

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Marriage Allowance. — Summary for April is submitted, showing the following amounts to be collected on:

Imports	To	3,670.29.
Exports		1,251.14
Re-Exports		578.67.
	To	5,288.10.

against To 6,087.99. for same month last year, a decrease of To 804.89.

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Extension of Settlements. — Memorandum by the Assistant Surveyor is read stating that on the receipt of certain news expected from Peking by the local officials it may be possible for him to make a definite statement with regard to the prospects of Settlement Extension. The Chairman explains briefly the conditions under which Mr. Dallas was authorized to enter upon these negotiations, in connection with which a minute of the last Finance Committee meeting is read. The members are generally of opinion that the Assistant Surveyor's Report on the progress of this important question is unsatisfactory, and that it is very desirable that some information should be forthcoming as to the actual position in the matter. The Vice Chairman thinks that it is advisable to allow more time for supplying such information, and it is decided to allow the matter to stand over for consideration by the Finance Committee at its next meeting.

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Follies. — Letter from the Commander of the U.S.S. "Menocacy" is read pointing out that the Hau King Road Jetty, which is designated to Captains of men-of-war as the official landing place, is so crowded with cargo boats &c, as to render its use not only inefficient but dangerous.

It is pointed out that the question of improving the jetties generally is now under consideration, and that Mr. A. H. H. has drawn up a memorandum on the subject which will be dealt with at the next meeting of the Works Committee. It is decided that the matter of the Haugh Road jetty is one to be dealt with by the River Police, and that it should accordingly be referred, after consideration by the Works Committee, to the Customs Authorities.

Volunteers. — Letter from Captain MacKenzie is submitted, informing the Council that he has handed over charge of the Volunteer Corps to Major Clarke.

4914 The Chairman explains that at the request of the Works Committee, he had requested Captain MacKenzie to take this step without delay.

Do — Letters from the Major Commanding are submitted recommending:

493. 1) That the honou. rank of Lieutenant, be conferred upon Bandmaster Drea, at the request of the Corps.
- 522 2) That nine months leave of absence be granted to Lieutenant Cuthbert, and that he be allowed to retain his rank during that period, to enable him to go through a course of instruction at home.

These recommendations are approved.

Synaphon Service. — Letter from the President of the French Council is read, pointing out the increased expense of the Synaphon Service and asking whether the Council will share the cost of its maintenance. The estimate for 1897 amounts to £5161.

495 On a motion of Mr. Spratue the request of the French Municipality is acceded to pro. con.

Sanitary precautions. — Plague. Letter from Dr. Mackenzie. The Chairman of the Sanitary Board, is submitted suggesting that an advertisement be inserted in the press calling for applications from medical men to take charge, if necessary, of Plague patients at the Isolation Station.

Dr. Mackenzie refers to an offer made by Dr. Lalonde to perform this duty for £500. per annum, with a retaining fee

for until his services are required, but he is of opinion that by advertising as he proposes, no expenditure need be incurred unless the plague actually breaks out.

The Chairman advises that Dr Macleod's suggestion be adopted; after some discussion, however, the matter is referred for decision to the Sanitary Board.

1 Sanitary - Veterinary Surgeon. A second letter from Dr Macleod is submitted, advocating the engagement by the Council of a Veterinary Surgeon who should take charge of municipal ponies, assist in the supervision of animals generally (i.e. vaccination) and aid in the suppression of rinderpest, rabies, &c.

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The members are in favour of adopting this suggestion and the Acting Secretary is instructed to ascertain to whom it is proposed to give the appointment and at what monthly salary.

1 Advertisements. A letter from the manager of the "Daily Press" is submitted, renewing his request that municipal notifications should be given to his paper as advertisements.

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The Council eventually decides to sanction this expenditure, but the Acting Secretary is directed to inform the various newspaper managers that the Council's advertisements having greatly increased, special rates should be charged for their insertion.

1 Local Post Office. Minutes on this subject from the last meeting of the Finance Committee is read, and the Chairman explains the nature of Mr Hippisley's observations on the prospects of the Impérie Chinese Post. There is, it appears, little likelihood of the steamer giving up the present arrangement, and under these conditions the Local Post can only continue to lose ground. It is decided to authorize the Acting Secretary to see the new Postal Secretary, Mr Taylor, in the matter, and to request him to communicate to the Council any proposals he may have to make with regard to a transfer of the office to his control.

1 Volunteers - Deputation of Officers. At 5.30 pm Major Clarke and the officers commanding units attend the meeting, by invitation, to discuss the questions of a Military

military adjutant being provided by the Council. After a brief explanation by the Chairman as to the reasons for requesting this allowance, Major Clarke proceeds to state the grounds on which the Corps considers it necessary to

the force has reached its present satisfactory standard as the result of the introduction of a military man to guide and instruct it in 1870. He is of opinion that the Council will find it hard to get any volunteers or officers to take command of the Corps without such assistance, as it is impossible for a business man to devote the time necessary for conducting its routine business.

Captains Little, Friedman, Edansson, Rex and Kidd etc endorse Major Clarke's remarks and are distinctly of opinion that a paid military official is necessary to the well being and efficiency of the Corps; they accordingly request that the Council may not depart from the decision of its predecessors in this matter, but may replace Captain MacKenzie without delay.

The Chairman, after taking this opportunity to thank the Corps for its services during the late disturbances, states in reply that there is no desire on the part of the Council to depart from the policy of its predecessors in dealing liberally with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. He explains the necessity for separating the dual commands of the Police and Volunteers, and asks that for the present the Corps should adapt itself to existing conditions, elect a Commandant, and avail itself of the services of the Drill Instructor; before the date of next training the Council will do its best, so far as possible, to meet the wishes of the Corps in this matter.

Major Clarke in expressing his thanks, says that he has no doubt the Corps will carry out the wishes of the Council. The Deputation then withdrew.

Land Regulations. Finance Committee's minute on this subject is read, and approved by the Council. The acting Secretary is instructed to draft a despatch to the Senior Council, for transmission to Peking, requesting the aid of the Diplomatic Body in obtaining from the Tientsin Governor an official recognition



recognition of the code of 1867, and enquiring whether, in the event of a Revised code being prepared, it would receive the Ministers early consideration.

1 Road Extensions. Works Committee minute on this subject is read, recommending that the Council authorise the expenditure of Rs 202.54, on account of making up by tenders four road extensions, as detailed. Expenditure authorised, to be charged to Road Extension Loan 1897. (No 1400.)

1 Police. — Letter from N.D.M. Council General is read, complaining that the Police had prevented the Fambai's carriage from approaching the Consulate on the occasion of the garden fête. Statement by Captain Superintendent with regard to matter is also read. The Acting Secretary is directed to draft reply explaining that although Captain Mac-Kuzie erred in the issue of the second Municipal Notification the cause of this incident lay chiefly in the Jubilee Committee's omission to make the necessary and proper arrangements.

1 Police. — The Vice Chairman refers to the urgent necessity for introducing the proposed scheme of Police reorganisation without delay. Mr. Cole states that this matter is now under consideration by the Water Committee, but that its progress has necessarily been slow; he trusts, however, that Captain Mac-Kuzie's scheme and the Committee's report thereon will shortly be forthcoming.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. R. Parkell,  
Chairman.

J. J. Standy,  
Acting Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Waigoo Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1897, at  
4.30 p.m.

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 Substantive  
 M. Pigeon  
 John Spruitice  
 Joseph Nelels  
 Anderson  
 John R. Hykes  
 J. S. Fraron

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Waigoo Road, Shanghai, on  
Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

The pres  
 . A. R. Bankill. (Chairman),  
 . Anderson.  
 . J. S. Fraron.  
 . E. A. Howell.  
 Abs  
 . J. R. Hykes  
 . J. Spruitice  
 . M. Pigeon  
 . J. Nelels and the  
 Acting Secretary

Absent

. A. P. Dickinson.

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
 for sundry accounts are signed.

R. Fraron

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts. The Inspector reports that the  
Native districts have been visited weekly during the  
past month, and all the cattle there in, were found  
to be free from disease.

Summary of License Fees. Summary for June, is sub-  
mitted amounting to \$21,217.67, against \$18,427.24, and  
\$14,853.15, in 1896 and 1895, respectively, and for  
the 6 months to \$119,618.41, as against \$107,338.31 of  
the same period last year, an increase of \$12,280.27.

Sanitary Department. Report by the Health Officer,  
and Municipal Surgeon for June, is submitted.

Electrical Department. Report by the Superintendent  
is submitted, giving a detailed statement of the  
work completed during June, and of those now  
in progress.

Native Livery Stables. Report for June, by the Inspector  
is submitted, stating that the different stables have  
been visited regularly during the past month and  
were found in good sanitary condition, and all the  
ponies in good health.

585 Caniayo, and 741 ponies have been licensed  
for July, showing an increase on the figures of last  
year.

1178 Jimikhas, and 11047 wheel barrows have  
been licensed for the current month.

Market Inspector's Reports for June is submitted,  
This report presents no features of unusual interest  
except two large seizures of Suipe in Native shops,  
The first of 750 was in Suipe in licensed bottles,  
the second of 1000 was in Suipe in bottles, and  
of very inferior quality for human food.

Local Post Office. - The Chairman states that in com-  
pliance with the instructions issued at the last  
meeting the Acting Secretary has called on Mr J. E.  
Taylor, the Postal Secretary with a view to negotiation  
for the transfer of the Local Post. Mr Taylor, however,  
not having as yet received the formal official intima-  
tion

tion of his appointment, is unable to discuss the subject.

Evolution of the Settlement. The Chairman informs the members that he has had an interview with the Assistant Surveyor and has ascertained from him that a definite statement as to the progress and prospects of his negotiations will be forthcoming without fail in a fortnight. He further explains the nature of the arrangement made by the Land Council with Mr Dallas.

A plan of all foreign-owned property lying outside settlement limits is laid before the meeting, and examined together with a plan from Chinese sources showing a proposed line of extension.

Dues Office - Assistant. The Chairman, referring to a letter addressed by the Land Office Council to Mr Reynolds, in which he was warned against giving way to intemperance, states that on more than one occasion it has been brought to the notice of the present Council that he is still addicted to his habits of intemperance. While fully recognizing Mr Reynolds' length of service and the excellent quality of his work, the Chairman thinks that this matter cannot be overlooked.

The members are of opinion that Mr Reynolds should again be cautioned and that during the next six months £20 per annum should be retained out of his pay, to be refunded at the end of that period, should no cause of complaint be made against him in the meanwhile. The acting Secretary is instructed to put this suggestion into effect and write to Mr Reynolds accordingly.

Health Officer. The Chairman says that the matter of the Health Officer's position vis à vis the Council is being satisfactorily arranged and that he is assured by the Surgeon General, who is now drawing up the new agreement, that Drs Henderson, Macleod, and Miles will raise no obstacles in the way of Dr Grant's dealing directly with the Council at the end of the five years period. A letter from the firm to Dr Grant, embodying the former's view of the position, is read, and the Chairman states that he has

had seen Dr Grant, who appears to be quite willing to accept the Council's view of the question.

The matter may therefore be considered as settled.

The Rev. & Mr. Apple understands that the new agreement, when drawn up, will be submitted for the approval of the Council.

Li Kin Officers in the Settlement.

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Letter from the (Senior) Consul is read, stating that, in the opinion of the Consular Body, the present time is inappropriate for raising this question, and advising the Council to adopt the usual course of arresting runners &c. &c. A private letter to the Chairman is also read, in which it is suggested that this official correspondence be not published.

The members desire to ascertain upon what grounds it is considered inappropriate to discuss the right of the Chinese authorities to have Li Kin officers in the Settlement, and the Chairman undertakes to see the Senior Consul and to enquire upon this point.

Jubilee

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Duchai's Carriage &c. &c. Further correspondence with A. B. M. Consul General on the subject of the Carriages at the Jubilee is issued. The members agree that this incident may now be considered as closed and that it is inadvisable to publish the correspondence.

Shanghai Museum

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Letter from Mr. Von Mikulowich, President of the local branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, is read, asking the Council to authorise a monthly grant of 100 rs. to enable the Society to engage the services of Mr. Cezel as Curator to the Museum.

Decided to reply that the Council is unable to accede to this request the issue of such a grant being a matter for the consideration of the Ratepayers.

Advertisements

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Letter from the Editor of *Sport & Jossip* is read, asking that any of the Council's advertisements bearing upon matters of Sport be given to his paper for insertion.

Decided to comply with this request.

Sanitary

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Plague precautions. Correspondence between the Council and Commissioners of Customs is submitted, with

with regard to mutual arrangements made for dealing with such plague cases as may occur.

The Municipal Health Officer has been instructed to co-operate with the Port Health Officer, and the Harbour Master in any way which may facilitate the execution of their duties.

Secretary

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Medical Assistance. A Letter from Dr. [Name] in reply to the Council's invitation, is submitted. Dr. [Name] offers to take charge of cholera patients at the Isolation Hospital, if required, for a monthly remuneration of \$100. The Council is in favour of accepting these terms. The Chairman points out, however, that it will be necessary to determine the number of patients that would constitute an outbreak, such as to require outside medical assistance, it being the opinion of the members that in the event of only a few cases occurring the services of the Health Officer should be sufficient.

Decided to refer this point to the Sanitary Board for its recommendations, the final decision in the matter being with the Council. The Acting Secretary is meanwhile directed to write accepting Dr. [Name]'s offer.

Road Material - Pingshiao Quarry.

Plan of the land leased by the Council at Pingshiao is submitted and the Acting Secretary states that in the opinion of the Quarry pursuer, it would be better to use no land beyond that actually leased if the native authorities insist upon the Council giving a Bond to vacuate after 3 years.

Decided to write in this sense to H. B. M. Acting Consul, at Haiphong.

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Prison Labour. Minute by the Work's Committee is read, in which it is suggested that prison labour be employed in stone breaking.

The matter is discussed, and the members approving of this experiment being made, the Work Committee undertakes to make arrangements for carrying it out.

Jollies.

Referring to this subject the Chairman suggests, for the consideration of the Work Committee.

Committee that a possible remedy of the existing evils  
of the counting-places might lie in limiting the number  
of Juries in which sumpans should ply for hire  
during the night. Mr. Welch says that the matter  
will be carefully considered by the Committee.

Mr. Welch then adjourned.

A. R. Arkell  
Chairman.

J. J. Standy  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in  
the Board Room, No. 23, Rennie Road, Hongkong  
on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1894, at 11.30 a.m.

A. R. Arkell  
M. B. Jones  
Joseph Welch  
J. W. Morrison  
John R. Hykes  
Henderson  
John Poetice

At the Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,  
No. 23, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup>  
July, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present,

Members  
 W. R. Beardslee (Chairman)  
 J. A. Harrison  
 J. S. Searson  
 C. A. Swire  
 Vice  
 J. A. Harrison  
 J. A. Harrison  
 J. A. Harrison  
 J. A. Harrison  
 J. A. Harrison and the  
 Acting Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman, and passed for publication.  
 Annual Financial Statement for June is submitted,  
 Review of Prisoners apprehended and Policies daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.  
Engineer's Monthly Report of Work completed, and  
 in progress, is submitted, and approved.  
Le-kia of fees in Settlement. The Chairman says  
 that as requested by the Council at its last meeting,  
 he called on the Junior Consul, to enquire as to the reasons  
 which had led the Consular Body to consider  
 the present time "inopportune" for taking up the  
 question of Le-kia of fees. The Junior Consul had  
 assured him of the Consular Body's readiness to  
 assist the Council in every way and had explained  
 that the "inopportune" of raising this question arose  
 from the fact that a somewhat similar one had  
 been referred to Setking from Go-shai and was  
 at present under consideration. To discuss the  
 matter therefore with the Shanghai Soobai seemed  
 inadvisable for the present.

Heath



Health Officer. The Chairman states that he has a disagreeable duty to perform in notifying the Council of certain charges of irregularities which have been made against Dr J Taylor Grant. It had accidentally come to the knowledge of the Municipal Accountant, that a large proportion of the Bills of Health fees paid by Major Butterfield since February of this year had not been accounted for to the Council, upon reporting the matter to the Acting Secretary, it had been ascertained from Dr Grant's personal statement, that he had retained them as his perquisites, but no explanation had yet been given of the fact that three of the fees in question had been sent to the Accountant at different times. The Chairman refers also to an incident which took place when Dr Grant was temporarily occupying the quarters of the late Captain McDermott, an incident from which Police Inspector Howard had been led to draw the conclusion that Dr Grant was "either non compos mentis or a Kleptomaniac". Although this earlier question is strictly speaking not within the cognisance of the present Council, the Chairman says he feels it his duty to repeat what he has learned both from Mr Jk Scott, and from the Police, since the case may have some bearing upon the Council's decision in the present matter.

On the suggestion of Mr Anderson it is decided that a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs Burke, Aykles and Wilkinson, be appointed to wade without delay into the charges against Dr Grant.

586. A letter, dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, from the Health Officer is submitted, in which he asks the Chairman when he may expect to receive from the Council the opportunity, to which, as Health Officer, he is entitled under the Regulations. Consideration of this question is postponed, but the Chairman says that Mr Anderson, Mastood, and Millet have now expressed

express their willingness that the agreement entered into with them by the last Council should be allowed to lapse.

Diamond Jubilee. Letter from Sir Nicholas Stansfeld, Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee is read, conveying the Committee's thanks to the Council for its subscription and for the assistance rendered, & especially by the Police, in the public celebration of the Jubilee.

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The Acting Secretary, is instructed to publish this letter with the Council's minutes.

Volunteers - German Company. Letter from the Major Commanding is submitted, intimating that Captain Keyser, having returned from leave of absence, and having resigned his Commission in accordance with Rule 58, of the S.V.C. Regulations, was unanimously re-elected Captain of the German Company on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst; his Commission is forwarded accordingly, recommending that the usual official clause be endorsed thereon.

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This recommendation is approved.

Land Registry. A communication from H. B. M. Consul General is read, in which, replying to the Council's request for the enforcement of Article VII. of the Land Regulations, it is stated that during 43 years no complaint has ever been made of the procedure of H. B. M.'s Land Office, and that the Consul General feels unable to alter that procedure without reference to H. M.'s Minister in Berlin.

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Mr. Wilkinson explains that Mr. James Scott, Vice Consul in charge of the Land Office, being unaware of the reasons which had led the Council to ask for the enforcement of Article VII. had misunderstood the object of that request. The Acting Secretary is therefore instructed to see Mr. Scott and to explain to him personally the Council's motives in the matter and the benefit which in its opinion, the presence of a regular officer would afford at the delimitation of land for issue of new title deeds.

Shanklin Road Burial Ground. Letter from Mr. H. R. Kinwar

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Keimer, administrator of the estate of the late Mr. D. G. White, is read, forwarding to the Council at the request of the Treasurer, Eleven shares in the old Shaohung Road Burial ground. These shares are given to the Council, on the understanding that if the graves in this cemetery are ever removed the land will only be used for the benefit of the public of Shanghai.

Mr. Keimer further offers to send, if so desired a list of the share holders in the Burial ground in 1847. The Acting Secretary is instructed, while conveying the Council's thanks for the gift of eleven shares, to request that this list be placed at the Council's disposal, the members being of opinion that it may prove useful should an opportunity ever occur of converting the cemetery into an open space.

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Local Post Office.

The Chairman states that Mr. Von Holsendorff, the Acting Postal Secretary, has informed the Acting Secretary that the Imperial Chinese Post is prepared to take over the Local Post, and that he will be glad to submit the Council's terms to the Inspector-General at Peking.

Mr. Wikinson advises postponing this question until the next Rate payers meeting, but the Chairman, after reading the last minutes on the subject, points out, first, that the Local Post Office is at present being run at a considerable loss, and second that in the event of the Chinese service proving unsatisfactory, the Rate payers can always re-establish their Local system. Mr. Wikinson doubts whether such a course would be practicable, but if the Council's right to do so is plainly understood, he will waive his objection. It is then proposed by Mr. Anderson, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Apple, and eventually carried, that "if satisfactory terms can be arranged with the Imperial Chinese Post, the Local Post be handed over to that Administration provided that the Council reserves the right to re-establish the Local Post Office at any time."

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"time if in their opinion, the new service does not work satisfactorily".

Staff — Sub Collector Christiansen. Certificate by the Health Officer is submitted, stating that Mr Christiansen suffers from a chronic nervous disease, which unfit him for further service.

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Memorandum by Mr Juliusford is also read, recommending that a gratuity of 6 months pay and 2nd class passage be issued, and that Mr Christiansen be discharged.

Decided to accept these recommendations.

Jetties

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Correspondence on this subject with Mr Pecker, Commissioner of Customs, is submitted. It is decided that the whole question of regulating traffic at the jetties will be discussed at a meeting of the Works Committee on Saturday next, when Mr Pecker will be present, as well as the Watch Committee.

Mr Stewart would suggest, for the Committee's consideration, the advisability of licensing all the native ferry boats which make use of the Council's jetties and piers.

Street

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Memorandum by the Engineer, recommending the lighting of a part of the Jura Road, with gas lamps is submitted.

Matter referred to the Works Committee.

Rebuilding Well Cemetery.

Mr Anderson wishes to call attention to the wooden fence which has been erected at the Rebuilding Well Cemetery and which in his opinion is very unsightly. He proposes that the portion of it which faces the road should be replaced by a stone wall and iron railing.

The matter is referred to the consideration of the Works Committee.

Minutes of last Meetings of Finance and Watch Committees are read. With reference to the latter, Mr Welch informs the members of the progress now being made in the matter of Police re-organisation and mentions that, so far as can be judged at present, in addition to the District force

force of from 20 to 30 men should suffice for several years to come; also that any reduction in the number of Chinese constables is inadvisable.

After some discussion of the subject of the Command of the Police force, and Captain MacKenzie's appointment the Meeting then adjourned,

A. R. Brinkell  
Chairman.

J. A. Blaud  
Acting Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Macao Road, Hongkong,  
on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

John Prentice  
Joseph Welch  
A. R. Brinkell  
John R. Hughes  
Anderson

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board,  
Room No 23 Exchange Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday,  
the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Mr Jno C. R. Dunhill, Chairman

J. Anderson.

J. S. Gerson.

E. R. Hewitt.

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J. R. Hopkins.

J. Prudden.

Mr. Folde.

J. Welch.

Mr P. Strickman and the

Acting Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken and read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed

by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques

for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and police visiting

reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts, The Inspector reports that all

the cattle are healthy and free from disease.

✓ Health Officer - The Chairman says that the Special

Committee of Enquiry, appointed at the last meeting

to enquire into the conduct of Dr. J. Taylor Grant,

has held two meetings during the past week. At

the first, the evidence of Captain MacKenzie, Chief

Inspector Howard, and Mr J. H. Scott was heard

in regard to what took place when Dr Grant

occupied the quarters of the late Captain MacEwen,

at the second, Dr Grant was called upon to explain

the reasons which led him to consider his property a

number of the fees paid for Bills of Health. At

this second meeting Dr Henderson & Mackie were

present; also Mr J. H. Scott, and the Committee,

after hearing Dr Grant's explanation and after care-  
ful consideration of all the facts of the case, were

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obliged to consider that explanation, unusual factory.  
The former resolution to that effect has already been  
circulated amongst the members.

Mr. Hykes, in reply to a question by Mr. Anderson  
wishes to observe that the Special Committee's finding  
is based, not upon any evidence given by Dr. Grant  
and MacLeod, but simply upon Dr. Grant's own  
statements.

Mr. Anderson states that he has heard it said  
that Dr. Grant now takes up the the position that  
he is no longer bound by his agreement with Dr.  
Anderson's firm, and that as Municipal Health  
officer he is responsible to the Council alone, in  
case the matter should come before a Court of Law  
this may affect the Council's position.

The Chairman says that he has consulted  
the Legal Advisor who has suggested the following  
resolution to be recorded in the Council's minutes

"Letter from Dr. Anderson of 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1895  
was referred to, under which the services  
of Dr. Grant, a medical man holding  
also the qualification of an officer of health  
had been furnished by Dr. Anderson, McLeod  
& Hilles to the Council.

Resolved that the Council are dissatisfied  
with Dr. Grant in regard to his conduct, and  
that notice be given to Dr. Anderson, McLeod  
& Hilles accordingly."

The Chairman observed that the Legal Advisor  
was well acquainted with all the facts of the  
case before this resolution was drawn up; He  
would therefore propose its adoption by the Council.  
The Vice Chairman, seconding this motion, it is  
carried unanimously.

The Acting Secretary is instructed to convey  
the finding of the Special Committee to Dr. Grant  
without delay and to notify Dr. Anderson's firm  
of the Council's resolution 24 hours later.

Sund Registry. —

Referring to A.P. McLeod  
General's

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General's despatch of 13<sup>th</sup> July on this subject, the Chairman says that the Acting Secretary has called upon Mr. Scott, Vice Consul in charge of the Land Office, to explain the reasons which have led the Council to ask for the observance of Article VII of the Land Regulations. Mr. Scott, however, merely persisted in the view that since the Article in question has been in abeyance for over 10 years, the Council was not now justified in asking for its enforcement. It is decided to bring the Council's views in this matter officially before H.B.M. Consulate General, and the Acting Secretary is directed to draft a despatch accordingly.

619 Stellenamt Kaiser's — Correspondence which has passed during the week between the Chairman and the Assistant Surveyor is read, from which it appears that a Chinese despatch is expected to arrive from Peking within a fortnight, which should enable a forward move to be made. The Assistant Surveyor regrets, however, that he cannot afford the Council any information with regard to the progress and prospects of his negotiations. After some discussion as to the advisability of continuing these negotiations, in which Mr. Hudson lays stress upon the necessity for conciliating the local officials and gentry, it is decided to make preparations for referring the matter to Peking by completing plans, &c, and meanwhile to notify the Assistant Surveyor that should no information be forthcoming within the fortnight it will be necessary to cancel the special authority given to him by last year's Council.

619 Stellenamt Kaiser's — Letter from the Major Commanding is submitted, asking that leave of absence for three months be granted to Captain Sadler, and for five weeks to Captain Freeman, both dating from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. It is decided to grant leave as requested.

620 Police-Committee of: Memorandum by the Works Committee is submitted, wherein an objection to the grounds



grounds upon which the members of that Committee consider it inadvisable, that Captain MacKenzie should be confirmed in the office of Captain Superintendent, at the end of his probationary year. In a note appended to this memorandum Mr. Wilkinson states that while generally agreeing with the conclusions arrived at by his colleagues he is in favour of extending the period of probation for another year.

Mr. Anderson referring to Mr. Wilkinson's suggestion, is of opinion that it would be better for Captain MacKenzie's own interests that he should return to his original position now rather than do so after a further probationary term.

Mr. Wilkinson agrees in this view - but thinks that Captain MacKenzie is showing distinct signs of improvement in the matter of police administration. His views, as recently conveyed in a concise and useful scheme of re-organisation, are good and with a strong Committee behind him, he should do well. In any case, his acting appointment being for one year, the Council cannot do anything until the expiry of that period.

Mr. Wick observes that if the Council decide on getting a new man for the post of Captain Superintendent, the earliest notice of such decision should be conveyed to Captain MacKenzie who is shortly going on leave to Japan.

Mr. Deane is of the opinion that Captain MacKenzie is not a suitable man to command the Police Force and the Rev. Styles, concurring in this view, says that the Council must face the responsibility in this matter.

(721) After considerable discussions, and the reading of a letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1894 from the Colonial Secretary of the British Settlements, which bears upon Captain MacKenzie's qualifications, the Chairman proposes that the question be postponed for a week.

Public.

Public Garden

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Application is submitted from Messrs Bernardi Bros, for permission to supply refreshments in the Garden on Band nights; it being understood that no intoxicants will be served. The members with the exception of Mr Hewitt being, in favour of granting this application, experimentally, until the end of August, the Assistant Secretary is instructed to reply to this effect, and to say that a site for the proposed refreshment stand - a movable structure - will be chosen by the Garden Committee. Mr Fearon suggests that if the experiment proves a success, the supplying of refreshments in the Garden should in future be put up to tender.

Road Extension - H.C. & C.

The Chairman of the Works Committee explains the details of the proposed plan of road extension and the reasons which have led his Committee to refer the question to the decision of the Council (vide Council Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> July). A general discussion on the subject results in the Acting Secretary being instructed to write to Messrs Albert & Co and to say that while the Council cannot accede to their proposal that they should retain a 3ft strip of land to the South East of the road, it is willing to pay them £500, as compensation in lieu of the right to retain such a strip.

Jetties.

Works Committee. Minute on this subject is read and a draft of proposed Regulations, to be posted at all landing places, is submitted for the approval of the Council. These Regulations are ordered to be circulated.

The Acting Secretary suggests that Steam launches making use of the ~~of the~~ Municipal jetties should be required to register under By-law XXXIV, and this course is authorised.

Sanitary - Medicals.

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Letter from Dr. Luleacu is read, offering to take charge of the Plague Station, in case of need at a monthly salary of £1200. The Acting Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of this offer.

No - Amusements.

Referring to a minute of the Sanitary Board's last meeting, the Chairman is of opinion that the clause which it is suggested, should be added to

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all building permits restricting the opening up of ground for foundations &c during the summer, is one which, in his opinion, the Council could hardly enforce.

Mr Fearon thinks that some such measure is highly necessary, and that in any case it would be as well to publish the proposed notification. Mr Wilkinson thinks the proposed regulation an excellent one, but doubts whether it can be legally enforced.

The Acting Secretary is eventually directed to obtain the legal adviser's opinion on this point.  
When meeting then adjourned.

A. F. Kirkell  
 Chairman

J. S. Fearon  
 Acting Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Raffles Road, Singapore  
on Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Hudson  
 Robert Young  
 A. F. Kirkell  
 Joseph Welch  
 John R. Hykes  
 M. Thomas  
 John Frederick  
 A. S. Wilkinson  
 J. S. Fearon

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,  
No 28, Queen's Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup>  
July 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

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W. R. Burkill, (Chairman)

F. Anderson.

J. P. Dawson.

W. A. Hewitt.

Resd

J. R. Hykes.

J. Spratling.

W. K. White.

J. Welch.

H. P. Mackintosh

and the

Acting Secretary.

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for  
various accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Letter in Native Affairs. The Inspector reports that all the  
Letters are licitly and free from disease.

Police Command of The Chairman, resuming the

discussion of this question at the point where it was  
left at the last meeting, says that after mature  
deliberation of the position he has now to propose  
the following Resolution, which, in the Council's opinion  
is inevitably necessary in the public interests. viz

"That

acting upon the Report made to the Council  
by the Local Committee concerning the proposed re-  
organisation of the Municipal Police, and also in  
compliance with the opinions expressed by the Shanghai  
Volunteer Corps, the Council now considers it essential  
to the best interests of both Services that the following  
steps be taken forthwith:

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1. That an officer specially qualified by training and experience in Police work, be engaged and appointed Captain Superintendent of Police.

2. That thereafter Captain MacKenzie combine the posts of Deputy Superintendent of Police and Assistant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

In passing this Resolution the Council desires it to be understood that the above steps are rendered expedient by the needs of the Police, which the Council considers are such as to clearly necessitate the provision of a Captain Superintendent with special Police training.

It is decided that Captain MacKenzie will continue to hold his acting appointment until the arrival of the new Captain Superintendent.

Health Officer

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Correspondence which has passed during the week between Dr J. Taylor Grant and the Secretariat in regard, with reference to the same, the Chairman states that the legal adviser has drafted a Resolution to the effect that the Council now Council the reversionment which in July of last year notified Dr Grant's appointment as Health Officer. This Resolution he proposes to submit for the consideration of the Council.

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The Rev. Dr. Hyles, after laying great stress upon the necessity of acting with <sup>deliberation</sup> in this case, in view of ~~possible serious consequences~~ <sup>to all concerned</sup>, proceeds to mention several points which, in his opinion, might tell in Dr Grant's favour were the matter now brought into Court. Amongst these he observes that no instructions re Bills of Health fees were ever issued to Dr Grant by the Council's Secretariat; that it is doubtful whether the Council is legally entitled to such fees, &c. &c. He deprecates precipitate action and thinks Dr Grant should be given the opportunity he asks to answer the charges which have been made against him in the matter of the late Captain McEuenhouse. Believing that the Council's procedure in this case should

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should be such as to bear the closest public scrutiny  
 he would now propose

"That a Sub Committee be appointed to inquire into the whole question of the relation of the Health Officer to the Council, including the arguments made by Drs Anderson, Macleod and Miller, and to recommend to the Council what action it is advisable to take."

Considerable discussion ensues as to the advisability of re-opening investigation of the charges against Dr Grant. The Vice Chairman is of opinion that if further enquiry can throw any light upon the question which was investigated by the Special Committee, it would be well to have it; it is, however, the general opinion of the members, expressed by Mr McKinnon, that Dr Grant has been guilty of making a false return to the Council in his official capacity, and that, admitting this to be proved, it is impossible to retain his services. The Chairman, referring to the resolutions proposed by Mr Hykes, says that the question now before the Meeting amounts to this—Will the Council defer taking action on the Report made by its Special Committee in order to afford Dr Grant an opportunity to make further explanation? After some further discussion it is proposed by Mr McKinnon, seconded by the Chairman, and carried unanimously:

"That the Acting Secretary be instructed to write and request Dr Grant to show cause, at or before the next meeting of the Council, why action should not be taken upon the finding of the Special Committee as conveyed to him on 20<sup>th</sup> July."

A letter from the Rev. Dr Hykes to the Chairman is then read, with regard to the steps, necessary and advisable in getting a new batch of fiver from England. The Chairman says that Dr Hykes is under a misapprehension with regard to what has been done in the matter, and he proceeds to explain that a draft letter by Dr Macleod on the subject has been under consideration by the Finance Committee.

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The steps to be taken in the matter will eventually be discussed and approved by the whole Council; and the Finance Committee will have certain recommendations to make. For the present, however, in view of the resolution just passed, these may be allowed to stand over.

1/ Settlement Extension. Letter from the Chairman to the Assistant Surveyor is read, extending by two weeks the period which the Council is willing to allow for him for supplying the required information as to the progress and prospects of his settlement extension negotiations.

2/ The Chairman, referring to certain correspondence which has recently passed between Mr. D.M.'s Minister and Mr. J. Deagon, Chairman of the Home Association, says that the latter is distinctly of opinion that any claim for settlement extension should be based upon definite and reasonable requirements, and that any very large claim is likely to be shied as impracticable at present. Henceforth to this subject because it is unwise to submit the question of settlement extension to the Diplomatic Body without delay; of the two schemes which have been brought before the Council (the plans of which are on the table), he is personally of opinion that the Council should adopt and recommend that which places the western boundary of the Settlement at the Bubbington. The Vice-Chairman concurs in this view, pointing out that within this limit a large portion of property is owned by foreigners - which is a terrible argument for extension.

Mr. Anderson, however, is strongly in favour of adopting the larger scheme, claiming extension to the present Municipal road limits and especially to Jossfield; he gives his reasons for this view at some length and a general discussion on the subject follows. It is eventually proposed by Mr. Deagon, and seconded by Mr. Hewitt, that the claim be made on the lines laid down in the Union plan, which by the settlement shall extend to Jossfield. Mr. Wells, "that the  
1/ Bubbington

Butting will limit plan be made the basis on which exclusion shall be claimed? To this an amendment is proposed by Mr Anderson, and decided by Mr Hewitt, that the claim be made on the lines laid down in the Chinese plan, where by the settlement shall extend to a "Joss field". This amendment on being put to the meeting is lost, and the original resolution is therefore carried.

✓ Jetties. — Final Draft of Jetty Regulations is submitted, approved, and ordered to be advertised.

90 ✓ Sanitary — Building Permits. Memorandum by the Legal adviser is submitted in reference to the new clause which the Sanitary Board recently proposed for insertion in Building Permits, to prohibit the opening of soil during the hot weather.

b17 ✓ Letter from Mr J. Morrison & Gratten on the subject is also submitted. The Legal adviser being of opinion that such a Regulation could not be legally enforced, the proposed clause is allowed to lapse.

b17 ✓ Serious Driving. — Mr Wilkinson alludes to the fact that serious driving is very prevalent in the Settlements the brokers being grave offenders in this respect — and expresses the opinion that unless the matter is dealt with, serious accidents must inevitably occur. After some discussion on the subject, the Acting Secretary is directed to issue a notification to the public, stating that Bye Law ~~xxxv~~, will be strictly enforced in future both with regard to serious driving and to the exercising of ponies in the Streets.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. R. Inkell  
Chairman

J. Bland  
Acting Secretary



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room No. 23, Hargrave Road, Shanghai  
on Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

John R. Bykes  
 A. R. Burkill

Joseph Welch  
 W. Ross  
~~Robert Adams~~  
 John Francis  
 Anderson.  
 J. Pearson  
 H. P. Wilkinson

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No 23, Hargrave Road, Shanghai, on  
Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present Messrs A. R. Burkill, (Chairman)  
 J. Anderson.  
 J. S. Pearson.  
 W. A. Hewitt.  
 J. R. Bykes.  
 J. Pearson.  
 Mr. Rohde.  
 J. Welch.  
 H. P. Wilkinson and the  
 Acting Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and  
cheques for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of prisoners apprehended and police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted. Cattle

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that the native dairies have been visited weekly during the past month, and all the cattle therein were found to be free from disease.

Market Inspector's Report for July is submitted

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This report presents no unusual features, the supply of mutton has been poor and that of fish limited. The number of animals slaughtered at the abattoir consisted of Oxen 964, Sheep 195 & Calves 157, Pigs 28, and the fine collected amount to £ 281.67. The Cattle Stead fine for July, amount to £ 855.90.

Summary of Licenses Fees.

Summary for July is submitted, amounting to ~~£ 19,311.95~~ £ 2,967.70, against £ 19,311.95 and £ 19,501.76 in 1876 and 1895 respectively, and for the 7 months, to £ 142,586.30 as against £ 126,650.28 for the same period last year, an increase of £ 15,936.03

Marriage Licenses.

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Special return by the Assistant in Charge of the Dice Office is submitted, showing the amount of Foreign Imports, Exports, and Re-exports passed through the Customs by, or on behalf of Chinese during May, a total of Rs 526, this Return being one that had been called for in connection with the question of the Factor's commutation, it is referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Health Officer.

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The Council having, in correspondence with Dr Grant, agreed that he should attend this meeting at 5 p.m. attended by his legal adviser, in order to show cause why action should not be taken on the finding of the Council's Special Committee, the Chairman now reads a Memorandum by the legal adviser in which the position of the case is stated. It is the opinion of the legal adviser that the Council should hear any explanation which Dr Grant may have to make, but that it should not enter into any discussion of the matters at issue.

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Mr. Anderson advises the omission of a sentence in the legal adviser's memorandum, which reads "There is no charge against Dr. Grant" being of opinion that such a statement might be after prejudice the Council's position. The legal adviser points out that the object of this sentence is to prevent Dr. Grant from asking any questions at the present meeting, as he attends solely to make explanation in the matter of the Bills of Health. It is decided after some discussion that the word "now" be inserted in this sentence, which therefore reads =

"There is now no charge against Dr. Grant" - and it is decided that if any questions are asked with regard to charges against him the Council's reply shall be simply that it is dissatisfied with Dr. Grant on the report of the Special Committee.

Dr. Grant and his legal adviser, Mr. G. Drummond, are at this point announced and invited to attend. Upon their arrival the Chairman reads the memorandum drawn up by the legal adviser and thereafter invites Dr. Grant to make such further explanation as he may think fit.

Dr. Grant having placed himself entirely in the hands of his advocate, Mr. Drummond proceeds to address the meeting at considerable length.

Mr. Drummond says that before reading the statement prepared by Dr. Grant, he wishes to make a few preliminary remarks on the case in his own capacity as advocate. He desires to point out to the Council that after the steps which have preceded, this meeting there is now no other alternative but to consider the matter as a criminal one or to drop it altogether, no middle course is possible under the circumstances. He assumes the open-mindedness of all present, and laying stress on the fact that Dr. Grant has been asked to explain his conduct on one point alone, he urges the members to put

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aside all considerations of any other matters that might affect this fragment of the case. He then proceeds to read Dr Grant's statement, a document in which are set forth at length his relations with the firm of Dr. Anderson, Macleod & Miller, his position vis a vis the Council, and his explanation in the matter of the Health Fee.

The Revd. Dr. Ayles asks for information with regard to certain points in this statement but the Chairman objects to any discussion being entered into on the subject.

Mr. Drummond, resuming, says that Dr Grant is prepared to prove that in dealing with the Health Fee, he acted perfectly openly throughout and without criminal intent. On the issue whether his intention was criminal or not hangs the whole case. It is useless for the Council to state that there is no charge against Dr Grant for if it were now to remove him from his position as Health Officer by a notification in the press, there can be no doubt that it would practically amount to dismissing him for dishonesty; Dr Grant, if thus removed, must take the matter into a Court of Law, for the Council has practically condemned him, without a fair trial, or a serious charge.

Mr. Drummond then proceeds to criticize the action of the last Council in its relations with the Health Officer describing them as unbusinesslike in the extreme, and he adds that had the terms of Mr J. L. Scott's speech to the Ratepayers been adopted, no misunderstanding could have been possible. He cites especially the Verge's wording of the Council's minute of 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1896 as directly responsible for the present position, and with reference to that minute, he expresses the belief that the Council's action in laying claim to the fee for Bills of Health was ultra vires and illegal.

In conclusion, he says that there are two courses open to the Council - one to prosecute Dr Grant in the British Court, if he be considered guilty of criminal act; the other to drop the matter entirely. It is the  
obvious

obvious duty of the Council to adopt one course or the other. Should the latter be adopted and the matter dropped, he would suggest that an agreement be made with Dr Henderson from forthwith and another with Dr Grant on the lines laid down in Mr Scott's speech. If the Council on its part will do this, he is on the other hand authorized to say that Dr Grant realising the difficulties of his position is willing after a few months to resign and return to England if an intimation be conveyed to him that such is the Council's desire. He does not make this offer in the nature of a bargain, or in connection with the present question, but simply as a solution of the situation as he realises the difficulty of getting on pleasantly with either his original employers or the Council.

Mr Drummond's speech being thus concluded, he retires with Dr Grant. The Council's legal adviser also withdraws.

General discussion on the subject ceases and while the members generally are aware of making with Dr Grant any such agreement as Mr Drummond suggests, it is decided that no action shall be taken before the next meeting, and that meanwhile the Chairman shall obtain further advice from the legal adviser. The Vice Chairman is of opinion that the Council's case lacks the necessary evidence to convict Dr Grant of any criminal intent, and he is in favour, if possible, of meeting Mr Drummond's suggestions. Mr Hinkson observes that the Council's attitude being simply the expression of dissatisfaction on general grounds, it is unnecessary to prosecute or to convict, but Mr Hykes is strongly opposed to any course which would cast a stigma upon Dr Grant for life when it is possible by a compromise to get rid of him on the ground of his failure to preserve pleasant relations with his employers.

It is finally agreed by a majority of the members that

That a settlement of the matter might possibly be obtained by approaching Mr Drummond and offering to retain Dr Guich as Health Officer pro-temp without any agreement if he will hand in his resignation dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1897 to the firm, and pay in to the Council the Bill of Health Fees.

Decided to defer action for a week and to refer the matter to the legal advisers in these lines.

Extension of the Settlement.

6177 Letter from the Assistant Surveyor to the Harbour is read, suggesting the advisability of referring the question of Settlement Extension to Messrs Guich and offering at the same time to continue to render assistance locally in the matter.

The Acting Secretary is instructed to reply that the Diplomatic Secretary's assistance will now be sought to obtain the extension required, but that the Council fully recognizes the value of Mr Dallas's local work in local negotiations, while the special authority given to him in Mr J. L. Scott's letter of 11<sup>th</sup> July 1896, is now withdrawn, it is understood that he will continue to consider settlement extension work as part of his official duties, and that should the matter be successfully negotiated, the Council will recognize the value of his services by permanently increasing his salary.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. R. Arncliffe

Chairman

J. D. Stand  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Springe Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1897. at  
4.30 p.m. —

W. Rogers  
 John R. Hykes  
 A.R. Burkill  
 Joseph Welch  
 John Sprunt  
 Robert Lane

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the  
Board Room, No. 23, Springe Road, Shanghai,  
on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mejors A.R. Burkill, (Chairman),  
 F. Anderson,  
 J.B. Scarrow,  
 W.A. Hewitt.  
 Recd. J.R. Hykes,  
 J. Sprunt,  
 M. Robert,  
 J. Welch,  
 A.P. Wilkinson and the  
 Acting Secretary.

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman, and passed for publication.  
Cash statements for the past week is submitted, and  
cheques for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Divisions.Native Livery Stables.

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The Inspector reports that all the cattle are healthy and free from disease. Report for July, by the Inspector is submitted, stating that the different Stables have been visited regularly during the past month and were found in good sanitary condition, and all the ponies in good health.

569 Carriages, and 778 ponies have been licensed for August, showing a slight increase on the figures of last year.

4085 Juridoshas, and 4143 Whulbarows have been licensed for the current month.

General Municipal Rate - Notice. - Summary for 1668 June Quarter is submitted.

659 Enquirer's Monthly Report of Work completed, and in progress, is submitted and approved.

Health Officer.

The Chairman states that, as instructed at the last meeting of the Council, he has consulted the legal adviser with regard to the advisability of settling the question of the Health Officer by some compromise similar to that suggested by Mr Drummond. He now reads a

A/ Memorandum by the legal adviser in which the latter's opinion is strongly against "compounding or hushing up" the matter, as being likely to prejudice the Council's position. He next reads a memo-

664 1670 randum by the Vice-Chairman which has been circulated to the members - embodying suggestions for settling the matter on a basis which shall give Dr Grant the benefit of the doubts that exist in the matter of the Health Fees; together with a letter in which Mr Fearon states that Dr Grant is willing to make an agreement with the Council for 6 months from 30<sup>th</sup> September, provided a written assurance is given him that his explanation of the Health Fees has been accepted. Finally,

C/ the Chairman reads a letter from Mrs Henderson, Macleod & Miller, in which we state the conditions upon which the firm is willing to place



place itself in the Council's hands as regards its arguments with the Council and with Dr Grant.

The Chairman says that, in his opinion, it is extremely desirable that this matter be definitely settled at today's meeting. He is personally unwilling to accede to the conditions suggested by Dr Grant, and endorses the legal adviser's opinion in the matter.

The Vice Chairman advises that Dr Grant be given the benefit of the doubt, laying stress upon the fact that no written orders re Health Fees were ever given him by the Council. A general discussion on the subject ensues; at the conclusion of which Mr Pearson proposes, and the Rev. Dr Hykes seconds,

"That the Council now write a letter to Dr Grant stating that the Council accepts his explanation as regards Bills of Health for Mrs resolution being put to the meeting and lost, it is proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr Welch

"That the Health Officer be given 7 days to send in his resignation to the Council to take effect on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December next; that failing the receipt by the Council of such a resignation within 7 days the Acting Justice is instructed to confirm the Council's letter to Anderson, Montreal & Miller of 21<sup>st</sup> July and to cause the Health Officer's appointment by public advertisement."

which motion being put to the meeting is carried, Messrs Pearson & Hykes voting against it, the Rev. Dr Hykes's protest is recorded.

~~Settlement Extension.~~ Further discussion of this subject is postponed, pending receipt of information which is expected to arrive from Peking.

~~Police Command of~~ - A private letter from Mr May, Captain Superintendent of Police in Hong.

Hong Kong is read, suggesting that the Council should apply to the head of the Royal Irish Constabulary, Sir Andrew Reed, who should be able to supply a first-rate man to command the the Shanghai force. Mr May will write himself to Sir Andrew and request his good offices.

Discussing this suggestion, Mr Welch proposes that a power of attorney from the Council be given to Mr. T. H. Holliday, or some other suitable person, to receive testimonials &c, from candidates. It is thought that the selection should not be confined to the Irish Constabulary, but that applications might also be made to India, Manchester, &c.

It is eventually decided to refer the matter to the consideration of the Local Committee at its next meeting, it being the opinion of the members that the salary to be offered should be £500. a month, with the usual allowances for the first 3 years agreement. It is also agreed that it would be advisable to hold out inducements to the officer eventually selected, to learn Chinese.

Land Registry — A further despatch from Sir H. Stanger on this subject is read, stating that he is unable to modify his views as regards the enforcement of Article VII of the Land Regulations, but that he has now given standing instructions that the Council is to be notified of the date and hour when any newly reuted land is to be officially surveyed.

Decided to reply thanking H. B. M. Consul General for the institution of this new and satisfactory procedure.

Local Post Office — Letter from Mr. Rocher, Commissioner of Customs, is read, stating the terms upon which the Inspector General is willing to take over the Local Post Office. There are two clauses in his proposed agreement open to question, viz. that which permits the Imperial Chinese Post to increase the local rates after 5 years and that which refuses to recognize the Council's right to re-establish the local post office should it desire to do so. The Acting Secretary explains that Mr. Rocher

Recher has verbally explained that he was obliged, under instructions from Sir Robert Stark, to insert the latter clause in his letter; but he is of opinion that it will be possible to omit all mention of it, on either side, when making the formal agreement for the transfer. Mr Wilkinson, however, thinks that after the official correspondence which has passed to ignore this point in any agreement that is made, will be equivalent to an acceptance of the Inspectors' General's view thereof.

It is decided to refer the matter to the Legal adviser for his opinion.

Spotting Chapel - Plague Station. Letter from Major Boyle No. is read drawing the Council's attention to the danger and inconvenience which would attend the use of the Spotting Chapel station as a place for the reception of plague patients, or indeed for sick persons of any kind. A copy of this letter, on the same subject dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 1872. (335), is enclosed, together with a plan of the locality. Mr Sprutson points out that the floor of the chapel is only raised 2 ft above a very material soil.

Volunteers - Matter referred to the Sanitary Board for Report. The Acting Secretary is directed to write to Major Clarke and say that the question of an Adjutant for the S.V.C. having now been decided, the Council require that the Corps will proceed to the election of a Commandant.

Launches - Referring to the tax on steam-launches recently instituted, Mr Sprutson objects to the arrangements as now existing and considers that if a private launch pays £2. a month, the sum of £5. charged to mail launchers is inadequate. He considers the whole question requires further consideration and, at the request of the Chairman, undertakes to submit his suggestions on the subject for the consideration of the Finance Committee.

The Meeting then adjourned.

J. T. Standley  
Acting Secretary

G. A. W. R. M.

Chairman

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1897,  
at 4.30 p.m.

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 John R. Hykes  
 John Sprattice  
 W. P. Jones  
 A. R. Am RM

5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Shanghai, on  
Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Mr Jones

C. R. Burdell, Chairman  
 J. D. Scarons  
 W. A. Hewitt.

Read

J. R. Hykes  
 J. Sprattice  
 W. P. Jones

J. Welch  
 A. P. Wilkinson and the  
 Acting Secretary

Abstract

A. Anderson

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
The Minutes of last meeting is read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman, and passed for publication. Cash

Cash statement for the postweek is submitted, and  
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Reports of Diseases apprehended and police daily  
 reports for the postweek are submitted.

Letter in Native Dairy. The Inspector reports  
 that disease was found to have broken out in  
 Chang See Liang's dairy, Scott Road. This  
 dairy has been closed and the necessary precautions  
 are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Sanitary Department. Report by the Health  
 Officer, and Municipal Surgeon, for July, is  
 submitted.

Electrical Department. Report by the Superintendent  
 is submitted, giving a detailed statement of the  
 works completed during July, and of those now  
 in progress.

Wharfage Dues. Summary for June is submitted  
 showing the following amounts to be collected on

Imports, Rs 367.91  
 Exports, 1326.86  
 Re Exports, 500.24 Rs 5515.00  
 against Rs 6602.06, for same month last  
 year, a decrease of Rs 1086.99.

Pooling Plague Station. With reference  
 to what was said, on this subject at the last  
 meeting, the Chairman states that he has consulted  
 Dr Henderson. The latter explains that the  
 Pooling Chapel was originally fitted up for  
 use as a plague station in 1894, with a  
 view to meeting possible emergencies, but that  
 the local conditions have changed since that date  
 and it might now possibly be better to use  
 the Isolation Hospital site for the reception of  
 plague patients in case of an outbreak.

The Sanitary Board, when considering the  
 Royal Decree communication on the subject, will  
 doubtless take note of Dr Henderson's opinion.

Mr Justice repeats his objections to the  
 use of the Pooling Chapel as a plague station  
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and suggests that the Jackson Creek Drive Hall would be better suited for the purpose.

Electrician's Department - The Chairman commencing on the fact that the Electrician's Department, as at present managed, is virtually in want of supervision and control, suggests that the Finance Committee be authorized by the Council to investigate the whole question of its working, and to call for such reports as it may think necessary - in fact that it should assume functions similar to those exercised by a Board of Directors.

The Vice Chairman agrees that some such supervision is necessary but points out that the Electrician Department's business comes under the control of the Works Committee, and he suggests that the latter should take the Engineer's views in the matter.

The Chairman observes that what is required is, in his opinion, a Committee of Enquiry that shall deal particularly with the Department's finances, while placing the whole business of the Department upon a proper footing, with adequate controls.

Mr. Orville supports the Chairman's views.

Assistant in Secretarial - List of 31 candidates, together with their applications, is submitted. It is the general opinion of the members that it is advisable to postpone the final selection for another week, meanwhile it is agreed that the only applications requiring further consideration are those of Messrs Swanson, Bowra, Williams, Reid, and Sawyer. It is decided to make further enquiries regarding these candidates before the next meeting, and the Assistant Secretary is directed to have a paragraph inserted in the A.C. Daily News to the effect that the appointments will be made next week.

Health Officer - The Chairman, referring to the Resolution which was passed at the last meeting, reads the Local revisors' draft of the Council's Notification which, according to that resolution, is to appear in Thursday morning's papers; he suggests that, as the Local Revisors will have to conduct the Council's case should

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The matter go into work, his draft of the Notification be allowed to stand without alteration. He now proposes therefore that this Notification be published on Thursday morning. Mr Welch seconds the motion, which is carried, Mr For Fearon and Hynes voting against it.

The Chairman then proposes that the correspondence which has passed between the Council and Dr J. & Taylor, Esq. be published tomorrow with the minutes of the last meeting; this course is approved. On a motion by the Rev. Dr Hynes, it is further decided that the full text of the resolution as passed by the last meeting, including the record of Dr Hynes's protest, shall be published together with the correspondence in question.

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Police - Command of -

Draft of letter to Sir Arthur Ford, Inspector General, of Royal Irish Constabulary, is submitted, together with draft of agreement and power of attorney to be sent to Mr A. G. Wood. These documents having already been circulated for the approval of the members, are taken as read. Certain suggestions made by Mr Welch with reference to the new Captain Superintendent's agreement are discussed and approved. The Acting Secretary is virtually directed to have these documents prepared and forwarded, by this week's mail.

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It is decided, that the length of the agreement 3 or 5 years - may be left to Mr Wood's discretion, and that salary is to begin on the date of the Captain Superintendent's leaving England.

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Local Post Office.

The Chairman states that he received yesterday a telegram from Mr J. Anderson, now in the for, advising the Council to postpone its decision in the matter of transferring the Local Post Office to the Customs, and stating that he is making inquiries into the working of the Customs post office there. A discussion ensues as to the advisability of postponing the proposed transfer, virtually on a motion by Mr Wilkinson

seconded

seconded by Mr Hewitt, it is decided to defer further action for a week.

The Chairman reads the legal adviser's draft reply to the letter in which the Commissioner of Customs states the proposed conditions of transfer and the Acting Secretary is directed to circulate for the information of the members this correspondence as together with the draft agreement which has been drawn up by the legal adviser.

Settlement Extension, The Acting Secretary states that he has seen Mr Dudgeon, and the latter has expressed the opinion that Sir Claude Macdonald is waiting for the Council to move in the matter of Settlement extension. The Chairman says that he and Mr Anderson were informed by Mr Dudgeon that he expected shortly to get Sir Claude's opinion with regard to the alternative schemes. There being some misunderstanding on Mr Dudgeon's part, Mr Fearon moves, and Mr Dickinson second, that he now be requested to ask the British Minister which of the two plans of extension he is prepared to adopt.

This motion is carried.

Banking Road Westway Chapel, The Chairman says that during the Chairmanship of Mr J. L. Scott, the Church Missionary Society applied, and was permitted, to make use of this Chapel for their Sunday services. The Society has now asked to be allowed to enlarge the building at its own expense, in order to increase the accommodation. Draft letter in reply to the Rev. C. J. Symons is read, agreeing to the proposed alteration on condition that the Society's occupancy be terminable at 6 months notice and that a nominal rent be paid to the Council for the use of the building.

Mr Polde asks that the sending of this reply be deferred for the present. He points out that about 2 years ago the German Community asked to be allowed to use this Chapel, but that



that permission was refused. He is of opinion that if it is to be used, Europeans should have a claim to it prior to that of Chinese, and the German Church having asked for it before the Church-Missionary Society, he thinks the matter should be further considered.

Decided to postpone replying to the Revd Mr Symonds for the present.

Labrie — Referring to the Minutes of the last Watch Committee Meeting, Mr Wilkinson points out the great necessity which exists in the interest of travellers and strangers, and the general public, for erecting a Night Labrie in the neighbourhood of the Band. The suggestion, endorsed by the Watch Committee, is referred to the Works Committee.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. J. Smith  
Chairman

J. J. H. H.  
Clerk

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 25, King's Road, Shanghai,  
on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Edward A. Newell  
A. R. Burkill  
John A. Hynes  
Joseph Welch  
M. R. ...  
W. M. ...  
John ...

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 25, King's Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the  
24<sup>th</sup> August, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.  
Messrs A. R. Burkill (Chairman),  
J. A. Hynes  
E. A. ...  
J. R. ...  
J. ...  
M. ...  
W. ...  
A. ... and  
Accountant for the  
Acting Secretary.  
Absent.  
J. Anderson

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts, are signed.

Report of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts. The Inspector reports that on the 1st inst. Rudrapur, broke out in Neo Nung Sing's country - See. Hong Kow - From this country two Native cows were sent to their country owners and 10 head died at Pak Jui Jock.

General Municipal Rates - Foreign - Summary for 4 weeks number is submitted.

2 Assistant in Penitentiary - A selection from the 4 candidates considered best qualified for the post is discussed. It is proposed by Mr. Pearson, and seconded by Mr. Prichard, that W. E. Lawson be appointed.

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Mr. Wilkinson moves as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Reble, that Mr. Reid be appointed.

The Amendment is then put to the meeting 2 members voting for it; after which the original resolution is submitted, 5 members voting for Mr. Pearson, who is declared appointed.

Health Officer - Letter from Dr. Henderson, Macleod, and Miller, dated 19th August, is submitted, having reference to the Council's dissatisfaction with Dr. J. Taylor Grant, and requesting an opportunity to discuss with the Council or its representatives the whole matter as it now stands.

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It is decided to invite the Firm to meet the Council on Tuesday next.

The Chairman reads draft of a letter Drs. Henderson, Macleod & Miller propose to send to Dr. Woodhead, requesting that gentleman to keep them in selection of successor to Dr. Grant, and also a minute on the subject by the Finance Committee.

It is decided to postpone discussion until a later meeting of the Association.

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The Chairman states that Dr Henderson asks permission to publish his letter of 14<sup>th</sup> December 1895, to Mr J. L. Scott, to which no objection is raised, provided Dr Henderson receives from Mr Scott permission to do so.

Health Officer.

719. Dr Henderson's application for 3 weeks leave of absence is granted.  
 Captain Superintendent of Police.

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MacKenzie's letter of 17<sup>th</sup> August, is read, requesting the Council to publish the correspondence on the subject of his supersession in the Command of the Police Force. The meeting is of opinion that there would be no objection to publishing the letters of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August if accompanied by the Minute of 15<sup>th</sup> September 1896, and the Secretary's letter to Captain MacKenzie of 16<sup>th</sup> September.

After some further discussion it is proposed by Mr Wilkinson, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Haynes and carried.

That if Captain MacKenzie wishes it, original minute, letter to him & appointing him for one year, his letter to the Council of 2<sup>nd</sup> August, and the Council's reply of 11<sup>th</sup> idem, be published together, or not at all.

The Accountant is instructed, to write to Captain MacKenzie to this effect.

Livery Stables.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee are approved. (21<sup>st</sup> 1897)

1. That an ~~acting~~ Inspector of Vehicles be appointed and attached to the Insp. office, whose duties would be to visit each public stable, at least twice a week, to see that the stables are in a sanitary condition (if not to report the fact to the Health Officer) that all public licensed carriages kept in the stables are in good repair, and that the ponies are in good condition.
2. That the said acting Inspector should also be

be employed in the quarterly examination of Juirikshas.

3 That there should be, at least, six different colored plates used for livery licenses so that they could be changed alternately every month.

4 That livery licenses should, as now, be issued by the Jail Office, and that owners of stables be compelled to come to this office before the 4<sup>th</sup> day of each month to pay license fees, and exchange their last month's carriage plates for new ones.

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The suggestion of the Overseer of Taxes that the Acting Inspector of Livery Stables be in charge of the Native Constables told off for duty to regulate the wheelbarrow, and Juiriksha traffic, is referred to the next meeting of the Watch Committee.

Finance Books

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Night-soil Boats, and Nuisance Contractors

Suggestions Nos 2 and 3 (Page 22) are deferred till the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers. Petition read from 38<sup>th</sup> Chinon, requesting the Council to have the night-soil boats removed from the vicinity of their dwellings.

It is pointed out that the boats have been moved as far up the Creek as possible in order to avoid a thickly populated district.

Decided to refer the petition to the Sanitary Inspector for a report to be presented at the next general meeting.

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The Municipal Contractor applies for 75 dollars a month, wages for 15 additional coolies rendered necessary in consequence of the night soil boats having been moved about a mile higher up the Holy Kid Creek.

Decided to postpone consideration until the Sanitary Inspector's report has been received.

Application from Mr. Torrey Kidson for permission to erect 2 arches across the Bubbling Well Road

Local "on the occasion of my late father, Tony Mow  
 chie's funeral obsequies, is submitted.

Decided to grant permission provided the work  
 is carried out under the supervision of the Engineer &

Surveyors Office,  
 Sanitary Department, Application for leave,  
 706 Mr D. Johnstone, Assistant Sanitary Inspector,

is granted leave of absence for 18 days,  
 Electrical Department, The Application of Mr. Price,

710 for leave of absence is sent to the Municipal  
 Engineer, to be submitted to the Works Committee,

Veterinary Surgeon, Report on Rinderpest,

711 Dr. Keylock's special report on the  
 present outbreak of Rinderpest is referred to the  
 Works Committee,

Inspector of Markets &c, Sale of Game,

720 Report on the alleged sale of game in the  
 open market is read, and ordered to be published  
 with last week's minutes.

Local Post Office, The Acting Secretary's Memo-  
 randum on the draft Agreement for transfer of  
 the Local Post Office to the Occupier's Post  
 Office is read, and after some discussion it is  
 proposed by Rev. Dr. Hykes, Seconded by  
 Mr. Hewell, and carried.

"To hand on the Local Post Office in terms  
 of agreement, barring the objectionable clause  
 (Clause F) including Mr. Wilkinson's sugges-  
 tion, (Clause H section C), should clearly  
 state that Settlements mean the area now  
 comprised or any area comprised in future  
 extensions during the running of the Agree-  
 ment."

Public Band, Letter from the Musicians of the  
 Band requesting the withdrawal of a notice to  
 the effect that fines would be inflicted for  
 neglect, or disobedience to orders, is read,  
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 should not have been issued before receiving  
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The sanction of the Council, and the Band Secretary is to be instructed to inform the Bandmaster that no fines are to be inflicted, before being submitted to the Band Committee,

1 Captain Superintendent of Police,

708 Letter from the Capt Supt forwarding an application from Quician for: No 62 for permission to sue in Court for a debt due to him is read,

It is stated that the money was loaned in Hong Kong before the Constable joined the Police Force, and under these circumstances it is decided to grant the permission applied for.

1 Shedden Road Cemetery, Mr Rolde states that the German Community do not require the use of the Chapel for religious services, and therefore, it might be let to the London Missionary Society.

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It is proposed by Revd Dr Hyles, & (708?) seconded by Mr Hewitt, and carried, "That a letter be sent to the Church Missionary Society granting them the use of the Chapel at a nominal rent."

1 Health Officer. Mr Rolde refers to a letter that appeared in the "North China Daily News" from Drs Anderson, Macleod, & Miles to Dr J Taylor Grant in which Dr Grant is instructed to continue to perform the duties of Health Officer, and is of opinion that the letter should have been referred to the Council before being sent to Dr Grant - The Meeting is of the same opinion, and the following resolution is passed:

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Proposed by Mr Rolde, and seconded by Mr Wilkison: "That the Council is dissatisfied with the first paragraphs of Drs Anderson, Macleod & Miles letter to Dr J. Taylor Grant of 20"

26<sup>th</sup> August, in which Dr Grant is instructed to continue to perform the duties of Health Officer as heretofore and that this question be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Recd. Dr. Hykes's protest, re Health Officer.

Dr Hykes states that he has written the reasons for his protest, and requests that they be read and recorded in the Minute Book.

Mr Chairman suggests that as the document is a long one it would be better to circulate it so as to give members time to read it carefully.

This is agreed to.

The Meeting then adjourned.

*A. R. Burkill*  
Chairman

*J. S. Sturton*  
Meeting Secretary

Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kingsway Road, Shanghai, on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1897, at 5. p. m.

Present - Messrs O. A. R. Burkill, (Chairman),

J. S. Sturton

G. A. Hewitt

Present

J. R. Hykes.

J. Prudhoe.

Dr. Fohde.

J. Birch

M. J. Wilkinson and the

Accountant for the

Meeting Secretary,

J. Atkinson.

Absent -



The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

1 Health Officer.

The Chairman states that the Meeting has been called, to consider the protest Dr. Ayler handed to the Council at last Tuesday's Meeting, and desired to have published and entered in the Minute Book. The document had been seen by all the members of the Council, and it was desired to know the views of members on the subject.

Mr. Towner suggests that Dr. Ayler be requested to withdraw his protest. The Chairman is opposed to the publication as part of the Council's Minutes, as it contains imputations against the Council which are not warranted. Mr. Hewitt is of the same opinion, and considers the document can only be printed as a private contribution of Dr. Ayler to the public press. Mr. Welch, states that he has conferred with Dr. Ayler, who is willing to withdraw the protest.

Dr. Ayler then reads the following Minutes.

"I read of the call for a Meeting of the Kalepays for the 4th proximo, and in consideration that those of my colleagues who differ from me in the matter of the Health Officer do not propose to file with the Council records the reasons for such difference I therefore withdraw the paper filed by me at the last Meeting of the Council, in which I gave the reasons for my opinion in the matter; but I do not withdraw my protest to the vote of the majority of the Council, nor do I recede from the position I have taken, and the reasons I have given therefor. And I give notice that hereafter I will, if I deem it desirable, file the reasons for my protest.

As the Council has intimated its purpose to attend the meeting of the Kalepays, it will then be in order, I suppose, for any member who desires to address the meeting on relevant subjects.

"Subjects.

"Also file this paper to be considered a part of the records of this meeting and to be published with the Minutes of the same."

Signed, John R. Smykes  
Chairman

"Franklin,  
26<sup>th</sup> August, 1877."

Mr. Kohler is of opinion that Dr. Smykes' protest should not be returned.

After some discussion the Chairman puts the question to the meeting, and it is decided, to return the protest, which is then done.

A discussion then ensues as to the advisability of republishing the letters of Dr. Smith to the Council of 21<sup>st</sup> July, and the Council's reply of the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a view of again bringing before the public the reasons for the Council withholding all of the circumstances connected with Dr. Smith's case.

It is proposed by Mr. Kohler, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and carried:

"That Dr. J. Doyle's protest letter to the Council of 21<sup>st</sup> July - and the Council's reply of 22<sup>nd</sup> July, be republished".

The Meeting then adjourns.

A. R. Smykes  
Chairman

J. J. Standish  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangse Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1897,  
at 4.30 p.m.

John Spratling  
 Joseph Welch  
 W. R. Burkill  
 W. P. Mason  
 J. F. Farnham  
 Robert Adams

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on  
Tuesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present - Mr. J. W. R. Burkill, (Chairman),  
 J. F. Farnham,  
 G. A. Hewell,  
 J. Spratling,  
 W. P. Mason,  
 J. Welch, and the  
 Acting Secretary.

Absent - G. A. Hewell,  
 J. R. Hynes,  
 J. P. W. Kinross.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
Charges for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of prisoners apprehended and police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Called

Cattle in Native Dairies. Report by the Inspector is submitted, stating that the dairies have been visited weekly during the past month; the infected dairies are still under special supervision. Mr. Hung Sing, Si Hong Kiu, has, since last report, sent two Buffalo cows to Pak, Siu Jack. Dr. Chung Tse-xiang, during, two cows have died and the carcasses disposed of under personal supervision.

Health Officer. Referring to last week's minutes on this subject, the Chairman explains that Dr. Macleod has not been asked to attend to day on account of the Special Rate payers meeting having since been convened to enquire into the whole question of the Health Officer. Dr. Macleod has, however, called upon him and made certain suggestions with regard to future arrangements - amongst others, that the new Health Officer's agreement shall be made with the Council direct, and that he should be a Municipal employe, receiving his instructions & salary &c. from the Council. At the same time, a separate agreement might be made with Dr. Anderson's firm, in regard to medical attendance on the Municipal staff and their families.

Mr. Rolde enquires whether this latter appointment should not be made the subject of public advertisement, but the Chairman is of opinion that, in view of the original agreement entered into between Mr. J. L. Scott's Council and Dr. Anderson's firm, that firm is entitled to a certain amount of consideration, and that if its members are prepared to undertake the duties of Municipal Surgeons at a reasonable figure (to 1500 per annum has been suggested) he thinks they should be given the first offer. The Chairman further explains that the class of man obtainable from home at the salary to be offered (about £600 a year) would be a Health Officer pure and simple, qualified to act as such, but without experience of Municipal work; it is very improbable that

that he would be qualified to do clinical work.

It is eventually decided that the Chairman shall submit Dr Macleod's suggestions at the next meeting of the Council and that in the meanwhile, and until these suggestions have been duly considered, it is unnecessary to invite Dr Macleod's attendance.

1 Night-soil Station - (Aubury Road) Report by the Sanitary Inspector is submitted, controverting the various statements made in the Native Petition which was submitted at the last meeting. The Inspector is of opinion that the objections raised to the removal of the Night-soil Station are without foundation.

It is decided that the petition requires no reply and the question as to what additional allowance should be made to the Contractor for the extra distance is left to the consideration of the Finance Committee.

1 Livery Stables - Decided that the recommendation by the Officer of Taxes, with regard to the appointment of an Inspector of Vehicles, is approved. The matter is left to be more fully gone into by the Finance Committee.

Mr Hewitt mentions a recent case where the license plate of a licensed carriage was found to be affixed under the cushions of the drivers seat. The members agree that it is advisable that the No. of all carriages should be exhibited in a conspicuous position, and that instructions to this effect should be given to the Inspector of Vehicles when appointed.

1 Illicit Sale of Game - Letter from the Secretary of the French Council is read, forwarding a statement from the Head of the French Police, with regard to recent sales of pheasants. This statement sets forth that Mr Christie's information, as published in the Council's Minutes, was incorrect, and that the Gwentwich Cottis pheasants were not bought in the French Settlement.

The Council being requested to publish this correspondence

Correspondence, the Acting Secretary is instructed, to do so.

In this connection, and at the suggestion of Mr Welch, the Acting Secretary is directed, to convey to the Market Inspector the Council's approval of the manner in which his duties have been performed in this matter, and to state that when necessary he may requisition for the services of a detective to assist him in the detection of illicit sales of game, &c.

Rate Payers Meeting.

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Letter from Mr St. R. Hutchinson is read, stating that several of the signatories to the recent requisition having withdrawn their names, no further arrangements with regard to the proposed meeting have been made by the convenors. The Council is of opinion that the meeting having once been publicly convened it must be held, to remain convened unless withdrawn by public advertisement, and the Acting Secretary is directed to ask that it should therefore be withdrawn, as a matter of form.

Police - Captain Mackenzie.

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Letter from Captain Mackenzie is read, asking to be supplied with copies of certain letters concerning himself & testimonials written by Sir W. Maxwell, Mr. Treacher and Mr. Pank. The Acting Secretary is directed to send copies of the two last, but to say that as Sir W. Maxwell's letter was not addressed to the Council, it must be considered as a privileged communication.

Volunteers Jubilee Decorations.

The Chairman says that it has been suggested to him that application should be made for the issue of Jubilee medals (as given to Mr. M. D. Ferris) to the S.V.C. and Municipal police. After some discussion, it is decided that the Chairman shall write privately to the Officer Commanding in Hong Kong, and ask his opinion in the matter.

Harnessing Ponies in the Streets.

Mr Welch, alluding to

to the danger and inconvenience caused by the harassment of Broker's parties on the Bund, states that he has seen Captain Mackenzie on the subject, but that there appears to be no means of dealing with this nuisance except by considering it as an obstruction of the traffic. The Acting Secretary states that Regulations have been drawn up in the past for such cases, it is accordingly decided that if the existing Regulations are sufficient they are to be enforced; if not, that the Watch Committee be requested to make a further recommendation in the matter.

Gas Supply — Mr Hewitt draws attention to the fact that some of the gas lamps on the Bubbling Well road are lit at a very late hour. The Acting Secretary is directed to obtain information as to the schedule hours in that locality and to communicate with the Gas Co on the subject.

Opium Hooks — Attention is drawn to the Cook-boat which is attached to the hook "Wellington" and the advisability of having it removed is agreed to. The Acting Secretary is directed to address the Customs authorities on the subject.

With regard to Opium Hooks generally, the members are agreed that if these vessels could be entirely removed, the step would be one of great public utility. The Vice Chairman suggests that the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce be sought in the matter. It is eventually decided that the Acting Secretary shall obtain definite information as to the right and status of these Hooks, to be laid before the next meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. P. BARKER  
Chairman

J. S. GARDNER  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No 23, Spring Road,  
on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1897, at 4.30  
P.M.

A. R. Bunsell

Joseph Welch

John Prutice

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room,  
No. 23, Spring Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>  
September, 1897, at 4.30 P.M.

Present - Messrs A. R. Bunsell (Chairman),  
 E. A. Swell,  
 J. Prutice,  
 H. Kohle,  
 J. Welch, and the Acting Secretary  
Absent,  
 J. Anderson,  
 J. S. Swenson,  
 J. R. Hynes,  
 J. P. Wilkinson

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
 In the absence of Mr J. S. Swenson, Mr  
 Welch is elected, Vice Chairman.  
The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and checked  
 for subsidiary accounts are signed.



Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police duty reports  
for the past week, were submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. Report by the Inspector is submitted stating that the native dairies have been visited during the past week.

Rinderpest is still prevalent in Lee Hong Koo & 2 more dairies having shown the disease since last report. Between 31<sup>st</sup> August, and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1 Heifer, 2 Cows, and 1 Buffalo, all infected with Rinderpest were sent to Pak-Sin-Jack where they have since died.

Markets. Report for August is submitted from which it appears that during the month the supply of Beef and of Fruits has been good while that of Mutton, fish, and vegetables has not been up to the standard.

The number of animals slaughtered at the Abattoir during the month consisted of 952 Oxen, 1609 Sheep, 147 Calves, and 29 Pigs, and the fees collected amount to \$294.45. The Cattle Shed fees amount to \$830.00.

604 lbs beef, and 86 lbs mutton have been seized and confiscated. Haug Shing, Pak-hoi Road, was prosecuted at the Mixed Court on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst for the illegal sale of game, and fined \$10.

Summary of License Fees. Summary for August is submitted amounting to \$19,237.00 against \$16,521.75 and \$14,723.70 in 1896, and 1895, respectively, and for the 8 months to \$161,665.76, as against \$143,174.72 for the same period last year, an increase of \$18,493.00.

Native Livery Stables. Report for August by the Inspector is submitted stating that the different stables have been visited regularly during the past month and were found in good sanitary condition, and the ponies in good health.

558 Carriages, and 427 ponies have been licensed for September, showing a slight increase on the figures of last year.

4606 Pigsikshao, and 4090 wheelbarrows have been licensed for the current month.

Engineer's Monthly Report of Work completed, and in progress, is submitted, and approved.

Settlement Extension. The Chairman reads an extract from an unofficial letter written to the Chairman of the China Association by Sir Claude MacDonald in which the latter expresses the opinion that it is distinctly advisable to forward the larger claim and plan for the extension of the Settlement, i.e. the one which extends to Josephine St. The Members endorse this view and the Acting Secretary is directed to have the necessary plans re. prepared as soon as possible.

Land Regulations. A further extract from the same letter is read in which H. B. M.'s Minister states that he has consulted several of his colleagues with regard to revision of the Land Regulations and they have expressed their willingness to take a new code into consideration if forwarded. As to obtaining the Governor's official recognition of the Code of 1869, Sir Claude is strongly of opinion that it would be most inadvisable to bring up the question of the legality of the present Regulations. It is decided that a new and revised code shall be drawn up for submission to the Ratepayers at the next Annual Meeting; the Chairman suggests that a special paid Committee will be required to undertake this work; further action in the matter is, however, postponed until it can be laid before a full Meeting of the Council.

Health Officer. Finance Committee's Minute of 14. Inst. is read and submitted for the approval of the Members, together with a Memorandum by Dr Macleod referring to the work of the Health Officer and Municipal Surgeon respectively. The Chairman explains the reasons which led the Finance Committee to draw up this Minute, chief amongst which is the desire to terminate the arrangement made in 1876, and to ensure that in future the Health Officer shall be the immediate servant of the Council. Mr Robt  
approves

approves of the Minute with the exception of the clause which appoints Drs Henderson, Macdonald, & Mittle, to be Municipal Surgeons and he is of opinion that it would be better to make this position open to general competition. The Members are opposed to such a course, holding that the firm has a certain claim upon the Municipality in view of its former agreement, and moreover because that firm - if it will accept the Council's terms - is best suited to supply the services required. The Chairman says that unless the Members adopt the resolution unanimously he would prefer it to await a full meeting of the Council. After some further discussion, however, Mr Pollock withdraws his objection and the resolution is passed on a motion by Mr Stetch.

In connection with the appointment of a new Health Officer, the Chairman reads a statement of the salaries paid to a number of these officers in England.

Native Dairies and Rinderpest - A Report by the Veterinary Surgeon (already circulated), together with a Memorandum by the Acting Health Officer is submitted, and after some discussion referred to the Sanitary Board for its recommendations.

Mr Proctor is of opinion that Native Dairies outside the Settlement will be willing to take out licenses, but that the co-operation of the public is required to render any system of licensing effective.

Mixed Court. Official complaint by Inspector Reid is submitted, regarding the manner in which Mr James Scott, British Assessor, treats the Police Officers at the Mixed Court. Inspector Reid refers particularly to what occurred at the Court on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Mr Stetch states that as Chairman of the Stetch Committee he ~~called~~ <sup>shakes with</sup> Mr Scott with reference to this matter. The latter has expressed his regret at what took place and has undertaken

taken that it will not re-occur. The members agree that under the circumstances the matter may be allowed to drop. The Acting Secretary is directed to convey to Inspector Reed through the Captain Superintendent the result of Mr Welch's interview with Mr Scott, at the same time Inspector Reed is to be informed that the Police should be in a position to supply the Court with information regarding all cases that appear on the George Street and that it would be well to have a Municipal Interpreter in attendance

Local Post Office.

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Application is submitted from Mr. Romer, asking to be allowed a gratuity on the transfer of the local post office to the Imperial Chinese Postal Service.

A gratuity of one year's pay, (£ 1,800) is authorized in recognition of Mr. Romer's long and excellent services.

Price Hall - Soochow Creek.

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On an application by the Light Horse, the use of the Matchless Drill Hall as a Riding school is authorized. No pecuniary aid towards preparing the place can, however, be afforded by the Council.

Ratepayer's Petition -

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Letter from Mr. W. J. Jackson is read, enclosing protest against proposed meeting signed by 66 Ratepayers and suggesting that the document may be filed with the Municipal Archives.

The Acting Secretary is directed to convey the Council's thanks for this expression of confidence

New Road, No 20.

The Works Committee having referred the naming of this Road to the Council, Mr. Sprutice moves that it be called the Burke's Road. The Chairman proposes as an amendment that it be named the Storburn Road, in recognition of the Secretary's long and valuable services to the Council. This amendment being put to the meeting is unanimously carried.

Municipal Premises -

With reference to the recent inspection of the Municipal Premises by the Finance

and Works Committee, it is decided that the Engineer be called upon to prepare plans and estimates for providing new quarters on the site of the local post office &c. &c. The members are of opinion that what is now wanted is a comprehensive scheme for utilising to the best advantage the whole of the Municipal Compound, so as to provide offices and quarters for present and future requirements, and it is thought that the immediate provision of quarters for Captain Superintendent, Health Officer &c, will not be incompatible with the gradual working out of such a general scheme.

Spinn. Hauls — The Acting Secretary states that, as directed, he called on the Commissioner of Customs with regard to the book-book of the "Wellington's", also as to the possibility of removing the hauls from the Bund waterfront. Mr. Roher has promised to look into the first question, regarding the second, he is of opinion that if any movement is to be made, it should come from the Chamber of Commerce, but he thinks the facilities which the hauls afford to trade exceed the objections that can be raised to their presence.

The Chairman undertakes to see Mr. Alford in the matter and ascertain his views.

The Meeting then adjourns,

A. R. Powell

Chairman.

J. B. Stand  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiang Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1897.  
at 4.30 p.m.

John Prentice  
 F. Alexander  
 Joseph Wick  
 Robert ~~Wick~~  
 W. Young

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kiang Road, Shanghai, on  
Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1897, at 4.30  
p.m.

Present,

Messrs A. R. Burkill, Chairman,  
 J. C. Hudson  
 E. A. Howell.  
 J. Prentice.  
 Mr. Robson.  
 J. Wick, and the  
 Acting Secretary.

Absent,

Rev<sup>d</sup>

J. D. Seaton.  
 J. R. Taylor.  
 W. P. MacKinnon.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts. — Report by the Inspector is submitted stating that the Native districts have all been visited during the past week. Rinderpest is still confined to Li Hong Keid.

Four buffaloes, one cow, and one heifer, all diseased were sold to the grass shopmen during the week. A copy of the proclamation issued by the Factor, has been hung up at the Stone Bridge, Li Hong Keid. Copsies have also been supplied to every dairyman.

Ecclesiastical Department. — Report by the Superintendent is submitted giving a detailed statement of the works completed during August, and of those now in progress.

Opium Duties. — The Chairman says that he has seen Mr. Alfred, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, with regard to the possible removal of the Opium Duties from the Water-front, and the latter has promised to make inquiries on the subject and to communicate the result within a fortnight.

As Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Alfred did not appear to look upon the proposal favourably.

Land Regulations. — Referring to the previous minute on this subject, the Chairman suggests the expediency of proceeding to appoint a Committee to revise the Land Regulations without delay. He thinks that, in view of the possibility of Settlement Extension in the near future, the provision of a new code becomes a matter of urgent necessity. He is of opinion that a Committee of 5 members would best meet the requirements of the case, of whom two should be members of the Council, one the Royal Adviser, and one a representative land owner or agent; he suggests Messrs Anderson and

and Rolde as the members of Council, and Mr S. J. Morrison as a representative of land, whose knowledge and experience would be invaluable,

Mr Anderson is of opinion that the Committee should be composed of six members, of whom three should be members of the Council, and he thinks that it would be better that Mr Dowdall should sit simply as legal adviser rather than as one of the Committee, & he proposes the names of Major N. S. Wilkinson, and J. L. Scott.

The proposed Committee, composed as follows, is eventually approved;

Major Anderson, Rolde, and Wilkinson, Councillors.  
 F. B. M. Consul, Major Scott, and Morrison,  
 and the legal adviser.

The Chairman undertakes to see the gentlemen named, and, if possible, to obtain their consent to serve. Mr Anderson and Rolde express their willingness to join the Committee.

Sanitary Board — Certain recommendations, adopted at the last meeting of the Board, are submitted. The first, suggesting the use of garbage-bins by all residents whose houses adjoin public roads, is approved, and the Acting Secretary is instructed, to issue a public notification accordingly. The second, proposing a form of application for using the Crematorium, is also approved.

Municipal Surgeon — The Finance Committee's minutes is read, recommending that the Council offer to enter into an agreement with Drs Anderson, Macleod, and Miller to act as Municipal Surgeons to the Council's employees and their families for an annual salary of Rs 1500.

This recommendation is approved, and the Acting Secretary is instructed to write to the firm accordingly.

Health Officer — Referring to a communication received during the week week from Drs Anderson, Macleod and Miller, in which it is stated that Dr J. Taylor



Grant is leaving for home on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst, the Chairman says that it will be necessary for the Council, under the arrangement made by Mr J. L. Scott, to defray the cost of his passage home. It is agreed that the question of the appointment of a new Health Officer shall be deferred until after the departure of Dr Grant.

Electrical Department - The Chairman asks whether the Works Committee can supply information regarding any extraordinary expenditure likely to be incurred on account of the Electrical Department, pointing out that the Department has already a very considerable overdraft in the Council's books. Mr Sprules says that Mr M. Wayne and Price are preparing an estimate of the cost of the necessary increase in the plant.

Native Soldiers on Yangtze-poo Road - Police Report of 10<sup>th</sup> inst, is submitted, from which it appears that the Yangtze-poo local police men have recently been patrolling the Municipal roads in that locality and interfering with the Police. The advisability of referring the matter to the Senior Consul is discussed but the opinion of the members is in favour of arresting such offenders first and reporting the matter, if necessary, later.

835 The Acting Secretary is directed to instruct the Police accordingly.

Volunteers - Letter from the Major Commanding is submitted making application for one month's leave of absence for Captain Hoyle, German Company. Recommendation approved.

Watermain Extension - The Engineer's plan of the proposed extension is submitted and approved and the Acting Secretary is instructed to prepare the accompanying despatch as soon as possible. It is agreed that a spare copy of the extension plans is to be sent to Mr C. J. Dudgeon at Chefoo, so that in case Sir Claude Macdonald should be there, Mr Dudgeon may be able to explain

explain to him the Council's aims and needs.  
 A copy of the Council's despatch, when approved,  
 is also to be forwarded.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch.

Chairman  
 -pro tem-

Ernest Bland  
 Acting Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road,  
Streatham, on Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September,  
1891, at 4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch  
 Ebenezer

M. Rowley  
 John P. ...  
 H. B. Wilkinor

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 2, Rangoon Road, Shanghai, on Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, September, 1897, at 4.30 P.M.

Present —  
 Messrs J. Welch, Chairman, pro tem.  
 E. A. Hewitt.  
 J. Spruit.  
 M. Kohler.  
 H. J. Wilkinson and the Acting Secretary.

Absent

J. Anderson  
 C. R. Burkill  
 J. S. Gason  
 J. R. Hykes Resd.

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read, Mr Welch being in the Chair, proposes that Mr Spruit act as Vice-Chairman, Mr Wilkinson seconds the motion, which is carried unanimously.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman pro tem, and passed for publication.  
Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies — Report by the Inspector is submitted, stating that the native dairies have all been visited during the past week. On the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, a diseased cow was found housed with healthy cattle in one of the dealers' hongs at Pakhe Sun Jack, this being reported to the local Magistrate, the cow was ordered to be slaughtered. On the 19<sup>th</sup> inst a native cow was reported to have been taken from a dairy on the Wooning road, to a shed adjoining a large dairy in Siza, thus risking the dairy cattle to infection. The owners of the cow were prosecuted at the  
 Mixed

Mixed Court and fine of 40c.  
Native Soldiers on Yungtze-poo Road. — With reference to what was said at the last meeting on this subject, and to the decision arrived at, the Chairman thinks it well to explain that these soldiers were present only on the road between Yungtze-poo and the District, and not within the Settlement. He does not know whether the facts of the case were thus understood by the Members, and has therefore brought the matter up again before any definite action is taken by the Municipal Police. The Members are of opinion that under no circumstances can native soldiers be permitted to exercise the functions of policemen on Roads which are the property of the Municipal Council; it is decided therefore that the police are to be instructed to arrest any of the Coolie's men found offending in this manner.

Settlement Extension. — Draft of proposed despatch to Senior Council submitted and, with some alterations, approved. A vote being taken, it is decided that it is advisable that this despatch should be forwarded so soon as possible, together with its accompanying plan; it is also resolved that a copy should be sent to the Chamber of Commerce and that that Body should be asked to cooperate in urging the necessity of Settlement Extension.

Mr. Stuart suggests that it would be well to have a plan of Road Extension prepared in readiness for the possible acquisition of an extended Settlement, so as to prevent the operations of speculators making it difficult for the Council to provide proper and adequate roads.

Marriage Dues — Summary for July is submitted showing the following amounts to be collected on:

Imports	\$ 3,763.00
Exports	1,228.34
Net Exports	<u>5,120.74</u>
	<u>\$ 5,503.83</u>

against \$5,404.78 for same month last year, an increase of \$99.11.

Municipal Surgeon - Letter from Drs Henderson, Macleod, and Miller is read, stating that the firm is unable to accept the Council's offer of £1500 a year for medical attendance on the Municipal employees and their families, and that they will make a further communication on the subject when it has been more fully considered.

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Matter postponed until receipt of this further communication. The members note that Dr Grant's passage home has been paid by the Council, and that he leaves on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.

Sanitary - Garbage Collection. The Chairman referring to what was decided on this subject at the last Meeting, says, that, upon further consideration, of the steps necessary to be taken, it has seemed advisable to him, as Chairman of the Watch Committee, not to publish a Notification making the use of dust-bins compulsory in the first instance, but to endeavour rather to obtain the spontaneous co-operation of Foreign Residents at the outset, and to enforce the Regulation, where necessary, later. The members endorse these views, as well as Mr. Welch's further recommendation that the Sanitary Department of the Council should be charged with the duty of providing a good and suitable pattern of dust-bins to all applicants, at cost price. The final arrangements required to bring about the adoption of the proposed measure in the bye-law, are left to the Watch Committee.

Market in Dried Hall. - Mural tablet.

Watch Committee's minute is submitted, recommending that a tablet of Gun-metal, inscribed with the names of the Members of Council, be affixed to the wall of the new Market, and that Mr. Boyd's tender be accepted, at a cost of £146, for making the same.

This recommendation is approved.

Tax Office - Staff - It is decided that the selection of a Collector, to fill the vacancy in the Tax

Tax office, from among the candidates whose applications have been received, shall be left to the Finance Committee to decide at their next meeting. In this connection it is the opinion of the Members that, in the event of vacancies such as this, the principle of filling them by taking suitable applicants from the Police Force is a good one. While recognising the validity of the Captain Superintendent's objection to this procedure, as depriving the Police of some of its best men, it is thought that, on the other hand, the possibility of obtaining positions in the Tax and Engineers' offices will induce good men to join the Force, while at the same time such transfers allow of promotions in the lower ranks.

The Meeting then adjourns -

J. J. Stanley  
Clerk & Secretary

J. H. A. 204  
Vice Chairman

*[Signature]*

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 28, Kings Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

F. Anderson  
 John Justice  
 Joseph Welch  
 A. D. Ross  
 W. C. ...  
 H. B. ...  
 Robert ...

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 28, Kings Road, Shanghai on Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present. Messrs J. S. ... Vice Chairman,  
 C. ...  
 E. A. ...  
 J. ...  
 W. ...  
 J. ...  
 A. ... and the  
 Acting Secretary.

At 5 o'clock.  
 A. R. ...  
 J. R. ...

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, Vice, and passed for publication.  
 Cash

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of Drains apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.  
Cattle in Native Dairies -

Report of the Inspector is submitted stating that the Native dairies have all been visited during the past week.

Agreement is also confined to Li Hong Road.  
Specimen Labels - Several labels, with reference to the resolutions passed at the last meeting, Mr. Welch says that upon further consideration, it seems to him that the names to be inscribed on the tablet should not be those of the present Council; it appears more advisable that they should be those of the Council which initiated the work or those in office when it is completed. Mr. Pratico says that it is unnecessary to decide as to the inscription on the tablet at present this can be done when the building is finished, and meanwhile a space can be left for it. The Members concur in these views.  
Dairies -

Minute by the (Military) Board, recommending measures for the better control and sanitation of Dairies, is read. The Members agree that the question is one which is of the greatest importance to the Public Health and decide that it is advisable in the first instance to request the Director General to apply to the Government for authority to license all the establishments from which Dairy produce is supplied to the Portuguese Community.

The Acting Secretary is directed to draft a despatch accordingly.

Chokhang Road - Letter from Mr. Morrison and Galtton is read, stating that they are about to rebuild certain property adjoining the Chokhang Road, and they propose, with the consent of the Council to re-adjust the at present defective boundary line of that road by a give-and-take arrangement which will involve no surrender of property on either side. The proposal is approved and it



it is decided that the matter is to be left to be arranged between Mr. H. Morrison & Gratten and the Municipal Engineer.

1 Old Rifle Range

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Letter from the Major Commanding, S.V.C., is read pointing out that if (as publicly notified) the Wosung Railway Road is to be closed to all traffic, there will be no means of access to the new Rifle range. He is of opinion that when the road in question was bought 20 years ago by the Chinese Government there was an understanding that it would always remain open for use as a thoroughfare. It is decided that in the first instance, application shall be made to the Manager, Mr. S. A. C. for a general permit to allow the Volunteers a right of way along the line, in order to enable them to use the Range; if this is not granted, the question of the public's rights to the Road can be raised later. At the same time the Acting Secretary is directed to obtain, and submit at the next meeting, estimates of the price likely to be realized by a sale of the present Range and of the cost of making a road to the new one.

1 Land Regulations Committee

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Letter from Mr. A. O. Mustard is read, regretting his inability to comply with the Council's invitation that he should join the Committee for the revision of the Land Regulations. The members are of opinion that it is highly desirable that the American part of the Community should be represented, and the Acting Secretary is directed to write to Mr. J. V. H. H. H. and request him to become a member of the Committee.

1 Local Post Office

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Letter from Mr. Rogers is read asking permission to remain in his present quarters until the first of January, as he is unable to find house accommodation elsewhere before that date.

Application granted.

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Referring to the impending transfer of the Local Post Office to the Imperial Office, the Acting Secretary states.

states that the Commissioner of Customs has expressed his willingness to sign the agreement whenever convenient to the Council - the proposed transfer to King's place on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. It is decided that the Agreement is not to be signed until all the details of the transfer have been satisfactorily arranged - such as the price to be paid for plant &c, and the Acting Secretary is further instructed that the Agreement is to be published as soon as it shall have been completed.

Settlement Extension.

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Letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce is read, expressing the Chamber's readiness to co-operate in promoting the extension now being asked for by the Council, at the same time a copy of the plan as forwarded to Parking is asked for.

Decided to have a plan prepared and sent accordingly.

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Match Committee's Minute on this subject is read and Mr Wilkinson draws attention to the great danger entailed by the storage of so large a quantity of explosives in the Settlement. The Council recognizes the advisability of sub-dividing the stock of powder, if possible, between the B & police stations; but it is decided before taking any steps in the matter to obtain an expert's opinion on the present Magazine. General Black will shortly be in Shanghai when he will be consulted on the subject.

Traffic on Broadway.

Mr Penrice calls attention to the very congested condition of the traffic on Broadway and suggests the advisability of diverting wheel-barrages and trucks, etc. to the Peward Road either at the Haanfung or at the Yaufung Road. This suggestion is discussed and it is decided to obtain reports upon it from the Captain Superintendent and from the Engineer.

The Meeting then adjourns.

C. R. Merrill  
Chairman

J. J. Landy  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangse Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1897, at  
4.30 p.m. —

Present  
R. B. Mill  
Joseph Welch  
W. Ross  
John Prentice  
John R. Sykes  
Edward Stone  
H. W. Wilson

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kiangse Road, Shanghai,  
on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1897, at 4.30  
p.m.

Present -

Mayor

A. R. Bunkell, Chairman  
E. Anderson  
J. S. Storer  
W. D. Swell  
J. R. Sykes  
J. Prentice  
H. R. Side  
J. Welch  
H. W. Wilson and the  
Acting Secretary.

Not Present

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisons apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts. Report by the Inspector is submitted, stating that all the native dairies have been regularly visited during the past month, and that no other dairy cow has shown disease symptoms.

Market Reports. — Report for September is submitted, from which it appears that during the month the supply of Beef, mutton, and vegetables has been of good quality, while that of mutton still continues poor, and the supply scanty. The market for game and wild fowl opened on the 16<sup>th</sup> since when there has been a fairly good supply of pheasant and hare, and a few teal, and wild duck. Prices however, were high.

The number of animals slaughtered at the abattoir for September, consisted of 1061 oxen, 1677 sheep, 165 calves, and 37 pigs, and the fees collected from various sources amounted to £303.71. The cattle shed fees amounted to £935.41. On the 11<sup>th</sup> inst 17 sheep and 45 lbs fish were seized at a shop in Suther Road.

Summary of License fees for September, is submitted, amounting to £22,811.50, against £20,089.53 and £17,374.96, in 1896 and 1895, respectively, and for the 7 months to £184,140.27, as against £168,211.77 for the same period last year, — an increase of £2,165.50.

Engineers Monthly Report of Works completed, and in progress, is submitted, and approved.

Opium Auctions. — The Chairman stated that he had had another conversation with Mr. DeFord on the subject of the possible removal of the Akaka from their present position.

position, and as a result thereof he is of opinion that it would be inadvisable for the Council to agitate the question at present. The value of the Opium which passed through the Kulkas last year was over 25 million taels and the large vested interests therein are of long standing; furthermore it is probable that the question of Bonded Warehouses will soon be brought up again at Peking and if these were established the removal of the Opium to them would follow as a natural result. Mr. Wilkinson thinks that the Council should address the Chamber of Commerce and place on record the opinion that it is advisable that the Kulkas be removed; he proposes a resolution to this effect, which is seconded by Mr. Fearon. Mr. Prutic, however, moves an amendment that the Council shall not proceed further in the matter at present, this is seconded by the Chairman and carried on a show of hands.

### New Rifle Range

As instructed at the last meeting, the Acting Secretary has seen Mr. Tsai Erh-yuan in the matter of obtaining a general permit for Volunteers to make use of the Railway Road, and Mr. Tsai has expressed his willingness to afford every facility for access to the new Rifle Range. A communication to this effect has been sent to the Major Commanding.

With regard, however, to the right of the Chinese Authorities to close the Wossung Road to traffic, Mr. Anderson is of opinion that a claim to right of way should be asserted both on account of long usage and in virtue of the Council's right of access to property purchased there with the consent of the Chinese Government. It is eventually decided that before any action is taken, the Municipal Engineer shall be instructed to see Mr. Heidebrand, the Railway Engineer, on the subject and to report generally on the question of access to the Range.

A Memorandum by the Engineer is submitted giving an estimate of the amount of land available for sale at the old Rifle range site, and the probable amount which such sale might produce,

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837 Tramway Scheme. <sup>Exp. To 14,000.</sup> Letter from Mr Rouffard, Engineer for a Belgian Company, is submitted, in which it is proposed to apply for a concession to build a system of Tramways along certain thoroughfares in the Settlements; Mr Rouffard suggests that he should meet the Council for the purpose of discussing the details of the proposed scheme. The Vice Chairman says that if tramways are to be built in Shanghai, the enterprise must be a joint one and that it is not likely that a concession would be given to a Belgian Company; under these circumstances he cannot see that any good purpose would be served by meeting with Mr Rouffard to consider the matter. It is decided, after discussion of the subject, that the Chairman and Mr Prentiss shall meet Mr Rouffard on behalf of the Council, hear his proposals, and report.

851/860 Traffic on Broadway. - Reports by the Municipal Engineer, and the Captain Superintendent, as called for at the last meeting, are submitted. The question is referred to the Works Committee for report.

878 Dairy Disposition. - With reference to the dispatch which, as decided at the last meeting, was forwarded to the Senior Consul asking that the Taotai should attend all dairies to be placed under municipal supervision and licenses, the Chairman states that the Senior Consul has advised that such permission be not asked for, as it is very improbable that it would be granted. He recommends that measures be taken by the Council to prevent dairies which refuse to take out licenses from bringing their produce into the Settlements. After some discussion, this suggestion is approved and it is decided to publish a notification in the foreign and native press prohibiting all dairies that will not submit to Municipal supervision from bringing their produce into the Settlements; this regulation is

to be sent to the Senior Counsel for transmission to the  
 Tribunal, in order that he may, if he thinks fit, note  
 the Native Dairy men to observe it. It is also  
 decided that the Report on Rinderpest, recently  
 submitted by the Veterinary Surgeon, shall be sent to  
 the press for publication.

Cargo Boats. — Memorandum by the Counsel of Taxes  
 is submitted, recommending certain modifications in the  
 851 system of collecting license fees on cargo-boats; the  
 question is referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Municipal Surgeons. — Letter from Dr Henderson, Maclean  
 and Maitland is read, stating their inability to accept  
 the Council's offer and quoting £5,000 per annum as  
 840 the amount which they consider adequate remuneration  
 for performing the duties of Municipal Surgeons in  
 attendance on the Council's employes and their  
 families.

Referring to the recorded resolutions  
 on this subject, the Members are generally of opinion  
 that it is not possible to pay the amount asked in  
 the firm and at the same time to adhere to the principle  
 agreed on that the total sum to be expended on account  
 of Municipal Surgeon and Health Officer should not  
 exceed £7,000 a year. After consideration of this  
 and other points connected with the subject, the  
 Chairman undertakes to see Dr Henderson in the  
 matter and to offer to make a three years agreement  
 at £2,000 per annum. By this arrangement it  
 is thought that the remaining £5,000 should be  
 sufficient to obtain a properly qualified man to  
 serve as Health Officer. With reference to the  
 latter appointment, Mr Anderson mentions that  
 he has received a communication from Dr Von  
 Sumbelmann of Chisoo, who signifies his  
 readiness to apply for the post; he appears to  
 possess all the necessary qualifications.

The Members are of opinion that if the appor-  
 tment is to be filled locally it is advisable to  
 advertise for applications; the question of the Health  
 Officer is however, reserved for further consideration.

Staff

Staff - Resignation of Asst. Surveyor - Letter from  
 Mr. A. Dallas, Assistant Surveyor, is read, in  
 852 which he resigns his appointment. He asks to  
 be allowed to retire from the service of the Council at  
 the end of the year, and at the same time he requests  
 that in consideration of the leave due to him and of  
 his long service the Council will be pleased to grant  
 852 him a gratuity. Memorandum from the Engineer is  
 submitted, recommending the issue of the gratuity  
 asked and testifying to the excellence of the  
 services which Mr. Dallas has rendered to the  
 Municipality during his long period of service.  
 Matter referred to the Works Committee for  
 report.

Game - After a discussion, introduced by Mr. Swett,  
 concerning the advisability of lengthening the close  
 season for pheasants, it is proposed, by Mr. Rolfe  
 and seconded by Mr. Deacon, that it be forbid-  
 den to sell pheasants in the Settlements after the  
 15<sup>th</sup> February. This resolution is declared carried  
 subject to similar arrangement being made  
 with the French Settlement, and the Acting Secretary  
 is directed to communicate this decision to the  
 French Council and to endeavour to arrange this  
 matter.

Pony-Breaking on Bubbling Well Road,

Mr. Anderson draws attention to a case  
 which has come under his notice of a pony  
 being broken on the Bubbling Well Road at 9.15  
 a.m.; he would also desire the notice of the  
 Watch Committee called to the necessity of having a  
 European policeman on duty at the point on that  
 road which is opposite Chang Su-ho's garden, as  
 the native constable there appears to be quite use-  
 less to prevent accidents. The Acting Secretary  
 is directed to call the Captain Superintendent's  
 attention to these matters.

The Meeting then adjourns

J. D. Standley  
 Acting Secretary.

A. R. Swell

Chairman.



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, King's Road, Shanghai  
on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

A. R. Bartlett  
 M. Pringle  
 Joseph Welch  
 John R. Hughes  
 Robert Aspin  
 J. T. Seaman  
 F. Anderson

The General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, King's Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday,  
the 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present -

Mr. Pringle

A. R. Bartlett Chairman  
 F. Anderson  
 J. T. Seaman  
 C. W. Howell  
 J. R. Hughes  
 W. Roberts  
 J. Welch  
 Acting Secretary  
 J. Pringle  
 A. P. Wilkinson

Mr. Aspin

Absent -

The Communication for the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
charges for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Quays. The Inspector reports that the  
 Native quays have all been inspected during the past  
 week; no deaths, or disease occurred within that  
 period.

Native Cows, Stables - Report for September by the  
 Sanitary Inspector is submitted, stating that the  
 567 different stables have been visited during the past month  
 and found in fair sanitary conditions, and the species  
 in good health.

532 Cows, and 710 ponies were licensed  
 for October, showing a slight decrease in the latter  
 as against September. 4555 Jewish sheeps,  
 and 3770 Whetbrows have been licensed for the  
 current month.

Mr. & Dr. Meirhead's Jubilee. - Letter from Mr. J. L. Scott  
 is read, asking whether the Council is prepared to  
 accept and to hang in the Board Room a portrait  
 of Dr. Meirhead, in commemoration of his Jubilee  
 in China. The Acting Secretary is directed to draft  
 a suitable reply, expressing the Council's pleasure in  
 acceding to his request.

Volunteers. - Letter from the Major Commanding is  
 577 submitted, requesting an extension of leave for Captain  
 Sidde. This application is approved.

Underpest - Minute by the Sanitary Board is  
 read, suggesting that measures be taken to prevent  
 the Butchers from bringing in their cattle by way of  
 Pa-vim-jai. The Members approve of these  
 recommendations, but before notifying their adop-  
 tion through the public press, it is decided to obtain  
 from the Market Inspector a Report on the subject,  
 with a view especially to ascertaining whether the  
 proposed change would entail any additional  
 expense on the Butchers, this being a matter which  
 it is considered most advisable to avoid.

The Market Inspector's Report will be sub-  
 mitted at the next meeting.

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1 Local Post. - The Finance Committee's minutes on this subject of handing over the Local Post office to the Commissioner of Customs is read, and it is agreed that if Mr Rogers is prepared to meet the Council's views in the matter, the Agreement may be signed forthwith, as a certain time will be required to wind up the current business of the Department.

1 Municipal Surgeon. - The Finance Committee's minutes on this subject is read, and the recommendation to accept Drs Anderson, Macleod, and Miller's offer to act as Municipal Surgeons for the Staff on a salary of \$1,200 per annum, is approved. As it appears likely that the question of increasing the pay of certain Departments will shortly have to be considered, it is decided to postpone, for the present, consideration of the subject of attendance on the families of employes, and to deal with the two questions simultaneously.

1 Health Office. - The Chairman reads certain Memoranda by Dr Anderson, and an extract from the British Medical Journal, in both of which great stress is laid upon the advisability of keeping the offices of Municipal Surgeon and Health Office separate and distinct. The Finance Committee's minutes on the subject is then read, recommending that Dr Woodhead be asked to advertise in London for a suitable man, &c. After some discussion, the Chairman proposes and the Rev. Dr Hyles seconds, that this minute be adopted, and the resolution is carried. The Acting Secretary is accordingly directed to request Dr Macleod to draft the required letter.

The Vice Chairman further proposes that an advertisement be inserted in the Local Press, stating the qualifications required and calling for applications, which will be received during one month. This suggestion is approved, it being decided that should a suitable candidate present himself in China, the letter to Dr Woodhead can be cancelled by telegram.

Native

Police Offices in the Settlement. Petition from a number of Rate payers is read, complaining of the existence of a certain Joss-House in which the Tartan's Society is accustomed to deposit coffins with dead bodies awaiting burial, and asking that no corpses be allowed to be thus stored within the Settlement.

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Mr. Welch says that no less than 8 native burial places exist in Hong-Kong and that the necessity for strictly enforcing Land Regulations ~~xxx~~ is now receiving the attention of the Watch Committee. It is decided to say in reply to the petition that measures will be taken to abate the nuisance complained of, inasmuch as the matter is referred to the Watch Committee.

Quarry Inspection.

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Letter from the President of the Truck Company is read expressing willingness to cooperate in any measures that may be taken to prevent the entry into the Settlements of H.K. &c. from unlicensed Quarries. Decided to forward a copy of the proposed Specifications ~~in~~, and to express the Council's satisfaction at the receipt of this intimation.

Shanghai Public School.

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Letter from the Hon Secy of the Public School is read, conveying a request from his Committee that the Council may recommend to the Rate payers the issue of a supplementary grant of £5500 to the School for the purchase of furniture, appliances, &c. Minute by the Finance Committee is also read, and the Chairman expresses the opinion of that Committee, viz, that it is inadvisable to make provision in the Budget for any thing that is not an absolute necessity, as it is already evident that a considerable burden of extra taxation will have to be borne by the Rate payers. Dr. Hynes points out that if this grant is made, the School is likely, with its increased scale of fees, to be self-supporting but that it is evidently impossible to supply out of the fees the appliances, &c., that an absolutely required to place the School on a proper footing.

The Vice Chairman supports this view and recommends that the School Committee proposal receive the support of the Council. Mr. Rylands, however, while supporting the scheme, suggests that the funds might be advanced on a loan, the interest of which would be repayable out of the fine it received. Mr. Anderson is of opinion that many of the parents of children at the Public School would gladly pay the full cost of the education there provided, instead of having a large proportion of it paid, as now, by the Rate-payers; he asks the Revd. Dr. Haykes whether the School Committee could not perhaps introduce a system by which the Scholars should be divided into two classes, considering respectively, of those willing to pay the full cost of their education, and of those who would benefit by Municipal aid. After considerable discussion, it is decided to reply that the matter will receive the consideration of the Council; and pending further action therein Dr. Haykes undertakes to ascertain the views of the School Committee with regard to the suggestions made by Mr. Rylands and Anderson.

Liquor Analysis. Mr. Welch states that 16.4 samples of Liquors from various taverns have been obtained by the Captain Superintendent of Police, but that the Sanitary Board, which has had the matter under consideration, is of opinion that the cost of having these specimens analysed is one which it is unnecessary to incur; Dr. Macleod holding that they contain little or no poisonous matter, and that the evils arising from their use are due solely to the quality of alcohol in their composition.

Mr. Anderson moves, however, that inquiry be made as to the cost of having the samples analysed by Dr. Scholwin. Mr. Hewitt second this motion, which is carried.

Mr. Haykes then adjourns.

J. J. Standley  
Acting Secretary.

A. J. Amkell  
Chairman.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kenepe Road,  
Managua, on Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1897, at  
4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch.  
 John Proctor  
 M. Proctor  
 J. P. Wilroy  
 E. R. Burkh  
 John R. Hykes  
 J. Anderson

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kenepe Road, Managua, on Tuesday,  
the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present, Messrs O. R. Burkh, Chairman,  
 J. Anderson,  
 J. S. Frason  
 W. A. Howell  
 Rep<sup>ts</sup> J. R. Hykes  
 J. Proctor  
 M. Rolin  
 J. P. Wilkinson  
 J. Welch and the  
 Acting Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman, and passed for publication,  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and  
cheques for sundry accounts are signed,  
Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted. Cattle.

Cattle in Native Dairies - The Inspector reports that the native dairies, containing 511 head of cattle have all been visited during the past week.

No case of Rinderpest has occurred lately, and the animals in all the dairies appeared in good health when inspected.

Charterge dues - Summary is submitted, showing the amount to be collected for August is \$649.77 against \$4330.00 for the same month last year, an increase of \$1889.17.

Shanghai Public School. With reference to the special grant asked for by the School Committee (vide last minutes), the Chairman states that he has had a conversation on the subject with the Hon Secy of that Committee, and the latter has promised to prepare a statement of the School's estimated income and expenditure for next year, based upon the increased scale of fees. The Chairman does not consider that the items of expenditure for which the present grant is asked, can be considered as special, since they are likely to re-occur in the future. The Rev. Dr. Sykes differs from this view, and is of opinion that the figures as about to be submitted by the Hon Secy of the School Committee will show that the School's income will be sufficient in the future to provide for such contingencies. It is eventually decided to defer further discussion of the subject until the Hon Secy's statement has been received and considered.

Settlement Extension. Letter from the Chamber of Commerce is submitted forwarding a copy of the communication addressed by the Chamber to the Secy of the Diplomatic Body, on the subject of Settlement Extension. It is decided to publish this correspondence, provided that the consent of the Chamber shall first be obtained.

Secretariat - The Vice-Chairman draws attention to the manner in which the various documents regarding

requiring the attention of the Council are at present circulated to the Members, and suggests that it is advisable that a typewriting Assistant be engaged without delay, and that separate copies of all important documents be hereafter made and circulated to each Member. In this manner it will be possible, he thinks, for the business of the Council to receive a greater amount of individual attention than can be given to it under the present system. The Members approve of this suggestion, and the Acting Secretary is instructed to take steps accordingly.

Liquor Abolition. — Letter from Dr. Scholten is read offering to make analysis of the 16 samples of Liquors obtained from local Taverns at a charge of \$3 each. Decided to have the work done on these terms.

Dairy Inspection. — Memorandum by the Veterinary Surgeon is submitted, embodying certain suggestions as to the conditions under which Dairy proprietors shall be allowed to hold Licenses to sell Milk in the Settlements. The Chairman says that these Regulations as drafted will require revision in certain particulars. At the suggestion of Mr. Farnen it is decided to request the Chairman of the Sanitary Board to make such alterations, therein as he may consider necessary, after which the Memorandum will again be submitted to the Council.

Municipal Surgeons. — Letter from Mrs. Anderson, Macleod, & Mills is read, stating that the offer, submitted in their previous letter, to attend the Municipal Staff for a fee of \$1200 a year, was only made conditionally on their being engaged to attend the families of employes at \$50 each per annum. Should the Council wish them to tender for attendance on the Staff alone - without families - their fee would be \$1500 a year. Decided to accept this offer.

Health Officer. — Draft letter is submitted in which Dr. Macleod applies, to Dr. Woodhead, on behalf of the Council, to advertise in the Home papers for a  
 property.



for a properly qualified man to fill the post of Health Officer. With one emendation, regarding the nature of the quarters to be provided, this draft is approved and authorized to be forwarded.

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 903. Local Extension - (M<sup>r</sup> S. Hong Koo), Correspondence with M<sup>r</sup> M. Bischoff Co, is submitted, regarding the proposed surrender of a portion of Lot 72 for the purpose of making a 30-ft road, and it is the general opinion of the Members that, in view of the tone adopted by that firm, it is advisable to publish the correspondence in question. It is decided, however, that this course shall not be taken until further efforts shall be made to induce M<sup>r</sup> M. Bischoff Co, to come to an arrangement in the matter.

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 909 Post Office - Staff. - Petition from the Staff of the Post Department is submitted, asking for an increase in their salaries as compensation for the increased cost of living and for the fall in exchange.

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 912 Vaccine Station. - Letter from the Health Officer, Dr Anderson, is submitted, stating that the Slaughter House is not a fit and proper place for the vaccinating of the calves from which the Lymph supply is obtained. He points out the dangers attaching to the use for this purpose, <sup>as a source</sup> where Rinderpest and Anthrax are always liable to be met with, and suggests that a suitable shed be provided at a spot to be chosen at the Cholera Isolation Station. He refuses to accept the responsibility of supplying Lymph infection from calves kept at the Slaughter House.

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 917 Native House Tax. - Letter from Mr Beard, Chairman of the French Council, already circulated, is submitted. The writer is of opinion that the Native House Tax, as at present collected, does not represent a proper and adequate return upon the actual rentals, and he suggests the introduction of the system of collection which is adopted in the French Colonies. Mr Anderson believes that the

the conclusions arrived at by Mr Board will be found to be founded upon facts, and that the adoption of the measures suggested would result in a considerable increase in the amount of the Tax on native houses.

A Memorandum by the Curator of Taxes is also submitted; after some discussion of the subject, it is referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Mr Board's letter will be published, as he requests, with the Council's next Minutes.

Electrical Department, - Letter from Mr Price is read, forwarding his resignation, to take effect in six months.

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Minute by the Works Committee is also read recommending that his resignation be accepted. Mr Storey expresses the opinion that it is highly advisable that the Electrical Department should in future be considered as separate from the Surveyors Office, and that the new Superintendent should be appointed the Head of that Department responsible to the Council directly. He further says that in addition to the Electric Superintendent, it is necessary that a competent business man should be appointed to the Department in order that its affairs should be conducted in a proper and business-like manner. Some discussion takes place with regard to this point, and the Chairman suggests that it might be left to the new Superintendent when he takes charge to say what assistance he considers necessary. Upon a motion proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Welch, the Works Committee's minute is adopted and it is agreed to apply to the President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for his assistance in procuring a suitable man to replace Mr Price. It is also decided that until the departure of Mr Price, the business of the Department, as regards contracts, estimates &c, shall be conducted through the Secretariat.

Assistant Surveyor. - The Works Committee's minute with regard to the resignation of Mr Dallas, the Assistant Surveyor, is read in which it is recommended that his resignation be accepted, to date from the 1<sup>st</sup>.

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April, and that a gratuity of 15 months pay be issued to Mr Dallas in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Municipality. The Vice-Chairman, in reference thereto, says that the Works Committee consider it most advisable that the Council should deal liberally with Mr Dallas, both on account of the value of the work which he has performed for so many years upon a small salary, and because he is capable of affording assistance to the Council in the future. Mr Anderson does not approve of the precedent which will be involved by authorising the issue of a gratuity of 15 months salary, and moves as an amendment that it be reduced to one year. This amendment, on being seconded by Mr Welch, is put to the Meeting, but it is lost. Mr Pratice then suggests that, while giving the sum recommended by the Committee, it be considered as consisting of one year's salary as a gratuity and three months pay, in lieu of the leave to which Mr Dallas would have been entitled had he remained in the Council's service. This suggestion is approved and upon a motion by the Chairman the Works Committee's minute is adopted.

1 Stinghiao Quarry — The Works Committee's minute on this subject is read and the Members concur in the views therein expressed, as to the advisability of working the Quarry upon a larger scale if it is to produce satisfactory results within the period of the three years lease. In this connection, the Vice-Chairman refers to the fact that a telegram has just been received giving quotations for a "Gates Iron works" Stone crusher, and the Works Committee recommends that the machine be ordered upon the terms quoted without delay, the first cost in New York is £470.

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This recommendation is approved.  
1 Traffic Regulation. — The Chairman wishes to draw the attention of the Works Committee to the very inefficient

insufficient manner in which the regulation of Street traffic is conducted at present, expressing the opinion that practically speaking, there exists little or no control. It would suggest that when drawing up the proposed scheme of regulations &c. to the Police Force, the Watch Committee should take into consideration the advisability of getting out from home a certain number of constables specially trained in street traffic duties, by whose assistance a more efficient system might be introduced.

Foreigners at Fires. Letter from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, read from the Captain Superintendent of Police command, complaining of the manner in which foreigners obstruct both forces in the execution of their duties at fires. It is decided to instruct the Captain Superintendent to issue orders that the names of such obstructors shall be noted on future occasions with a view to applying for summonses against them. ~~It is also decided to publish the Captain Superintendent's letter with the next week's minutes, as a warning to the public.~~

Coffins in the Settlements. The Watch Committee's minutes on this subject is read, recommending that the District be requested to issue a Proclamation, forbidding natives to deposit coffins above ground, or to bury them within Settlement limits. The Chairman says that, in his opinion, it is advisable to refer a few questions to the District as possible, and he suggests that in this case a Proclamation by the District Court Magistrate would probably meet all requirements. This view is supported by the Council and it is decided to instruct the Captain Superintendent to apply for such a Proclamation, and after its issue to give orders, to the Police to have all coffins removed from the Settlement limits, and not to allow any more to be deposited there in future.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. Bland  
Acting Secretary.

A. P. Smith  
Chairman.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Raupke Road,  
Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1897, at  
4.30 p.m.

*C. A. McKim*

Joseph Welch.  
Anderson.

*M. D. ...*  
*S. ...*

*J. Fearon*  
*John R. Hykes*

At the General Session of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 23, Raupke Road, Shanghai on Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup>  
October, 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

*Members*

*C. A. McKim, Chairman,*

*J. Anderson*

*J. Fearon*

*C. W. Scott*

*Guest*

*J. R. Hykes*

*J. ...*

*M. ...*

*J. ...*

*and the*

*Acting Secretary*

Present

*H. P. Wilkinson*

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheque for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle & Police Division. The Inspector reports that the native dairies, containing 57 head of cattle, have all been visited during the last week, and all the animals were found to be in good condition and free from disease.

Police Re-Organisation. In view of the necessity for considering the Budget estimates &c, at an early date, the Chairman requests that the Watch Committee should draw up and lay before the Council, its scheme for the re-organisation of the Police Force, with the least possible delay, and he expresses the hope that it may be prepared before the next meeting, i.e. in a fortnight's time.

Budget. — With reference to the Budget, which it will be the duty of the Finance Committee to draw up, the Chairman lays stress upon the desirability of not allowing any of its details to be discussed by the public before it is laid before the ratepayers in its entirety; he would accordingly propose the following Resolution:

That the honorable understanding which has always obtained at this Board, that matters under discussion be treated as strictly confidential, be adopted by the Council.

This Resolution, being seconded by Mr. Prater, is put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

Regulations. — The Veterinary Surgeon's proposed Regulations, now revised by the Chairman of the Sanitary Board, are submitted, as having been approved by the Watch Committee. They will accordingly be translated and distributed to all the Dairy proprietors.

Local Extension of S. S. Hong Kew. — A further letter on the subject of the proposed extension of the railway for this extension from Mr. M. B. Smith, Esq. is read. While referring the matter to the Works Committee for further consideration, the Council is

of opinion that Mr. M. Dick No. 6 proposals cannot be entertained.

Assistant Surveyor — Draft letter is submitted in which the City Engineer of Manchester is requested to afford the Council his assistance in selecting a suitable man to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Dallas' resignation. This letter is referred to the Works Committee for approval.

162/ Letter from Mr Dallas is also read in which he asks the Council to relieve him from duty at the end of the year. The Members are of opinion that this request cannot be granted as, in case of the Engineer's illness and for other reasons it would be extremely inconvenient to dispense with the Assistant Engineer's services before his successor arrives.

The Acting Secretary is accordingly directed to send in reply that the Council is unable to allow Mr Dallas's resignation to take effect before 1<sup>st</sup> April or until he shall have been replaced.

61/ Retire House Tax — Letter from Mr Bane is read, stating that he has no objection to the publication of his letter on this subject being postponed until the Council shall have obtained the returns which the Assessors of Taxes is now engaged in preparing.

Police - Insubordination — Upon the recommendation of the Works Committee it is decided that Sergeant Frost, reported by the Captain Superintendent as having been guilty of insubordination, shall be dismissed.

19/ Trotter's Commutation — Referring to the question of Wharfedale Dues, and to the obvious necessity of obtaining an increase in the present amount of the Trotter's commutation, the Chairman suggests that it might be advisable if an attempt were made to approach the Trotter unofficially and to induce him to mark the Council's views in the matter, before raising the question through official channels.

This suggestion is approved.

52/ Electric Superintendent — Draft letter is submitted in which the President of the Institute of

of Electrical Engineers is requested to read his services in procuring a new Superintendent for the Electrical Department in the place of Mr Price. The Works Committee points out that, upon reconsideration, it has been found advisable to offer a salary of £600, instead of £250, per annum as originally proposed, the Committee's object being to ensure getting a first rate man. This alteration is authorized, and the draft letter is approved.

Meeting — It having been resolved that, on account of the Ages, there will be no meeting of the Council next week, the Meeting then adjourns.

A. J. Parkell  
Chairman

E. S. D. Clarendon  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road,  
Shaugh Road, on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1897, at  
11.30 p.m. —

A. J. Parkell  
J. J. Farson  
E. S. D. Clarendon  
John Prentice  
Joseph Welch  
W. P. B. Jones  
H. S. Williams



At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
51 & 53 Strand Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup>  
November 1897 at 4.30 P.M.

Present

Major

- Mr R. Bankill, (Chairman)
- Mr Anderson
- Mr J. J. Brown
- Mr W. A. Hart
- Mr J. G. ...
- Mr ...
- Mr ...
- Mr ...
- Mr ...

Absent

Mr J. R. ...

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Cattle and Horse Diseases Report by the Inspector is  
 submitted, stating that the native owners continuing 522  
 head of cattle have all been inspected since last report.

There is no sickness among the dairy cows, but on  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> inst, on visiting Pak Sim Jih, a cow  
 infected with Rinderpest was found, which is said  
 to have come from Portung, and has since died.

The native owners are being cautioned against receiving  
 animals from Portung at present.

Summary of licence fees for October is submitted amounting  
to \$23,440.75, against \$20,386.43, and \$17,740.02, in  
1896 and 1895 respectively, and for the 10 months to  
\$208,047.99, as against \$183,629.20 for the same  
period last year, an increase of \$24,418.79.

Hart

Health Officers Report & Sanitary Department

767 Report by the Health Officer, and Municipal Surgeon, for October is submitted.

Journal Municipal Code - Notices. Summary for

768 M. Municipal September quarter is submitted.

Report for October is submitted, from which it appears that during the month Beef has been of good quality, and the supply ample. Mutton has also improved in quality, but the supply <sup>was</sup> scant.

Fish, Fruit, and Vegetables were in fair supply, and of good quality. Game, and wild fowl were scarce, and high prices prevailed.

The number of animals slaughtered at the abattoir consisted of 1264 Oxen, 1952 Sheep, 174 Calves and 68 pigs, and the fine collected from various sources amounted to £ 350.22.

The Cattle had fine amounted to £ 1082.25. Ah Shing, a stall man butcher, was prosecuted at the City Court for taking beef, veal, and ox tongue which have been slaughtered at Pak Sim Jack, through the Settlement, and which were intended for Steamers at Wharfedale. He was fined £5.

769 Sanitary Inspector - Report for October by the Sanitary Inspector is submitted, stating that the

different Stables have been visited during the month and found in a good sanitary condition, and the ponies in good health.

568 Carriages, and 725 ponies were licensed for November, against 550 of the former, and 710 of the latter, last month.

4520 Jennie Koban, and 4637 Wheelbarrows have been licensed for the current month.

Settlement Extension - The Chairman says that although

no official reply has yet been received from the Mayor of the Diplomatic Body, with regard to this matter, private intimations of Sir Claude MacDonald's opinion on the subject has been received by the Chairman of the China Association, and of the Chamber of Commerce. His opinion is to the effect that the  
British

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British Minister does not think that the Diplomatic Body would be justified in taking up the question until every effort has been made by the Consuls at Shanghai to settle it locally with the Chinese Authorities. He alludes to the case of Tientsin, when the question of Extension was practically settled by the Local Authorities and Consuls before it went for approval to Peking, and he thinks that it is wise to the Consuls at Shanghai to let them take the matter in hand in the first instance; if their efforts fail, the Members will then urge the matter at the General. With regard to these points the Chairman reads a despatch from the Senior Consul, dated 8th November 1898, in which it is stated that as the Tschai had admitted himself to be without authority to negotiate in the question of Settlement Extension, the Consuls had been led to refer it to Peking.

After some discussion, it is decided that as no official reply has yet been received from the Minister it will be best to have a copy of the above Senior Consul's despatch to the Chairman of the China Association with the request that he will forward it privately to Sir Claude MacDonald. At the same time, the Chairman undertakes to call on the Senior Consul with reference to the Deputy's suggested local action in the matter, and to obtain his opinion as to whether such action would be likely to lead to any good results, and, in the event of a favourable opinion being expressed, to endeavour to have the matter taken in hand at once.

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 Police - Sergeants' Protest. - A petition from Sergeant Smith is submitted, in which, while admitting the gravity of his offence, he begs to be reinstated in the Force. Upon the recommendation of the Captain Superintendent, approved by the Watch Committee, it is decided to grant this petition, allowing him to be reinstated with the loss of one step in rank and forfeiture of such portion of his deferred pay as shall be agreed upon by the Watch Committee.

Cattle at Sa-Asien-Jao. - It is resolved, upon the recommendation of the Watch Committee, that after the 1<sup>st</sup> January next, no cattle intended for foreign consumption shall be allowed to be stoned at Sa-Asien-Jao, and that all such cattle must be brought to the Municipal Slaughterhouse. A notification to this effect will be published in the Native papers. The Market Inspectors find no trouble in the matter on the part of the Dutchmen, and he is of opinion that any opposition offered by the Dealers can be overcome.

Proposed Railway. - The Chairman states that Mr. Alderbrand, the Engineer to the Chinese Railway Administration has called upon him and has laid before him the details of a proposal to run a Branch line of the Shanghai-Soochow Railway through Hongkew to the Gas Works, and thence along the line of the Defence Creek, to the Native City.

This scheme would involve the erection of a Station near the Banking Road Bridge and the filling up of the Creek with an embankment. Mr. Alderbrand's object in bringing the matter to the notice of the Council is to open the way for a discussion of the proposal, and to ascertain the feeling of the Foreign Community with regard to it.

The Chairman says that, in reply to Mr. Alderbrand he pointed out that, from the Council's point of view, it would be essentially necessary to make provision, first for a clear understanding as to the liability of the Administration's property within the Territory to taxation, and second, for a proper Court to which recourse might be had in the event of dispute; he had also expressed the opinion that the question of Settlement Extension is one which might reasonably be dealt with simultaneously with that of the Railway Administration's scheme. After considerable discussion, in which the Vice Chairman says that the matter of Taxation is one which, in his opinion, should not be insisted upon, it is decided that as the question will eventually have to be referred to the Legislature for their

This sanction, it is not necessary to discuss it in detail at present. The Chamber of Commerce has not been approached in the matter and it is likely to be fully ventilated in the press.

1 / Gamblers - 167  
 Despatch of 26 July is read, it contains a communication from the Pobrai, in which the latter expresses his inability to comply with the request that a General Warrant should be given to the Municipal Police for the arrest of gamblers wherever found. At the same time, the Pobrai states that in order to suppress this nuisance, he is establishing a Force of Police whose special duty it will be to arrest gamblers and to prevent them from pursuing their business in Sica and the district comprising Houghud. It is decided to publish this correspondence.

Mr Anderson calls attention to the necessity of preventing the Pobrai's police from exercising any functions upon the property or within the limits regulated by the Council.

1 / Land Regulations - 168  
 A communication from the Junior Council is read, enclosing copy of a despatch from the Board of the Diplomatic Body, in reply to the Council's despatch of the 7<sup>th</sup> July. While expressing the readiness of himself and his colleagues to give their attention to any revised Code of Land Regulations which may in due course be forwarded for their approval, Sir Claude MacDonald states that the validity of the existing Code (1867) is, in the opinion of the Diplomatic Body, unquestioned.

The Members consider that this admission is of the greatest value and importance, and the publication of the correspondence is ordered.

1 / Native House Tax - 169  
 Memorandum by the Director of Taxes is submitted, showing the results of a house-to-house revision of the Native House Tax, based upon the Rent receipts, as duly produced. This return practically disposes of the views here by Mr Ward upon the subject, and proves the amount  
 Hitherto

Articles collected under this Act to have been satisfactorily representative of the actual Results.

Magazines — The matter is referred to the Finance Committee. The Chairman says that during the recent visit of General Beak to the Settlement, that officer was good enough to inspect the Magazine at his request. As a result of this inspection General Beak declared that, for purposes of storing small arms ammunition the building is perfectly satisfactory, but that it is unsafe to use it for keeping loose powder; he suggests that the loose powder now in stock be removed to some place of storage outside the Settlement.

Mr. Utch says that he does not consider it advisable to keep ammunition at any distance from the Settlement, and thinks it will be better to distribute the stock of loose powder between the different Police Stations.

Electrical Installations. — The matter is referred to the Utch Committee. A letter from the Oriental Electrical & General Import Co. is read, stating that they have been asked to fit up a number of residences with Electric Installations, but asking whether the Council has any rules to which they must conform in doing this work. It is decided, in reply, to refer them to the Municipal Notification of October last, which states that power will only be supplied by the Council where the Installations have been made by the Electrical Department. It is pointed out that Mr. Price is connected with this Company, also that it was under his advice that the above Notification was published.

Referring to Mr. Price's resignation, Mr. Anderson says that he is of opinion that in him the Council is losing an employee who will be extremely difficult to replace. He thinks that it will be found upon investigation that the greater part of the profits made by the Department during the last few years have been derived from installation work, or in other words, that it is directly

due to Mr Price's services. Mr Anderson gives his views as to the reasons which have led to the Superintendent's resignation, and he expresses the opinion that his services should be retained if possible.

Mr Swan says that if Mr Price had not resigned he would eventually have had to be dismissed, for he has shown himself to be thoroughly incompetent. If profits have been made under Mr Price's management better results would probably have been shown under another man, and, as has been found, the profits made upon recent installations are in every large measure due to gain by exchange. Mr Swaine says that the Works Committee did not accept Mr Price's resignation without full consideration, with regard, however, to the profits made by the Department he is averse to the principle of making money out of installations, in order to supply the public with cheap light.

After some further discussion, it is decided that a Report shall be provided, as called for by Mr Anderson showing the proportion of profit made during the last four years out of lighting and installations respectively.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. H. Swan

Vice-Chairman

W. R. Swan  
Acting Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in  
the Board Room No. 23, Kings Road, Southampton,  
on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1897, at 11.30. p.m.

John Francis  
J. Deacon  
Ebers  
Joseph Welch  
W. Proctor  
J. Anderson  
H. W.kinson

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Southampton, on  
Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1897, at 11.30. p.m.

Present  
Messrs  
J. J. Farrow, Chairman  
J. Anderson  
W. St. Hewitt  
J. Francis  
H. A. Fisher  
J. Welch  
H. W.kinson, and the  
Officiating Secretary

Absent  
Messrs  
W. R. Burdett  
Rev. J. R. Appleton

The summoning of the Council is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.



Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
Receipts for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of Prisoners by the Sheriff and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted,  
Letter in Feltre Prison - The Inspector reports that  
 the Native dairies, containing 500 head of cattle,  
 were all inspected during the past week, and the  
 animals appeared in good health and condition;  
 there was no appearance of any contagious disease.  
General Municipal Rate - Toronto - Summary for  
 1815 September quarter is submitted.

University Board Report of works completed, and in  
progress is submitted, and approved, and is  
 1814 ordered to be published.

Recurrence - An official letter from Major Clarke  
 1814 states that as he is shortly going home and  
 must therefore resign the command, it has become  
 necessary to proceed with the election of a new  
 commanding officer. He expresses the general desire of  
 the Corps of view that Captain Mackenzie should be  
 permitted by the Council to become Commandant.

Major Clarke's letter is discussed at considerable  
 length, the Members, with the exception of Mr Wilkin-  
 son & Mr Hiram that this is inadvisable to sanction  
 Captain Mackenzie resuming the Command of the  
 B. V. Co. Mr Welch, as Chairman of the Select  
 Committee, is distinctly opposed to such a course,  
 holding that Captain Mackenzie is unsuited to the position  
 and that as Commandant of the B. V. Co. he would  
 in the event of a riot, be in a position superior to  
 that of the Captain Superintendent - a state of affairs  
 which the latter could not be expected to accept.

Mr White points out that if, as has been  
 suggested, Captain Mackenzie's special duties in the  
 future will be with the Birk's Police, he would  
 be required to be present with that Force in the  
 case of a disturbance. Mr Wilkenson sees no  
 objection to Captain Mackenzie holding the dual  
 posts of Deputy Superintendent of Police and  
 Major

Major Commanding the I.P.C., provided it be clearly understood that, should a sick occur, his duties will be those of the latter post only, i.e., that he would be temporarily detached from the Police.

Mr. Mackie says that the Council has of recently instructed Captain MacKenzie to revert to the post of Fitzherbert, and that these instructions still stand. - It is, however, pointed out that the Corps is unwilling that he should serve in that position after having held the Command. The Chairman thinks that the Council must face the necessity of providing the Corps with the services of a paid military Adjutant having definitely promised that such an officer should be forthcoming before the next training season, and he suggests that if Captain MacKenzie shall express his inability to take up that position, the post be offered to Captain Cox who has already expressed his objection. This suggestion is approved and the Acting Secretary is instructed to see Captain MacKenzie first, and then, if necessary, Captain Cox, reporting the results of both interviews to the Chairman so soon as possible, in order that an answer may be sent to Major Clarke before the meeting of Officers to be held on Wednesday afternoon.

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Memorial Public School - Letter from the Army Secy of the Public School Committee is read, enclosing the Headmaster's estimate of the receipts and expenditure for next year, and stating, that, in the opinion of the Committee, if the grant now asked for be included in the Budget, the School will require no extraordinary assistance for some years to come. The Headmaster's estimate shows a debit balance for the year of £500.

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 Minute by the Finance Committee on this subject is read, embodying certain recommendations which, if approved by the Council, it is proposed to forward to the consideration of the School Committee. These comprise the adoption of the principle that a certain number of pupils, whose parents can afford the expense, should

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See the full cost of their education, while the remainder is to be met by the Municipal grant, as under an endorsement. After some discussion, the Finance Committee's recommendations are approved, and it is decided to forward them for the School Committee's consideration. It is thought that the publication of the correspondence in the Press should lead to a more extensive discussion of the subject, whereupon the Acting Secretary is directed to point out that the extra grant applied for would, with the interest on capital and the ordinary grant, raise the amount of support accorded to the School to over £10,000 for the year.

Area and Ditch. — Minute by the Sanitary Board is read, recommending that the Council take measures to have this Ditch filled in and drained. The Chairman lays stress on the necessity for this measure, and the Members endorse the Sanitary Board's views.

The matter is referred to the Works Committee, to decide on the best means of approaching the River and of having the work done.

Gas Contract. — Letter from the Secretary of the Gas Board, enclosing draft of new agreement proposed to 1898 date from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1898. Referred to Works Committee.

North Fochow Road Extension. — Letter from Messrs Morrison & Garton is submitted, showing details in plan of a proposed extension of the North Fochow Road and of a bridge to be built across the Creek in the neighbourhood of the Gas works. The land for the road is to be surrendered free and a part of the cost of the bridge defrayed, if the Council will make up and bound the road.

Matter referred to the Works Committee.

Byelaw XXXIV, proposed amendment. — Minute by the Finance Committee is read, recommending that Byelaw XXXIV be amended to include the license of private Vehicles, Markets, and Drug Shops such amended Byelaw to go to Public for approval if sanctioned by the Rate payers.

The recommendation is accepted.

Hired Carriages. - It is also decided, upon a minute by the Finance Committee, that on or before 1<sup>st</sup> January next, all hired carriages coming within the Settlement shall be compelled to take out license.

News Papers - Youngs paper Record. This question already dealt with at the last meeting of the Works & Committee, is discussed. It is decided that the Acting Secretary, shall reply in sufficient to Dr Schramm and say that, while the District's assertions are not borne out by the facts, the Council is unable to send an official statement to the Quarterly until the matter shall have been brought to its notice in the usual way.

The Meeting then adjourns.

A. J. Parkin  
Chairman.

H. J. Elmer  
Acting Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Prince Road, Kingston on Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1897, at 4.30 p.m.

A. J. Parkin  
John P. ...  
H. ...  
Joseph Welch.  
W. ...  
J. ...

Of the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 213, George Road, Singapore, on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1891, at 4.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs A. R. Burkill, Chairman,  
S. Anderson,  
J. S. Travers,  
C. W. Hartt,  
J. Spence,  
W. Kehde,  
H. Welch,  
W. M. Wilkinson, and the  
Writing Secretary.

Absent: Mr. J. R. Hythe.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken in read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
for January accounts are signed.  
Report of Diseases apprehended and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.  
Letter in Hakea Dairies. The Inspector reports that the  
Hakea Dairies, containing 501 head of Cattle, have  
all been visited during the past week. The animals  
all appeared in perfect health, there being no signs of  
disease.

Dairy Regulations are being issued to all dairy  
owners.

Volunteers - Captain. - The appointment of an  
Captain is considered and fully discussed, the Members  
being decidedly opposed to Captain MacKinnon combining  
the posts of Deputy Superintendent and Major  
Commanding. Mr. Welch suggests that the appointment  
of Captain be postponed until after the arrival of  
the new Captain Superintendent, but it is pointed out  
that such a course would probably leave the Corps  
without the assistance of a military man at the  
opening

expiring in the training season.

The Chairman recommends that, Captain Close having expressed his readiness to take up the paid Captainship if a letter be written to the Commanding Officer informing him that unless the Corps shall express valid objections thereto, the Council proposes to appoint Captain Close in fulfilment of the promise made to furnish the Corps with the services of a military officer. Further, that upon this appointment having been made, the Corps be requested to proceed at the earliest possible date with the election of a new Commanding Officer.

The Council is approved and it is decided to enclose Captain Close's papers for Major Clarke's information; also to state definitely that the Council has insuperable objections to allowing Major MacKuzie to become Commandant of the Corps, in his ~~services~~ <sup>services</sup>, in case of disturbance, would be required with the Police.

Electric Lightings. — Memorandum by the Engineer is submitted giving views to obtain estimate by the Electrical Department Superintendent for the proposed extension of the Incandescence light plant, together with the cost of putting a certain portion of the wires underground. The matter is referred to the Works Committee for report, the Members meanwhile noting their opinion that, while an increase in the plant is necessary, the question of putting the wires underground should be held over for the consideration of the new Superintendent.

Shaughat Public School. — Letter from the Hon. Secy of the Public School Committee is read, expressing that Committee's inability to entertain the Council's suggestions with regard to the introduction of a differential scale of fees, and asking definitely whether the Council will support the Committee's application for an additional grant.

Decided to reply that the Council will support the application, provided the Committee will submit such a detailed estimate of Income and Expenditure as shall convince the Council that in future such additional grants will not be a recurring feature

or in other words, that the receipts will be sufficient to meet all expenses and to allow a margin for contingencies. The Acting Secretary is directed to point out that the estimate submitted in the Finance Committee's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> November, is unrealistic, in that, while allowing no margin, it shows a considerable deficit on the year's working.

Secretariat — The Chairman says that it is also necessary to make provision in the forthcoming Budget for a provision to be paid to the Secretary, Mr Thorburn, in the event of his resignation.

A letter from the Chairman of the late Council is read, stating that it is unlikely that Mr Thorburn will return to China after the expiry of his leave; in the absence, however, of any definite information on the subject, it is decided to write to Mr Thorburn and say that, should he elect to resign, the Council will recommend to the Ratepayers that a provision of £500 a year should be granted to him in recognition of his long and valuable services.

Police — Mr Wilkinson, at the request of the Chairman of the Watch Committee lays before the Council the recommendations of that Committee with regard to the re-organisation and strengthening of the Police Force. Mr Wilkinson goes into the details of the scheme at considerable length; briefly, its provisions allow for an increase of 28 Sergeants and 34 Sikhs, and at the same time for an all-round addition of 15% to the salaries of the <sup>rank</sup> Force, which salaries should in future be paid in taels instead of dollars.

With regard to the Station Constables, the Committee recommends no alteration in their numbers, but would suggest that a higher rate of pay be given in the case of old and trustworthy servants, there being at present a want of appreciation of good service in the case of Chinese. Further, the Committee suggests that the hours of work for the Foreign Police be changed from the present 6 hours system to one of 8 hours, in double shifts. Mr Wilkinson estimates that

that the increase of expenditure on the pay sheets, without merit or deferred pay, would amount roughly to about £50,000 a year, the total additional appropriation required being probably about £60,000.

The conclusion Mr Wilkenson attaches to certain proposals made by the Captain Superintendent for the erection of a new Municipal Jail, to be built with convict labour, on a site which is available on the Isolation Hospital land. Without going into the details of this scheme, the Works Committee is of opinion that steps must be taken without delay to provide proper accommodation for prisoners.

The Hon Chairman suggests that as these proposals require the careful attention of the Council, it will be well for them to be embodied in a Memorandum, of which typewritten copies should be sent to all the Members. This suggestion is approved, and the Acting Secretary is directed to have it carried out.

Quarters - Police - The Chairman draws attention to the necessity for providing quarters for the new Captain Superintendent before his arrival.

Matter referred to Finance Committee.  
Settlement of Pension - The Chairman offers certain information concerning the present position of this question pointing out that nothing can be done towards action by the local Consular Body in the matter until a reply has been received from Berlin. The Hon Chairman suggests the advisability of co-operation with the French authorities as a likely means of attaining the desired extension and the Chairman undertakes to see Mr Bard, and, if necessary, Mr de Buzare on the subject.

Meetings - Upon the suggestion of the Hon Chairman it is agreed that, until further notice, the weekly meetings of the Council shall be held on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. The Meeting then adjourns.

John Stansfeld  
Acting Secretary

A. R. Parkell

Chairman



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, George Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1897  
at 4 o'clock P.M.

John Proctor  
R. Sm R. W. L.  
Joseph White  
John R. Hykes

The Minutes Meeting of the Council, held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, George Road, Shanghai on  
Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1897, at 4 o'clock  
P.M.

Present  
Messrs A. R. Durkell, Chairman  
F. Anderson  
J. S. Scarsen  
H. W. Hewitt  
J. R. Hykes  
J. Proctor  
M. K. K. K.  
J. White  
H. P. Wilkinson and Co  
Acting Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and

Chambers for Sunday accounts are signed. Returns of Witnesses apprehended and Police during

Settlement Extension. - The Chairman states that the matter remains in stata quo, and that no further steps can be taken towards local regulations until the official reply shall have been received from a Barony. In the meanwhile, he has, as requested, seen the Chairman of the Truck Council, who has expressed the readiness of that body to co-operate in the general scheme of Extension.

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Mr. Kahan says that the difficulties, which appear to have arisen from the Truck proposals are due to the fact that they have asked for an extension of Territory and privileges similar to those which are claimed in the existing Extension.

Do. Vic. - Herd Captain Superintendent. Letter from

10143 Mr. C. G. Wood, already circulated, is submitted, in which he informs the Council that Sir Andrew Reed has selected one of his own, Mr. J. B. Scott's son, to fill the post of Captain Superintendent with Manx and Sir Andrew proposes that this gentleman, if approved by the Council, shall be seconded from the Royal Irish Constabulary for three years. Mr. Pollard's testimonials are enclosed. The Watch Committee having recommended the proposed appointment, it has been approved by the Council, and a telegram to this effect has been forwarded to London.

Secretariat - Letter from the Secretary, Mr. Thorburn, is read, tendering his resignation. With reference to the same, the following resolution is proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman, and unanimously adopted:

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Resolution - "In accepting the resignation of the Secretary, Mr. Thorburn, the members of this Council desire to place on record the sincere regret with which they now witness the  
Severance

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"Services of a connection, which has been of such long standing and of so great benefit to the entire community of this Settlement. They wish to express, individually and collectively, their sincere appreciation of Mr Thorburn's high personal qualities and of the value of the services rendered by him during the 20 years in which he has held the appointment of Secretary to the Council."

It is understood that the pension, as decided upon at the last meeting, is to be included in the forthcoming Budget. It is then proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr Welch, that Mr Blaud be and hereby is appointed Secretary to the Council."

Resolution adopted.

1. Minutes - The Chairman draws attention to a recent case in which the burial of a native Christian was objected to on the ground of a native coffin being used, and he expresses the opinion, which is endorsed by the Council, that the only condition which it is necessary to insist upon in such cases is that the interment shall be conducted under nona but Christian rites. The Secretary is accordingly directed to notify the Registrar's Department of this decision, it being understood that due notice must be given to that Department when burials with native coffins are required.

The question of the charges made for conducting funerals by the Sexton, Mr Olsen, is also raised, and it is suggested that he be required to submit a statement of the same to the Works Committee. The charges now made appear to be in many cases excessive, and it appears desirable that the Council should limit them. The Vice Chairman says that as it is possible that it may be necessary to appoint a new Sexton before long in Mr Olsen's place, it may be well to defer the question of burial charges until this point is settled.

H. Williams

Volunteers - Rifle Range The Chairman refers to a verbal application by the French Volunteers Corps for the use of the Range on Sunday mornings, and the conditions upon which such should be granted, are discussed. The Chairman of the Watch Committee says that it seems best to leave all arrangements for the Range in the hands of the Adjutant and he undertakes to see the Major Commanding in the matter.

1058 Staff - Letter from Major Clark is read, stating that at a recent meeting of the Corps it was unanimously decided to elect Major Holliday to the Command, and he asks that a Commission shall be issued accordingly.

It is agreed. At the same time it is decided to issue to Captain Cise a Commission as Adjutant, with the rank of Captain in the Victoria Volunteer Corps.

Fire Department - Certain suggestions made by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department are considered, and with reference to the same, it is decided to refer to the Works Committee the advisability of removing the Bell Tower to the top of the Police Station, and the questions of getting new and permanent quarters for the Victoria Company's Store, or of obtaining a long lease of the present site.

The Watch Committee undertakes to look into the arrangements for housing the Fire Department's police which at present appears to be not entirely satisfactory.

1059 Sanitation & Public Health - Letter from the Hon. Secy of the Public Health Committee is read, stating that the next meeting of that Committee will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, and that an answer to the Council's last letter will be sent after that date.

The advisability of publishing the entire correspondence up to date is discussed, but the Rev. Dr. Hughes says that subsequent to the date of its letter, the Committee decided to hold a special meeting to consider the Council's suggestions, and that an answer thereto will be sent without delay. The Secretary is instructed to circulate this reply when received and to transfer to send the correspondence for publication.

unless otherwise directed.

✓ Nursing Home. — The Chairman refers to the working of the Nursing Home, and suggests that if the Jubilee Institute scheme does not result in taking over the Home (of which there appears to be no immediate probability) it will be necessary to revise the scale of charges now made for the Nurses' services. The Home, upon its present lines, practically provides nursing for a certain class of cases at the expense of the public, and the class referred to is one which can afford to be the whole cost of the Nurses' services.

The Vice Chairman is in favour of raising the fees. The matter is eventually referred to the Finance Committee, and the Secretary is directed to circulate for the information of the Members the Report on the Home which was drawn up by the Health Officer early in the year.

✓ Quarters. — The Chairman says that the Finance Committee desires to take the views of the Council before making any definite recommendations with regard to the arrangements which it will be necessary to make in view of the expected arrival of the new Captain Superintendent. The Committee's opinion has already been expressed that every Head of Department should be located as near as possible to his office, but the absence of accommodation for both the Heads of the Police necessitates some special arrangement being made pending the building of Quarters for one or the other.

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After considerable discussion, it is resolved that Captain Mackenzie is to be requested to resume the occupation of the quarters formerly held by him in the Central Police Station, and that the Secretary is to live in the Secretariat Buildings, this arrangement being of a permanent nature. As regards the Captain Superintendent it will be necessary to provide him with a rent allowance, pending the construction of his quarters, and it is suggested that the Verburgh former rented house be reserved for his use, should he desire to use it. The Finance Committee will go further into the details of this arrangement at its next meeting.

Public Board. — Upon the recommendation of the Board  
 1052. Committee, it is decided to grant David Master Hela a  
 years leave of absence on half pay, the same being  
 necessitated by the state of his health.

Police. — A letter from the Captain Superintendent of Police is  
 read recommending that a Police Regulation be adopted,  
 to relieve the congestion at present obtaining in the Haymarket  
 1054. Road, between the O'Hanrahan Library and the George Road.  
 He proposes that no carriages be allowed to stand in the  
 street between these points, and that they should be  
 obliged to wait in the wide part of the road opposite  
 Mr. Bruce's shop.

The Members are in favour of accepting this  
 recommendation, and the matter is referred to the Works  
 Committee for arrangement.

The advisability of limiting the size and carrying  
 capacity of Quadrants is also referred to the same com-  
 mittee for consideration.

Police Detectives. — The Chairman of the Works Com-  
 mittee gives the details of the circumstances which have  
 just led to the dismissal of four members of the Police  
 Detective force, from which it appears that they have  
 been conducting large and unauthorised operations as  
 rick shop owners. The facts which have come to  
 light in this case, with regard to the opportunities that  
 the Municipal Detectives enjoy for "snooping", point  
 to the necessity for a thorough reorganisation of this  
 branch of the Force, and the Members are in favour  
 of a systematic enquiry being held into the conditions  
 therein obtaining. This enquiry it is proposed should  
 be held so soon as possible by the Works Committee,  
 to whom the details of the investigations are left.

Electric Department. A Minute from the last meeting of the  
 Works Committee is read, with reference to the proposed  
 extension of the Accumulator plant. The Chairman  
 points out that it will very probably be difficult  
 to raise the necessary loan next year under 6%, and  
 suggests that it might be well to take into considera-  
 tion the possibility of making payment either wholly or  
 partly

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 1 North Orchard Road Extension Scheme - Minutes by the Works Committee is read, expressing the opinion of that Committee that the Council should not entertain the proposals made by Mr. Morrison & partners and others for the taking over and making of the extension of the North Orchard Road. The Works Committee's objections rest chiefly upon the financial considerations involved, its members holding that the state of the Municipal funds does not allow of putting the proposed scheme into execution at present, especially since there is more urgent need for roads in other directions within the settlement.

The Chairman, while agreeing with the Works Committee's views, regrets the necessity which compels the refusal of any offer to surrender land to the Public use. He suggested that the landowners might be willing to surrender the property upon the Council's undertaking to make the Road, when funds permit, (say within five or ten years) and the Works Committee is asked to consider the advisability of making a counter proposal to some such effect.

The members of the Works Committee undertake to reconsider the matter in this sense.

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 1 Winside Roads - Race Club Ditch - Minutes by the Works Committee is read, recommending that the Race Club Stewards be approached with a view to joint action in filling in, draining, and paving the ditch between the Race Course and the Dubbling Wood Road. Recommendation approved, and the Secretary is directed to write to the Stewards of the Race Club accordingly.

1 New Road - The Works Committee's minute recommendation is read, to the effect that the new Road now being made between the Finnon and Woosung Roads, north of the Council's New Road Depot be hereafter named the "Rifle Range Road".

Recommendation approved. *Finances*

Resolutions - Mr. Hewitt recommends to the attention of the  
Welfare Committee certain nuisances which have recently  
come under his notice, viz.

1. Rivalry and offensive songs indulged in by house-  
building parties and
2. the annoyance and insults to which female milch-  
hands are subjected by rowdies and loafers in the  
vicinity of the Mills.

The Welfare Committee undertakes to look  
into these matters.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. P. Hewitt

Chairman

J. T. D. Lamb  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in  
the Board Room, No. 25, Kingsway Lane, Stamford.  
on Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1897, at 11 o'clock,  
A.M.

John Hewitt  
John B. ...  
A. P. Hewitt  
Joseph ...  
Edmund ...



Office Memorandum of the Council held at the time  
held at the S. S. House, Darnley, on  
Monday the 17th December 1877, at 4 o'clock  
PM.

Present - Messrs C. R. Burkill, Chairman,  
J. Anderson,  
J. S. Brown,  
W. A. Stewart,  
J. R. Hughes,  
J. D. Smith,  
W. G. White,  
J. Black,  
H. J. Nicholson and the  
Secretary

- 1 Minutes - Calling the Minutes is taken as read.
- 2 Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by all members, and passed for publication.
- 3 Cash statement for the past week submitted, and cheques for various accounts are signed.
- 4 Inspector's reports a fortnight and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.
- 5 Welfare of Horses - The Inspector reports that the Police dairies have been inspected weekly since 1st November, and the animals appeared in good health and conditions.
- 6 Welfare of Poultry - Report of Mr Co completed, and in progress, is submitted, and ordered to be published.
- 7 Welfare of Department - Report by the Health Officer for November is submitted.
- 8 Welfare of Stables - Report for November by the Inspector is submitted stating that the different Stables have been regularly visited during the month, and the horses were found in fairly good conditions, and free from disease.
- 9 576 Carriages, and 744 Horses were licensed for December as against 563 Carriages, and 744 Horses for November. 14843 Fairieshas and 2000 wheel barrows have been licensed for the

Markets.

Common month. — Report by the Inspector, for November, is submitted, stating that the markets and butcher shops have been visited daily, and the meats thoroughly inspected. Beef has been of fairly good quality, and the supply of live stock adequate to the demand. Mutton continues to improve in quality, but the supply is still scarce. Pork has been in fair supply. Vegetables, Fruit, Game, and wild fowl have been fairly plentiful, the prices of the latter, however, still very high.

The number of animals slaughtered at the Slaughter consisted of 175 Cows, 1744 Sheep, 160 Pigs, and 85 fowls, and the sum collected from various sources amounted to \$328.53. The Cattle shed fees amounted to \$100.6.

Debitures.

33 Butcher licenses were issued for December. With reference to the measures to be taken for raising next year's loans, the Chairman states that he has seen the Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank. The latter suggests that the Council should write to him officially and, while pointing out the excellent security offered by its Debitures, suggest that the Colonial Government be asked (if the Bank shall agree thereto) to accept such Debitures as security against the Bank's note issue. Such a course, if approved and carried out, would increase the Council's borrowing powers and improve the position of its Debitures. The Members approve of this recommendation.

At the same time, the Secretary is directed to write in similar terms to the Manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank in London (giving details regarding the Council's financial position) and make enquiry with regard to the possibility of raising Municipal silver loans at home.

Secretariat.

Upon the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman, Mr W. E. Leeson is appointed Assistant Secretary from this date. The

The question as to the sum to be paid to Mr. Seiden, is discussed, and the opinion is generally expressed that in view of the short time during which he has been in the Council's service no change can now be sanctioned; the appointment is therefore made upon the terms of the present agreement.

Police Re-Organisation. — The Chairman of the Public Committee states that, in view of the financial difficulties which would be entailed by the adoption of the Committee's original scheme he has been led to reconsider the same, and a modified Memorandum has now been drawn up by himself, which has the approval of Mr. Hayes, and which recommends that an additional sum of Rs 3000. be asked for in the Police appropriation, to allow of certain detailed improvements in the Force. The actual carrying out of the proposed scheme he considers should be left to the new Captain Superintendent.

Mr. Wilkinson, while admitting that the increase expenditure involved in the Committee's first recommendations is a serious matter, is of opinion that the original scheme deserves further consideration at the hands of the Council. He thinks it inadvisable to leave the working out of any measures of reform that may be decided upon to the new Captain Superintendent, and that the Council owes it to itself, to the Force, and to the public, to carry out these measures without delay. In his opinion, it is evident that the numbers and pay of the Foreign Police must be increased, that the position of the Sikhs must be improved, and that more men are required for police duty; these steps should therefore be taken in hand at once.

The Chairman thinks that the question is one which must eventually be considered in its financial bearings; if the Rs 70,000. scheme is adopted, it will necessitate an increase in the general taxation, and he considers it doubtful whether the Rylpayers would sanction it.

The Vice Chairman says that before coming to a final

final decision in the matter, it would be well if the Members had an opportunity of studying at their leisure the whole of the Works Committee's recommendations; he therefore proposes that the discussion be adjourned for one week, and that, in the meantime, the Secretary circulate copies of the documents referred to to all the Members. This suggestion is approved.

Members. — Minute of the Works Committee is read, recommending that New Quarters be built for the two Years of the Police Force on the Ranken Road side of the Council's property, at an estimated cost of £25,000. Plans of the proposed buildings are submitted and examined. Recommendation adopted.

Health Officer. — Delegation from the Council's London Agents is read, asking whether a married man is eligible for the post of Health Officer, and whether private practice is allowed.

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Decided to reply that while there is no objection to a married man, bachelor's quarters only are provided, no private practice.

Race Club Deeds. — Letter from the Secretary of the Race Club is read, stating that the question of handing over the Subbing Wall Road deeds to the public use will be submitted at the next General Meeting of the Members of the Club, who alone have the power to dispose of the Club's property.

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Therapies Public School. — Letter from the Hon. Secy. of the School Committee is read, expressing the opinion that nothing more can reasonably be expected from the Committee than the assurance already given that the proposed grant will suffice to render the School independent of anything more than the usual grant in the future, and that the Council's action, in asking for detailed and final estimates, implies a want of confidence in the Committee's management. If such a plea is insisted upon the Committee will be obliged to leave all further responsibility in the School's management with the Council. After considerable discussion, it is decided.

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to reply that the Council disclaims any intention of expressing want of confidence in the Committee; its only desire is to be placed in such a position as will enable it to support the Committee's request by including the extra grant in the Budget accompanied by such figures and information as shall justify it to the Ratepayers. The Council therefore trusts that the Committee may supply the estimates in question

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 1 / North Gochow Road - Minutes by the Works Committee is read, recommending that the Council accept Mr. Monro's proposal regarding the surrender of land for the extension of this Road, with the understanding, on the one hand that the whole length of the proposed new road be surrendered, and on the other, that the Council undertake to make up the road within a period of five years, failing the carrying out of this work, the surrender to be cancelled. As regards the proposed Bridge at the Gas Works, the Committee is of opinion that no inducement offers for its construction, unless arrangements are first made by the property-owners on the other side of the creek for the continuation of the Wood Road to the limits of the Settlement. The Works Committee's recommendations are approved, and the Secretary is directed to write accordingly.

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 12 / Cattle at Poksin Joo - Memorandum by the Inspector of Markets is read, stating that some trouble is likely to be experienced in carrying out the terms of the Council's recent resolution prohibiting cattle from Poksin Joo from being received at the Municipal Slaughter. He suggests that with a view of bringing the Dealers to terms, the Council should make arrangements to purchase cattle inland, and should set aside a sum of £5,000 for that purpose. He also asks that Consular assistance be invoked for the prohibition and benefit of the person who will have to go inland to buy the animals required.

The Council endorses these recommendations, and it is decided that the money and assistance asked for are to be provided.

Notice given in the Settlement. With reference to the fact that the resolution recently passed through the Settlement accompanied by a large force of armed men, without notice of such intention, having previously been & given, it is desirable to write to the Quaker Council and to request that the agreement entered into by the Quaker Addresser in 1874 be adhered to, and that for the preservation of order in the streets, due notice be given whenever a large number of Quakers desire to bring armed escorts into the Settlement.

Not being their concern.

A. D. Smith  
Chairman.

Wm. D. Smith  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Queen's Road, St. Stephen's, on Wednesday, the 15th December, 1897, at 11 o'clock.

J. S. Lippin  
A. D. Smith  
John Toentice  
W. M. P. ...  
John R. ...  
Joseph Welch.

At the annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 23, Gresham Street, Manchester, on Wednesday  
the 18th December, 1897, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present.

- Mr. W. L. Burdett, (Chairman)
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Mr. J. W. Fearon
- Mr. W. W. Hewitt
- Mr. J. R. Harker
- Mr. J. F. Hilditch
- Mr. J. H. Nisbet
- Mr. J. Wilson
- Mr. J. P. Wilkinson and the Secretary

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statements for the past week is submitted, and  
cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Officers appointed and Police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts. Report by the Inspector is  
submitted, stating that the Native districts have been  
inspected during the past week. They contain  
578 head of cattle, all in good health and con-  
dition.

Mr. J. P. Wilson. Summary is submitted showing  
the amount to be collected for Octo Br. is  
Rs 1483.52, as against Rs 664.79 for the  
corresponding month last year, a decrease of  
Rs 818.73.

Police Recommendations. A final Memorandum,  
endorsed by the Native Committee is submitted, &  
recommendation that a sum of Rs 3,000 be included  
in the Police Estimates for 1898, to allow of  
certain detailed suggestions to the strength and  
form of the Force. Under this section provision  
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is made for a Native Inspector, for 24 additional  
 Sikhs, for the organisation of an Intelligence Depart-  
 ment, and for 8 more Foreign Policemen; a small  
 increase is also to be made in the pay of the British  
 and of long-service Chinese Constables.

Mr. Hudson says that, although reduced upon  
 its original proportions, this scheme contains all  
 the features which he considers are essential to the  
 improvement of the force, and that the increase in  
 the hours of work which the Foreign Police will  
 hereafter be asked to perform amounts in reality  
 to a strengthening of their numbers for all practical  
 purposes. Mr. Hudson objects to the larger  
 portion of the increase in the Estimates being  
 devoted to raising the pay of the existing force,  
 and is in favour of its being used rather towards  
 adding to numerical strength. Upon a vote being  
 taken, the Scotch Committee's recommendations were  
 adopted, and it is decided to include the extra  
 appropriation in the Budget.

Manghai Public School — Mr. from the Hong

10 p. Mem of the Public School is read, forwarding  
 for the information of the Council, a detailed estimate  
 of the School's working for the year 1898. It shows  
 a surplus available for contingencies.  
 10 p. 10. It for the motion of the Chairman, seconded  
 by the ~~Chairman~~ <sup>Vice</sup>, it is resolved to include the  
 proposed extraordinary grant (£500) in the forth-  
 coming Budget. The Secretary is directed to  
 forward the correspondence for publication with the  
 Chairman.

Harbour Scheme — The Chairman states that the  
 Committee and himself have had an informal meeting  
 (as arranged, with Mr. Rouffort, with regard to  
 the Belgian Company's proposals to introduce  
 electric tramways into the Harbour. Mr. Rouffort  
 expressed himself as willing to conform generally  
 with all the Council's requirements in the matter,  
 should in practice be concerned. His proposals  
 include



included a 75 years franchise, the line to be of metre gauge, and the Company to pay a graduated decreasing royalty - beginning at 2% on the gross receipts. He agreed that reference should be made to the British Court in the event of dispute. It was envisaged that the detailed scheme should be translated into English and sent to the Members of the Special Committee preparatory to holding another informal Meeting.

Minutes of the Finance and Watch Committees are read

with reference to the latter, and to the recent

Detective Enquiry, Mr. Wilkenson says that it has come to his knowledge that the Detective who gave evidence to the Council is being harassed by the other Detectives, and he would draw attention to the necessity of assisting and protecting this man as far as possible.

The Secretary is directed to convey the Council's wishes to this effect to the Captain Superintendent and to request that no detail of the late investigation be allowed to leak out.

With regard to the steps to be taken in connection with the recent exposure of the abuses existing in the Native Detective Force, the opinion is expressed by the Chairman that it is inadvisable to dismiss all the men implicated. The Chairman of the Watch Committee, however, points out that such a step would result in depriving the Police of the services of their only interpreters. It is eventually decided that Mr. Welch will consult with Captain MacKenzie and obtain his views as to the measures which he considers it advisable to take.

The Members are unanimously of opinion that the reform of the system of Detective work is urgently required; in the meanwhile, Mr. Wilkenson suggests that the Council might post a printed notice throughout the Settlement to inform Native Residents that no fees of any sort are payable to

to Municipal Directors and that any person having complaints to make against these men will excite the Council's attention. This suggestion is approved and the Secretary is directed to have such a notice drawn up for approval.

Electrical Department - Extension of Fluorescent Lighting

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 The Finance Committee's minute on this subject is read, with reference thereto, the Works Committee point out the difficulty of arriving at any final estimate under the conditions at present existing, Mr. Price's estimates being unreliable. It is accordingly decided that the Secretary shall draw up a memorandum of such details as it may be possible to give of the extension required, based upon Mr. Price's estimates, and that the Ratesymr be asked to authorize the incoming Council to raise a loan for such extension "not to exceed £700,000." It will not be possible to judge of the actual details of the extension until the said Superintendent has gone into the matter.

Sanitary:

Removal of nightsoil. The Council's attention having been drawn to the seriousness and frequency of complaints arising from the collection of Nightsoil by private Contractors, the members consider the existing system to be attended with danger to the Public Health, while resulting in the presence of serious nuisances. They are of opinion that, so long as the collection of Night-soil remains in the hands of private individuals, no proper control of the Sanitary interests of the Settlement can be exercised by the Council, nor can any system of supervision be rendered effective under existing conditions. The removal of nightsoil by private Contractors, responsible only to the property-owners concerned, is daily proved to be a source of grave nuisances and abuses, and the Council holds that these cannot be remedied, even with the best intentions, in the absence of strict personal supervision. The Council considers it essential to the welfare and good government of the Settlement that the control of this important Sanitary work should be vested exclusively in the Municipal Council.

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The meeting then adjourns.

A. R. Burrill  
Chairman

F. J. Anderson  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1897 at 4 o'clock p. m.

A. R. Burrill  
F. J. Anderson  
M. Rohde  
Joseph Welch.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1897 at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present

Mepr. A. R. Burrill Chairman  
F. Anderson  
J. S. Fearon  
E. A. Hewitt  
J. Prentice  
M. Rohde  
J. Welch  
H. I. Wilkinson  
The Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary.

The Summon

calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police Daily Reports for the past week are submitted.

Native Dairies. Inspector's report is submitted, stating that native dairies, containing 5/8 head of cattle, have been visited during the past week and the animals therein found in good health and free from disease.

Settlement Intension. The Chairman reads a copy of the despatch which is now being sent to the Senior Consul by the Doyen of the Diplomatic Body, this copy having reached the Council unofficially. The decision of the Diplomatic Body with reference to the question of Settlement Intension is, that, before any action can be taken thereon at Peking, it is necessary that a strong effort to settle it locally with the Chinese authorities should be made by the Consular Body. When the official despatch arrives, the Chairman will urge upon the British Consul General, Mr. Jamieson, the importance of taking active measures to bring the matter to a conclusion, and it will probably be arranged that the Chairman and the Secretary will assist at any conferences that may take place with the Saotai. >

Police. Deputy Superintendent's salary. The Finance Committee's minute on this subject is read, and its recommendation is approved. It is, however, to be understood that the salary of \$54000 per annum, to be paid to Captain Mackenzie, is issued under special circumstances and is not to be considered as a precedent in regard to the salary of the post of Deputy Superintendent in future.

Wharfage Dues. The Chairman states that the Commissioner of Customs, at the request of the Saotai, is interesting himself in the question of Wharfage Dues, and has expressed his willingness to assist the Council in coming to some satisfactory settlement of the points

points at issue. The Secretary lays before the meeting the details of a proposed arrangement which he has discussed with the Commissioner and which the latter thinks would probably be agreed to by the Tao-tai. By this scheme, the collection of the dues would be carried out, as in Kintou, by the custom the total amount levied on foreign trade being handed over to the Council together with half the Native trade dues, the other half of the Native dues going to the Tao-tai as cost of collection. The members, while generally approving of this proposal, consider that half the Native dues is too large a sum to pay for collection, and the Secretary is directed to lay this view before the Commissioner and to see if the Tao-tai would not compromise on various terms.

Tramway Scheme.

With reference to the informal meeting lately held between the Council's Special Committee and the representatives of the Belgium Tramway Syndicate, and to the definite proposal now made and submitted by the latter, the Chairman says that before going any further in the matter, he considers it advisable to take the opinion of the Council as to whether its members will endorse any such scheme for a concession as the Syndicate asks. It is noted that a second scheme, proposed by the Agent of the Lyons Syndic has now been received, similar in most respects to that of Monsieur Kuffart. The Council holds that if trams are introduced into Shanghai, the work should be carried out by, and for the benefit of, the Community and the members are opposed to the concession of a franchise to any outside Company. The Secretary is accordingly directed to reply in this sense to both the applications.

Telephone Service.

The Vice Chairman refers to the present unsatisfactory condition of the local telephone service, and suggests that a communication be addressed to its managers to the effect that if an improvement is not effected therein the Council must take measures to remedy matters. The Secretary states that the Telephone Company holds no formal franchise

franchise or concession, the only arrangements made with the Council being with regard to the erection of wires in the streets. It is arranged that he shall convey the Council's views to Mr. Porter before the next meeting and obtain further information regarding the existing status and rights (if any) of the Telephone Company.  
Then adjourns

The Meeting

Secretary.

Chairman.

Register of  
Attendances

a meeting of the Council held in the board room No 23  
Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December  
1897, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room 1023  
Kiangse Road Shanghai on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1897  
at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present

Messrs. A. R. Burkill Chairman,  
F. Anderson  
J. S. Fearon  
E. A. Howitt  
Rev<sup>d</sup> J. R. Hykes  
M. Rohde  
J. Welch  
The Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary.

The Summoners

The Minutes

Cash statement

Return of prisoners

Native Dairies

Police.

calling the meeting is taken as read.

of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
Chairman and passed for publication.

for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry  
accounts are signed.

apprehended and Police Daily Reports for the past week  
are submitted.

Inspector's report is submitted stating that during the past  
week the native dairies have been visited and found to  
contain 559 head of cattle. On the 20<sup>th</sup> instant rinderpest  
was found to have broken out at our dairies, precautions  
were taken to prevent the spread of the disease and  
the animals at all the other dairies appeared in  
healthy condition.

Deputy Superintendent's salary. Letter from Mr. G. J.  
Morrison is read, expressing the opinion held by  
himself, as well as by three other signatories of this  
letter, with regard to the salary to be paid to Captain  
MacKenzie on his reversion to the post of Deputy  
Superintendent. It is hoped that the Council will  
continue to pay Captain MacKenzie at the rate  
issued to him during his command of the Police.  
The Members, while willing to give the fullest weight  
to the opinions thus conveyed to them, are unable to  
modify the decision arrived at at the last meeting  
it is resolved that in replying unofficially to Mr  
Morrison

Morrison the Chairman will point out that the pay of the Deputy Superintendent has been increased by 75000 per annum during Captain Maceruzio's tenure thereof, and that this step has been taken owing to the Council's desire to deal liberally with his special case.

Telephone Service.

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Letter from the Manager of the Telephone Company is submitted, embodying certain proposals for the consideration of the Council. There may be summed up as an offer to place the Telephone Service upon a satisfactory footing in return for a franchise concession for 15 or 21 years. The matter is referred to the Works Committee for report, and in the meanwhile the Municipal Engineer will be directed to look into it.

Wharfage Dues.

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The Secretary states that further interviews have taken place in regard to this matter between the Commissioners of Customs and the Taotai, and that the latter has expressed himself as favourably disposed towards the proposals laid before him. The Commissioners is however distinctly of opinion that it is essential to the success of any scheme that it should offer certain pecuniary advantages to the Taotai, and that he is unlikely to move in the matter without this condition being fulfilled. The Taotai, while endorsing the scheme of collection through the Customs will require to refer the matter to his chief at Nanking, it appears therefore advisable to forward the Council's despatches officially to the Senior Consul. The Secretary is directed to have the despatches circulated to the Members for their consideration.

Land Regulations

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By-laws ~~XXXIV~~ Mr. Hoken refers to the revised Land Regulations and By-laws, five in number, which will next week be forwarded to the Council by the Revision Committee and he expresses the opinion that it would be well to insert the word "Booths" in the first part of By-law ~~XXXIV~~. His allusion has lately been drawn to the great prevalence of venereal disease in Shanghai, and he thinks it highly desirable that the Council should be enabled to enforce some form.



form of control over all classes of Brothels. The members concur in this view, it being the general opinion that Municipal supervision should be exercised in the interests of the Public Health rather than with any view to increase of Revenue. After considerable discussion as to the form which such supervision should take, it is proposed by the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hewitt, and carried, that the word "Brothels" be inserted in Bylaw XXXIV after the words "Dancing Saloon" in the amended Regulations to be forwarded to Peking. X

Tramway Scheme.

The Chairman says that, subsequently to the receipt of the Council's letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> instant, Monsieur Rouffart has had an interview with the Secretary, in which he pointed out that, under his proposed scheme, the Council might practically be considered to be building the tramway lines for the benefit of the local public, inasmuch as his proposals include the right of the Council to purchase the entire concern, after 15 years, upon most favorable terms, and he would be prepared to modify this clause as far as possible, with the Council's views. The Chairman thinks that, before rejecting or entertaining proposals for any definite scheme, it is advisable to ascertain the views of the general public as to whether tramways are required in Shanghai or not. The decision of the public having been obtained upon this point, it could then be left to the next Council to call for tenders or otherwise to deal with the question of carrying out the work. It is eventually decided that, at the Annual Meeting, a Resolution will be brought forward, calling for a definite expression of opinion from the Ratepayers regarding the desirability of undertaking the construction of a tramway system along certain lines of road. The meeting then adjourns.

The Meeting

Secretary

Chairman

Register of Attendance

At a meeting of the Council held in the Board Room No 23 Kiaugze Road, Shanghai on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1898 at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present  
 Joseph Noleh  
 M. Brown  
 A. R. B. [unclear]

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Kiaugze Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1898, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present. Messrs W. R. Beckett Chairman, J. Anderson, J. S. Farrer, C. A. Howell, J. Spratkin, W. R. Baker, J. H. [unclear], N. J. Wilkinson the Secretary, and the Asst Secretary

Absent. Messrs J. R. Hykes

The minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.  
The minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily -  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. Report by the Inspector is  
submitted stating that the Native dairies have been  
regularly inspected during the past month, all the  
animals appeared in perfect health until the 24<sup>th</sup>  
December, when disease was found to have broken  
out in Oth King's dairy, 2 buffaloes and 2  
cows were sent to Pak Sim Joo. Precau-  
tions have been taken to prevent the spread  
of disease and the sale of milk.

Summary of Licenses Tax 1897. is submitted amounting  
to £175,221.57 as against £148,960.72 for the  
year 1896, an increase of £26,289.48.

Sanitary Department. - Report by the Health Officer  
for December is submitted.

Markets. - Report by the Inspector for December  
is submitted, stating that the Markets and Outdoor  
shops have been visited daily, and all the meats  
carefully inspected, the beef offered for sale  
throughout the month has been of fairly good  
quality, towards the end, however, live stock became  
very scarce the dealers stating that they did not like  
to bring any more cattle from the Country. Poultry  
continues to improve in quality, and the supply has  
been better.

Fish, Fruit, Vegetables, Game, and  
wild fowl were fairly plentiful, the latter selling  
at moderate prices. The number of animals  
slaughtered at the Abattoir consisted of 1097 of  
1876 Sheep, 155 Cows, and 143 Pigs. The fees  
collected from various sources amounted to £325.8  
and the Cattle Shed fees, to £952.10.

Native Levy Stables. - Report for December, by the Inspector  
is submitted, stating that the different Stables  
have been regularly visited during the month, and  
the ponies found in fairly good condition, and  
free from disease. 611 Carriages, and 817 ponies  
were licensed for January, as against 576 Carriage  
and

and 714 licences for December.

14780 J. K. Skoos, and 14066 John Barrow's have been licensed for the current month.

Processions of Native Officials. - The Chairman refers to the arrangements made by himself and the Captain Superintendent for a certain procession through the Settlement of the Tachai and his residence on the 2nd inst., explaining that these arrangements had to be decided on in an emergency. The Captain Superintendent having written to the Tachai's Secretary to say that the proposed procession along the Matoo and Bunde would seriously interfere with the heavy Sunday traffic on these thoroughfares (to which letter no definite reply was returned), the Chairman and Mr. Wilkinson called upon the Tachai on Sunday morning and eventually it was agreed that a more convenient route would be followed. It was also arranged that the procession should be escorted by some of the Council's mounted police. The Chairman is of opinion that the precedents thus laid down were of considerable future importance, and that it is essential that the time and route of Native processions should not be left to be decided by the Native Authorities.

Budget - The Chairman lays before the Council the proposed Budget for 1898, explaining its provisions in detail. The estimated income amounts to £749,190, and the ordinary expenditure to about the same figure. The amounts for public lighting and for the Gaolery Department have not yet been finally fixed, but the figures will not differ greatly in the total from the estimates, now submitted. Certain alterations have been made in the form of the Budget, notably with regard to the separation of all ordinary from capital expenditure.

A discussion takes place regarding the advisability of equalising the Foreign and Native House Rates, as proposed, after which the Budget is unanimously approved, on a show of hands.

Marfay's Dues - Draft despatches to the Acting Senior Council

Council is finally passed, it being agreed to offer the Hooker one half of the Festive Days as the cost of collection.

Wroughton Public School - Letter from the Hon. Secy of the Public Schools is read, informing the Council that the Rev. Dr. Hydes has been elected to the Chairmanship of the Committee, vice the Rev. Stevens resigned.

Old Phone Service - Letter from the Manager of the Telephone Co is read, stating that he is unable to quote a maximum rate per telephone unless he shall have received the instructions of his Directors at home in the matter. - Without going further into the question of arrangements to be made with Mr. Porter's Co, the Vice Chairman suggests that it will be advisable to obtain the authority of the Ratepayers at the forthcoming Meeting to arrange for a Telephone system franchise with a Company which shall guarantee to supply an adequate service at a fixed maximum price. This recommendation is approved, and it is decided that a special Resolution will be brought forward at the Ratepayers Meeting accordingly.

Electric Department - The Works Committee's minute is read, recommending that Mr. Price be paid his salary to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, and that his resignation should come into immediate effect. This recommendation is approved and the Secretary is directed to have it carried out as soon as Mr. Price is sufficiently recovered from his present illness.

Road Division No. 16 - Letter from the Municipal Engineer is submitted, giving in extenso the particulars of a case in which compulsory surrender of land for this road has been called for, and stating his inability to proceed further in the matter until the opinion of the Legal Adviser, as he has for in the past, shall have been received. The Vice Chairman reads an unofficial note from Mr. Sawcote dealing with the case. It is decided to

write

write to Mr Poignault, the owner of the land required for the road extension and to say that no Building Permit will be granted until the necessary surveys have been completed.

Volunteers — The Chairman of the Works Committee states that an informal Meeting of that Committee took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, at which were present the Major Commanding, the Sergeant, the Ordnance Officer, and Captain MacKenzie. The object of this Meeting was generally to discuss matters connected with the Corps, and amongst other questions, it was decided to appoint a Commission of Supply (consisting of the Major Commanding, the Chairman of the Works Committee, the Ordnance Officer, and the Sergeant), to supervise all matters relating to the working of the Force and particularly to examine and pass all Requisitions for payment. The Inspection of the Artillery Quarters and equipment was arranged for, and it was decided to place all Volunteer Clothing and Stores in charge of the Sergeant Major.

Major Golladay has referred to the subject of the Artillery Horses, suggesting that eight of these should be a sufficient number to be kept permanently. Mr. Stinson recommends that arrangements should be made with the Horse Bazaar to supply all the ponies required for the Battery, as the present system is unsatisfactory. The General is directed to see into this matter, and to report on the arrangements which will have to be made in view of the Police quarters to be erected on the present quashed site.

Mr. Weston then adjourns.

A. R. Markill  
Chairman

A. B. Lamb  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Cannon Row  
St. Paul's, on Wednesday, the 12th January 1898,  
at 4 o'clock P.M.

A. R. Dunkley

H. Brown  
 John R. Hughes  
 John J. Jackson  
 Joseph Welch  
 Messrs & Co.

Minutes of the Council, held in the  
Board Room, No. 23, Cannon Row, St. Paul's  
on Wednesday, the 12th January, 1898, at 4 o'clock  
P.M.

Present Messrs A. R. Dunkley (Chairman),  
 H. Brown,  
 J. S. Pearson,  
 W. A. Smith,  
Absent J. R. Hughes,  
 J. J. Jackson,  
 Mr. Robins,  
 J. Welch,  
 The Secretary and the  
 City Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman, and passed for publication.  
 Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Report

Report of Prisoners - as prohibited and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts - Report by the Inspector is submitted, stating that the dairies have all been inspected during the past week and licenses issued to those dairymen who keep their places in good sanitary condition. Licenses have also been issued to several dairy men, who are making, or about to make, the necessary alterations in compliance with the Municipal Regulation, on condition that the alterations are carried out and completed by the end of the month, otherwise, the license will be withdrawn. The cattle were all found in a healthy condition, excepting in Ah King's dairy, off the Carter road, where Rinderpest still prevails. One Buffalo, and one English calf have died since last report, and one buffalo, and two native cows are compulsorily sent to Pak-Sieu for immediate slaughter. This dairy is still under police supervision.

Settlement Extension - The Chairman reads an unofficial letter from the British Minister to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce which refers to the necessity for action by the local Consular Body in the matter of Settlement Extension. It is pointed out that the reply from the Doyné has not yet been received by the Council, although it reached the French Consul some weeks ago, and that the Council is therefore precluded from taking any steps at present. The Secretary is directed to write unofficially to Mr. de Briard and advise when the Council may expect to receive the Doyné's reply.

It is suggested that the completed correspondence should be published in the Council's minutes and that the press be asked to urge the necessity of immediate local action in the matter.

Local Regulations - Letter from the Land Regulations Revision Committee is read, forwarding 5 new and amended Regulations and Byelaws which have been approved by a majority of the Committee. The Committee will address the Council at a later date with

regard



referred to the revision of the entire Code;

Decided to convey the Council's thanks to the Committee and to publish the correspondence. The new and amended By-laws will be submitted to the

1 / Legal Questions No. 16 - Houghton - Opinion of  
 the legal adviser is read, as to the Council's position  
 57 in enforcing the provisions of Land Regulation VI  
 in the case of Mr. Poiquaud's land, Circular  
 No. 1337<sup>a</sup>. While recognizing that the case is  
 not a strong one, the Council is of opinion that  
 every effort should be made to obtain the surrender  
 of the land required, and the Secretary is directed  
 to write Mr. Poiquaud so that the permit applica-  
 tion for by them will be issued upon receipt of the  
 necessary surrenders deed.

This letter to be submitted to the legal adviser  
 before forwarding.

11 / Administrative Establishments - Report on the Native Trading  
 Houses on the shores of the Sanitary Board - is  
 submitted informally; it will require to come officially  
 from the Board. With recommendations by the Members  
 before being passed for publication. The Chairman  
 says that this Report has been drawn up with a  
 view to the introduction of reforms, the nature of which  
 will require to be decided upon by the Council at a  
 later date.

1 / Dutch Duties - Letter from the Mixed Court  
 57 / Trampshale to Montreal, referring to the Licences recently imposed  
 on Dutch Duties, and asking that the amount of the  
 License Fee be reduced to half a dollar per mission,  
 as those duties are a poor class of wine.

The Chairman thinks that it is advisable to comply  
 with the Trampshale request in the case of the dealers  
 who retail Dutch from States, leaving the Tax on Soap  
 as originally decided. This recommendation being  
 seconded by Mr. Anderson, is carried, and the  
 Secretary is directed to reply accordingly. The reduced  
 tax on Dutch will come into force with month, &  
 nearly all the dealers having paid the fee for January.

Resignation of Councillor. - Letter from Mr A. P. Wilkinson is read, resigning his seat on the Council, in consequence of his appointment to the office of Acting Chief Justice. (Being to the near-approach of the Annual election, no steps will be taken to fill this vacancy.) The Secretary is directed to convey to Mr Wilkinson the Council's regret at the loss of his services.

Sanitary Department - Staff. - The appointment is made of Mr J. S. C. Macdonald to be Assistant Inspector of Nuisances in the place of Mr. Helbricht, resigned.

Doonham Creek Course, Lot 112, B.C. - Letter from Mr A. Brown, the registered owner of Lot 112, B.C. is read, stating that unless the Council shall take steps forthwith even days to abate the nuisance caused by the dumping of garbage on the foreshore of this lot, he will apply to the Court of Councils for an injunction in the matter. Decided to refer the case for the Legal Adviser's opinion. In the meanwhile, the Health Committee is requested to enquire into the advisability of improving the conditions under which garbage is dealt with at the Tubking Run Bridge and to ascertain whether the recommendations recently made by the Sanitary Inspector can be carried out.

These recommendations would include the building of the foreshore and the construction of shoots for spitting the garbage into the boats.

Lot 121, B.C. - Certain correspondence is submitted which has passed between the Engineer's Office and the Agent of the registered owner of Lot 121, B.C. in which the latter asserts his intention of taking possession of the foreshore of this lot (enclosed N<sup>o</sup>. 127) whereon the Council at present stores road material, and which, under an agreement made in 1895, should have been converted into a public garden. The Secretary is directed to refer the matter to the Legal Adviser, and at the same time to take steps to prevent any interference with the property. The Chairman points out the inadvisability of

Shawing

During absence on important public matters of this nature cannot be by any other office than the Vicararial, and the Works Committee is requested to make a minute on the subject at its next meeting.

North Goodland Road, Proposed extension - Letter from Mr. H. Morrison, Esq., is read, making certain

197/ 144 proposals with regard to the contemplated extension of the North Goodland Road -  
Matter referred to the Works Committee.

1/ Staff - Engineer's Agreement - The Vice Chairman says that as Mr. Mayne's agreement expires in June next he has made certain proposals to the Works Committee regarding the terms of its renewal. The Committee recommends that the Council should agree to these proposals, which include an increase of salary of £100 a month, passage allowance both ways, and the issue of full pay for two months while on leave, if he is required to devote that time to the Council's business at home. Mr. Seaton proposes that an agreement be made with Mr. Mayne on these terms. The resolution is carried.

1/ Captain MacKenzie - A resolution is proposed by the Vice Chairman and seconded by Mr. Hewitt, that a special grant of £1500. be included in the Budget as compensation to Captain MacKenzie for the expenses that he has incurred as the result of the misunderstanding which was allowed to arise with regard to the nature and duration of his appointment as Captain & Superintendent.

197/ The resolution is carried, and the grant will be included in the Budget.  
The Meeting then adjourns.

A. P. Hinkley  
Chairman

J. S. Hand  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No 23 Kaiping Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> January, 1898 at 11 o'clock,  
A.M.

Joseph Welch  
 J. J. Wilson  
 John A. R. ...  
 J. ...

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,  
No. 23, Kaiping Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the  
19<sup>th</sup> January, 1898 at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present,  
 Messrs U. R. Burbidge Chairman,  
 J. P. ...  
 J. S. ...  
 C. W. ...  
 J. ...  
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 The ...

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
 Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and charges  
 for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for  
 the past week are submitted.  
Letter in Justice Division, The Inspector reports that the

The Native dairies have been inspected during the past month. Niederbach is still private in the King's dairy and one buffalo, and one cow have died. The cattle in all the other dairies numbering 587 have appeared in good health when inspected. Improvements are being carried out in a few dairies which formerly were in a very unsatisfactory condition. Notices will be issued to the owners when the improvements are completed.

Settlement Extension. — Her official letter from the Acting  
 4. Union Consul is received, stating that as the question of Settlement Extension will have to be negotiated with the local authorities by the Union Consul, Dr. Stübel, on his return, he considers the best to leave it to Dr. Stübel to send to the Council the Diplomatic Body's despatches on the subject, with such remarks as may occur to him. Meanwhile, however, he encloses a copy of that document for the private information of the Council.

The Chairman observes that, under the circumstances there is nothing to be done but to await an official communication from the Union Consul.

Thomas Haaberg School. — Letter from the President of  
 62. the Thomas Haaberg School Committee is received, stating that as the number of subscribers to that institution is below fifty, it devolves upon the Council under the Trust Deed, to nominate the entire Committee for the ensuing year. He submits the names of twelve ladies and gentlemen, who have expressed their willingness to serve if appointed. These nominations are approved by the Council, and the Secretary is directed to reply accordingly.

Volunteers. — Two letters from the Major Commanding are  
 53 submitted; the first recommending the issue of a Commission to Mr. A. E. Keylock, with the rank of a Veterinary Lieutenant; the second, informing the Council that Lieutenant Steffer resigns his Commission in the Light Horse. The usual replies are ordered to be sent.

C. Hunter

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Hampden Road widening - Letter from the Trustees of Trinity Cathedral School, offering to lease to the Council the strip of land required for the proposed widening of the Hampden Road at an annual rental of £282 - The Trustees retaining all their rights over the property and the Council to undertake to restore it to its original condition in the event of the Trustees reclaiming possession which may be done in six months notice.

The Members consider that the rental asked is too high, and after some discussion, it is decided to write to the Trustees and offer to pay £150 per annum, this lease to be terminable at one year's notice.

The Chairman states, in his capacity of a Trustee, that it will probably be possible to arrange later on, when certain help comes of age, for widening the road as far as the Gosan Road corner.

Mr. G. H. Hutton - Starts from the Minutes of the Works Committee last Meeting and the following decisions arise:-

✓ 1. Single Lane - The recommendation, as made by the Works Committee is approved and the Council is to be directed to endeavour to arrange the matter.

✓ 2. Storm Gutter - purchase authorized.

✓ 3. North Beach Road - With reference to the reply to be made to the latest proposals for the proposed extension of this road, as contained in Mr. Morrison's letter of 12th instant, the Council endorse the recommendations of the Committee. It is, however, decided to omit any reference to the future policing and lighting of the road, the Members being of opinion that this is a matter which had better be dealt with when the necessity for the work in question shall have arisen. The inclusion in the Budget of the Hampden Road Bridge is therefore authorized, the amount being estimated at £16000, less the subscriptions to be provided by Mr. Arnold.

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Standing Order 4

The Treasurer states that the Works Committee has been led to reconsider its decision in the matter of the Heliograph, which was ordered to be issued on the subject of Departmental orders for goods on the Council's account, the Engineer having pointed out that such a Heliograph would prejudicially affect his Department. It is suggested that it will be sufficient to issue a Board Order to the Departments to the effect that any orders of value in excess of 10/- must be countersigned by the Secretary, and at the same time to have a notice to the same effect printed on the order forms used by the Electrical Department.

This recommendation is approved, and the Treasurer is directed to take steps accordingly.

Shaughlin Public Notice - Letter from the Hon Secy of the School Committee is read, forwarding an advance copy of the Annual Reports and accounts.

Monthly Statement for November is submitted and referred to the Finance Committee.

Dribbling Well Near Hazel Nut Ditch - Letter from the Secretary of the Rural Club is read, stating that the Members have unanimously declined to subordinate the provisions contained in the Council's letter of 2nd December with respect to the getting in and gutting of the ditch which crosses the Dribbling Well Road.

It is decided to forward this letter, together with a Minute to the effect that the present condition of this ditch presents a serious menace to the health of the neighbourhood, and that the Council hopes that steps may be taken without delay to remedy the nuisance arising therefrom.

Nominations for Next Council - The Secretary states that the nominations for next year's Council have now closed, and that the New Members proposed are M.M.

R. Quinn, E. Skellern, and W. Stokes, there being therefore three candidates, it will be necessary

It is necessary to hold the election as previously notified -  
The Meeting then adjourned

*E. R. Merrill*  
(Chairman)

*W. P. Lamb*  
(Secretary)

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Witnessed & Attest at a Meeting of the Council held  
at the Board Room, No 28 Exchange Road, Liverpool  
on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1878, at 11 o'clock

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*E. R. Merrill*  
*Robert Welch*  
Joseph Welch  
W. P. Lamb  
John Percival  
John G. Hykes



General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board,  
Room No. 250, King's Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the  
6th January, 1878, at 12 o'clock P.M. —

Present

- The President
- The Chairman
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Vice-Chairman
- The Members
- The Secretary
- The Assistant Secretary

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as usual.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
Cash statement for the past year, is submitted, and the  
for Quarter accounts are signed.

Reports of the various committees and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Police Division - The Inspector reports that the  
Native division have one cow killed during the past  
week. One cow in the Shanghai is lost. One cow is  
sent to the grass field.  
 The total number of cattle is 100.

Financial Statement - The Chairman presents the financial  
statement for the past year, is approved by the  
Finance Committee, and gives detailed explanation  
as to the various items which differ to any considerable  
extent from the estimates. The statement is passed  
without discussion. The Finance Committee make  
recommendations, with regard to the Lease to be raised  
for extraordinary expenditure, in 1878 are approved,  
and the Secretary is directed, to have a Resolution  
drafted accordingly.

Referring to the Budget, the Vice Chairman says  
 that

That the Works Committee desires to include therein a sum of \$5362.50 for fencing in and turfing the 1st Hongkong Park ground, a work which is essentially necessary. After some discussion, it is decided to omit any reference to this work in the Budget, which is now ready for publication, but to publish a minute stating that the amount named will be thus expended and to leave payment to be made hereafter out of the ordinary expenditure funds.

Totaukers

87 Letter from the Major Commanding is read, recommending the issue of a Commission to Lieutenant Wickham in the Light Horse, vice Lieutenant Chiffers resigned.

Police

96 Inspection - Letter from the Commanding Officer in Hong Kong is submitted, stating that an Officer will be sent as usual to hold the Annual Volunteer Inspection, but suggesting that the date of the Inspection should be either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> April, instead of on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Police

117 Referral to the Major Commanding - Petition from the Sergeants and Constables of the Indian Police Force is read, asking the Council to reconsider its decision in the matter of the future pay and hours of work of the Force, and giving detailed reasons for this request.

Decision is given that the Council's decision having been reached after full consideration of the case, it must be adhered to. The Members are of opinion that the general tone of this petition points to the fact that the discipline of the Force is in an unsatisfactory condition.

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79 Case of Insubordination - Letter from the Captain Superintendent is read, reporting Sergeant Ross for insubordination in refusing to obey the orders of Sergeant Major Kerrie on parade.

The Chairman of the Works Committee states that Sergeant Ross's record is not a satisfactory one, and suggests that he be allowed to resign.

The Council decides, however, that the nature of the present case is such as to require Dominant Resolves themselves. The matter of allowing him his deferred pay is left for future consideration.

1. Mixed Court  
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Letter from Mr James Scott, British Consul, is read enquiring details of a certain recent case which has come before the Mixed Court, in which he considers that the Defendant, a Native prostitute, was evidently under Police protection.

Report on the Captain Superintendent is also read, in which it is admitted that Inspector Nelson was instructed not to leave the woman in Court.

The Chairman considers that the case is a serious one the Police having no authority to interfere in the decision of the Magistrate which evidenced by the Address.

Matters referred to Natch Committee.

1. Municipal Districts

The Chairman refers to a recent case in which some steps have been made of the manner in which a Chi-funeral was conducted by the District.

The Works Committee undertakes to look into the matter with a view to making some alterations in the existing arrangements.

1. Haukard Road Widening  
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Letter from the Hon Treasurer of the Prince Albert's Trustees is read, stating that there is no objection to making the proposed lease of the Haukard Road for 20 years, terminable at one year's notice instead of six months, as first proposed, but the Trustees are unable to reduce the amount of rent payable. Decided to agree to the terms now submitted, and to the payment of £625 per annum for the land required.

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It is also decided to endeavour to obtain the Trustees' written consent to leasing the land required for the further extension of the Haukard Road widening as far as the Honou Road upon the same terms as the present lease, it being understood that the Trustees would be willing to sanction such an arrangement when the present lease expires.

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Letter from the Hon Treasurer of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank is read, informing the Council that

that the Hemp in London has telegraphed to say that it would be possible to float in silver loans here for an amount of not less than £50,000.

General Session No 16. Mr. Doigman's Case. - Letter from Mr. H. Schiller is received, stating that this evening he will go to the Council to the land required for his extension, but will not surrender it on any other terms. The Secretary states that it has been reported by the Council's Department that both Mr. M. Murray and Mr. Doigman have died without the usual permits in their respective Lots 1337 A, and 1338 in such a manner as to interfere with the view of the proposed extension, and the matter has been referred to the Legal Advisor for his opinion in regard to the action which the Council should take.

In this connection, the Chairman expresses the opinion that it would be advantageous for the Council if its legal advisor could be in connection with the land interest, as it appears difficult at present to obtain a definite expression of opinion in matters connected with Council property.

Annual Meeting. - It is decided that the most convenient date for the Annual Meeting will be the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Nursing Institute. - Mr. Anderson, in his capacity of member of the Diamond Jubilee Nursing Institute Committee, desires to ask the Members of Council informally & whether they would be prepared to support an application from that Committee to lease at a nominal rent a piece of Municipal property for the purpose of erecting a Nursing Home. He suggests that a suitable site might be found either at the old Rifle Range or at the Dalatons Hospital property.

The Members are generally prepared to approve of the suggestion, provided that an adequate and suitable site is found to be available. Further consideration of the matter is deferred.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. S. Blain  
Secretary

A. R. McKillop  
Chairman

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 25, Gough Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 2nd February, 1898, at 4 o'clock, P.M.

John Forster  
A. R. Berkeley  
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 25, Gough Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 1898, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present - Messrs A. R. Berkeley (Chairman),  
F. Anderson,  
W. C. Kitchin,  
J. D. Scarow,  
J. Forster,  
The Resident,  
J. Welch, Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary.

Present - Rev. J. R. Hughes.  
The minutes calling the Meeting is taken & read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for subsidy accounts are signed.  
Returns of prisoners apprehended and Police duty reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Divisions. The Inspector reports that the native divisions have all been regularly visited during the past month. Disease is still confined to the King's dairy, from which 10 animals have been sent to Park-Vein yards. Twenty native dairies, with 366 heads of cattle have been licensed for February improvements are still going on in several dairies, and milk houses are being built.

Mixed Court Case - Referring to the Minutes of last Meeting, Mr. Anderson deprecated the admission that the Police Council, under any circumstances, interfere in the decision of the Mixed Court when endorsed by the Assessors, and he instances certain cases when such decisions have been prejudicial to the Council's interests. After some discussion it is decided that the Secretary shall convey to the Captain Superintendent the Council's instructions that the Police must not interfere in the judgment of the Court except under special instructions from the Council.

Road Extension No 16 - Poignand Case - Letter from the Legal Advisor is read, advising that the Council should endeavour to purchase the part of Mr. Poignand's land, Lot 1337 B, which is required for this public road, and that proceedings should be taken against Mr. Mc Murray for his action in interfering with the line of Road extension. The Secretary is instructed to write to Mr. Poignand accordingly, and on receipt of his reply measures will be taken by the Legal Advisor to deal with the case.

Police - Case of Sergeant Ross - Application from Sergeant Ross for reinstatement (already considered by the Watch Committee) is submitted, together with a Memorandum by the Captain Superintendent in which he recommends that the order of dismissal be converted. The Council considers that the basis for its action is in a great measure withdrawn by the Captain Superintendent's later report, since it now appears that the matter is one which Captain MacKenzie should have

have dealt with himself and that some excuse appears to exist for Sergeant Ross in view of the fact that no definite instructions seems to have been issued to the Force with regard to Sergeant Major Lawrie's status and rank in the Police. It is eventually decided that the matter be again referred to the Select Committee for consideration and final report after an investigation of the case, at which Sergeant Major Lawrie and Sergeant Ross will be required to attend.

Obstructions at Fire - Communications from the Captain Superintendent is read, reporting that certain Foreigners persisted in obstructing the Police and Fire Brigade in the execution of their duties at a recent fire in the Queen's Road.

Decided to instruct the Captain Superintendent to take out summonses against the three offenders named in his report.

Hankow Road Widening - Letter from the Hon Treasurer of the Cathedral Trustees is read, stating that the Trustees are unable to make any arrangements at present for the further widening of the Hankow road as far as the Henan road, but that when the present shop-leases fall in, i.e., in about three years, it will no doubt be possible to come to an understanding in the matter.

Decided to instruct the Engineer to make arrangements for widening the road within the limits agreed upon.

Little Range - Letter from the Gentlemen of the French Council is read, proposing that they pay a sum of £500 per annum towards the maintenance of the new Rifle Range, as a contribution on behalf of the French Volunteer Company. Decided to reply that the Council will be happy to place the use of the Range at the disposal of the French Volunteers whenever possible without any payment for such use.

License - Letter to the Notary Court Magistrate is submitted and approved, notifying him of the licenses which, subject to confirmation by the State payers, will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Police.

Police - Pension - The Minutes of Watch Com-  
mittee are read, and the pensions to Native Sergeant,  
as therein recommended, is approved.

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Trading Co) is read, on the subject of a factory which  
under his instructions has been erected for the Inter-  
national Cotton Mill on the land adjoining the Pool-  
ang Chapel, which land is under the control of the  
Council as ~~Trustees~~ <sup>Trustees</sup> for the Chapel <sup>Trust</sup>. It is decided to  
prevent the completion of this structure, which the  
Engineer describes as likely to cause grave nuisance  
to the locality, and the Chairman undertakes to consult  
the British Consul General with regard to the deeds and  
records of the Trust which are now in the custody of  
the Consulate. A discussion takes place regarding  
the Council's rights to hold these documents but further  
consideration is deferred pending the result of the  
Chairman's action in the matter.

Arrival of Prince Henry of Prussia - Mr Anderson  
considers it advisable that the Council should take  
steps to provide for a suitable official reception of  
Prince Henry upon his arrival at Shanghai.

The Council approves of the suggestion and it is  
resolved that the Chairman shall see the German  
Consul General and ascertain his views as to the form  
which the reception should take.

The Meeting then adjourns.

A. R. B. K. W.

Chairman

H. B. Cant  
Secretary



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kingsway Road  
St. Pancras, on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1898  
at 11 o'clock P.M.

John R. Hykes,  
Joseph Welch,  
A. R. Wankell  
John Practice  
M. White

At a Council Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 23, Kingsway Road, St. Pancras on Wednesday, the  
14<sup>th</sup> February 1898, at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present

Hykes  
Welch  
Wankell  
Practice  
White

A. R. Wankell, Chairman,  
J. Hykes,  
J. Practice,  
M. White,  
J. Welch,  
Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1898  
at Kingsway Road, St. Pancras, on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1898  
at 11 o'clock P.M.  
are read and confirmed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for ordinary accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that the Native dairies have all been inspected during the past week. No more deaths have occurred in Ah King's dairy since last report, and it is trusted the disease has run its course.

Markets. Report by the Inspector for January is submitted, stating that the markets and butcher shops have been visited daily, and all the meats carefully inspected. The Beef offered for sale throughout the month has been of good quality, and the supply of live stock adequate to the demand; Mutton continues to improve, both in quality and quantity, fish has been scarce and of poor quality, vegetables have not been in good supply, and the fruit, poultry, game and wild fowl have been in fair supply, and moderate prices obtained.

The number of animals slaughtered at the abattoir consisted, of 50 of Oxen, 1633 Sheep, 106 Calves, and 80 pigs, and the fees collected from various sources amounted to £270.37, and the Cattle & Sheep fees to £770.40.

Native Livery Stables. Report for January, by the Inspector is submitted, stating that the different stables have been regularly visited during the month, and the ponies found in good condition, and free from disease. 642 Carriages, and 815 ponies have been licensed for February, as against 619 Carriages, and 817 ponies for January.

175701 Jurisdiction, and 14802 wheelbarrows have been licensed for the current month.

Sanitary Department. Report by the Health officer for January is submitted, and ordered to be published.

Obstructions at Dues. The Vice Chairman desires to know why the three summonses decided upon at the last

Meeting

petition were withdrawn. Mr Welch explains that a suitable written apology was received from the officers and that as there was no time to take the views of the Members of Council, he, after consultation with the Chairman, decided that the summons should be stopped.

It is decided that no apology shall in future be required to general persons obstructing the police and firemen and that such persons will be duly prosecuted.  
Proctoring the Act - The Chairman says that he has had an interview with A. McConnel on the subject of this. A letter and a letter issued from Mr Jamieson to whom the number over all the documents in his possession, with the exception of the title deed of the site of the Chapel, to the Secretary of the Council. It is noted that in Mr Jamieson's opinion the trusteeship consisting of A. McConnel and the General Municipal Council has reference to the building only and not to the lands whereon it stands.

Prince of Prussia - The Chairman states that he has conferred with the Consul General of Germany on the subject of extending an official welcome to Prince Henry of Prussia and that Dr Steacie will communicate with Hamburg to enquire what form the welcome shall take and thenceforth inform the Council.

Sergeant Rags - Mr Berkeley reads the notes he took while sitting with the Watch Committee at their recent investigation of the evidence upon which the Council dismissed this officer. After considerable discussion and some difference of opinion among the Members it is finally proposed by Mr Hyslop seconded by Mr Rolin and carried that "Sergeant Rags be reduced to the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Sergeant, relieved of his civil duties and informed that any further complaint against him will lead to his instant dismissal." Mr Stewart calls the attention of the Council to the false position in which it was placed, owing to the vague and conflicting account of the case furnished by the Captain Superintendent of Police and points out that the whole occurrence hinges on his, Captain Macdonald's, omission to issue

a Board order defining the position of Sergeant Major Lewis in the force and it is decided to address a strongly worded letter to him to this effect.

Police - Native Detentions - Translations of two petitions complaining of the bad practices of certain Native detectives are read with the collected Police evidence thereon. They are referred to the Waikato Committee for full investigation. The Chairman states that he will sit with the Committee and it is agreed that the two complainants now in custody shall be released on their own security.

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Henry Ah Juk - The Chairman

states that this is the detective who recently turned Queen's evidence and who, he is informed, has disappeared.

He states that he pledged his word and that of the Council that the man should be protected. The matter is to be brought up at the Waikato Committee meeting and the Captain Superintendent of Police is to be asked what steps he took in the matter.

Priguard Case - A letter from the Geo. Schiller & Co. offering to sell the ships of war required on certain terms is read and the Works Committee is requested to consider the advisability of accepting them.

Race Club Ditch - The question of the drainage now running into this ditch raised in a letter from the Race Club is also referred to the Works Committee.

Minutes of Sanitary Board are read

Sanitary Regulations - The recommendations under this head is approved in regard to supervision by the Veterinary Surgeon whose duties generally as set forth in a Memorandum by the Chairman of the Board are sanctioned and ordered to be communicated to the persons interested.

Colt's Washing Establishments - The exhaustive note on the condition of these places by Dr. MacLeod together with recommendations by the Board are ordered for publication.

Old Rifle Range - A petition from the residents along the line of the Range requesting the Council to drain, make up, and open a public road is read. The Surveyor, each Overseer of Tapes were to be respectively

respectively directed to furnish statements of the cost of making up a road in this locality and of the probable return of taxation to be derived from the locality, these to be laid before the Works Committee to enable a decision upon the point to be arrived at.

Publicarium - A letter signed by several persons is read requesting permission to erect a swimming bath on the Fochard bank foreshore on the lot recently reserved for private use by the Rev. Father Fernandez. A legal opinion is to be requested to define the bearing of the erection of such a structure on the question of Publica foreshore rights.

Trees in Planting Road - The Rev. D. D. Johnson's letter requesting that certain trees overhanging their establishment be lopped is read, and the request acceded to. The Engineer is to be instructed accordingly.

Volunteers - Artillery Exercise - A letter from the Home Barracks is read stating the terms upon which they propose to take charge of this portion of the stud. Referred to the Major Commanding S. D. C.

Markets - Price of Meat - A Memorandum by the Market Inspector is submitted, on the subject of the recent increase made by the Dutchers in the price of meat, which, the character is as unwarranted.

It is decided - to warn the public that this action has no valid reason at all, and has been taken as a protest against the recent endeavours of the Council to prevent cattle from unsuitable localities entering the settlements.

Electric Department - Accounts - It is decided to appropriate all the available surplus on the working of the Department to repayment of the loan of 1893. The Meeting then adjourns.

*C. R. Smith*

Chairman.

*J. J. Stand*  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held,  
in the Board Room, No 23, Kingsway Road, Southampton  
on Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1895, at  
4 o'clock P.M.

Joseph Welch  
A. R. M. M.  
M. P. P. P.  
Edwards & Co.  
John P. P. P.  
John R. P. P.

Attendance at Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No 23, Kingsway Road, Southampton, on Wednesday  
the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 1895, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Present  
Mr. J. P. P. P. (Chairman)  
Mr. P. P. P.  
Mr. P. P. P.  
Mr. P. P. P.  
Mr. P. P. P.  
Mr. P. P. P. and the  
Assistant Secretary  
Absent  
Mr. P. P. P. and the  
Secretary

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read  
Mr. Welch, at the request of the Chairman  
takes the Chair  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
Chairman and passed for publication  
The Statement for the past week is submitted, read & approved  
for ordinary accounts & are signed

Minutes of Visitation appointments and Police daily report  
for the past week are submitted.

Letter to Fabrice A. Vignier - The Inspector reports that all the Police officers have been kind in allowing the fresh meat, when the licensed vendors were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Journal Municipal, No. 400 - Subject - Summary for December quarter is submitted.

Chargé d'Affaires - Monthly Statement for December is submitted and referred.

Police - Subject Recherches - The Chairman recounts the proceedings and details the evidence given at the recent Special Meeting of the Watch Committee and states that action has been taken, which meets with the approval of the Members.

The report of Captain MacKenzie on the case of Mr. Hob, the detective who connived at the escape of Wei Ah Yee, with the Captain Superintendent's recommendation to read and the latter accepted. It is decided to issue the promised reward to the man whose information led to the recapture.

Pavon Crochets - <sup>is read</sup> A despatch from the Consul General, enclosing translation of a petition from the Fair, requesting the intervention of the Municipal Council in the matter of his (the Crochets) regulations for pavon crochets in the settlement. This despatch states that the matter has not yet been laid before the Consular Body.

A report on the number of these institutions by the Consul of Turco is also read and the Chairman states that the Secretary has in contemplation drafting a reply to be circulated for approval to the Members to the effect that the Committee will take up on this subject is that the rights of the Fair to levy or regulate taxes or levies in the settlement is not since cannot be recognized by the Rate paying

Committee's Department - Minute of the Watch Committee is

is read, embodying two recommendations for the better management of this department. The Clerk states that in view of the report of the Joint Inspectors now laid before the Council on the subject of Street Sweeping the boys on behalf of the Works Committee to withdraw the first of these recommendations. The second which proposes the appointment of a special committee to go into the question thoroughly after some suggestions by Mr. Hewitt on the subject of the constitution of the Committee is adopted.

### Mr. Park's Matters.

Drigmond Case. — Purchase of the strip of land in dispute with Mr. Schiller & Co. is authorized with the proviso suggested by the Works Committee. It is understood that the Secretary has seen Mr. Drigmond in reference to the price he asks for this land but that he refuses to reduce his estimate. The small triangular piece of land marked on the plan he is willing to surrender free of charge.

Race Course Ditch arrangements depend on.

Old Riple Range. Recommendation approved.

Sanatorium. The reply to the petition in regard to the erection of a swimming bath meets with the approbation of the members.

Mr. Hall's Notice. — The Chairman reads a letter which had been written to Mr. Hall informing him that his license will, failing a written apology for his conduct in enabling native cattle dealers to set at naught the Municipal Cattle regulations, be cancelled on the first of next month.

U.C. items approved.

Quarantine. — The Chairman reads an unofficial letter from the Commission of Customs addressed to Mr. Blaud asking if the Council is prepared to take protective measures against this plague in regard to vessels coming from Formosa. It is decided to adopt the same precautions as were in force last year against certain Southern ports.

Telephones. — Letter from the Manager of the China & Japan Telephone



Telephone Company is read giving certain figures in regard to the maximum charge the Company will make on condition of a franchise being granted.

This letter is held not to necessitate any modification of the decision formerly come to by the Council in re telephones, to which effect it is decided to reply.

- Volunteers - Training - Letter from the Commanding Officer is submitted asking permission to drill the Light Horse and Artillery on the Public Recreation Ground
- 152 Also one from the Gentym thereof stating that such a use being made of the ground is highly undesirable and calculated to ruin it. In view of the lack of any other possible drill ground for these branches of the Corps and of the importance of their being properly efficient it is proposed by Mr Anderson, Seconded by Mr Pollock and carried unanimously, that the Secretary of the Public Recreation Ground and the Adjutant of the Shanghai Volunteers Corps be requested to consult together and arrange for a portion of the ground being set aside for this purpose.

The Motion then adjourns.

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Chairman.

Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council, held  
in the Board Room, 21 & 23 Abchurch Lane, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J.M. —

Present  
Joseph Welch  
John F. Dentice  
J. Searon  
M. Prager  
John A. Hopkins

At the same Meeting of the Council, held in the Board  
Room, 21 & 23 Abchurch Lane, Shanghai, on  
Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

J.M.

Present.

Wells  
Mr. G. G. G. G.  
Mr. J. J. J. J.  
Mr. C. C. C. C.  
Mr. F. F. F. F.  
Mr. P. P. P. P.  
Mr. R. R. R. R.  
Mr. S. S. S. S.  
Mr. T. T. T. T.  
Mr. U. U. U. U.  
Mr. V. V. V. V.  
Mr. W. W. W. W.  
Mr. X. X. X. X.  
Mr. Y. Y. Y. Y.  
Mr. Z. Z. Z. Z.  
The Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.  
U. R. S. B. B. B. B.

Absent.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken on record.  
In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Searon  
takes the Chair, and Mr. Welch the Vice Chair.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Vice Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statements for the past week is submitted, and  
 balance forwarding accounts are signed.

Return of Prisons and Police daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Public Domain. - The Inspector reports that  
 all the Cattle are healthy and free from disease.

Quarantine. - The Secretary states that he has been  
 informed by the Commissioner of Customs that action  
 in the matter of quarantine on vessels from the South  
 is deferred for the present.

Quarantiners. - Draft despatches to the Junior Consul  
 defining the Council's position and views in regard  
 to the question raised by the Troche, is submitted and  
 approved.

Municipal Election. - The Members are informed that  
 Mr Olson has had an interview with the Chairman  
 and has requested to be allowed to hand over the  
 undertaking business to a new and competent employ  
 named Pezney. Some discussion takes place as to  
 the advisability of allowing Mr Olson to dispose of the  
 business, Mr Prichard being of opinion that the Council  
 should advertise for applicants. It is eventually  
 decided to refer the matter to the Works Committee,  
 the Engineer being instructed to report on the scale of  
 charges which the Council should sanction. In the  
 meantime, Mr Pezney is to be allowed to officiate  
 on his own.

Gas Contract. - Draft form of contract, as drawn up by  
 the Municipal Engineer for acceptance by the Gas Co.,  
 is submitted. After consideration of the conditions  
 therein which differ from those proposed by the Company,  
 it is decided to improve the draft being forwarded  
 with a letter expressing the Council's views. It is  
 suggested that should the Company be unwilling to  
 accept the contract, the Council will be obliged  
 to comply with the Company's terms; in that case,  
 however, the correspondence would be published  
 and the Council would notify the Company that  
 efforts will be made in future to dispense with the  
 use of Gas for Street lighting as much as possible.

Sale of Game. - The Secretary submits certain correspondence which has been received from the French Council and the Dutch Council in regard to the sale, which game (other than pheasants) may be sold in the Settlement. As a result of the suggestions therein contained, it is decided that a Notification be issued prohibiting the sale of Quail, Hares, Partridges and Deer from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> October. It is understood that the Dutch Council has arranged with the Saabai to issue a proclamation to this effect.

Whelbarron Licenses. - Four petitions from various Native Quilas are submitted, requesting the Council to reconsider and reduce the amount of the license fees paid by Whelbarron coolies. The Secretary is directed to reply that the Council is unable to recommend to the Ratsamang any reduction in the present scale of taxation.

Deignaud's Case. - Recent correspondence with Mr. Schiller & Co. is read, from which it appears that the firm is unwilling to incur to their offer which was duly accepted by the Council for the purchase of certain land of Lot 1337/2 for a public Road. It is decided to place the matter in the hands of the Agent Anderson and to request him to take such immediate steps as may be necessary to compel Mr. Schiller & Co. to fulfil their agreement.

Boreskore Rights. - Lot 112 H. S. S. - Mr. A. Brownell's Petition in this case, to be heard before the Courts of Councils, is submitted; the Secretary states that the Agent Anderson is preparing the necessary papers.

Annual and Special Meetings. - The various Resolutions to be brought forward by the Council are read and approved. Mr. Anderson also reads the finally revised and amended form of the "Land for Public Roads" Regulations to be proposed at the Special Meeting, and details the additions and alterations made in the other new and amended Regulations and By-laws.

These are approved and ordered to be published.

Sanitary Department - Memorandum by the Sanitary Inspector is submitted, regarding the general work of scavenging the Settlement. The Chairman of the Works Committee proposes that a Notification be published prohibiting the deposition of Garbage in the streets of the Settlement at any hour later than 6 A.M. in summer and 7 A.M. in winter, all Garbage to be placed in Boxes and not loose on the streets.

This recommendation is approved.

Report by the Sanitary Inspector on the Sanitation of Hong Kow is submitted, and the recommendations therein contained with regard to the erection of Latrines, &c., are referred to the Works Committee.

Sergeant Ross - The Secretary states that an application has been made by the wife of Sergeant Ross for assistance from the Council to provide her and her children with part of the cost of passages to England. The Chairman is of opinion that in view of the special nature of the case, a grant might be made out of the public funds for this purpose, but after some discussion, the matter is referred to the Works Committee.

The Meeting then adjourns.

C. F. Smith

Chairman.

J. B. L. S. Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council, held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, George Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1898,  
at 11 o'clock P.M.

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*A. R. Merrill*  
Joseph Nitch  
John R. Hughes  
J. S. Deaton  
M. P. ...  
John ...

Attendance Register of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, George Road, Shanghai, on  
Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1898 at 11 o'clock,  
P.M.

Present  
Messrs W. R. Burdell, (Chairman)  
F. Anderson  
J. S. Deaton  
C. A. Hewitt  
J. R. Hughes  
J. ...  
M. ...  
Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary,  
R. ... E. ...  
and  
W. P. Stokes, Member of Council for 1898.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, and  
 signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.  
Annual Statement for the past year is submitted, and  
 charges for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Diseases as published, and Police daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.  
Letter in Native Affairs. The Inspector reports that  
 all the Native dairies have been inspected, mostly  
 during the past month. The better licensed dairies  
 have been found in a satisfactory condition. As no  
 case of disease occurred during the month in Ab-  
 Sinds dairy, the instable's duty there have been  
 withdrawn.

Engineering Conty Report of Works for January, com-  
 pleted, and in progress is submitted, and wants to  
 be published with Minutes of last Meeting.

Summary of License Fees, January is submitted, amount-  
 ing to \$24,975.05 as against \$20,870.08, and  
 \$18,772.81 for the same months in 1897, and 1896  
 respectively.

do do do do February is submitted, amount-  
 ing to \$21,114.52 as against \$17,669.54 and \$15,820.61  
 for the same months in 1897, and 1896 respectively.

Meat Report by the Inspector, for February  
 is submitted, stating that the markets and butcher  
 shops have been visited, and all the meats  
 can fully be proved. The Beef of good quality &  
 throughout the month has been of good quality &  
 notwithstanding that the supply of live stock has  
 been at times scant; great difficulty is still  
 experienced in inducing Dealers to bring their  
 cattle direct to the Municipal Sleds.

Mutton has been good in quality, and the  
 supply continues to improve.

The supply of Fish, Vegetables, and Fruit  
 has been scant and high prices prevailed.

The sale of pheasants closed on 16<sup>th</sup> inst.,  
 up to which date a fair supply of game and  
 birds

live force was on sale.

The number of animals slaughtered at the abattoir consisted of 832 Oxen, 1691 Sheep, 134 Calves, and 86 Pigs, and the fees collected from various sources, amounted to £ 264, 8s, and the cattle shed fees to £ 746, 6s.

Prince of Prussia. - The General Consul General to the Chairman is read, stating that H. R. H. will arrive at Weimar about the middle of March, but will only remain one day before proceeding forth. He will return to Hanover at a later date, when he will be pleased to receive any welcome that may be offered to him.

Councils Rights over Defence Grounds. - The Chairman states that he has been afforded certain information by Mr. J. Johnson with regard to the Councils title to the lands forming the Defence Grounds, from which it appears that the property was originally purchased from the Native owners by the Defence Committee, and that there can be no doubt as to the Councils rights over the lands.

Budget. - The Chairman explains, for the information of the new members, the more important features of the Budget.

Mr. Gall's Budget Request. - The Chairman states that Mr. Gall has called upon him and expressed readiness to fall in with the Councils views. It is decided that the Councils cannot recede from their position taken upon this matter, nor permit Mr. Gall to see what is the Settlement, until he shall have given the £ 1000, required from him, and intimated in writing to conform to Municipal Regulations.

Councils Officers. - The Chairman reads a copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Maclean by Dr. Woodhead, referring to the selections by Dr. Johnston, Little and himself of Dr. Arthur Strachey for the appointment of next year to the Council. He has also drawn his attention to the purchase of Laboratory apparatus, which will be duly forwarded.

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The Members are of opinion that the services which Dr. Woodhead has rendered, should be recognized by presenting him a fee, in addition to the medals that he has, and the Secretary is directed, in with Dr. Woodhead what the amount of such fee should be.

181 Volunteers - Captain Cox. - Certain considerations which have recently arisen between the Higha for Commanding and Captain Cox is submitted, at the request of the former, and read. From these letters it appears that Captain Cox objects, on conscientious grounds, to signing certain orders regarding the performance of Sunday duties. The Council, while recognizing the value of his past and present services to the O.V.C., is of opinion that any Volunteer who feels himself unable to carry out the orders of a superior officer can have no other alternative than to forward his resignation.

The Director accordingly decided to draft a letter in this sense for the Chairman's signature, expressing at the same time the hope that Captain Cox will see his way to withdraw, and a telegram for his leave.

182 Dr. Wood's Naval Company - Letter from the British Commanding is read, strongly recommending the enrolment of a number of of fellows of the Maritime Hospital into a Naval Company, to serve chiefly on Steam launches, which would carry the Machine Guns. It encloses a letter from the British Chairman of a Committee formed to consider the question, stating that the members have already expressed their willingness to serve.

After some discussion as to the advisability of admitting these volunteers to the Volunteers, under existing financial conditions, it is decided to ask the British Chairman for further information on the subject of the duties, cost of equipment of the Naval Volunteers, and other details affecting the proposal. It is pointed out that, in case of emergency

emergencies, not more than one fourth of the men enrolled would be likely to be available for duty, and that difficulties might occur with regard to providing Launches and Launchmen.

The Chairman of the Watch Committee undertakes to send Major Collingwood and to ask him for the information required.

Members - Commission. - Letter from the Major Commanding is read, recommending the issue to Mr. H. G. G. of a Commission as Captain of "C" Company, on the understanding that his holding the appointment is subject to permission being granted by the British Authorities, Mr. G. being at present on leave from his regiment.

The Secretary is directed to reply that the Council has much pleasure in granting the Commission on this condition.

Orders. - Report by the Veterinary Surgeon on this subject is submitted, and after some discussion 183 as to the necessity for taking any action in the matter, it is referred to the Sanitary Board.

Use of Delicatessen. - Report by the Chairman of the Sanitary Board is submitted, dealing with the 191 capacity of certain samples of Oluskey, recently forwarded for examination. It is of opinion that these contain no deleterious adulteration and that their ill-effects are simply the result of consumption in excessive quantities.

This report is ordered for publication.

San Department. - Petition by several members of the San Department is submitted, asking to be placed on the same footing as the Police as regards 200 Hospital Expenses in case of illness.

Memorandum by the Secretary is attached, suggesting that the application be granted, except in the case of employees sent to hospital on account of venereal disease.

Matter referred to the Watch and Finance Committee.

M. G.

Mixed Court. - Draft of proposed dispatch to the Gover-  
nment on the subject of recent illegal arrests by  
Mixed Court runners is read and approved.

Postal Missions. - Official plans of Road Stations,  
for the ensuing year as recommended by the Works  
Committee, is submitted and approved.

Telegraphic Service. - Letter from the Manager of the  
Telegraphic and Telephone Co is read, asking  
189 that his business letter in the subject of a franchise  
be published with the Council's minutes.

This is ordered to be done.

In reply to a question on the subject and  
with reference to the Resolutions to be proposed at  
the Antagonists Meeting, the Vice Chairman says that  
in the event of a franchise for a Telephone Company  
being granted by the Antagonists, it is proposed  
to call for letters from all parts before coming to  
any conclusion as to the nature of the franchise to  
be granted.

Disputed Case. - Memorandum from the Legal Advisor  
is read, recommending that proceedings be not taken  
in this matter, and that the proposed road extension  
in this direction be abandoned. The Council decides  
that this recommendation cannot be adopted, and  
that the matter must be dealt with as decided  
at the last meeting.

Unlawful Encroachment, December. - Letter from the Legal Advisor  
is read, stating that the Council cannot legally eject  
the Unions Trading Co from the land on which they  
are now trespassing, the Council not being owners of the  
property. It is decided to request the British  
Council General to move in the matter of placing the land  
under the Trust, in the meanwhile, the Engineer  
will be directed to see Mr James Jones and to point  
out, upon the plan at the consulate, the actual  
boundaries of the Unions Trading Co's property.

Native House Building. - Letter from Mr W. B. Rex  
is read, drawing attention to the growing increase in  
the construction of Native Houses in the settlement,  
and

and asking whether the Council can devise any means of putting a stop thereto in the interests of the Foreign Community. It is decided that the short time before the next Papers Meeting does not permit of referring this question to the Meeting, even were it found desirable to do so, and the Secretary is directed to reply that Mr. V's letter will be published and the matter referred to the incoming Council for consideration.

Old Rifle Range - Minute by the Works Committee is read, detailing the arrangement, which it is proposed to make with the residents and owners of land along the Rifle Range, for the construction of a Road in that locality. Recommendation approved.

Electrical Department - Stainers - The Chairman reads the draft of the remarks which he proposes to make at the forthcoming Meeting on the subject of the financial working of the Electrical Department.

These, with one slight amendment, are approved.

Quayside Quarry - Official letter from the Engineer of the Engine Settlement at Houghdown is read, asking on what terms the Council would be willing to buy for an extension of the Quarry lease.

Memorandum by the Municipal Engineer is also submitted, recommending a maximum payment of £1000 per annum, in cash or materials, for a further ten years lease. This recommendation is approved, it being understood that in the event of renewal of the lease, the present tip-yard at Tibbit Road would not be required.

The Secretary is instructed to reply accordingly.

The Meeting then adjourns.

A. R. Smith  
Chairman

J. D. Smith  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council, held  
in the Board Room, No 23, Hengue Road,  
Shanghai, on Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1898, at  
11 o'clock P.M.

Joseph Welch  
A. R. Barkill  
John Forester  
J. J. Keown  
W. L. ...  
John R. Hayker  
E. ...

At the annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No 23, Hengue Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday,  
the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1898 at 11 o'clock P.M.

Present:

The pres.

(A. R. Barkill, Chairman)

J. J. Keown

W. L. ...

John R. Hayker

John Forester

Joseph Welch

E. ...

Secretary

Asst. Secretary

Dr. Anderson

the

and the

By Absent

The minutes of last Meeting were read, and confirmed.

The minutes of last Meeting were read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

W. L.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheque for Sunday proceeds resigned.

Column of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Division. The Inspector reports that the native divisions have all been inspected during the past week, and the cattle therein, found to be in a healthy condition, excepting those at Overings Redoubt.

Police Veterinary Stables. - Report for February, by the Inspector is submitted, stating that the different stables have been regularly inspected during the past month, and found in good condition, and the ponies free from Scourge, or other infectious diseases. 629 Carriages, and 783 ponies have been licensed for March, as against 642 of the former, and 815 of the latter for February. 1160 Mules, and 5190 Whulbarrows have been licensed for the current month.

Sanitary Department. - Report by the Health Officer for February is submitted, and is to be published with Minutes of last meeting.

Annual Meeting. - The Chairman reads certain introductory remarks which he proposes to make in bringing forward the various resolutions. He deals especially with the question of High Soil removal, and points out that, after personal examination of the conditions under which scavenging is at present done by the Council as compared with the system adopted by private owners, he is of opinion that the Municipal works of public sanitation have much to be desired. He proposes therefore to say that the Council wish for powers to deal with the general removal of High Soil, but that these powers will only be desired as a part of a complete and thorough scheme of reorganised Sanitary Works, and that it will be the care of the Incoming Council to appoint a special Committee to consider such reorganisation without delay.

The Members approve.

Mr. Hall

Mr. Gull's Dutcher Review. - Mr. Sewell advises that Mr. Gull is being looked in regard to Mr. Hall, and whether he is being permitted to sell meat in the settlement. The Secretary states that he has called upon the Warlike Inspector for information as to Mr. Gull's movements, but that his report has not yet been received. It is decided to instruct the Police to ascertain whether Mr. Hall is bringing unstamped meat into the Settlement, and if such should be the case, to seize the same and summons him for breach of Regulations.

Columbus - Dr. David Kaval Co. - The Chairman of the Warlike Committee says that he has seen the Major Commanding in this matter, and the result of the interview has already been communicated to the members in a short Memorandum giving the Major Commanding's arguments in favour of the formation of the proposed Kaval Co. Mr. Welch is in favour of complying with Major Holliday's suggestions. Mr. President points out that there will be great difficulty in obtaining the consent of the owners of Tool-shops to their employees serving, and that similar objections will be raised by Steamer Captains in the case of their officers. Mr. Sewell supports these views and the Motion is carried and it is decided that further consideration of the matter is required. It is suggested that the Council's objections to the scheme in its present form should be brought by the incoming Warlike Committee to the notice of Major Holliday, and eventually it is decided that the Secretary shall write and inform Major Holliday that this will be done as soon as possible.

Captain Ref. - Letter from Captain Ref is read, explaining the position taken up by himself with regard to the question of Division drills, and expressing his inability to comply with the orders given him in this matter by the Major Commanding. The members are of opinion

opinion that this being essentially a question of discipline, the Council has no alternative but to support the Commanding Officer, and while regretting that the step should be necessary, Captain Rex must be asked to resign. Before this step is taken, however, the Chairman will see Major Stoddard and ask him whether it might be possible to arrange the difficulty. If this cannot be done, the Secretary will write and confirm the Council's letter of 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

173. Staff - Sanitary Department - Upon the report of the Sanitary Inspector, ~~and~~ accompanied by a certificate by the Health Officer, it is decided that Mr. Baker of the Sanitary Department, being physically unfit for active employment, must be invalided. The Chairman of the State Committee recommends that he be given three months' notice and thereafter a gratuity of three months' salary.

This recommendation is approved.

51. Seignior Case - Letter from the Legal Adviser is read recommending that the Council should authorize him to tender to Mr. Schiller \$500 as a cheque per No. 1515 in payment for the land required for road extension. This is approved.

The meeting then adjourns.

A. R. Birrell

Chairman

J. B. Bland  
Secretary



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council, &  
held in the Board Room, No. 2, George Road  
Singapore, on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1898 at  
10.30 P.M.

Wm. J. ...  
John A. ...  
A. ...  
A. R. ...  
Joseph ...  
M. ...

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 2, George Road, Singapore, on Friday, the  
11<sup>th</sup> March 1898 at 10.30 P.M.

Present.  
Messrs W. H. ... Chairman  
J. ...  
C. S. ...  
W. G. ...  
J. R. ...  
J. ...  
M. ...  
J. ...  
W. ...  
Assistant Secretary.

Following Members of Council for 1898.

Mr W. ...  
Mr ...  
Mr ...

Mr ... calling the Meeting to Order as usual.  
The

The minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

After a few words by the Chairman, expressing his thanks to the Members for their support during the past year, he read the Rev. Dr. Bykes' vote.

The Council then proceeds to the election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year. It is proposed by Mr. Prentiss, and seconded by Mr. Welch, that Mr. J. W. Farnon be elected Chairman. Mr. Hewitt proposes Mr. F. Anderson for the post, and upon a ballot, Mr. Farnon is elected.

Mr. White proposes, and Mr. Prentiss seconds, that Mr. J. Welch be appointed to the Vice Chair. Mr. Hewitt proposes Mr. Anderson, but upon a show of hands, Mr. Welch is duly elected.

The election of Committees then follows, it being agreed that a special Sunday Committee shall be constituted with the primary object of undertaking the re-organization of the Sunday Department's work. The constitution of the Committees, as elected, is as follows:

<u>Work Committee</u>	—	Mr. Farnon, Prentiss, Prentiss.
<u>Watch</u>	— Do —	Welch, Hewitt, & Stokes.
<u>Finance</u>	— Do —	Anderson, Shelton & Ogden.
<u>Sunday</u>	— Do —	Anderson, Hewitt & Ashde.
<u>Edinburgh</u>	— Captain Rex —	Letter from Captain Rex

is submitted, dealing with the further question of Sunday drills, and expressing his willingness to withdraw his letters to the Mayor concerning, if it is to be understood for the future that such drills are optional. He also expresses regret at any errors in procedure which he may have committed.

The Secretary is directed to draft a letter stating that the Council, while unable to discuss the disciplinary questions at issue, will be very glad if the incident can be closed by the withdrawal of Captain Rex's letters.

Hour of Meetings — It is decided that in future the hour at which the Council will meet shall be 4:30 p.m.

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Resolution - It is resolved to invite Major Postiday to  
attend the next meeting of Council to discuss the  
proposed formation of a Voluntary Fire Company  
The Meeting this afternoon

Chairman  
[Signature]

Secretary  
[Signature]

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 2, George Road &  
Manhattan, on Wednesday, the 16th March 1898  
at 7 30 pm

M. Power  
W. Stokes  
R. Smith  
E. Shellin  
J. Joseph  
J. Fearon  
John Forster

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room,  
No. 23, Exchange Road, Singapore, on Wednesday, the  
7th March, 1892, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr. J. S. Fearon, Chairman  
Mr. F. Anderson.  
Mr. W. W. Hewitt.  
Mr. R. Anglin.  
Mr. J. Brubaker.  
Mr. R. K. K. K.  
Mr. C. S. Mullins.  
Mr. P. S. S. S.  
Mr. M. M. M. M. the  
Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary.

The minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statements for the past week is submitted and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Call in Native Ruins. The Inspector reports that the  
Native claims have all been inspected during the past  
week. The outbreak of disease at "Overing's" Bungalow  
does not appear to be spreading, but an unexplained  
disease situation in the Suija district has become infected  
and two native cows have died.

Charitable Dues for January is submitted and referred to  
Finance Committee.

Engineer's Report for February is submitted.

Mr. Hall's Butcher License. Recent correspondence with  
234. Mr. Hall is read, and the Secretary states that a summons  
has been applied for against Mr. Hall for selling  
meat without a license. It is decided that it is  
not necessary to publish this correspondence with the  
minutes.

Sale of Game - Mr. Anderson refers to the fact that game  
continues

continue to be sold in the markets in spite of the Notification recently published. The Secretary is directed to instruct the Market Inspector to prevent such sales in future. Should it be considered <sup>necessary</sup> to revise the regulations as referring to quail, this can be done at the end of the present season.

At the suggestion of Mr Hewitt, it is decided to write to the Commissioner of Customs and request his Co-operation to prevent the sale of game out of season. It is suggested, that if he will issue instructions to the River Police, to stop sales of game by boatmen in the harbour, such a step could not fail to have a beneficial effect, as large quantities are now sold to steamers in the berth.

23/ School Committee - Letter from the Hon Secy of the Public School Committee is read, asking the Council to elect its usual representation on the Committee. Mr E.A. Hewitt, having consented to serve, is duly elected.

43/ Gas Contract - Letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company is read, stating that the Company is prepared to accept the draft contract as forwarded by the Council. The Secretary is accordingly directed to forward the formal contract for signature.

24/ Police - Letter from the Captain Superintendent is read, recommending that the Carter Road District be henceforward considered as a separate Division, and that Sergeant Kelly be promoted to be Inspector in charge of that Division.

Recommendation approved.  
The applications from Mr Lambuth for the post of Intelligence Officer is submitted. This, together with certain proposed Traffic Regulations, is referred to the Watch Committee.

259/ Volunteers - Proposed Naval Company. - Major Holiday attends, by invitation, to discuss the questions involved in the formation of the proposed Naval Company. With regard to the question

question of expense, he points out that the men would not receive their uniforms until such time as they had qualified as efficient. The cost of these uniforms being estimated at \$15. per man and the total number of men which it is expected will be enrolled being 80, the cost of giving the scheme a trial will be comparatively small.

With reference to the observations made by Mr. Hewitt, Douglas and Spruntice, in regard to the probability of desertion occurring to prevent the attendance of Ship's officers, Engineers and Tow-boat Captains at drills, Major Holliday says that this is a question which can only be decided after a fair trial. The men have volunteered for certain duty, and it may be assumed, until actual experience shows to the contrary, that they will be able to perform that duty; this, however, is a matter which rests chiefly with the men themselves. It is considered that as a general rule, at least 25% of the Company would be available for duty upon an emergency.

Upon Major Holliday's retiring, some further discussion ensued; it is eventually decided that the scheme, as proposed, shall be given a trial and the Secretary is directed to write the Major commanding accordingly.

Volunteers - Staff - Letters from the Major Commanding are submitted notifying the following:

228	✓	<u>Resignation</u> of Captain J. Miller, C. Co, on leave
229	✓	- do - " Captain A. Nowick, C. Co.
231	✓	<u>Commission</u> as 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieutenant, German Company, recommended to be issued to Sergeant Hill of that Company.

Movements noted and approved.  
The Adjutant then adjourns.

W. A. D.  
Adjutant

J. S. D. Lamb  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council, held  
 in the Board Room, No 23 Hingpo Road, Shanghai  
 on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Attends  
Subsidiary  
R. Inglis  
Joseph Welch  
J. Fearon  
E. Shellim  
M. Ross

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
 Room, No 23 Hingpo Road, Shanghai on  
 Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present. — M. M.  
 J. S. Fearon. (Chairman)  
 J. Anderson.  
 E. A. Hewitt.  
 R. Inglis.  
 M. Ross.  
 E. Shellim.  
 E. P. Stokes.  
 J. Welch. the  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary.  
 J. Prentice.

Absent.  
 The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
 Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week - are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies, - The Inspector states that all the native dairies have been inspected during the past week. As already reported, Kinner post broke out in the Siyga District, since then, another dairy has become infected, the owner, however, has promised to destroy his whole stock.

Tramways - Upon the suggestion of the Chairman, it is decided to appoint a Special Commission to consider and report on the best scheme for the introduction of Tramways into the Settlements. It is proposed, and approved, that this Commission shall consist of two Members of this Council, and one Member of the Truck Council, with the Engineers of both Municipalities sitting as advisory members. The work of the Commission will be in selecting the most convenient route, system, and method of procedure to be adopted in calling for tenders, and their report, when ready, will be submitted to both Councils.

It is resolved to elect Mr. Eagles and Prentice to represent this Council on the Commission.

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Letter from Mr. Rouffest is read, asking for an interview in which he may submit definite proposals for the construction of a Tramway system.

Decided to reply that his request will be referred to the Special Commission.

Minutes of Watch Committee read, and with reference to the appointment of Intelligence Officer, and to Mr. Vreubeth's application for the post, it is decided that although this candidate's qualifications appear to be exceptionally good, it is advisable to advertise for applications in the usual manner. The Secretary is accordingly directed to publish a Notification stating that applications will be received until the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Works Committee's Minutes read. The recommendation regarding the increase of salary and renewal of agreement of the Assistant Superintendent of the Electrical Department is approved. Also in regard to the

Engineers



Engineer's Department Staff, it is decided that it is necessary to invalidate Mr. Burton of that Department, he being unfit for further service.

The Secretary is instructed to see Mr. Burton and to endeavour to arrange that he shall leave Shanghai the Council granting him a year's pay as a gratuity and a passage home.

Mixed Court - Letter from the Senior Consul is read, stating that the Consular Body endorses the Council's views in regard to the recent illegal arrests by the Mixed Court runners and a communication has now been addressed to the Tsohai requesting him to instruct the Magistrate that no arrests are to be made in the Settlements except with the co-operation of the Municipal Police. The inquiry will also be tied into the Administration of the Mixed Court.

It is decided, in deference to an unofficial request of the Senior Consul, to defer the publication of this correspondence until the result of such an inquiry shall be known.

Telephones - Memorandum by the Engineer with regard to the proposed granting of a Telephone franchise is read. He advises the postponement of the issue of specifications for tenders until the arrival of the new Electrical Engineer, who with himself will go into the question of underground wires.

In regard to the conditions under which a concession for Telephones shall be granted, the Chairman states that the Secretary has had an interview with the French Consul General on the subject, who has expressed the opinion that any proposals approved by this Council will meet with no objection on the French side, and has suggested that the terms upon which the concession is to be granted should be arranged jointly by the Engineers of the two Municipalities. M. de Bezaure is further of opinion that these terms should include the provision of free Telephones for Municipal purposes, and the members think that this is a condition

condition, might well be insisted upon by this Council, together with the supply of telephonic fire alarms in certain localities.

Settlement Extensions - The Council having been given unofficially to understand that the efforts of the Consular Body to induce the local Chinese Authorities to move in the matter of the extension of the Settlements has proved fruitless, it is decided that a letter shall be addressed to the Senior Consul, pointing out that no reply has yet been received to the Council's letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> September on this subject and asking for such information thereon as he may be in a position to afford.


Sanitary Board - The Chairman proposes that Mr Keylock, Veterinary Surgeon, be invited to become a Member of the Sanitary Board. Resolution approved.

Public Band - The Chairman states that Mr Hela, who is about to go home on leave, has called on him to advise that he be authorised to engage in Europe a competent musician, who should be capable of replacing him eventually, and who in the meanwhile would relieve him of some of the duties which have grown to be more than he can deal with alone. He says that such a man could be procured for £100 a month.

The Chairman is personally of opinion that some such step has become necessary.

Matter referred to Band Committee.

The Meeting then adjourns.

  
Chairman

J. J. Bland  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Rooms, No 23, Raunge Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1898,  
at 4.30 p.m.

R. Inglis  
 A. Stokes  
 F. Anderson  
~~Newsome~~  
 J. Fearon  
 Joseph Welch.  
 J. M. ...  
 E. ...

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Raunge Road, Shanghai, on  
Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present Mr. Mr.

J. S. Fearon. (Chairman)  
 F. Anderson.  
 E. A. Newsome.  
 R. Inglis.  
 J. M. ...  
 M. ...  
 E. ...  
 A. P. Stokes.  
 J. Welch.  
 Secretary  
 Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed signed  
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
 Cash Statement for the past week is submitted,  
 and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.  
Cattle in Native Districts - The Inspector reports that all the native dairies have been regularly inspected during the past month. The disease which was reported in February as prevalent amongst the cattle at Overwieg's Bungalow - having died out, licenses were re-issued to the dairymen on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

Holuhcers - Annual Inspection - Telegram from the General Commanding in Hongkong is read, stating that, on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, will be a convenient date for the Inspection. In this connection, the Chairman of the Watch Committee refers to a recent recommendation by the Major Commanding that the corps be summoned on the day of the Inspection by sounding the general alarm, such being, in his opinion, the most effective and reliable method. Decided to adopt this recommendation, due notice to be given of the same by advertisement in the press.

Notices - Letter from the Consul-General is read, stating that he is unable to prohibit Mr. Deu Bourg & Co. from selling the tickets of the "Liberia de Juarez", this being a Mexican Government Lottery. Decided that it is inadvisable to publish this correspondence.

Municipal Sexton. - Letter from Mr. Olson, Municipal Sexton, is read, resigning his appointment and notifying the Council that Mr. Peuzig has taken over his business. The matter is referred to the Works Committee, and it is suggested that when the new appointment is notified to the public a scale of authorised Sexton's charges should also be published.

Road Improvements, beyond Settlement Limits. - Translation of a letter from the Custai is read, expressing his desire to improve the conditions of the roads outside the Settlement and of making new ones whenever required. In the case of the proposed road to the New Rifle Range, which matter has been semi-officially referred to him by the Secretary, he states that immediate steps will be taken to comply with the Council's wishes. He also requests

requests to be kept informed of any similar improvements which the Council may consider to be necessary in the general interests of the community.

236 / Wash Houses - Memorandum by Mr Anderson is submitted, in which he requests that the Council, before taking any definite steps in regard to the erection of experimental Wash-houses on the land to the east of the old Rifle Range, should consider the advisability of making a permanent building for this purpose on the land now held for a Cholera Isolation Hospital. He is of opinion that it will be found advisable to provide the land required for the proposed Wash-houses, as well as for the Nursing Institute, on this property, and to remove the Isolation Hospital beyond the limits of the Settlement to some spot which should be approved by the Health Officer and by local medical practitioners. After some discussion on the suitability of the Scott Road site for an Isolation Hospital, it is decided to defer consideration of the subject, and to call upon the Health Officer to furnish a Report on the questions involved.

45 / Garbage Regulations - The Secretary is directed to circulate an opinion calling the attention of Residents to the fact that the new Garbage Regulations will come into force on the 1st April.

277 / Police - Letter from the Captain Superintendent is now recommending that the Council should authorize him to proceed to Hongkong for the purpose of enquiring into the working of the Force there in all its branches, prior to his making certain suggestions for the improvement of the Shanghai Police. The suggestion is approved and the Chairman of the Watch Committee undertakes to arrange with Mr Potterson as to the date at which it will be most convenient to put it into execution. Mr Welch also undertakes to arrange the date of the Annual Inspection of the Force.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. D. W. D.  
Chairman.

J. S. S.  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Riangse Road, Shanghai  
on Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1898. at 4.30 p.m.

E. Shellier  
 A. Stokes  
 J. P. Prentice  
 Joseph Welch  
 M. Rowland  
 F. Anderson  
 R. Inglis  
 J. Searon

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 23, Riangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday,  
the 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1898. at 4.30 p.m.

Present. M.M.

J. Searon, (Chairman),  
 F. Anderson,  
 C. A. Hewitt,  
 R. Inglis,  
 J. Prentice,  
 M. Rowland,  
 E. Shellier,  
 J. P. Stokes,  
 J. Welch,  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and Cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week, are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts - The Inspector reports that all the Native districts have been inspected during the past week, when the cattle were found to be in a healthy condition, excepting those in Chau Lang Shing's district off Carter road, where Quindipists still prevail.

Markets - Report by the Inspector, for March, is submitted, stating that the markets and butcher shops have been visited daily, and all meals carefully inspected. The Beef offered for sale throughout the month has been of good quality and the supply of live stock better. Mutton has been of good quality and the supply ample.

Pork has been good, both in quality and quantity. Vegetables have been in good supply, and several varieties of Fruit have been on sale throughout the month.

The number of animals slaughtered at the Abattoir consisted of 560 oxen, 1898 Sheep, 151 Calves, and 81 pigs, and the fees collected from various sources amounted to \$268.30, and the auction shed fees to \$763.115.

Native Live Stables, - Report for March, by the Inspector, is submitted, stating that the different stables have been regularly inspected during the past month, and found in good condition, and the ponies for hire

582 Carriago, and 740 ponies have been licensed for April, as against 624 of the former, and 783 of the latter for March.

Summar of Licensee fees for March is submitted amounting to \$25,126.89, against \$18,965.77, and \$20,520.17, for the same months in 1896, and 1897 respectively.

1 Tramways Commission - Letter from the Secretary of the Truck Council is read, stating that Mr. Burch has been elected, to represent that Council on the Joint Municipality's Commission. The Engineer to the Truck Municipality will also attend the sittings. The Secretary is directed to write and ask Mr. Burch what will be the earliest date on which it will be convenient for him, and the Wholist to attend the first meeting of the Commission.

6<sup>th</sup> 1877  
1 Prince Henry of Prussia. - A discussion takes place as to the best methods of arranging for the entertainment to be held in honour of Prince Henry. It is eventually decided to write to the Minister and say that the Council will be glad, if the Consular Body will appoint three of its Members to cooperate with three Members of the Council in forming a Working Committee to discuss and carry out the proposed entertainment. Mr. M. Dearen, Anderson and Rhde are elected, to represent the Council, and it is decided that any deficit arising out of the expenses of the reception, will be charged from the public funds.

1 Wharfage Dues. - The Secretary informs the Members of the progress which is being made in the proposed arrangement for collection of these Dues by the Imperial Maritime Customs; it is noted, that the Commissioner of Customs is hopeful of bringing the matter to a successful issue with the Port. The latter, however, has expressed a desire to on the same system adopted uniformly in the Truck Commission and Mr. Archer has had an interview on the subject with the Truck Consul General; but without any satisfactory results, as the Truck Council appear desirous of attracting residents to that side by guarding against competition from Wharfage Dues for a considerable period.

The Vicar has undertaken to see Mr. de Bezaure and to represent the views of the Council concerning the advisability of adopting, if possible a uniform system which would be to the mutual advantage of both Settlements.

Apple



Rifle Range Road — The Members are informed that all the residents on the old Rifle Range have expressed readiness to accept the Councils proposals in regard to the widening of the new road, & in that locality, with the exception of Mr. J. L. Cameron. As Mr. Cameron's proffrage on the proposed road is very extensive, the Members are of opinion that the work cannot be undertaken, until his acceptance of the Councils terms have been received, and that it must rest with Mr. Cameron's fellow-residents on the Rifle Range land to induce him to accede to the Councils views in the general interests of that locality.

Nursing Home Site — Report by the Health Officer on Mr. Cameron's proposals, to erect a Nursing Institute on the Scott Road's property, is submitted, and ordered to be circulated for the information of the Council.

Mr. Stanley is of opinion that a Nursing Home to fulfil the best purposes of such an Institution, must be situated in a more open, and cheerful locality than the present Volation Hospital site; Moreover, he considers that site, as being eminently suited for an Volation Hospital, and one sufficient for that purpose. The Members discuss the question of purchasing a piece of land for the proposed Nursing Home, a subject whose further consideration is postponed pending inquiries to suitable sites.

In this connection an offer by Mr. Hopkins & Co. to sell to the Council about 60 acres of land at the New Rifle Range is submitted, and the Members are of opinion that although this land was recently sold by the Council, it is advisable to endeavour to repurchase it. The price asked is £500 per acre and the Secretary is directed to write and offer £400. The Council is of opinion that this land is urgently needed to provide exercising ground for the Glasgow Volunteer Corps, as the use of the interior of the Race Course for this purpose cannot continue for many years.

Nurses Home - Scale of Fees. - Mr. Anderson suggests that the scale of fees for Nurses services should be increased, in ordinary cases, but that the Council should advertise at the same time that special terms will be made in the case of patients, who cannot well afford to pay. The Members support the suggestion of raising the present scale of charges (this matter being referred to the Finance Committee) but are opposed to any public notification on the subject of special terms in special cases.

Municipal Sotlon - Regarding the appointment of a Sotlon in succession to Mr. Olsen, it is decided that when the vacancy is definitely filled and a notification on the subject issued, it should be stated that information with regard to the undertaking charge approved by the Council, may be obtained on application at the Engineers office.

As it appears that Mr. Feuzig is unable to take over the duties of Sotlon because of certain difficulties experienced in arriving at a settlement with Mr. Olsen, the Secretary is directed to send for Mr. Feuzig and to ascertain the position of affairs.

Prigman's Case - Letter from the Legal Adviser is read enclosing a communication from the Consul for Sweden and Norway, in which it is stated that Mr. Schiller & Co are now willing to settle the matter at issue, and to accept the Council's cheque, provided the Council will waive all claim to costs in the case. The Legal Adviser recommends that this be done, and that the Council should authorize the Consul to forward its cheque in payment for the land, without making any further stipulations.

This course is therefore approved.

Volunteers - Letter from the Major Commanding is read recommending that a Commission as Second Lieutenant be issued to Sergeant Gardnet of the Light Horse, while on leave, to enable him to go through a course of instruction at home, Commission to be issued.

Settlement Extension - The Chairman says that he has seen the Senior Consul on the subject of the Settlement Extension, but that, owing to the position of affairs in Hongkong, there does not appear to be any immediate probability of a satisfactory solution of this question. The Senior Consul will shortly reply to the Councils despatch and convey an intimation to this effect.

Works Matters - The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Works Committee are read, and the recommendations with regard to the proposed widening of the North Tsim Shaing, and the Jessfield Roads (to 40 feet) are approved.

The Committee's suggestions with regard to the road widenings negotiated with Mr Hogg are also approved. Finally, the recommendation made with reference to the invaliding of Mr Burton is endorsed.

New Market and Drill Hall - The proposed mural tablet, sketch-plan of which is forwarded by the Engineer, is approved.

The Meeting then adjourns.

*J. H. D. W.*  
Chairman.

*J. R. S. L.*  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance, at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Shouphard  
on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1848, at 4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch  
John Prentice  
E. Shellin  
M. Powell  
P. Ansell  
C. Stokes  
J. Anderson.  
J. Searon

At the same Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Shouphard, on  
Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1848, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. M.

J. Searon. Chairman,  
J. Anderson,  
C. Douglas,  
J. Prentice,  
M. Powell,  
E. Shellin,  
C. Stokes,  
J. Welch. the  
Secretary. and the  
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

E. A. Hewitt.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and Cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that the native dairies have been inspected during the past week. The cattle in Chau Leon Shing's dairy, off the Carter Road are still affected with Rinderpest, in the other dairies, the cattle appeared in a healthy condition.

Sanitary Department. - Report for March, by the Health Officer, is submitted, and ordered to be published.

Reception of Prince Henry. - The Chairman explains the modifications which it has been found necessary to make in the arrangements for the reception of Prince Henry of Prussia, and informs the Members of the steps taken by the General Reception Committee which has been formed since last week's meeting of the Council.

New Rifle Range. Access to - Letter from Sai Tsohai is read, (translation), informing the Council that certain difficulties prevent the carrying through of the proposed road to the New Rifle Range from the Woosung road, but that the Tsohai will be glad to make up the road extension required, on a line differing but slightly from that proposed by the Municipal Engineer. Plan of the alteration of line is enclosed; if the proposal meets with the approval of the Council, the work will be proceeded with at once. The Secretary is directed to convey the Council's thanks to Sai Tsohai and to say that the road, as now projected, will meet all requirements.

In this connection, the Chairman considers it very important that the Council should avail itself of the Tsohai's offer to construct Road beyond Settlement

Settlement limits, and he would suggest that application be made to him without delay for the construction of two new roads, one from Gungahzapoo to Hoorsung, and the other from the Markham to the Jessfield Road.

He considers that, in the first instance, the Council should offer to make up and maintain these roads, but that if the Sackai will not agree to this, that he be asked to take the work in hand himself. The Members concur in the Chairman's views, and it is decided to address the Sackai in the matter.

Flourishing Home Site. - The Members endorse the opinion of the Health Officer, as submitted in the Report laid before the last meeting, that the Isolation Hospital land is not a suitable site for the proposed Flourishing Home, and it is decided to make enquiries with a view to obtaining a convenient piece of land in the vicinity of the Secauci Road.

In regard to the land offered for sale near the Red Rifle Range, it is decided to write Mr. Hopkins Dunn & Co and say that the Council's offer is now withdrawn the Members being of opinion that the property will be obtainable, later on easier terms than those asked by that firm. The necessity of obtaining a clean & little land for this land has been pointed out by H. M.'s Land Office. While postponing immediate action however, the Council recognises the necessity of eventually acquiring land in this neighbourhood in order to provide the S. V. C. with a more suitable drill ground than the Race Course interior.

Intelligence Officer. - Applications received for this post were submitted. The Watch Committee, having gone into the matter, is of opinion that Mr R. W. Lambuth's qualifications are clearly better than those of any other candidate and this opinion is supported by the Captain Superintendent, who is present, by request, to consider the question. After some discussion, it is decided that it is inadvisable to make this appointment definitely at the outset, and that Mr Lambuth, if approved of by the Watch Committee at a personal interview

interview, should be offered the post of Interpreter to the Captain Superintendent during a probationary term of 12 months, after which he would, if satisfactory be confirmed in the appointment of Intelligence Officer.

It is also decided that Mr Hancock, if engaged, should not commence duty until after Captain Patterson's return from Hong Kong.

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 1/ - Ho Lun-keun - Annual Inspection - Telegram from the General Commanding in Hong Kong is read, stating that the Inspecting Officer has missed his steamer and asking whether it will be convenient if he now leave by the next mail. After reference to the Major Commanding, S.V.C., the Chairman has replied that this will be convenient, and has added, at Major Holiday's request, that it is presumed the Inspecting Officer is of Field rank.

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 1/ - Do - Drill Ground - Letter from the Hon Secy of the Recreation Ground Committee is read, protesting against the use by the Light Horse, for their drills, of ground other than that set aside for their use in consultation with the Adjutant.

Decided to reply that the Council will communicate with the Major Commanding in the matter.

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 1/ Plague Precautions - Communication from the Health Officer is submitted, reporting upon the condition of affairs at the Municipal Plague Station, and making certain suggestions with a view to placing the same in a state of readiness for emergencies. With regard to the six coffins which he reports as having been deposited at the Station by the Port Health Officer, it is decided that five, being evidently unconnected with plague cases, may be handed to their consignees, while the disposition of the sixth, which contains the body of a plague case, is to be left to be decided upon by the Sanitary Board. The Secretary is accordingly directed to write to the Chairman of the Board, and request that the matter be seen to without delay, stating at the same time that the Council considers it very desirable that the coffin should

should be buried at sea. The arrangements for putting the Station in working order are to be left to Dr. Standley, who is also to be requested to place himself in communication with the Port Health Officer and to request that no further deposition of Coffins shall be made at the Council's Station without the necessary communications having first been made in the matter.

Sanitary Committee. - The recommendation by the Committee is approved advising that a telegram be sent to the Councils London Agents to engage an Inspector of Roads through the City Engineer of Manchester. The Secretary points out that this appointment is urgently required to enable the proposed transfer to be made of Street cleaning and watering work from the Sanitary to the Engineer's Department, and to expedite the arrangements for taking over the control of Highways.

The recommendation of the Committee is approved.  
Nursing Home. Letter from the Health Officer is read, recommending that a month's leave of absence in turn be granted to each of the Municipal Nurses; the arrangement of such leave to be left to the Sister in Charge.

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Approved.

Public Band. - Mr. Welch, a member of the Band Committee, recommends that Mr. Dela, now on leave, be authorised to engage an Assistant bandmaster, at £100. a month in Europe; Mr. Dela having formally addressed the Band Committee in that matter in a letter written from Hong Kong.

This is authorised.  
The Meeting then adjourns.

Chairman

Secretary



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council,  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Hongse Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1898, at  
11.30 p.m.

E. Shellin  
 J. Pearson  
 J. Anderson  
 M. Powell  
 Joseph Welch  
 R. Douglas  
 A. P. Stevens  
 J. Welch  
 J. M. Prentice

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Hongse Road, Shanghai, on  
Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1898, at 11.30 p.m.

Present. M. M.

J. S. Pearson (Chairman)  
 J. Anderson  
 R. Douglas  
 J. Prentice  
 M. Powell  
 E. Shellin  
 A. P. Stevens  
 J. Welch. the  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary

Absent.

E. A. Hewitt.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman, and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that all the Native dairies have been inspected during the past week. The cattle in Chau Long Shing's dairy, off the Carter road, are still suffering from Rinderpest, and one calf has died. In the other dairies, the cattle appeared to be in a healthy condition.

Marriage Ouse for February is submitted and referred to Finance Committee.

Engineer's Report for March is submitted.

Reception of Prince Henry. - On the motion of the Vice Chairman it is decided that the Council's thanks be recorded and conveyed to the Working Committee for the excellent and successful efforts made in the entertainment given in honour of Prince Henry. It is also decided to convey to the Captain Superintendent the Council's appreciation of the effective Police arrangements made on that occasion.

Paignaud Case. - The Secretary reads the correspondence which has passed during the week with Mr. Schiller & Co embodying the final arrangements made with that firm in regard to the purchase of the land required for a public road 14 Lot 1337A; As the firm disclaims all knowledge of Mr. Paignaud's private business, it is resolved to write to that gentleman and enquire whether he repudiates the verbal agreement made by him to surrender, free of cost, the small triangular piece of ground to the S.E. of the property now purchased from his firm.

Plague &c. &c. - The Minutes of the Sanitary Board are read, and on regard to the Preparations against Plague, it is resolved to write officially to the Sanitary Council and to request that the Sanitary be asked to assist the Council in buying or leasing a piece of land in the vicinity of the Parson's

present Plague Station, to serve as a burial ground for possible plague cases. At the same time the opinion of the Council is to be recorded that it is highly desirable that the Chinese Authorities should make adequate and timely provision for the separate burial of plague cases, in the event of an outbreak in the Peking City.

50/ The Board's recommendation in the matter of Handers is generally approved, but some doubt is expressed as to the practical working out of the Veterinary Surgeon's suggestions from a financial point of view. It is decided to instruct Mr. Keylock to experiment in one or two cases in the manner proposed, the results and expense of such experiments to be reported thereafter to the Council.

1/ Municipal Sexton - Two letters received from Mr. J. Olsen regarding the appointment of Sexton and his own position and interests as Undertaker are read. Mr. Olsen proposes that his business shall be conducted by Mr. Jackson of the Family Hotel, whom he will admit into partnership.

327/ The matter is referred to the Works Committee.  
 1/ Volunteers - Promotions - The promotions of Second Lieutenant Whittall to be First Lieutenant, and of Sergeant Woodward to be Second Lieutenant, both of "C" Company, are approved, and Commissions ordered to be issued accordingly.

1/ Gratuity to Rifle Range Marker, invalided - Upon the recommendation of the Major Commanding, endorsed by that of Major Morrison, it is decided to issue a gratuity of £200, to the former Marker of the Rifle Range, in recognition of his 30 years of good service.

1/ Electrical Department Preliminary Report on Plaque by the new Superintendent of the Electrical Department Mr. Gibson, is submitted and ordered to be circulated for the information of the Members of the Works Committee, by whom it will be considered at their next Meeting.

Police

Police Department - Leave - The Chairman of the Watch Committee reports that the Committee has approved an application by Captain Donald MacKenzie for two months leave from 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Upon a motion by Mr Prentiss, seconded by Mr Anderson, it is resolved that the leave to be granted shall be one month only, it being pointed out that the precedent of a longer period would be likely to lead to undesirable results in all the Departments.

Mixed Court - Mr Welch states that at a meeting of the Watch Committee, held to day, it was resolved to recommend to the Council that a communication be addressed to the Senior Council, in regard to a recent case where a Native has been detained in custody for six days on remand, without any Police charge standing against him. The details of the case having been explained to the Members, the recommendation of the Watch Committee is approved. At the same time it is decided to ask the Senior Council what has been the result of the investigation which it is understood has recently been held into the administration of the Court, it being the Council's intention to publish the recent correspondence on the subject.

Intelligence Officer - The Members are informed that at the meeting of the Watch Committee, Mr R. W. Lambuth was engaged on a probationary term of six months as Interpreter to the Captain Superintendent from the 1<sup>st</sup> proximo.

Fixing Home - The Finance Committee having approved an increased scale of Fees to be charged for the services of Municipal Nurses, its publication is ordered.

A Circular letter is at the same time to be addressed to all local doctors informing them of the new scale of charges, and stating that in special cases of poor patients a reduction may be made at the discretion of the Council. The decision in such cases will rest with the Finance Committee.

Proposed Salt Works in Settlement - Petition from two Notables of Kingpo is submitted, laying before

The Council entertain proposals for the introduction into the Settlement of establishments, branches of the Government Monopoly, which should retail duty-paid Salt to the native community and prevent the sale of contraband, or smuggled Salt. The petitioners offer to pay to the Council a sum of £400 a month for Police protection.

The Chairman states that the Chairman of the French Council has consulted him in this matter, being of opinion that in the proposals thus submitted there exists a possibly satisfactory source of revenue, and a Report on the subject by the Chief of the French Police is submitted.

It is pointed out, however, that the question is practically one of the admission of the principle of Liekin into the Settlement area, and of the introduction of native official control in matters of revenue; also that the French Police appear to be unaware of the real nature of the Salt monopoly represented by the Petitioners. The Secretary is directed to circulate the document for the information of the Members, and further consideration of the matter is deferred.

1 - Marrison Road Katriuk - A further complaint by Captain Parson on the subject of an alleged nuisance caused by this Katriuk is submitted and referred to the Sanitary Committee. Report by the Health Officer is also attached.

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1 - Sharfage Dues - The Secretary informs the Members that the Commissioner of Customs has expressed the opinion that the arrangements for the collection of Sharfage Dues by the D.M. Customs will be shortly approved by the Sarkar, who however, stipulates that they shall be only experimental for the first year, after which period it shall be optional for either party to return to the present system, should the new method prove unsatisfactory. He also stipulates that half of the actual cost of Customs collections be defrayed by the Council.

The Council forms no objection to the experiment

of periment being made on these terms, on condition that the present staff of the Dues Office shall be retained during the first year of experiment.

The Meeting then adjourns.

W. W. R.  
Chairman.

J. J. D. Land  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Range Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1898, at 4.30. p.m.

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P. Curtis

Joseph Welch.

John Procter

E. Shellin

Flanders

M. P. Perry

Albert ...

J. J. ...

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Klungse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr.

J. S. Faxon. (Chairman),

J. Thomson.

E. A. Hewitt.

R. Ogden.

J. Prentiss.

M. Kohler.

E. Shelton.

A. P. Stokes.

J. Webb.

Secretary

and the

Assistant Secretary.

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Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies - The Inspector reports that all the native dairies have been inspected during the past week, and the animals found to be in a healthy condition excepting those in Chau Kony - Shing's dairy, off the Carter Road.

Fire Commission - The Vice Chairman submits a communication from the Secretary of the Fire Insurance Association, in which it is suggested, that the Council should testify its appreciation of the work of the Fire Department by offering a prize to be competed for by the various Companies. It is the opinion of the Members that any such recognition of the Fire Companies' efforts could not be made secondary to that offered by the Insurance Association, and it is decided to refer the question to the Fire Commission and to ask for suggestions as to the

form

from which, if the Commission approves the idea, recognition by the Council should take.

Police - Captain MacKenzie's leave. At the suggestion of the Chairman, it is decided that the Captain Superintendent shall be authorized to inform Captain MacKenzie, that at the expiration of his month's leave, an application for a fortnight's extension will be granted provided his services are not then required.

Extracts from the Works Committee's Minutes are read and approved.

Volunteers - An application from the Captain of the German Co for permission to be granted to that Co to wear the letters **F.H.P.** on their shoulder straps, in commemoration of the visit of Prince Henry, is submitted and approved.

313. The Major commanding recommends the appointment of Mr W.D. Carmichael to be Lieutenant of the newly formed Naval Co, which is confirmed.

314. The Resignation of Lieutenant L.J. Cubitt, on return from leave, is submitted and accepted.

Do - Rifle Range - Application from the Captain of the Truck Co to be allowed the use of the Rifle Range on certain days for practice, is read, and the matter referred to the Works Committee.

Tax Department - Applications from the Foreign Staff of the Tax Department for an increase in their salaries is read, and referred to the Finance Committee.

3111 Mansion Road Labin. While admitting that the present situation of the Labin has been rendered unsatisfactory by the fact that several foreign houses have been erected in its vicinity, it is noted that no better location appears to exist in the immediate neighbourhood, and the Council considers that the arguments advanced by Captain Parker are not sufficient to render its removal necessary or advisable, at the same time, the Police are to be instructed to take steps to prevent the commission of nuisances on the vacant land adjoining the Labin.

Settlement Extension. - No reply having been received to the Council's despatches of 22<sup>d</sup> September, and 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo on this

Subject



subject, it is decided that a further communication should be addressed to the Senior Council in the matter, asking to be informed as to the position in which it now stands.

1/ Hiring Home. - The question of obtaining a suitable site for the proposed Home is discussed and eventually referred to the Works Committee, the co-operation of the Members generally being invited in making inquiries for the information of that Committee.

2/ Tollies and Donkeys - Regulation of Traffic. Letter from the Joint Cargo Boat Companies is read, drawing attention to the manner in which their business is detrimentally affected by the existing Police Regulations for controlling the traffic at the Bund Junction. 336  
The reference limits, the Secretary states that he has seen the Commissioner of Customs, who has advised that the opinion of the Harbour Master be obtained as to the best method of introducing remedial measures. The Council authorises that this shall be done, it being the general opinion of the Members that an extension of the Jetty accommodation is urgently required.

3/ Salt Gabelle, Proposed establishment of Government Office in Settlement. - After full consideration of the proposals advanced in the petition which was submitted at the last meeting, the Council decides that it is inadvisable to comply therewith, and it is pointed out that a somewhat similar experiment was made in 1867 and failed. A Memorandum on the question by the Overseer of Taxes is submitted.

The Secretary is directed to write and inform the applicants that the establishment of a Government Salt Office in the Settlement cannot be permitted. At the same time, the question of the licences which are already being issued by the Salt Gabelle to various Native Sauce-shops, &c in the Settlement (as reported by the Overseer of Taxes) is referred to the Works Committee for investigation.

1/ The Meeting then adjourns.  
J. S. Stewart  
Secretary

W. A. Wilson  
Chairman

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23 Kiangsi Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1898, at  
11.30 p.m.

John Prentice  
 E. Shellin  
 A. Stokes  
 M. Power  
 J. Pearson  
 R. Inglis  
 Messrs. ~~and~~  
 Joseph Welch  
 J. Anderson.

At the General Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room,  
at 23 Kiangsi Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the  
11<sup>th</sup> May, 1898, at 11.30 p.m.

Present M M.

J. S. Pearson. (Chairman)  
 J. Anderson.  
 E. A. Hewitt  
 R. Inglis  
 J. Prentice  
 M. Bolide  
 E. Shellin.  
 A. P. Stokes.  
 J. Welch  
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Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that all the native dairies have been inspected, during the past month and found in good condition (excepting those in Tsao Hong Shing's dairy off the Carter Road, where 3 cows and 1 calf died in the beginning of the month).

General Municipal Rates - Native - Summary for March Quarter is submitted.

Departmental Reports - The following Reports for April are submitted, and ordered to be published.

Engineer's Report. Public works, &c.

Health Officer - " Sanitary &c.

Inspectors - " Livery, Stables, &c.

Inspectors - " Markets, &c.

Night Traffic - Bubbling Well Road. - The Minutes on this subject recorded at the last meeting of the Watch Committee is read, together with an opinion by the Legal Adviser. The latter holds that the Council cannot close the road to traffic at any time, there being a right of way established by usage, but he suggests that it rests with the residents who suffer by the nuisance caused by carriages at night, to remedy the same by taking one or more of the offenders into court. He has also verbally suggested to the Secretary that a special License Fee might be submitted at the next meeting of Ratepayers to be enforced in the case of all hired vehicles plying at night during certain months.

Spingchiaw Quarry - The unofficial letter from the British Consul at Hangchow is read, in which he states that since the recent visit of the Assistant Surveyor to that port, the Chinese Authorities have expressed their readiness to agree to the terms proposed by the Council for an extension of the Quarry Lease, but

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but that the period of such extension is a matter which can be best arranged in a personal interview with the officials. He therefore proposes that the Secretary should take an early opportunity of visiting Haugheaw to conclude the negotiations. This course is authorised, the details of the agreement to be drawn up being referred to the next meeting of the Works Committee. It is understood that the final agreement is to be prepared by the Legal Adviser and endorsed at the British Consulate.

Portuguese Celebration - Letter from the Portuguese Consul General is submitted, asking the Council to co-operate in the celebration of the anniversary of the discovery of the route to India by Vasco da Gama. A letter from the Executive Committee connected with this festival is also read, in which it is stated that the funds of the Committee do not accord of the work on the Band being done unless the expense is borne by the Council.

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The Members are of opinion that although the sum required (£2,000) is larger than what has been voted on similar occasions, the circumstances of the case render it advisable that this amount should be defrayed out of the public funds; the grant is accordingly authorised.

Proposed Portuguese Volunteer Company - Certain correspondence which has passed between the Portuguese Consul General and the Major Commanding regarding a proposal to organise a Company of Portuguese Volunteers is forwarded unofficially by the latter. The Council is opposed to the enrolment of such a Company for financial and other reasons; the matter is referred to the Works Committee pending the receipt of official communication from the Consul General.

Browett Foreshore Case. - Letter from the Legal Adviser is submitted, enclosing the Judgment of the Court of Consuls on this case. He is of opinion that no exception is to be taken to the finding of the Court in regard to the use of the land as a Garbage Depot, but points out that the Consuls have not dealt with the fact that the Council has been in occupation

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for over 20 years. The Chairman states that Mr Dowdall has verbally advised that on no account should the Council purchase the right to deposit Garbage on this foreshore from Mr Brounto, and that it is very important that the public rights over the foreshore itself should be upheld. After considerable discussion as to the meaning and effects of certain passages in the Judgment, it is decided to write to the Legal Adviser and request him to apply to the Court for a definite explanation as to the meaning of those words in the latter part of the Judgment which appear to the Council to be intended to limit the public rights over foreshores which are vested in the Council by the Local Regulations.

1 - Wash-houses —

Report on the subject of experimental Wash-houses by the Engineer is submitted, giving the estimated cost of erecting and working five of these buildings. The Engineer advises against the undertaking, report is referred to the Works Committee.

1 - Plague Case, suspected on S.S. "Bengal" —

The Memorandum by the Health Officer on the recent suspected case of plague isolated by the Port Health Officer from the "Bengal" is submitted. The Chairman points out that the occurrence of this case emphasizes the necessity for a definite understanding to be arrived at with the Customs authorities as to the respective spheres of action of the Port and Municipal Health Officers in regard to cases occurring on board of ships in harbour, and especially of those lying at the wharves. The Secretary is directed to address the Commissioner of Customs in the matter with a view to arriving at some definite arrangement pending the completion of the Customs Quarantine Station at Bush Island.

1 - Health Officer —

The Chairman refers to the inconvenience caused by the recent absence on short leave of the Health Officer, and points out the necessity which exists for making some arrangement to replace his services on such occasions, or during his possible illness. He states that as the result of a conversation with Dr Macleod on the subject, the latter has

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written to him, stating that his firm would be prepared to undertake such duties in return for an annual retainer of £500, or for a daily fee of £20.

The Members generally consider the terms asked excessive and it is suggested that Dr Stanley should be directed to make arrangements with the Port Health Officer to replace him, whenever he requires short leave.

After further consideration, however, it is decided that the Chairman shall offer the firm an annual retainer of £500, and that if this offer is refused, arrangements should be made to obtain a locum tenens for Dr Stanley at a daily fee, when necessary. The Secretary is directed to note that applications for short leave from the Health Officer must be sent in, in writing, for the approval of the Chairman of the Health Committee.

Land at How Rifle Range - The offer from Messrs. Hopkins, Quinn & Co. is submitted to negotiate the purchase of 60 mow of land to the west of the New Rifle Range for £1250 to £1500 per mow, and asking the Council's authority to proceed in the matter.

Decided that it is not advisable to offer more than £1000 per mow, and the Secretary is directed to write to Mr James Scott, Consul in charge of N. M.'s Land Office and request his good offices in endeavouring to negotiate the purchase on these terms.

Jetties and Pontoons - A special committee is appointed consisting of Mr M. Pringle, Hewitt and Ogilvie, to examine into and report on the question of erecting new jetties on the Bund, to relieve the congestion of the Boat traffic at the existing landing places.

Redeemable Debentures 1898. It is decided to alter the date of the period up to which tenders for Redeemables will be received, from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> June, in order to allow sufficient time for persons resident in England to telegraph for allotments.

The Secretary is authorised to draw the 120 numbers of the Redeemables of the 1890 Loan which will be redeemable on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, and to advertise the same.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

J. W. V. M.  
Chairman.

J. J. Storkhoff

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1898, at  
11.30 p.m.

Subscribed

Joseph Welch

J. Anderson

E. Shellins

R. J. M. M.

J. J. Fearon

A. P. Stokes

H. P. M.

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kings Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday  
the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1898, at 11.30 p.m.  
Present.

M. M.

J. J. Wilson (Chairman)

W. Anderson

E. U. Howell

R. Inglis

J. P. M. M.

M. J. M.

E. Shellins

E. P. Stokes

J. Welch

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

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and the

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed, by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies - The Inspector reports that the native dairies have been inspected during the past week. The cattle, of which there are 345 in licensed dairies, were all found in a healthy condition.

Harbage Dues - Report for March, is submitted, and referred to Finance Committee.

Minutes of Sanitary Board read: The Board's recommendations

- ✓ with regard to treatment of suspected Plague cases
- ✓ and use of the Municipal Laboratory are approved.
- ✓ On the matter of cases of Diarrhoea found in the stools of the Ghetto, the Chairman of the Health Committee states that it has been reported to him that the frequency with which such cases have occurred of late is in a great measure due to the omission of the Mixed Court Magistrate to forward his accustomed Police Fine contribution to the King's Charitable St. Refuge, which has accordingly been refusing admittance to beggars. It is decided that Mr. Welch will obtain further information on this point from the Captain Superintendent, and the members endorse his suggestion that a grant be made to the support of the Refuge from the Police Recreation Fund; the amount of such grant to be decided hereafter.

Health Committee's Minutes read. With regard to the same,

the following decisions are recorded:-

- 283/ ✓ Municipal Engineer - The appointment of Mr. Peuzig to this post is to be advertised, with terms and conditions further noticed.

- 283/ ✓ The advertisement calling for tenders in New York to supply the new Electric Plant is to refer tenders to the Council's Electrical Agent in that City.

- 284/ ✓ Pingchiao Quay - The Chairman points out that



It seems advisable to modify the instructions laid down in the Works Committee Minute with regard to the terms which the Secretary is authorized to offer for an extension of the Quarry lease. It is decided that the payment in stone and drain-pipes may be made in monthly instalments at the rate recommended by the Municipal Engineer, to a total of \$10,000 for a 20 years lease, which instalments are estimated as covering a period of three years. If cash is required for any portion of the payment, it should not be paid until after the first half of the lease extension has expired.

This amendment is approved.

89/ Site for Nursing Home - After considerable discussion as to the amount of the grant which the Council is prepared to vote for this purpose, and as to the most appropriate location for the Home, it is decided that the Engineer shall submit, at the earliest possible date, details of such suitable properties as may be in the market, with a report on the same. The Members consider it advisable, in the meanwhile and with a general view to Municipal requirements, to acquire a piece of land (5. m. 8. l. d. c.) adjoining the Rifle Range Road, which is only under offer for 24 hours, and which, at \$2,500, a mad, is considered a desirable purchase. It is suggested that if no better situation offers for the Nursing Home, that this ground might be utilised for the purpose, as well as for the provision of Health Officer's quarters, &c., by using the existing small piece of Municipal property which adjoins it.

251/ Stannus Chapel - Pooling - Letter from the Rev. Mr. Hodge is read, making informal suggestions as to the manner in which Mrs. Cunningham should be asked to convey to certain new Trustees the land now standing in her name, which adjoins the Pooling Stannus Chapel, part of which has been used in the past as a common burying ground.

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A letter from the Legal Adviser is also read, making certain further recommendations to the Council, in the matter.

It is eventually decided, in compliance with Mr. Newdall's views, to appoint as Trustees, to take over this land from Mr. Cunningham, Sir H. Sturges, Mr. J. L. Scott, and Mr. Mason, who will be asked to hold and dispose of the property, as may seem best in their judgment, for the object intended under the original trust. Mr. Prudice is in favour of a clause being inserted restraining the Trustees from selling that part of the land, which has not been used for burial purposes, it being his opinion that it should be retained, as a <sup>grave</sup> ~~ground~~ <sup>ground</sup> and the Secretary is instructed to ask the Legal Adviser whether such a proviso can be made.

Sanitary Medical - Cholera Hospital Station. Letter

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from the Health Officer is read, asking authority to make the necessary arrangements in anticipation of a possible outbreak of Cholera. It is decided, while referring the matter to the Health Committee, to instruct Dr. Stanley to draw up a Memorandum of the arrangements required, together with an estimate of their cost.

Dr. Cox having verbally enquired whether the arrangement made with him last year "to take charge of Cholera patients at the Isolation Hospital in the event of an epidemic," will be renewed it is decided to adhere thereto, it being understood that the staff, &c, at the Station will remain in the charge of the Municipal Health Officer.

Land Regulations - The Senior Consul having written (unofficially) to the Secretary, to say that, in order to communicate the new Land Regulations to the Tao-tai, it is necessary that a translation thereof should be supplied by the Council, it is resolved that such a translation shall be prepared by the Municipal Translator and that it shall be sent to the British Consulate Interpreter for verification before being sent officially to the Senior Consul.

The payment of a fee for such verification, is authorized.

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Mixed Court - His reply, having yet been received from the Joint Consul to the Council's recent communication on the subject of the administration of the Mixed Court, it is decided to address him again in the matter, and while enquiring as to the result of the Consular Body's investigation into the subject, to point out that the recent frequent cases of destitution in the streets, which have come to the notice of the Police, are believed to be due to the fact that the Mixed Court Magistrate has lately discontinued the usual "Police Fund" contribution to the St. George's Charitable Refuge, which accordingly refused to admit beggars. The Council (while recommending that a grant from the Police Recreation Fund be made to the support of this Refuge), would suggest that enquiry be made as to the manner in which the sums received in fines by the Court are dealt with.

It is decided that the publication of the correspondence is advisable, both in the case of the Land Regulations question and in that of the Mixed Court.

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Traffic - Stabling Well Road - The usual factory reply, unofficial, having been received from the Factor in this matter, it is decided to refer it to him & officially through the Joint Consul, asking for the republication and enforcement of the usual proclamation calling for the closing of Trakhovsd & c, on the Road at 11.30 p.m.

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Browett Foreshore Case - The Legal Advisor, in reply to the letter addressed to him by the Secretary under the instructions given at the last Meeting, having stated that the Court of Consuls considers it inconsistent with its dignity to explain any part of the Judgments given in the above case, it is decided that no further action shall be taken in the matter. If the owners of Lot 112 should hereafter attempt to infringe the public rights over the foreshore of that Lot, steps will be taken against them in the British Court.

Mr. Anderson suggests that it is advisable to approach Mr. Browett with a view to making some arrangement -

arrangement with him by which the Council could, for a consideration, continue to use the present depot for garbage deposition. Before taking this suggestion into consideration, the Members decide that the Sanitary Inspector shall be instructed to submit alternative schemes for the replacing of the Aikiang Road Garbage Depot.

Volunteers - Letter from the Commanding Officer in Hong Kong is submitted, forwarding the report by Major Case, R.A. on the recent Annual Inspection of the S.V.C. Referred to Watch Committee.

Veterinary Surgeon's report on Hlauder is submitted, and referred to the same Committee.

Electrical Department - Recommendation by the Superintendent to advertise for an Assistant in that Department is approved.

Public Officers - Letter from Dr Macleod is read, stating that his firm is prepared to attend Dr Anderson, J., to replace Dr Stanley as Municipal Health Officer, whenever required, at a daily fee of \$16, it being understood that when Dr Anderson's services are not available, he will be replaced by one of the firm.

The Members approve of accepting this offer, and the Secretary is instructed to inform Dr Stanley of the arrangement, at the same time, notifying him, that all applications for leave must be submitted in writing.

Fire Department - Letter from the Chief Engineer is read, asking whether the services of the Health Officer are available in the case of Firemen injured in the execution of their duties at Firs.

Decided that the services of the Health Officer are to be available for this purpose.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. H. Ward  
Chairman.

J. R. Stand  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council,  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangse Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1898,  
at 4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch.  
E. Shellins  
M. Power  
R. Inglis

W. Stokes  
 J. M. Prentice  
J. J. Seaton  
Robert [unclear]

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday  
the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present. M.M.

J. J. Seaton, (Chairman),  
 J. Anderson  
 E. A. Hewitt  
 R. Inglis.  
 J. Prentice.  
 M. Rohde  
 E. Shellins  
 W. P. Stokes  
 J. Welch  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman, and passed for publication. Cash

Quarterly Statements for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week, are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. — The Inspector reports that all the native dairies have been inspected during the past week, and the animals found to be in a healthy condition. The licensed dairy premises were all found in a clean and good sanitary state.

Land at New Rifle Range. Letter from Mr James Deane to read, stating that he has conveyed with the owner of the land at the New Rifle Range (to now in area) to sell the same to the Council for £20,000, or £4000 a mou. It was stated that the procuring of the necessary Tipra's stamp will be a matter for the Council to deal with. It is decided to reply, thanking Mr Deane for his good offices, and asking him kindly to arrange this formality, the fees for which will be paid upon his application. The Secretary is further instructed to have the name of the Municipal Corporation entered as the owner of the land in the native deed, and to obtain his signature to a declaration of trust for the same.

Land Purchased at Rifle Range Road. The Members are informed that the purchase, authorized at the last Meeting, of 5 m. & 8 f. of land adjoining the Rifle Range Road, from Mr Gilbert Davies, has been arranged at the price of £2000 per mou. The conditions of purchase, as recommended to the Council by the Revenue Officer, have been accepted by Mr Davies and a first payment of £5000 will now be made accordingly. On this connection, it is decided that the new road on the site of the old Range shall be officially known as Rifle Range Road.

Pingching Quarry. — Memorandum is submitted, detailing the arrangements made under a preliminary agreement by the Secretary with the Shanghai Authorities for an 18 years lease of the Pingching Quarry. It is noted that this new lease will come into effect upon the joint

joint signature of a formal agreement, to be drawn up for approval, by the Council. The terms of the provisional agreement are approved.

1408 Settlement Extension - Letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, enclosing translation of a despatch received from the Saobai in regard to the Consular Bazaar proposals for an extension of the Settlement. The Saobai having declined to consider the question (on grounds which appear to the Council unsatisfactory) it has now been referred, under instructions from Peking, to the Viceroy at Hankow. It is decided to publish the entire correspondence on this subject, and hereafter to make enquiries, when & it shall seem advisable, as to the progress being made at Hankow.

1409 Suppression of Native Vices - Letter from the Senior Consul is submitted, enclosing a Saobai's despatch on this subject, in which it is requested, that the utmost vigilance of the Police be directed to the prevention of this class of crime. The matter is referred to the Watch Committee, and in the meanwhile it is decided to convey to the Police instructions in the sense indicated.

1411 Mixed Court - Letter from the Senior Consul is read, enclosing a Memorandum by the British Assessor in regard to the case of undue detention of a prisoner which was brought to the notice of the Consular Bazaar in the Council's communication of 21<sup>st</sup> April. The British Consul has requested that in justice to the Assessor and to the Court this Memorandum be published with the Council's minutes. It is decided to comply with this request when publishing the entire correspondence that has passed; in the meantime the Captain Superintendent will be instructed to report officially on the statements made by Mr Scott in regard to the facts of this case.

1419 Prisons - Report by the Captain Superintendent on his recent visit to the Mixed Court Prisons is read. The Members are unanimously of opinion that every effort should be made to remedy the conditions of affairs therein shown to exist. A copy of the Captain

Captain Superintendent's report will be sent officially to the Senior Consul; it is proposed that, at the same time, the Council should suggest the removal from office of the present Magistrate, under the provisions of Article 12 of the Mixed Court constitution, as being notoriously corrupt; after considerable discussion, however, it is resolved to be preferable, that the Chairman should approach the Senior Consul privately on this subject. Should the Consular Body approve the suggestion the initiative of action should rest with them, if not, the Council will hereafter ask that the reform of the Court and of its constitution be referred to the Diplomatic Body at Peking.

Mr Stokes is of opinion that the facts described in the Captain Superintendent's report, though sufficient evidence of barbarity, do not offer the necessary grounds to call for the Magistrate's removal; he would suggest rather the advisability of pressing for immediate reform of the Court itself.

Plague Station. Special Ground. — Letter from the Senior Consul is read, enclosing the Tartar's reply to the Council's recent communication on this subject. The Senior Consul advises that the Council should select a piece of land suitable for the purpose in view, make the necessary arrangements for purchase, and that the Tartar be then asked to assist in obtaining its transfer. The matter is referred to the Sanitary Board for report.

Cholera Isolation Hospital. — Memorandum by the Health Officer, in regard to the arrangements necessary to be made in anticipation of the Cholera season, is referred to the same Board.

Veterinary Surgeon. — Letter from Mr Keylock is read, detailing the greatly increased number of his official duties and asking that his salary be correspondingly increased. He suggests \$5 250. a month as a reasonable scale of pay, but the Members are of opinion that the duties he has enumerated might be considerably reduced without detriment to the public interests.



and that £100. a month would be quite sufficient remuneration.

It is decided to refer the matter to the Chairman of the General Board for his opinion.

Public Garden - An application by Mr. Bernardi Bros to be allowed to supply refreshments in the public garden on Band nights is submitted and approved upon a show of hands. The Garden Committee is understood to be opposed to the permission being granted, but it is pointed out that it can be withdrawn at any time if necessary and the majority of the Members are of the opinion that Mr. Bernardi Bros are supplying a public want.

The Meeting then adjourns.

*J. H. Welch*  
Chairman.

*J. H. Welch*  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Adelaide Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1898, at 11.30. P.M.

Joseph Welch  
E. Shellins  
A. Stokes  
J. J. Seaman  
H. Anderson  
Albert Jones  
W. Rowley

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room  
No. 23, Rungtze Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the  
1<sup>st</sup> June 1895, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present

M. N.

J. S. Pearson, (Chairman)

A. Anderson.

E. A. Hewitt.

J. Forster.

H. Roberts.

E. Stullin.

C. P. Stokes.

A. Welch.

Secretary and the

Assistant Secretary.

R. Douglas.

Absent

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Article in Native Dairies — The Inspector reports that the native dairies have been regularly inspected during the month and the cattle found to be in a healthy condition.

Shanghai Inspector's Report for May submitted.

Minutes of State Committee read and approved.

Mixed Court — The Chairman informs the Members of the result of an interview which he has had with the Senior Consul on this subject and states that the Consular Body appears to be prepared to support the recent action of the Council. This being the case, he considers it advisable to leave subsequent action — especially as regards the removal from office of the Magistrates — to be taken by the Consuls. The Senior Consul has pointed out that the reform of the Court must be negotiated at Peking and that to this end the Council should endeavour to obtain the active co-operation of the British

British Consul, Mr Brennan, whose assistance, both in this matter and in that of Settlement Extension cannot fail to be of the highest utility.

Certain correspondence and police reports are read, in regard to the case of Mr Southgate's servant detained in custody for 5 months by order of the German Consular, Mr Polke undertakes to bring this matter privately to the notice of the Junta Cordoc, but it is decided in view of the Consular support not extended, not to deal with the case officially.

Land in New Reple Range. — The Members are informed that the arrangements for the purchase of the 60 acres at the Reple Range have been completed, by Mr James Scott, of N.M.'s Land Office, the T. P. ad's Stamp has been affixed to the deed of Sale, and the sum of Rs. 24,000, has accordingly been paid. The land is held in the name of the Municipal Comptroller.

Sanitary Department. — The appointment of Mr F. Stanley to the vacancy in the Sanitary Department is authorized upon the recommendation of the Health Officer.

Tramway Commission's Report. — The Chairman of the Tramways Commission submits the formal Report of the Commission as drawn up for presentation to the Joint Municipalities.

After some discussion upon the subject of the proposed gauge, the Secretary is directed to circulate the Report, together with the plan, &c. for the consideration of the Members, who will discuss the same at the next Meeting.

Pingchow Quarry. — Draft of the new Agreement, as endorsed by the Legal Adviser and the Municipal Engineer, is submitted and approved.

Veterinary Surgeons. — Letter from the Chairman of the Sanitary Board is read, submitting his views as regards the duties and salary of the Municipal Veterinary Surgeon. He has drawn up a revised list of those duties, reducing them within the limits of absolute public health requirements, and he suggests

suggests that \$125, a month as adequate remuneration for the same.

It is decided to adopt the suggestions of Dr. Backus and to convey a reply to the Keylock accordingly.

Prowett Foxshore Case. — Mr. Sullivan informs the Members that in a recent conversation with Mr. Abausfeld, the latter stated that the judgment of the Court of Appeals in the above case was only intended to restrict the use of the Foxshore as regards the depositing of garbage thereon, and was not meant to affect in any way the question of riparian rights as exercised by the adjoining owners and the public respectively. The Court was concerned only with the question of the nuisance complained of by the plaintiffs, which it held would not come under the term "public use".

The Meeting then adjourns.

Wearne  
Chairman.

John David  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Hongkong Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 1898, at 4.30. p.m.

Joseph Welch.  
E. Shellin  
John Procutice  
J. Wearne  
C. P. Stokes  
Albert Adams  
H. Anderson  
M. Rowley

At the general Meeting of the Council, held in the Board Room, No. 2, St. George's Road, St. Paul's, on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present - M. M., J. S. Pearson (Chairman),  
 F. Anderson,  
 E. A. Hewitt,  
 J. Spruit,  
 M. Robie,  
 E. Skellim,  
 U. J. Stokes,  
 J. Welch, <sup>the</sup>  
 Secretary <sup>and</sup>  
 Assistant Secretary  
 R. Dugliss.

Absent

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheque for sundry presents are signed.

Report of Mr. Wiseman as purchased, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Letter in Native Affairs - The Inspector reports that all the native dairies have been inspected during past week and the cattle found to be in a healthy condition.

General Municipal Rate - Foreign - Summary for March quarter is submitted, and ordered to be published.

Departmental Reports - The following reports for May are submitted, and ordered to be published:  
Inspectors Report. Livvy Tables, &c.  
Summary of License Fees.

Works Committee Minutes are read, with regard to the same it is noted that:-

✓ Police Officers Quarters - Naulford Road - The plans prepared by the Engineer and now submitted to the Council are disapproved. The houses are required

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as being too elaborate a score and the expenditure over and above the Budget estimate is regarded as unwarranted.

The matter is referred back to the Works Committee.

Drainage of Sinza Road. - The Members desire the plan and Memorandum to be circulated for perusal, as for the expenditure on this important matter is agreed.

High Court. - Letter from the Captain Superintendent of Police is read, enclosing cutting from one of the evening papers relative to the alleged falsification of the published extract from the Charge Sheet in the case of Sak-mao, and the Secretary explains that the error was merely a printed omission. It is decided to let the matter drop officially, but the Editor of the H.K. Daily News is to be requested to state the origin of the omission.

Mr Anderson says that he has had some conversation with H. M. Acting Consul General on the subject of the temporary renting of the Consul's plot, pending the erection of proper municipal prison accommodation. The proposal appears to have the support of the Members, and though the question is not one which can be hurried through and will need the sanction of the Foreign Office, it is referred to the Works Committee for consideration.

- Do - - Do - Prisons, &c. - A Report by the Captain Superintendent of Police is submitted on the subject of Prisons and Procedure Reforms at the High Court. Mr Stokes states that it will be of considerable value to the Bar Committee, who are now actively employed in considering the matter and he requests that Mr Pallison be directed to obtain all possible information in re the working of the Court in the French Concession.

Tramways - The report of the Commission is laid on the table and ordered to be printed, for circulation in proof to the Members of Council. The only justification which the Council has to make is that the gauge be altered to Standard Haie-Metri; the Members

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are largely influenced in making this allocation by the opinion of two prominent local Engineers now read by the Chairman.  
 Mr. Prudler records his vote in favour of the retention of the metre gauge.

165 / Telephones - The Engineer's draft specifications for tenders for the establishment of a Telephone service are submitted, and ordered to be circulated.

197 / Visiting Home Site - Memoranda by the Chairman of the Sanitary Board, and the Health Officer on the merits of the Scott Road and Rifle Range sites are read, and considerable discussion ensues, final decision however, is deferred to enable certain members to personally inspect the sites in question.

1 / Veterinary Surgeons - Letter from Mr. M. Kaye, of Perth is read, agreeing to the terms upon which the Council will grant them a three years agreement.

04 / Two small modifications in their schedule of duties which have the approval of Doctor Macleod are agreed to.

1 / Outside Roads - A letter addressed to the Secretary by the Taitai is read, stating what he has done, and proposes to do in the matter of making roads outside the Settlement; the Chairman says that in company with the Secretary and Engineer he will visit H. & discuss the question.

1 / Settlement Decision - The Chairman proposes, in view of the deadlocks to which this matter has apparently come, that a letter be written to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce referring the Chamber to the previous correspondence on the subject, stating how the Council's further activity thereon is blocked by the Consular Body, and requesting that the Chamber's powerful influence be exercised towards bringing about a more satisfactory state of affairs.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. J. Stand  
 Secretary

A. J. R. D.  
 Chairman

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Waigoo Road, S.K.  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1898, at  
4.30 p.m. —

M. Rowley  
 E. Shellim  
 Subscribers  
 J. P. Fearon  
 Clerk

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Waigoo Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday,  
the 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1898, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present. — M. M. J. P. Fearon, Chairman,  
 J. Anderson,  
 E. A. Hewitt,  
 M. R. Mac,  
 E. Shellim,  
 W. P. Stokes,  
 J. Welch. — the  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

R. Inglis.  
 J. Spratlen.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
 for sundry accounts are signed.



Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Letter in Native District. - The Inspector reports that the native claims have been inspected, during the past week, and all the cattle found to be in a healthy condition.

Harbage Dues. - Report for April is submitted, and referred to Finance Committee.

Departmental Reports. - The Engineer and Health Officer's reports for May are submitted, and ordered to be published.

Outside Roads. - The Chairman states that as arranged he has called upon the Taitai who seems to be anxious to do all in his power to increase the accommodation outside Settlement limits. In regard to the proposed Road from the Market to Jessfield the Municipal Engineer is to accompany Taitai's Deputy in a survey of the line of road and explain to him what necessary work should be done; the Taitai will then endeavor to arrange for the surrender of the land required and the Council will make up the road for him at cost-price.

Siaya Road. - Before formally sanctioning the proposed subdivision on the road to be surrendered by Mr. Chin Chin Chi, the Chairman and some of the Members are to visit the locality in question accompanied by the Engineer.

Sanitary Boards Minutes are read, and it is noted in regard to a Plague burial ground that Mr. Mayor is to select a suitable piece of land and report thereon that the recommendations under the heading Cholera Isolation Hospital are approved. The Health Officer is to make the necessary arrangements and to engage a native medical assistant at a salary not to exceed \$50 per mensem.

Traffic on the Bubbling Well Road. Letter from the Consul is read stating that the Taitai will enforce the regulations closing his houses on the Road at night.

Alfred Barnes

St. Hubert's Guild - Letter from the Consul on this subject is also read, and ordered for publication.

1469 It is noted, that the Guild has been directed to discontinue the levy of contributions on Opium Shops, Tuckhouses, &c.

Mixed Court - Memoranda by Mr. M. Stetch, and Hewitt and the Captain Superintendent of Police are submitted dealing with the question of reforms in the Mixed Court from different points of view. Mr. Stetch states that the Bar Committee have as yet come to no conclusions in this matter and it is decided that the Watch Committee shall hereafter confer with the Bar Committee on the subject. In the meanwhile the Secretary is directed to prepare a despatch to the Consul denouncing the Magistrate and requesting his removal. A recent case of illegal arrest will furnish a specific reason, and the Council can, if necessary produce further evidence of his unfitness for the post.

Site for a Nursing Home - After some discussion, and influenced by the consideration of the possibility of placing in one block of buildings the Nursing Home, the Health Officers quarters, the Laboratory and the Vaccin Stations, it is decided that the Home shall be placed on the land recently purchased from Mr. Gilbert Davies, on the Rifle Range Road. Mr. Anderson undertakes to consult with the Municipal Engineer in the matter.

Fire arrangements at Carter Road Station - The Captain Superintendent's suggestions as to fire gear to be purchased for use at this Station and at fires in the neighbourhood are considered, and the Secretary is directed to consult with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade and report.

Police Officers Quarters - Revised plans and a Subsidiary Memorandum by the Engineer are submitted and approved; the estimate being brought down thereby to £22,678. The final tenders to be submitted to the Works Committee.

J. Seward

✓ Seward Road Extension. The petition drawn up by the Legal Adviser against Mr. H. Manning is submitted, approved and ordered to be filed.

✓ Tramways — The Engineer's memorandum on trolley suspension wires is read, and his recommendation as to the inclusion of alternative schemes in the specific lines approved.

✓ Secretary Department - Staff. — Letter from Mr. J. Baker, employe recently invalidated from the Department is read, asking for an additional gratuity, and the extra three months pay is authorized to be issued. The Meeting then adjourns.

Ward  
Chairman.

J. J. [unclear]  
Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangsu Road  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1898,  
11.30 p.m. —

A. Stokes  
M. Ward  
E. Shellin  
J. Ferris  
Hudson  
O. Joseph  
Christ [unclear]

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Raffles Road, Singapore, on a Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1898, at 11.30 P.M.

Present.

M. M. J. S. Pearson, (Chairman)  
 J. Anderson.  
 E. W. Howell.  
 M. Rolde.  
 E. Shellim.  
 C. P. Stokes.  
 J. Welch, the  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

R. Inglis.  
 J. Pringle.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed, by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and Cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that the native dairies have been visited during the past week, and all the animals found to be in good health and condition.

Site for Housing Home. The Members are informed that the ownership of the land on the Rifle Range Road, in front of the site fixed upon at the last meeting, is about to be disputed by Mr Drummond on behalf of Chinese. The Secretary states that Mr Drummond is willing to submit to arbitration in the matter, but in the absence of authority or precedent for such a course it is decided to await Mr Drummond's petition to the Court of Consuls.

Next Court. Further Memoranda on proposed Mixed Court

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Court Reforms are submitted, and, at the Chairman's suggestion, it is decided, to appoint a special Sub-Committee consisting of Mr Rolan, Mr Stokes, and the Secretary, who shall in one report epitomise the various suggestions which have been laid before the Council. The suggestion is seconded by Mr Newell and carried.

1 State Committee Minutes are read, and with regard to the same it is noted that -

✓ It is advisable not to further prosecute Mr Keel in regard to his cost spending the confirmation of the new By-laws.

10/ ✓ Steps are at once to be taken to obtain temporary use of St M's Consular Jail.

✓ The Secretary has requested the Fookai's legal adviser to recommend the removal of the Chin police from the Camelway Road; should his efforts prove unsuccessful, action will be taken without delay.

1 Outside Roads - Winger Road - The Chairman stated that in company with the Engineer and some members Council, he has visited this road and he is convinced that the expenditure on its drainage in return for formal surrender of the land as recommended by the Works Committee, is highly necessary.

313/ ✓ The recommendation is now agreed to.  
1 No - No - Bubbling Well Road - The Secretary directed to ascertain whether the proclamation allowing the tea houses on this road at night is being complied with and enforced by Police Co-operation.

1 Settlement Commission - The reply of the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce to the Council's despatches on this subject is read, carrying the report of the meeting of the Chamber convened to emphasize the importance of movement and their correspondence is ordered to be published.

1 Harborage Dues - The Secretary states that he has received information to the effect that the Harborage dues scheme has been approved by the Inspector General.

General of Customs and further that there is some likelihood of the French Municipality making use of the Customs Service for similar dues to be collected in that Consession.

Pending further consideration of the subject by the French Council, it is considered advisable to let the matter rest.

Boochow Road Widening — Letter from Messrs Howdell Hanson & McMill is read stating that the 503 proposals made to Mrs Coive in regard to the sale of a portion of lot 276 have been rejected by her.

Payment of the expenses incurred, is authorized.

Milk Sterilisation — Letter from the Chairman of the Sanitary Board on this subject is read, setting forth the individual views of the members whose opinions as to such work being 1446 under Municipal Control is divided. To give the subject due ventilation the Health Officer is to be directed to prepare a report on the subject giving the method and advantages of, and any reasons against, its adoption.

Police Shooting Competition — At the initiative of Mr Hewitt, a sum of £50. is voted for the purpose of offering a prize in this competition. The prize is to be called the "Council's Prize" and the grant to be an annual one.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Stanley  
Secretary.

Walter Welch  
Vice Chairman

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council,  
held in the Board Room, No. 25, King's Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> June, 1898,  
at 4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch  
 M. Proctor  
 John Pringle  
 A. P. Stokes  
 F. H. ...  
 E. Shelton

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 25, King's Road, on Wednesday, the  
27<sup>th</sup> June, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. W. J. Welch, (Vice Chairman),  
 F. Anderson,  
 W. C. Stewart  
 R. Douglas  
 J. Pringle  
 W. Rolfe  
 E. Shelton  
 A. P. Stokes                      the  
 Secretary                      and this  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. H. Fearn.

The Minutes of the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Vice Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statements for the past week is submitted, and  
cheques for sundry accounts are signed.  
Returns of prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Districts. — The Inspector's monthly Report for June is submitted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes of next Meeting.

On the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Welch takes the Chair, Mr. Anderson being elected to the Vice-Chair.

Police Shooting Prize. — The Chairman states that in his opinion it will be better to make the "Council's prize" arranged at last Meeting the "Councillors' prize", and the cost thereof he suggests might be subscribed for by the Members.

This proposal is agreed to.

Proposed Salt Monopoly. — This subject is rediscussed on account of a further letter from the French Council, 513. but its discussion is deferred pending receipt of the Intelligence Officer's Report.

Wrecks &c. — Memoranda, by the Engineer, and by the Board of the French Municipality, are read, dealing 514 with the relative merits of the Standard and Abrege Gyuges respectively, and considerable discussion ensues. It is finally decided, on a show of hands, to call for tenders for both systems so that reliable comparison may be made in their cost, &c.

Site for Purchasing Stone. — It is decided to write to Mr Drummond, as advised by the legal adviser, requesting that if he has any claim on this land (Lot 76), he should sue on it forthwith, in view of the approaching erection of the building. It is considered inadvisable to arrange for the purchase of any more land in this vicinity until the Engineer shall have submitted a rough plan of all the buildings which it is proposed to locate together on this site.

Hotel Accommodation. — The Secretary states that he has had an interview with Mr Cowan, of the Board of Works and that the prospect for acquiring the temporary use of the British Consular Hotel appears to present little difficulty, provided that the Council will fulfil certain conditions, viz:

1. To reserve sufficient accommodation for Consular



- 2. To pay an annual rent and to name a maximum period of tenancy; and
  - 3. When building the new Municipal gaol, to reserve therein accommodation for a maximum number of say, 25 Consular prisoners, for whose maintenance N. M.'s Government should pay at a fixed rate.
- It is decided to apply for the use of the gaol for a period not to exceed 3 years, and pay a nominal rent of \$100. per annum - also to agree to the provision of accommodation for Consular prisoners, the cost of this maintenance to be a subject for future arrangements based on the terms existing in similar cases elsewhere.

Mutual Court - The report of the Special Committee is presented, being a final draft of the proposed revision of the Courts Constitution. The substitution of the word "allowance" for salary <sup>in art. 111</sup> and the reduction of the scale of fees by 50% are the only alterations made by the Council; various suggestions are made by individual members in regard to which Mr Stokes says that if reduced to writing, he will lay them before the Bar Committee. The Secretary is directed to forward the amended draft to Mr Wilkinson, as Chairman of the Bar Committee.

Revised Land Regulations - The Secretary states that N. M.'s Acting Consul General has recommended the Council to request the British Consul to forward two proposed new bye-laws referring to drainage and licenses respectively direct to Peking, as delay is likely to occur in obtaining the ratification of the new Land Regulations. Decided to act on this advice, and the Secretary is directed accordingly.

Lighting on Guangxi-poo Road - The gist of a report by the Electrical Superintendent on the very defective gear used on this road and the indifferent manner in which the Cable has been laid is read, and the question referred to the Works Committee.

Sanitary

Secretary Department - Staff - Application for an increase of pay for all the Employes in this Department with the Inspector's Memorandum on their length of service is submitted, and referred to the Finance Committee.

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The Report is of opinion that, in view of the frequency with which similar applications are made, it would be well for the Finance Committee to go into the question of Salaries generally, and that after necessary alterations have been made, the Council should refuse to consider further applications of this nature.

This suggestion has the approval of the Members.

Police Force for Hei-Hai-Wei - Letters from the Senior Naval Officer are read (1) requesting the Council to send the services of a Police Officer to go into the question of the police requirements in Hei-Hai-Wei and (2) asking for a draft from the Council's force to form a nucleus of the force to be raised for that port. The Captain Superintendent reports that Captain MacKenzie's services could be spared for this purpose and that in his opinion acquiescence in the second request would not materially injure the efficiency of the Shanghai Municipal Police.

Decided to agree to both propositions leaving the Captain Superintendent to make the necessary arrangements and to report hereafter in detail.

Local Post Stamps - Telegram from Mr. John Pook & Co is read, making an offer of £500, for the stock of unused stamps, but, in view of the possible increase in their value, in the course of a few years, this amount is not considered adequate, and the Secretary is directed to decline the offer.

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Cemetery Road - The Secretary states that Mr Drummond has written to say that the police complaints of on this road are merely the same native soldiers who have frequented them for upwards of 20 years, a Captain Superintendent's memorandum on the point is to the effect that the presence of these men tends to facilitate the maintenance of order on the Road provided that

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their duties are clearly understood.

The Legal Adviser is to be requested to give his opinion in writing as to the practicability of issuing orders on their removal.

Fire Arrangements at Carter Road — In view of the unfavourable view taken by the Chief Engineer of the Police proposal in regard to this question, it is decided not to sanction the purchase of the plot. The Secretary is directed, however, to lay the matter before the Fire Commission and enquire as to the advisability of making provision in next year's Budget for a truck house on the Bubbling Well Road.

Water Sterilisation — The Health Officer's report for publication is submitted, and ordered to be circulated.

Storage of Ammunition — Acting on the advice of the Legal Adviser, it is decided to write to Messrs Spitzel & Co, and say that a fortnight will be allowed them to remove their ammunition, after expiry of which period it will be disposed of in some fit manner.

Holmburns — Recommendation to grant a Commission as 2nd Lieutenant to Colour Sergeant Alvan Stewart is submitted and approved.

Traffic Inspector — The Chairman reads the substance of a letter he has received from Mr C. G. W. regarding his abortive efforts to obtain the services of a man suitable for the work of traffic supervision, the principal difficulty being the small salary offered. The correspondence is referred to the Health Committee for consideration.

Browell Fox shore Case — Mr Anderson states that he has privately approached Mr Browell on the subject of his allowing the Council to continue to use his foreshore as a garbage depot on payment of an annual rent and that Mr Browell had expressed himself as willing to consider the question. He however stated that he considered the recent judgments of the Court of Councils as tantamount to

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meant to giving him permission to build on the ground  
 a view which Mr. Anderson assured him the Council  
 had reason to know was not intended to be conveyed.  
The Meeting then adjourned.

Joseph Welch

Secy. Chairman.

J. S. [unclear]  
 Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Spring Road, Stamford,  
on Thursday, the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1878, at 11.30 a.m.

John Forster

A. P. Stokes

H. Rowley

E. Shellin

Joseph Welch

Alfred [unclear]

The Special Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Redgrave Road, Shaughlin, on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> July, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr. M.	J. Welch. (Chairman)	
	J. Anarson.	
	E. A. Hewitt.	
	R. Inglis.	
	J. Pruitice	
	Mr. Rohde.	
	E. Shellind.	
	U. p. Stokes.	the
	Secretary	and the
	Assistant Secretary.	

Absent.

J. S. Fearon.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. — The Inspector reports that the native dairies have been visited, during the past week, and all the cattle found to be in good health.

Departmental Reports — The following Reports are submitted, and ordered to be published.

Inspector of Markets,	for June
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"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	"    "    "
"    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "    "	"    "    "
Summary of License Fees,	for half year

Minutes of Finance Committee are read. The suggestion established of an office for the payment of Municipal Ricksha-tickets is discussed, but discussion in the matter is postponed pending the receipt of Report thereon by the Overseer of Taxes.

Settlements

Settlement Extension - Letter from the Junior Consul is read, stating that the Council at Hankow has declined to entertain the proposals made to them on behalf of the Council for an extension of the Foreign Settlement, and that a copy of the correspondence between the Chinese Authorities and the Junior Consul has now been forwarded to Peking.

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Traffic: Bubbling Well Road. - It is decided to publish a notice calling upon equitarians and the public generally to observe the rule of the road, now that this thoroughfare has been metalled in its entirety as far as the Well.

Factor's Police - Cemetery Road. - Letter from the Legal Adviser is read, expressing the opinion that the Council cannot prevent the Factor from exercising control over Chinese on this road, which lies outside the Settlement. It is therefore decided to take no steps at present in regard to the Police in this neighbourhood, but to instruct the Captain Superintendent that no interference with the Municipal Police in the execution of their duties can be permitted under any circumstances.

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Fire Department - Annual Prizes. - The Fire Commission having never expressed a desire that the Council should provide cups annually for the members of each Fire Company who shall have attended the greatest number of Fires, it is decided to vote a sum of \$200 for this purpose, thus providing one cup of forty tails value for each of the five Companies. Designs of the proposed cups are to be submitted to the Council for selection.

Sanitation of Wushan Township. - Report by the Engineer on this subject is submitted, and ordered to be circulated for the information of the Members. The Engineer recommends that the Council should authorize the filling up of a number of creeks and ditches and that the Sanitary Department should compel the owners of <sup>these</sup> ~~the~~ ponds to have them effectively dealt with.

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North Szechuan Road Extension - Memorandum by the Engineer

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Engineer is submitted, detailing the estimated costs of this extension, which consists roughly of \$7,000 for purchase of land, and \$5,000 for making up the road. The Council is opposed to the expenditure of this sum, and after some discussion the question is referred to the Works Committee.

Burial of Unidentified Bodies - The Account refers to the case reported in the papers of this date, in which it is stated that the body of an unidentified drowned <sup>sailor</sup> ~~body~~ was buried without any form of religious service. It suggests that the Council should address the Harbour Authorities in the matter, and state that in all future cases of a similar nature the Council will be responsible for the expense of the usual burial service, &c. This course is approved, and the Secretary is instructed accordingly.

Providing Home Site - Plans and estimates by the Engineer are submitted for separate buildings to be erected on the site at the Rifle Range Road, the first to contain the Laboratory, Pasteur Institute, Vaccine Station, and Health Officer's office and Quarters, and the second to contain the Nurses and Ward, &c. The estimate for the latter building is 2,000 Taels, a sum which the Council consider cannot be spent without the sanction of the Ratepayers. It is decided that the erection of the Municipal Sanitary Medical building costing about \$22,502 must be deferred until it can be included in the next Budget, but the question of the providing Home is referred to the Works Committee for further immediate consideration, it being suggested that the Engineer should be requested to supply a rough estimate of the best and most suitable building that could be provided for the sum actually available, viz. \$2,000.

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Bund Foreshore Seats - After some discussion as to the advisability of continuing the arrangements by which Chinese are permitted to occupy the seats provided by the Council on the Bund Foreshore, it is decided that to raise this question at present, but to endeavor

1. Mr. B. H. ...

advise us to remedy the present condition of affairs by doubling the number of these seats. The new seats are not to bear any Chinese inscription.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch.

Vice Chairman

J. Bland  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 2, Prince's Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1848, at 4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch

~~R. M. King~~

M. Brown

A. P. Stokes

F. Anderson

J. Bellin



At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 Haining Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1898, at 4.30 P.M. —

Present. M. M. J. Welch, (Chairman)  
 F. Anderson.  
 E. Atwell.  
 R. Inglis.  
 J. Prutic.  
 H. Rold.  
 E. Shelton.  
 W. P. Stokes. the  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent. J. S. Frarson.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques & sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. The Inspector reports that native dairies have all been inspected during the past week, the licensed premises being found in good condition and the animals healthy.

Horse Committee's Minutes are read, and approved, and with reference thereto:-

✓ Long Kuo Park - The Secretary is directed issue a notification to the effect that the Park now open for use under the rules suggested.

✓ A discussion arises as to the use by Chinese of the grass plots on the Bund foreshore and the attention of the Watch Committee drawn to the question of admission to the Gardens, foreshore, &c, generally.

✓ Settlement Extension - Supplementary Memorandum by the Engineer is read in regard to the proposed New Fortifications

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Further boundary line of the Settlement. It is considered inadvisable to suggest any alteration of finally, and it is suggested, that the Chairman in his return shall privately approach one or more of the Ministers at Peking and explain that the approaching removal of the restrictions now attendant upon registration of land in Paoshan District render a further revision of this boundary essential and feasible.

Telegraph Wires. - Application by the joint Chinese Telegraph Co. for permission to relay their cables is submitted and approved, except in so far as it involves any use of the foreshore. The Council is directed to reply that provided the present poles are removed, permission will be granted to lay the cables under the Municipal roads and footpaths, no reference is to be made to the foreshore question.

554 Jessfield Road widening. Report and plan by Engineer are submitted and the Council directs that he be instructed to obtain surrender deeds for the strips required whenever possible locating boundary plans as the acquirements proceed; he is to make no written guarantee on the Council's behalf as to such future actions as may be taken with regard to resale tract owners.

Sanitary Boards Minutes are read. The recommendations in regard to Municipal Laboratory and Paoshan Districts are approved.

✓ Water Supply - The recommendation under this head is considered too stringent in view of the fact that the adequate filtration of the water used in dairies may be considered as efficacious as the use of Waterworks water; it is therefore decided to refer the matter to the Board for reconsideration.

Salt Monopoly - Letter from the French Council is read, urging the Council to a favourable consideration of the request of the proposed Salt monopolists.

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Report by the Intelligence Office is also submitted, which states that the native residents generally are opposed to the scheme. The members are unanimous in adhering to their previous resolution, declining to permit the introduction of such a monopoly.

Proposed Municipal Ricksha-tokens - Publication  
 minute on this subject is ordered to be deferred pending  
 further consideration by the Finance Committee of the details  
 of the scheme. Various suggestions are advanced as to the  
 best methods of introducing the proposed measure, especially  
 in regard to the form which the tokens should take,  
 Mr Anderson advocating a possible silver coinage of  
 Municipal 5 and 3 cante pieces, while Mr Duple  
 is in favour of introducing card board tickets as a  
 first experiment. The Finance Committee undertakes  
 to go fully into the question at an early date.

The Secretary states that a deputation of Jurisiksha  
 long-men have expressed themselves as decidedly in  
 favour of the scheme and it is noted that the Overseer  
 Duxes, now going on sick leave, has no further informa-  
 tion to offer on the subject.

H. B. H. Consular Gaol. - Report by the Captain

538 Superintendent of an interview which he has had with  
 Mr Cowan on this subject, is read, and it is noted  
 the terms on which the Gaol may hereafter be leased  
 are somewhat different from those originally proposed  
 by Mr Cowan, part of the building being reserved and the  
 amount of rental kept open.

The Watch Committee is deputed to make the best  
 possible terms with H. M. Office of Works for the lease  
 of the building. A minimum ten years lease is to be as-  
 for, terminable at one year's notice on the Council's  
 side. Mr Stetch undertakes to see Mr Cowan  
 the matter.

Fire Station - Carter Road - Letter from the

550 Fire Commission is read and the opinion that a  
 station in this locality is not at present required,  
 noted.

Site for a Nursing Home - Memorandum by Mr Stet

558 has been circulated to the members and their respective  
 notes thereon are now read from the Chair.

After a full discussion of the subject the Secretary  
 directed to inform the Committee that in accordance with  
 the resolution adopted by the Rate-payers at the Ann-

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Meeting a site on Municipal property is now available for the erection of the Home and the Committee is to be requested to notify the Engineer whenever it is proposed to commence building operations thereon.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. B. Stacey  
Secretary.

J. Barrow  
Chairman.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Kanung Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

A. M. [unclear]  
Joseph Welch  
A. Stokes  
E. Shell [unclear]  
John Forrester  
J. Barrow  
F. Anderson

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Raughe Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1878, at 4.30 p.m.

Present. Mr. J. S. Stevens. (Chairman),  
 J. Anderson.  
 G. A. Howell.  
 R. Inglis.  
 J. Pringle.  
 G. Shellim.  
 R. S. Stokes.  
 J. Welch. (The Secretary and the Assistant Secretary.)  
Absent. Mr. Kohler.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheque for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily report for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies - Mr. Inspektor reports that the Native dairies have all been inspected during the past week, the licensed premises found clean, and the animals in a healthy condition.

Harbours dues - Reports for May is submitted, and referred to Finance Committee.

Engineers Report of Works for June is submitted.

V. I. H. Consular Geo. C. - The Vice Chairman reports result of an interview which he has had with the Surveyor of H. M.'s Board of Works on this question of the proposed leasing of this building. The Surveyor disposes favourably to consider the Council's proposals the matter, and promises to lay them before Sir Claude Macdonald upon his approaching visit to Peking.

Settlement Extension - The Chairman informs the

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of the results of his recent visit to Peking in regard to the question of Settlement Extension. During his stay there, it was his object, under the advice of Sir Robert Hart, to engage in support of this question, the personal sympathies of the various Ministers, an object which he believed had been to a great extent attained. On the occasion of his visit to the British Minister, however, the latter had expressed the intention of referring the matter back to Shanghai, and since the efforts of the Consular Body had been proved to be futile, the negotiations would for the future be conducted, independently by A.D.M.'s Consul General, who would be instructed, to press the matter energetically, and to cooperate therein with the U.S. Consul. The Chairman had pointed out to Sir Claude that such action was merely what had been frequently recommended by the Senior Consul in his official capacity as the only efficacious method of dealing with local questions vis-à-vis the Chinese Authorities. The policy thus adopted of a general cooperation between the British and U.S. Consuls in all matters directly affecting the more important interests of the Community, was one which, in the Chairman's opinion, could not fail to mark a notable improvement over the hitherto unsatisfactory Consular Body régime. As regards the present question of Settlement extension, Mr. Brown had informed the Senior Consul that he had been instructed, to press the matter independently of the Consular Body, but that Sir Herbert's cooperation would be gladly awaited if offered. Finally the Chairman says that he pointed out to Sir Claude Macdonald, the vital importance of obtaining the immediate ratification of the New Land Regulations and Bye Laws, and in this matter also energetic action on the part of the British and U.S. Consuls might be looked for.

Mr. Anderson, for basis a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman for his efforts on behalf of the Municipality; which is unanimously accorded.

The Chairman further states in regard to the question of Settlement Extension; that it appears probable  
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that the present negotiations proceeding between the Provincial Engineer Hicks, and the District Authorities on the subject of the Hingpo Canal, will afford a solution of this matter, and a plan of the proposed extension has been forwarded to Mr. Brown to enable him to negotiate with Mr. Hicks. The Committee suggests that the moment is a favourable one for including a wider extension on the north side of the Settlement than was at first contemplated, and proposes the amendment of the plan by drawing a straight line for the Tialder Craning Factory to the Flow Hill.

Mr. Shwell is in favour of asking for an extension as far as the Crossing Creek, but the Members consider this proposal as impracticable, and Mr. Justice's suggestion is finally approved, the Secretary being instructed to have the necessary plans made out accordingly.

Chairman: - Leave of Absence - The Chairman says that he is compelled for business reasons to leave Shanghai, the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst, to be absent during three months, he is therefore willing, should the Members so desire, to resign his seat on the Council. The Vice Chairman enquires whether it is not a standing rule of the Council that a Member being absent for three months is obliged to resign, but he is informed that no formal rule to this effect exists. The Members thereupon express a general desire that Mr. Pearson should not resign his position on the Council, and the Chairman says that the interest he takes in Municipal matters impel him to remain the Board provided that such action is acceptable to his colleagues. Finally, Mr. Justice proposes that leave of absence for three months, be voted to the Chairman a suggestion in which the Members concur.

Revenue Scheme - The pamphlet containing details of conditions for information of Tenters having been circulated to the Members of both Councils, the Members are now requested by the Chairman to return the same, the Councils, if possible, during the week, with such suggestions as they may desire to make thereon, it being important

important that the work of printing may be proceeded with at once. Mr Welch notes certain points in which he considers amendments desirable.

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Sanitation, West Hong Kong — Report, plan and estimate in regard to the proposed work of filling in unsanitary creeks and ponds in West Hong Kong are submitted. The total estimated cost of dealing with the creeks shown on the plan, which are those chiefly requiring attention, amounts to \$14,746, and expenditure which the Council thinks must necessarily be incurred in the interests of the public health. It is therefore decided that this work shall be proceeded with at once, and since there exists an agreement made by U.S. Consul Seward with the Chinese Authorities in regard to the preservation of tidal creeks, in Hong Kong, the Chairman undertakes to ask the present U.S. Consul to inform the Suohai that the sanitary requirements of Hong Kong now necessitate the filling up of certain creeks which have ceased to be tidal. Mr Secretary is at the same time directed to write, unofficially to the Suohai's Secretary and inform him of the Council's intention, this measure being taken to obviate any future claim by the native authorities over the public land thus reclaimed.

Herring Home Site — The Council is informed that the informal meeting with Mr Drummond for mutual examination of Site Plans of Land at Rifle Range Road, having failed to effect any good purpose, Mr Drummond has now signified his intention to file against the Council a petition in the Court of Consuls, and it is anticipated that the suit will be heard in September or October next.

Shing-shan Quarry — The Council is informed that the Shing-shan Authorities have signed and sealed the new Quarry lease for a term of 15 years, but that certain modifications have been introduced by them into the text as drawn up by the Council, these modifications being, in the opinion of H.M.'s Acting Consul, of no great importance. The examination of the Contract, as thus modified, is referred to the Works Committee.

Volunteers



✓ Volunteers - 12-bore Irregular Corps - Mr. Stokes proposes the following Resolution, which is unanimously approved by the Council:-

"The Council authorizes the present Commandant, and his successors in the Command of the Reserve Force of the Volunteers, to enroll (at his discretion) such men as may be willing to serve with 12-bore guns or other firearms in the rank of sick, or other occasion for this service. And the Council also authorizes the said Commandant to make such rules and regulations in connection therewith as may be considered desirable."

✓ do Resignation - Captain Kiddell. - Mr. Major commanding forwards the resignation of Captain Kiddell, 577 commanding the Light Horse, which is accepted with an expression of the Council's regret at losing the services of an officer who has done such excellent work for the Corps.

✓ do Ponies lost or injured on Active Service. - Mr. Chairman of the Watch Committee proposes that the Council should undertake to make good, upon a certificate by the Veterinary Surgeon all losses which may be incurred by owners of Livery Stables through the death or serious injury of ponies engaged in Light Horse active service, with a proviso that no pony shall exceed in value for compensation the sum of £45.

This suggestion is approved.

✓ North Chesham Road Extension. - Memorandum and plans by the Engineer are submitted in reference to an extension of this important thoroughfare which has now been negotiated, subject to the approval of the Council.

Matter referred to Works Committee

✓ Severan Road Labyrinth. - Recommendation by the Engineer submitted, to the effect that the Council should purchase from its owner for £100, the site on which the labyrinth stands.

Referred to Works Committee.

✓ Shipibo Guild Meet and Striker. - Mr. Hewitt suggests that the Council should address the Troop's through the

the Jewish Consul, requesting him to deal fairly with the Mingpo Guild and those of its agents who by intimidating the working classes of this Settlement are causing general inconvenience and damage to the business of the place. It is also suggested that the Chamber of Commerce be informed of the Council's action and requested to cooperate. After some discussion, however, and upon a motion proposed by Mr Anderson and seconded by Mr Inglis, it is decided to defer consideration of this subject till next meeting, the Chairman of the Watch Committee stating at the same time that the Police will take active measures to prevent intimidation and violence.

Playa Station & Berial Ground. - On reconsideration of the decision recorded in this matter at the last meeting of the Works Committee it is resolved that the Council will pay for the area of land required - estimated by the Municipal Board at 3 acres - the price being \$100 per acre.

Telegraph & Cables. - It is also decided to inform the Telegraph Companies (with last week's minutes) that in regard to the laying of cables under the Bond foreshore &c, there is no objection to this measure so far as the Council is concerned. The Secretary is however, instructed to see Mr Högler and to say that, it will probably be advisable for him to consult with the Bond lot holders in the matter.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. H. Carey  
Chairman

J. H. Carey  
Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiangsi Road, Shanghai  
on Wednesday, the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1898, at 11.30. P.M.

M. Russell  
 P. M. [Signature]  
 C. P. Stokes  
 E. Sheelin  
 Joseph Welch  
 John Prentice  
 [Signature] + [Signature]

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kiangsi Road, Shanghai on Wednesday  
the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1898, at 11.30. P.M.

Present - M. M.

J. S. Fearon. (Chairman)  
 F. Anderson.  
 W. H. Hurvell.  
 R. Dugles.  
 J. Prentice  
 M. Rohde.  
 E. Sheelin.  
 C. P. Stokes.  
 J. Welch. this  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies - The Inspector reports that all the native dairies have been inspected during the past week, when the animals were found healthy and the licensed premises in a fairly good condition of cleanliness.

✓ Worke Committee's Minutes are read and approved and with reference thereto:-

✓ North Eschewan Road Extension - The acquisition of the land for this public work is held to outweigh all financial reasons for its abandonment, and it is accordingly decided to agree to purchase it on the terms mentioned in the Engineer's report.

Arrangements are to be made whereby half of the purchase money only is to be paid this year, and the making up of the road is also to be deferred until such time as funds permit.

A suggestion that the owners of the lots on this extension may, and ultimately should, contribute to the making up of the road has the general approval of the Members.

North Chukiany Road Extension - The Committee's recommendation under this head is approved, payment for the land in this case also is to be arranged to be made, if possible, next year.

✓ Tramway - The remarks and suggestions of certain Members of both Councils in regard to the particulars for tenders for the Tramway, considered recently circulated, are laid on the table, with the Engineer's comments thereon, but in view of their length they are ordered for circulation to the Works Committee.

Market Inspector - Extract from Police sheet of 24<sup>th</sup> inst is read, recounting the serious misconduct comprising assault and drunkenness of this Employee. Mr. Welch has received a letter from him expressing contrition, and agreeing to abstain from liquor until the expiry of his agreement.

The Chairman states that this is Mr. Christie's  
third

third of June this year. It is decided to issue a Board order severely reprimanding him and stating that the first recurrence of such conduct will be followed by instant dismissal. Mr. Christie is ordered to adequately compensate the Chinaman he injured.

591 Dairy Regulations - Letter from the Chairman of the Dairy Board is read containing a clause to be inserted in the proposed Dairy water supply regulations discussed at the meeting of Council of 13. and the regulation thus modified is now approved

582 Public Recreation Ground - Letter from the Honorary Secretary is read, urging the Council to prohibit wheel traffic beyond the Swimming Bath. The Chairman states that the members of the Recreation Grounds Committee are unanimous in thinking that this regulation is very desirable. The proposition is agreed to and it is decided in event of a protest from the Recreation Club to agree to refund the Rs 300, which were contributed by the Club towards the cost of making the path leading to their pavilion.

The letter is ordered for publication and the regulation is to come into force as soon as possible.

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1 Settlement Extension - The Chairman states that during the past week he has had frequent interviews with H.M.'s Consul General and that the question appears to be in a fair way towards a satisfactory conclusion. He is of opinion that as soon as the Chinese Authorities have settled their dispute with the French Consul regarding the Aniqpo Josses, he is sure that the Tartar will place no further difficulties in the way of the desired extension. He further adds that Mr. Brown has expressed his intention of personally taking the matter to Hankow in the event of his despatches to the Tartar failing to produce the result required.

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Aniqpo Guild. Rich Bay Strikes - The Secretary submits draft letter to the Senior Consul, requesting him to acquaint the Chinese local authorities of the

The determination of the Council to take prompt measures to suppress any riots on this side of the Yang-King-pang and to mete out punishment to the rioters and also to the heads of Societies whose action tends to invite riot or other disturbance.

After some discussion the draft is approved, and the Secretary is directed to write a note to Mr. Hubbs requesting permission to publish the letter without delay.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch

Chairman.

J. St. Louis  
Secretary.

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Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiang Road, &  
Shanghai, on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1898.  
at 4.30 p.m. —

Joseph Welch

Hudson

Phillips

John Prentice

R. Lewis

M. Power

Cooper

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiaugse Road, Shanghai on Wednesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present - Mr. M.

Mr. Welch, Chairman,  
 Mr. Auderson,  
 Mr. U. Hewitt,  
 Mr. Douglas,  
 Mr. Prutic,  
 Mr. Roddie,  
 Mr. Skellim,  
 Mr. Stokes, the  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary,  
 J. D. Pearson

Attest

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

Mr. Welch explains his attitude in regard to the question of the Chairmanship and states that he is willing, if elected, to take up the duties of Chairman.

It is proposed by Mr. Prutic seconded by Mr. Douglas and carried that Mr. Welch take the Chair during Mr. Pearson's absence.

It is proposed by Mr. Welch seconded by Mr. Prutic and carried that Mr. Auderson occupy the Vice Chair during the same period.

Mr. Stokes asks that so far as possible in the management of public business and especially in questions of importance the Council be not committed to any course of action before the Members have been consulted. The Chairman assures Mr. Stokes that this course will be followed.

The Minutes of last Meeting are then read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman and passed for publication. Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports - The following Reports are submitted, and ordered to be published:-

Inspector of Markets, &c. for July -  
 Native Affairs - " - "

Missive Riots and Strikes - The Secretary states that as directed, he wrote to Dr. Stuebel in regard to the Council's official letter on this subject and that in reply Dr. Stuebel has advised postponement of its publication until after the meeting of the Council's Body, which would take place this week.

Mr. Anderson refers to the newspaper accounts of certain remarks made by the Captain Superintendent in the Mixed Court on the occasion of the trials of the rioters and says that though pertinent and well judged, in this instance such unauthorized public statements by employes might lead to undesirable results in the future. Mr. Chairman undertakes to inform Mr. Pullison that it would have been more satisfactory had he let the Council know the gist of what he proposed to say.

Asylum Dues - Letter from the Senior Consul is read to the effect that the new scheme has been approved by the Turkish and the Austrian Authorities who recommend that the French Municipality be asked to cooperate in the matter.

This suggestion is approved and in the event of the French signifying their willingness the Finance Committee is delegated to confer with their representatives and the Commissioner of Customs on the best arrangement which can be made in regard to the division of the proceeds. The Secretary states that the Dues tariff is now under revision and will require to be approved by both Councils and by the Chamber of Commerce.

Financial Concessions - The Enquirer's replies to Mr. Harde's suggestions in re particulars for London are submitted, and ordered for circulation.

Recreation



Public Recreation Ground — Letter from the Recreation Club is read protesting against the proposed wheel traffic regulation and the Secretary's draft reply, as amended, is approved. The Regulation is to be published, and carried into effect from Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> instant.

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— do — Garden — Letter from the Hon Secy Garden Committee is read including a written opinion of Mr. W. Daldy as to the inadequacy of the present Garden Regulations. Mr. Daldy committed a breach of these regulations on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo and it is proposed by Mr. Justice and seconded by Mr. Hewitt that a summons be taken out against him. The proposal is lost on a show of hands, and it is decided that a letter be written to Mr. Daldy informing him that the Council considers his gratuitous criticisms of the regulations does not exonerate him from his offence and that a repetition thereof will as a matter of course lead to the prosecution.

Assault on the Police — The case of Mr. J. Ball is detailed by the Chairman who reads the Police Sheet (31<sup>st</sup> July) in re and Mr. Ball's letter of apology. Mr. Justice's proposal to summon him is at first lost by the casting vote of the Chair but after considerable discussion and in the light of further information it is again put and carried.

Mr. Hewitt is of opinion that the Police should be instructed to proceed without reference against foreigners and natives alike in cases of this description a view which is shared by the Members, and the Secretary is directed to notify the Captain & Superintendent accordingly. Summonses in such cases to be reported to the Watch Committee without delay.

Volunteers — Ammunition — The Chairman states that a letter from the Ordnance Office Hong Kong has been received stating that the order for the issue of free small arms ammunition was cancelled in 1895. He adds, however, that the Major Commandant

is now in Hong Kong and that he will discuss this among other questions, with the Authorities.

Tramways — Mr Stokes is of opinion that the Council has gone far enough in the matter of Tramways to warrant further authority from the Ratepayers and considers that the calling for tenders is unfair to the tenders in view of a possible ultimate veto by the public. His proposal to call a Ratepayers Meeting is however looked on as a show of hands.

The Meeting this afternoon.

Joseph Welch

Chairman

Joseph Welch  
Secretary

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Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No. 23, Quays Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1898, at 4.30 pm.

Joseph Welch  
John Portier  
W. H. H. H.  
J. Anderson  
R. J. H. H.  
E. H. H. H.  
A. H. H. H.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Mainse Road, Hongkong on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M.M.

J. Welch, Chairman,  
 G. Anderson.  
 E. W. Hurvill.  
 R. Douglas.  
 J. Snell.  
 M. R. & Hill.  
 E. Skellim.  
 W. P. Stokes, Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. S. Fearon.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners as per hundred and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Dairies. - The Inspector reports that the Native dairies have all been inspected during the past week, and the licensed premises were found in a clean condition, and the stock healthy.

Departmental Reports - The following Reports are submitted and ordered to be published.

<u>General Municipal Rate, Native</u>	June quarter
<u>Excise - Works Matter</u>	for July.
<u>Health Officer</u>	" "
<u>Inspector of Livery, Stables</u>	" "
<u>Summary of License Fees</u>	" "

Drainage and licenses - The Chairman states that an unofficial letter from H. M. Consul General has been received to the effect that the Drainage and

✓ and Licenses' By-laws have received the assent of the  
 Consular Body.

Secretariat - Leave - The Secretary's application for  
 five weeks leave from Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> inst is approved,  
 and it is noted that the Assistant Secretary will  
 act for him during his absence.

Finance Committee's Minutes are read and in connection therewith  
 it is decided:-

✓ 613. That the Health Officer, whose letter on the subject  
 of Public Analysis of food stuffs is read, shall be  
 instructed to make such analyses, upon applications  
 for a fee of Rs 5.

✓ 614. That the Committee, in meeting the representatives  
 of the French Council in regard to the New Wharfage  
 Dues Scheme shall make a preliminary proposal to  
 fix the share of each Municipality by the residential  
 qualification of the Shippers and that if the French  
 Council does not approve of this system, any subsequent  
 proposals must be submitted to the full Council for  
 approval.

✓ 615. Revision of Standing Orders &c. - Drafts of the first draft  
 revision have been distributed to the members but as  
 certain modifications have been made, the amended  
 223/ draft is ordered for circulation and the consideration  
 of it is deferred for a week.

✓ 616. Water Road & Shipyard - Letter from Messrs Alfred  
 Deuk & Co. Agents for the owners of the property, is  
 read, offering to renew the lease which expires in  
 June next year, at an annual rental of Rs 4,500.  
 It is decided not to accept this offer and the  
 Secretary is directed to inform Messrs A. Deuk & Co. that  
 the Council will vacate the premises on the expiry of  
 the existing lease.

✓ 617. Tramway Concessions - Particulars for Tenderers in their  
 final form are again submitted and approved, and it  
 is decided to reply to Messrs Bara & Robert (vide  
 minutes of last meeting) that certain of their suggested  
 alterations have been adopted, and that the printing of  
 the pamphlet is being proceeded with.

Pimplicia

Pingchiao Quarry - Letter from H.M. Acting Consul, in Hangchow is read forwarding, duly completed, the Council's copy of the Quarry Agreement. Certain proposals of an unimportant character mentioned in Mr. Gindie's letter are considered quite satisfactory.

Resolves - Letter from the Veterinary Surgeons is read in this subject describing the conditions of the Doberman Dog Refuge, recently visited by Dr. Keylock. The Council decides that this report justifies the resumption of the old practice of destroying stray dogs captured by the police, and the Secretary is directed to acquaint the members of the Charitable Guild, at whose requests dogs are now sent to Doberman, of the Council's decision.

It is further decided to frame a Resolution for submission at the next Ratepayers meeting to include the word "dogs" in the by-laws dealing with nuisances.

Mr. Hewell considers that a muzzling order would be a useful and efficacious move in the direction of suppressing rabies, but as time would be required in obtaining muzzles from England the action of the Council is confined to a strong recommendation to its successors to issue such an order as soon as the hot weather next year.

Police - The motion of Mr. Stokes, that discharged members of the Police force shall under no circumstances be reinstated without reference to and sanction by the Watch Committee receives the assent of the members.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch

Chairman.

W. Lawson

Assistant Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room No. 23, King's Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

P. M. M.

E. Skellins  
 Joseph Welch  
 Edmund  
 Anderson  
 J. P. Stokoe

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, King's Road, Shanghai, on  
Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present. M. M.

J. Welch, (Chairman),  
 J. Anderson  
 E. L. Hewitt.  
 R. Duglis  
 J. P. Stokoe  
 E. Skellins  
 J. P. Stokoe, and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. S. Fearon.  
 M. R. Lide and  
 Secretary.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of Cash Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statements for the past week is submitted, and  
cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Crime in Native Districts - Report by Inspector, for week ending 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. is submitted, and ordered to be published.

Thronging Dues. - June Report submitted, and referred to Finance Committee.

Revision of Standing orders - Proofs of the revised Standing orders are again examined by the Members and various further amendments agreed to. The Secretary is directed to circulate to the Members the proofs with the alterations marked therein.

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Drainage in the Districts. - Letter from the Junior Consul read informing the Council that the new by-laws ~~under~~ these headings have received the assent of the Local Consular Body, who had further decided to forward them for approval to Peking. In this connection the Chairman reads a private note which he has received from H. H. Consul General to the effect that, in view of the confusion that appears to exist as to the manner in which the Diplomatic Body is to be approached, he would recommend that the Council communicate direct with the Doyen of that Body requesting him to use his best endeavours to obtain the sanction of his colleagues to the by-laws now forwarded. The Chairman further states that such other Members of the Consular Body as he has conversed with approve of this course of action, and it is accordingly decided to write to the Doyen as recommended.

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Use of Foreshore. - Correspondence with Messrs. G. D. Gossett & Co. is read, wherein that firm requests permission to utilise the foreshore <sup>temporarily</sup> adjoining their property in the Soochow Road as a yard for saws <sup>for a period of four months.</sup> used for building purposes, the building being directly opposite on the other side of the Creek. After some discussion it is decided to accede to Messrs. Gossett's request.

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Procedure at Council Meetings - Mr. Shelliman of opinion that on certain occasions on which the Council

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 Council has been referred to for a decision on an important matter the question has been decided too precipitately and he suggests a more frequent application of the practice of circulating documents in re at least three days before hand to enable members to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the details of the subject to be discussed. The members Messrs and Mr Shullim is requested, to draft a formal resolution embodying these views for next meeting.

Public Recreation Ground - Letter from the Secretary of the Recreation Club is read, again asking the Council to rescind its recently passed Traffic regulations, the Secretary's however directed to reply that the Council sees no good reason for altering its decision.

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 Pasture Institute - Report by the Health Officer in regard to the institution of this system is submitted especially dealing with the steps which might be taken for its immediate working.

The Report is ordered for circulation.

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 Works Committee - Mr Spruce states that the Chairman's absence has reduced this Committee to two members but that subject to the Council's wishes they are prepared to carry on the work until his return.

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 Excursions - Staff - Letter from the Major (Commanding) is submitted recommending the promotion of Lieutenant Murray (Command) to the rank of Captain of "C" Co. The recommendation is approved.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
 Chairman

W. E. Worsan  
 Assistant Secretary



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council held  
in the Board Room, No 23, Kings Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1898, at 4.30  
P.M.

Joseph Welch  
 H. Francis  
 R. ...

Flinders  
 A. Stokes  
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At the General Meeting of the Council held in the  
Board Room, No 23, Kings Road, Shanghai,  
on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1898, at 4.50 P.M.

Present.

M M. J. Welch, (Chairman)  
 F. ...  
 W. H. ...  
 R. ...  
 M. ...  
 A. P. Stokes and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. S. ...  
 J. ...  
 C. ... and the  
 Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman, and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports - for the past week are submitted.

Cattle in Native Divisions - Report by Inspector, for week ending 24<sup>th</sup> inst, is submitted, and ordered to be published.

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Standing orders - In view of the small attendance of members the Chairman proposes the further adjournment of the consideration of the revised Standing orders, which is agreed to.

Municipal Insurance - Correspondence with the Fire Insurance Association relating to the recently increased rates of premiums on the Electric Light Stations and plant, is read, with the Superintendent's report on the works considered as a fire risk. The members are agreed that while there can be no harm in accepting Mr Scott's offer to refer the matter to the Fire Office Committee, London, it will be well for the Secretary to furnish the Council's London Agents with a complete statement of the insurance on Municipal property and ask them whether it would be possible to place the entire amount in London at a lesser rate.

Pastor Institute - The Health Officers report on this subject, which has been circulated, is considered and his proposal to visit Tokio to study the method and processes of Pasteurism approved of.

It is decided that he shall leave on 1<sup>st</sup> October and spend one month in Tokio for this purpose, his expenses being borne by the Council and the Secretary is directed to make the necessary arrangements with Mrs Henderson, Macleod & Miles for the performance of his duties during his absence.

Ningpo Riots & Strike - The Junior Council's reply to the letter addressed to them by the Council, which was an outcome of the recent disturbances in the French Settlement, is read, and the correspondence is ordered for publication.

Electrical

✓ Electrical Department Plank — It is stated that the advertisements calling for tenders for the new plank in the United States alone has cost over \$500, and the Secretary is directed to communicate with Mr. Deane on the subject requesting him to inquire whether this apparently excessive charge is usual and whether such extensive advertising is necessary.

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✓ Fires outside Settlement limits — The Chairman alludes to the recent fire which has destroyed part of the Margaret Williamson Hospital and states that in his opinion the strictures passed on the Brigade in the Press are quite unfounded, that in the absence of hydrants the exertions of the Volunteer firemen would have been no more successful than those of the Coolies on the spot.

✓ Stray Dogs — Mr. Hewitt states that he has inspected the accommodations provided near the Hong Kow Police Station for captured stray dogs and is not altogether satisfied therewith. It is decided to call upon the Veterinary Surgeon for a report on the place and at the same time to inquire from the Health Officer what he considers to be the most speedy and humane method of killing the dogs.

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✓ Blackmailing — An account based on observations made by the Police in the Mixed Court has been circulated by request of Mr. Hewitt whereby he draws attention to the practices of certain disreputable foreigners who are carrying on systematic blackmailing under the guise of assisting Chinese. He recommends addressing the Consular Body on the subject and after some discussion the Secretary is directed to draft a letter to the Senior Consul embodying the views of the Members.

✓ Traffic on Recreation grounds — Mr. Rolde submits a proposal for widening a portion of the existing path with a view of palliating the dissatisfactions which have been expressed in regard to

to the recent traffic regulations. The members generally were not averse to the scheme but are of opinion that such a proposal should come from the Recreation Ground Committee and before being considered by the Council must be ascertained to be satisfactory to the Recreation Club.

The Chairman undertakes to see the Committee in the matter.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch

Chairman.

M. Brown

Assistant Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Riangse Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1898,  
at 4.30 p.m.

M. Brown  
E. Shellin  
Joseph Welch  
Attides

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 23 King's Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M. H.

J. Welch. (Chairman),  
 F. Anderson.  
 E. C. Howell.  
 J. Spruit.  
 H. Rolfe.  
 E. Shelton.  
 A. P. Stokes and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. S. Farrow.  
 R. Inglis. and the  
 Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Wattle in Native Districts - Inspector's report for August is submitted, and ordered to be published.

Traffic on Recreation Ground - The Chairman states that he has seen several members of the Recreation Ground Committee who have represented that the widened paths proposed by Mr Rolfe will be strongly objected to by the Polo and Golf Clubs and the members agree that it will be best to leave matter where it stands.

Stray Dogs - The Reports by the Veterinary Surgeon and Health Officer called for at the last Meeting are read and it is decided (i) to enlarge the Beata Road Runnel in accordance with Mr Keylock's suggestions. (ii) to drown the dogs by means of a trap

and tank, and (iii) to charge a fine of 50¢ for returning dogs properly identified, to Portuguese and Chinese alike.

Departmental Reports - The following Reports are submitted, and ordered to be published,  
General Municipal Rate - Fozigue June quarter.  
Electrical Report July.

Revision of Standing Orders - With a few further alterations the Standing order pamphlet as amended, is, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stokes, passed and ordered to be printed.

Health Committee Minutes are read and with reference thereto:-

✓ Cruelty to Animals - Mr Quett states that in conversation with the Secretary S.S.P.C.A. he learnt that a Chinese publication was about to be issued in re and that thereafter it was proposed to have a Magistrate's Proclamation of warning.

✓ Traffic on Recreation Ground - Upon the recommendation of Mr Consul General, supported by the opinion of the Legal Advisor, it is decided not to prosecute Mr Bowness for his breach of Regulations but in view of further trouble at the Ground to have a sufficient force of Police there to stop wheel traffic at the point mentioned in the Notification.

Sanitary Committee Minutes are read and after some discussion the Council's approval of the recommendations in regard to the transfer of the Scavenging work is withheld pending further consideration by Members of the Engineer's report in re.

Telephones - Final proofs of the particulars for tenders for the proposed concession are submitted and ordered for circulation to the Members and to the Branch Councils.

Senior Consul - Letter from the Senior Consul is read announcing that he has given over charge of the duties of the Senior Consulate to the Portuguese Consul and one from the latter stating that he has assumed charge of those duties.

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Volunteers

Minutes - The following promotions &c, as recommended  
 by the Major Commanding are approved -  
 640 ✓ Lieutenant Wickham of the Light Horse to be  
 641 ✓ Captain.  
 645 ✓ Veterinary Surgeon Lieutenant Keylock resign  
 his Commission and is appointed 1<sup>st</sup> of  
 Lieutenant Light Horse.  
The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman.

W. Wilson  
Assistant Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 189  
at 4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch  
 M. Power  
 John Partridge  
 Robert ...  
 Estellins  
 A. Stokes  
 Henderson

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kiaugse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 1898, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr. M. Welch. (Chairman),  
 Dr. Anderson  
 E. A. Hewitt.  
 J. Proutie.  
 M. Roberts.  
 C. J. Helling.  
 H. P. Stokes. and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. S. Finson.  
 R. Inglis. and the  
 Secretary.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Reviews of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Telephones — Mr. Anderson wishes some provision made in the particulars for a. tenders for the concession for a possible large rise or fall in exchange and Mr. Proutie considers that the paragraphs marked in his copy of the pamphlet should be deleted. The Engineer is to reconsider these and any other points, which Members may suggest in the margins of their copies.

Departmental Reports — The following are submitted, and ordered for publication.

Health Officers Reports for August

Market Inspectors — do — do — do —

Summary of License Fees. — do — do —

Works Committee's Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:

North Chekiang Road Extension — The Secretary points out that in anticipation of the Council's approval the



The letter to the Senior Consul recommended under the heading has been despatched and a reply received stating that the Consular Body agree with the Council on the grounds on which the request is based and that a communication has been accordingly addressed to the Factor.

✓ Transfer of Scavenging work. - This scheme as originally drawn up by the Sanitary Committee is now approved.

✓ Bridge over Hongkew Creek at Hongkew Depot

It is decided to write to Mr. Fox Morrison & Stratton granting them permission to erect a bridge at this point provided that its construction is carried out to the satisfaction of the Engineer and that the strip of land for a public road mentioned in the former letter is surrendered free.

661. Volunteers - Free grant of Ammunition - The gist of the letters from the Major Commanding recounting at considerable length his interview with the G.O.C. N. M. Forces in Hongkong is given by the Chairman who also states that the proposal to lay the whole case before the Consul for submission to the War Office authorities with a request for a resumption of the grant has the approval of the Watch Committee.

Mr. Anderson holds that this community should be under no obligation to N. M. Government and proposes that such a request be not made. Mr. Spratton seconds, but the motion is lost and the Secretary is directed to draft a letter in the terms recommended by Major Holliday.

Mixed Court Reform - Mr. Stokes brings forward a proposal which has been made to him by Mr. Bowen the Mixed Court Assessor that the member of his Consular Service who now takes his place during Police Cases at the Mixed Court shall sit at all Police cases as that he and the American and German Assessors shall only sit during Civil Cases. He Mr. Bowen has reason to believe that the other Assessors would welcome the proposed change and he points out that

that as this procedure would fill up much of the time of the official in question the Council might be willing to contribute £150. per annum towards his salary.

The feeling of the members generally is that such a course would weaken the arguments of the Special Committee who recently formulated proposals for more radical reforms in the Courts procedure and that as this scheme is now under consideration of the Bar Committee no particular reforms could be entertained until that question is settled. Mr Stokes is requested to reply to Mr Bourne in this sense.

New Land Regulations. - Letter from the Junior Council is read informing the Council that the new Land Regulations 666 have now received all the necessary local approval and have in consequence been referred to Peking for the sanction of the Ministers.

Selling of Girls. - The Report of the Intelligence Officer with the Captain Superintendent's remarks thereon is considered and though it is felt that little or nothing can be done before the licensing of brothels is undertaken, the Police officials are requested to make any suggestions that may occur to them for the amelioration of the lots of these unfortunate.

Nursing Home. - Mr Anderson on behalf of the Jubilee Committee requests permission to utilise the services of the Engineer as architect for the Victoria Nursing Home. Permission was granted.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman.

M. Wilson  
Assistant Secretary

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council,  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Range Road,  
Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1898,  
at 4.30 p.m.

Joseph Welch  
 M. Brown  
 R. Mackay  
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 R. A. Stokes  
 E. H. Ellis  
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 J. S. Francis

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Range Road, Shanghai, on the  
Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1898, at 4.30  
p.m.

Present. M. H. Wood, Chairman,  
 J. S. Francis,  
 R. Mackay,  
 M. Robinson,  
 E. H. Ellis,  
 R. A. Stokes, and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Absent. C. W. Anderson,  
 J. S. Francis,  
 J. Prentiss, and the  
 Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
by the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and  
cheques for sundry payments are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.  
Departmental Reports - The following are submitted and ordered for publication:

Captain's Report for August.  
Vehicle Inspectors - " - " - " - "

Telephones - Draft addition to the particulars for tenders for the Commission is submitted embodying the views expressed at the last meeting by the Auditors relative to the bearing of exchange on the maximum charge to be made to customers. The members consider that such addition is unnecessary.  
 The deposit of £5,000 to be made by the Commissionaire is stated too high and is to be altered to £10,000.

The Hatch Committee's Minutes are read and the notification in regard to the muzzling of dogs is finally concluded, ordered to be published.

Hoosung Bar - Letter from the Chamber of Commerce is read requesting payment of the Council's moiety of the fee due to Mr. J. de Ripke for the survey of the Whangpo River Bar. It is noted that this sum has been omitted from the Budget and payment of the amount, £1250, is authorised.

Woolly Gun Gas - Letter from the Insurance Association is read, advising that some restrictions may be put upon the sale and storage of this highly explosive gas.

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 674. Mr. Rolton says that its use is, he believes, permitted in certain towns in Europe and he explains the methods by which it is utilised as an illuminant. The Chairman suggests that he shall interview the persons now advertising the gas for sale and ascertain its nature before a reply is sent to the Association, which is agreed to.

Soldiers - Secretaryship of the Shooting Committee.  
 The Chairman has drafted and circulated to the members a reply to the Major Commanding's letter again referring this question to the Council.  
 After considerable discussion it is decided to

omits certain passages in this draft and the letter thus omitted is ordered to be written.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch

Chairman.

Secretary.

Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 2, Raffles Road,  
Singapore, on Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1898.  
at 4.30 p.m.

M. Davie  
Subsidiary

Joseph Welch  
Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 Nanking Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 1898, at 4.30.

Present.

M. M.

J. Welch. (Chairman)  
 G. A. Howell.  
 R. Inglis.  
 J. Brantice.  
 M. Robson.  
 E. Skellin.  
 A. J. Forbes.  
 Secretary and the  
 Assistant Secretary.

Present.

F. Anderson.  
 J. S. Fearon.

The Minutes relating to the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report - 11 two page Dues for July is submitted.

Telephones - A supplementary Memorandum by the Engineer is submitted, recommending that the advertisement for telephone tenders be made in Stockholm; this is agreed to in addition to the tenders already settled. It is also decided after some discussion that there be inserted a clause in the pamphlet of particulars giving the Council the right to revise the rates of subscription in the event of the extension of the system to Shanghai, Pootung or other places in China.

Letter of A. B. His Consular Agent. The Chairman's Memorandum

of his interview with Mr Cowan of N. M. Board of Works has been circulated to the Members. Before agreeing to make the offer suggested, information is required, as to how many prisoners can be housed in the portion of the goal which it is proposed to lease and on other points; pending enquiry thereon the matter is adjourned.

561 / Sanitary Committee -

Mr Hewell gives the conclusions arrived at by the Committee meeting first held on the subject of night soil collection. The Council approves of the Committee's recommendations and orders the publication of a full minute embodying all information respecting the forthcoming transfers and other changes in the Sanitary work of the Municipality.

685 / Mixed Court Reforms -

Letter from Mr H. P. Wilkinson, representing the Bar Committee, is read, returning the revised rules for the Court with certain alterations marked thereon. Mr Doyle raises the question of foreigners who are not represented by a Consul whose cases he considers should be dealt with by the Senior Consul, and Mr Hewell desires a slight alteration to clauses 7 and 8, and to these points Mr Stokes agrees to draw the Bar Committee's attention.

In the meantime it is decided to thank Mr Wilkinson for the work which has been done and hereafter to forward the draft, amended if necessary to N. M. Minister, through the Council General in a letter countersigned by the Bar Committee for ratification and to hand copies to the American and German Consuls for their information.

687 / Native Paupers - Dead Bodies -

199 / Reply of the Senior Consul to the Council's despatch on this subject is read enclosing translation of a letter from the Factor, which states that the subscriptions hitherto made by the Mixed Court to the various charitable institutions will now be resumed, from which it is presumed that the numbers of these casualties will be reduced.

Blackmailing

Blackmailing by Foreigners - Letter from the Consul General, on this subject is read, pointing out that the recent case in the High Court connected with the American Mercantile Collection Agency and the judgment delivered in it satisfactorily settle the question.

New Bye-laws - Letter from the Mayor of the Diplomatic Body in Peking is read, stating that all the Ministers have sanctioned the amended Bye-laws VII & XXXIV. This correspondence is to be published, and three bye-laws are now ordered to be embodied in a Municipal Ordinance.

Acetylene Gas - The Chairman states that he has called on the firm who is manufacturing the gas of the explosive chemicals used in the manufacture of this gas and he is informed that no large stock is being stored in the Settlements. His desire to reply to the Assurance Association that the Council can only prohibit storage in quantity, and to publish the correspondence that other readers may take note.

Dog Muzzling Order - Memorandum from the Captain & Superintendent of Police submitted detailing the terms upon which certain Native dealers have offered to supply muzzles to the public. It is noted that leather muzzles may be obtained at 45 cents each and tin muzzles at 35 cents from several of these establishments.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman

J. B. [unclear]  
Secretary



Register of Attendance at a Meeting of the Council  
held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kedgess Road,  
Shaughlin, on Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1898,  
at 4.30 p.m.

J. Welch  
 E. Shellin  
 J. Proudie  
 J. Proudie  
 R. Mullis

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23, Kedgess Road, Shaughlin, on Wednesday  
the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1898, at 4.30 p.m. —

Present.

M. M.

J. Welch. (Chairman)

E. A. Howell.

R. Doyle.

J. Proudie.

E. Shellin.

Secretary and the

Assistant Secretary

Absent.

F. Anderson.

J. B. Fearon.

M. Kehoe.

R. P. Stokes.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
 for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of prisoners apprehended and police daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.

Lease of St. B. Mc's Consular Gaol. — Letter from the  
 715 Surveyor of St. B. Mc's Board of Works is read, giving  
 the structural alterations necessary and other details  
 connected with this lease to the Council. Mr Hewitt  
 proposes that an offer be made to rent the portion  
 mentioned at £3600. per annum, and though this  
 amount will render the maintenance of prisoners a  
 matter of considerable expense, it is decided to make  
 the offer, there being no practicable alternative.  
 Such lease to be renewable annually one year's  
 notice on either side being necessary for its termination.

Volunteers — Resignation of Commanding Officer. — Letter  
 109 from Major Holliday is read, informing the Council  
 that owing to the insult he has received from  
 Captain Rex and the Shooting Committee he finds  
 it necessary to resign his Commission.  
 The Chairman states that he has enquired from  
 more than one of the officers commanding units  
 in this matter and has been informed that Captain  
 Rex's conduct is held to have been offensive and  
 insubordinate and he therefore proposes that Major  
 Holliday be asked to reconsider his resignation,  
 that Captain Rex and the Committee be asked either to  
 apologise or resign and that in the event of their  
 refusing to do so their Commissions be withdrawn.  
 Mr Hewitt seconds, but the motion is lost on a  
 show of hands. Finally, and after considerable  
 discussion, it is decided that the Acting Chairman  
 as Civil Commandant shall confer privately with  
 Messrs G. J. Morrison & C. J. Dudgeon, as old officers of  
 the Corps upon the point whether a breach of  
 discipline has been committed by Captain Rex,  
 and in the meanwhile acceptance of the Commanding  
 Officer's resignation is postponed.

Ranker Suspect — Extract from the Police daily  
 97 sheets is read accusing this officer of insobriety and  
 furious riding, also his reply thereto denying the  
 allegations. The question is referred to the Watch  
 Committee for investigation.

Moved

364/ Mixed Court Reforms — The formulated reform proposals have been again considered by the J.B. Committee who have embodied therein the amendments made by members of Council at last meeting, and it is decided to proceed with the scheme as previously arranged.

718 Chapoo Road Bridge — The request of the Engineer for an increase in the expenditure on this bridge is submitted, but as the final contract has been already signed, the President desires further explanation, and wishes the point brought up at the next W.C. Committee's meeting.

710 Sanitary Department Staff — Letter from the Health Officer is read recommending the employment of Sikhs in lieu of the additional foreigners required for sanitary nuisance work. His recommendations, based on the grounds of discipline, efficiency and expense, is approved.

351/ In regard to the approaching visit of Mr Stanley to Tokio, the Secretary states that he has requested the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Yokohama, to honor that office's drafts up to Yeu 500 for purchase of instruments required in the work of Pasturization, and that a note of his personal expenses will be forwarded on his return. These arrangements are approved.

1 Police — Leave for Captain Superintendent.

Application of Captain Pattison for one or two months leave from 1<sup>st</sup> October is granted.

7012 Crash of Lark 112 U.S. — Report by the Engineer is read, describing certain irregularities committed by Mr Brown at the official measurement of this lark. The report has been submitted to the Legal Adviser who has furnished a definite memorandum of advice in re.; this advice commends itself to the Council and the Secretary is instructed accordingly.

1 Municipal Deputies on board S.S. "Eldorado" — Letter from H. McConul General is read 702 requesting an explanation of the presence of these officials

officials on board an English ship, without a proper warrant. The Captain Superintendent of Police statement in re, a copy of which has been sent to the Consulate is read, but Mr. Duglis submits an affidavit of the Master of the ship from which it would appear that the detection statements are not strictly accurate.

It is decided that in view of N.M.S. Consul not considering the explanation satisfactory, an apology for their unauthorised presence on board is requisite and should accordingly be made.

New Road — It is decided that the new route on the line of the Nam Chum Hong (Bang) shall be known as a continuation of the Boon Road.

The Motion then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman.

J. B. Lally  
Secretary.

E. Shellin  
~~W. H. D. S.~~  
~~John Forcett~~

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No 25 King's Road, Shaughad, on Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1878, at 4.30 p.m. -

Present - Mr Mr.

- J. Welch. (Chairman)
- E. A. Hewitt.
- R. Doyle.
- J. Pruties.
- W. Rohde.
- E. Shalind.
- A. P. Stokes.
- Secretary and the
- Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

- J. Anderson
- J. D. Seaton

The Summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheque for sundry accounts is signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports. - The following are submitted and ordered to be published.

<u>Health Officers</u>	for	September.
<u>Health Inspectors</u>	- -	- -
<u>Dairy - do -</u>	- -	- -
<u>Summary of License Fees.</u>	- -	- -

Health Committee's Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:-

✓ Release of Convicts - The Chairman states the rate for the washmen now serving out their sentence for rioting but Mr Pruties is strongly opposed to their liberation. His proposal, seconded by Mr Hewitt that they should complete their full term is carried Unanimously.

Case

Case of Mr Cameron - It is understood that Mr Cameron is going to prosecute the coolies who gave evidence in the District Court for defamation of character on Friday night. Instructions are to be given to the Police to carefully watch the case and further action is postponed.

Recreation Ground Assault - Mr Stokes is of opinion that it will have no appearance of vindictiveness if the case of Mr Hering is carried beyond the jurisdiction of the Police Magistrate and he suggests that in the discretion of the Legal Adviser the charge be made one for common assault only. This suggestion is approved.

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Dog Muzzles - Reports by the Health Officer and the Veterinary Surgeon are read both urging the Council not to put the notified muzzling order into force.  
724  
726 The members are unanimous however in deciding to adhere to the order. It is further agreed that at the next Special Meeting of Ratepayers a Resolution shall be proposed inserting the word "dogs" in the Finance Bye Law:

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Public Recreation Ground - Mr Duplex proposes that in deference to the public wish, concerning which there can hardly be a difference of opinion, the path recently closed, be now reopened for Ricksha traffic. Mr Shillind seconds, but <sup>as</sup> it is understood that a letter will shortly be received from the Recreation Ground Committee which under clause 5 of the Ground Lease agreement, has control of the internal arrangements subject to the Council's approval, it is decided to authorize that this proposal be carried into effect immediately on receipt of such letter.

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Harborage Due - Letter from the French Municipal Council is read stating that when the new scheme comes into force they will collect dues on all Cargo landed at wharves in their Settlement, irrespective of domicile.

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It is decided to acknowledge receipt of this communication.

Standing Orders - Copies of the new Standing orders are distributed to members present.

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The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch

Chairman.

J. D. Lane  
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the  
Board Room, No. 23, King's Road, Shaughton,  
on Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, October 1898, at 4.30  
p.m.

Present -

M.M.

J. Welch, Chairman  
E. H. Stuart  
R. Duplis  
J. Spruce  
M. Rolfe  
E. Shelton  
A. P. Stokes  
Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. Anderson

J. S. Pearson.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports - The following are submitted, and ordered to be published.

<u>Engineers.</u>	for	September
<u>Vehicle Inspection.</u>	--	--
<u>Financial Statement.</u>	--	--

Harborage Dues - The Secretary states that the Chairman of the French Council has called and informed him that the letter recently received, on this subject was written under a misapprehension and that the Council's despatch of 8<sup>th</sup> August was mislaid, and not seen by the majority of his Council. He stated, that his Council would be willing to have the proposed conference to settle the details of the new scheme, and would communicate officially in the matter.

Mixed Court Cases. - Attention is drawn to a report in the papers of the prosecution by the Engineers office of a Chinese woman for making boundary stones.

It appears that the case collapsed, and it is stated that no member of Council was aware that the proceedings had been instituted. Instructions are to be given that Standing Order XLIV is to be rigorously adhered to.

Volunteers - Resignation of Commanding Officer -

7017 The Chairman reads a considerable quantity of correspondence interchanged between the Commanding Officer and the members of the Shooting Committee in regard to that body's recent action. After careful investigation of the whole case from its beginning it is finally proposed by Mr Stokes and carried, that an apology shall be forthwith framed to the satisfaction of the Council with the assistance of Mr. Morrison, & Anderson and Kanning, & Volunteer Officers, and that the Commission of those members of the Shooting Committee who are not willing to sign it shall be immediately withdrawn. Note is taken that the explanations of Mr. Gumpert and Kemp are considered to exempt them from this decision.

14 B. His Consular Local. - With reference to the recent decision by the Council to make a definite offer for the



the lease of this building, a rough estimate by the Assistant Engineer is submitted which places the cost of proposed structural alterations &c. at Rs 2,276. Referred to Works Committee.

212 / Native Troops in Settlement. - The Chairman draws the Council's attention to the repeated infringements of the long standing arrangement where by no bodies of armed Chinese are allowed to pass through the Settlement without previous notice given, two such cases having occurred during the past week.

The members concur in his suggestion that a forcible despatch be written to the Senior Council in re, to conclude with a request that a written permit shall always be applied for on such occasion.

738 / Traffic on Recreation Ground. - The letter from the Committee of Management has been received and

circulated, but in view of a diversity of opinion amongst the members as to the extent to which its suggestions shall be complied with, the re-opening of the paths to traffic has not yet been publicly notified.

After lengthy discussion it is decided to revert to the old arrangement, to rescind the recent notification and to publish the Committee's letter with this week's minutes. The Police are to be instructed accordingly.

747 An extensively signed petition asking that the paths be opened, received from the Secretary of the Recreation Club, is laid on the table.

511 / Settlement Extension. - The Secretary states that he is informed by H.B. No. 1's Consul General that he has addressed a formal despatch to the French Consul General requesting that the Tao-tai be authorised to negotiate in the matter of the British Settlement extension.

A similar despatch has been forwarded by the U.S. Consul General relative to the extension of Hongkong.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. P. Island  
Secretary.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board,  
Room, No. 23, Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on  
Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1898, at 4.30 P.M.,

Present.

16.16.

W. H. H. (Chairman),  
J. Anderson,  
E. A. Stewart,  
R. Dwyer,  
J. Pringle,  
M. R. H. C.,  
E. Shelton,  
E. J. Stokes,  
Secretary and the  
Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. S. Farrow.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report - Charfrage dues for August  
is submitted.

Settlement Extension - The Secretary states that he has  
been informed by H. M. Consul General that the Tao-tai  
has been directed by the Shanghai Treasury to conduct  
the necessary negotiations for the Extension of the Settle-  
ment.

Watch Committee Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:-

Mr Cameron's Case - The Council endorses the  
view taken by the Committee of this Officer's services,  
generally, and is agreed that the termination of his  
engagement will be a matter of expediency. The  
Members of the Secretary Committee, whose attention has  
been devoted to the work of reorganisation of that  
Department.

Department, are all one in considering that Mr. Cameron's action throughout was calculated to impede the satisfactory working of the new régime, and they consider him unfit for his important position. It is decided that no step shall be taken in the matter before the return of the Engineer, but the Secretary is directed to take the first suitable opportunity of informing Mr. Cameron that his resignation will, if forwarded, be accepted, and that a gratuity of six months pay may be promised him. Should he be unwilling to resign the Council is resolved that a letter shall be written to him terminating his agreement.

Public Markets - The system of tenders for the stalls in both markets is approved, and the Hatch & Committee is requested to determine as soon as possible the details of conditions of stall holding, so that approximate figures may be inserted in the Budget for the rentals.

It is noted that application will have to be made to the Mixed Court Magistrate for a proclamation in re.

1 Maughan's Volunteer Corps - Shooting Committee - The Chairman reads for the information of Members the Memorandum drawn up by Mr. M. Morrison, Anderson and Lanning together with the draft apologies which have been sent forward.

Mr. Stokes considers that this Memorandum should have been laid before all the Members of the Committee so that there could be no justification in the continuance of their plea that they were unaware of the nature of their offence. It is explained that Major Holliday has a copy of the document and that its contents will in due course be communicated to the officers and men implicated.

1 Loan and Investments Co. - Reply by the American Consul to the Council's despatch in regard to the status of this concern, is read, and, in accordance therewith and with the legal advisers' views, which are

also.

also read to the Meeting, it is decided to proceed against the Company and to ask the Court to suppress it as a common lottery.

Harbage Dues - Letter from the Truck Council is read -  
788 agreeing to the proposed conference and nominating its representatives. The Secretary is directed to enquire when it will be convenient to have the first meeting.

St. John's Statue - Mr Rolfe states that this monument is on board the German Mail arriving on Saturday, and the Engineer's Department is to be directed, when the official request is made, to make the necessary arrangements for its erection; The monument will be in charge of the German Committee until these arrangements have been made.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman.

J. Shuter  
Secretary.

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kings Road, St. George's, on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> Octo ber, 1878, at 11.30 P.M.

Present.

M. M.

J. Welch. (Chairman)  
F. Anderson  
E. A. Hurst.  
R. Inglis.  
J. Prudhoe.  
Mr Rolfe.  
E. Shelton.  
A. J. Stokes, and the  
Secretary.

Absent.

J. S. Fearon.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
Adj. Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed  
 by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and  
 cheques for sundry accounts are signed.  
Return of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily  
 reports for the past week are submitted.

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 / - Cameron Case - Referring to the Minutes of last Meeting,  
 The Chairman states that the  
 Engineer has returned, but that in his opinion  
 it is advisable to postpone acquainting Mr.  
 Cameron with the Council's decision until the  
 Health Officer's return early in November and  
 until he shall have been consulted as to filling  
 the vacancy caused by Mr. Cameron's retirement.  
 Several of the Members are opposed to this course,  
 but it is eventually decided to postpone consideration  
 of the question until the Council's next meeting,  
 and in the meanwhile to consider at a meeting of  
 the Sanitary Committee the steps necessary to be  
 taken to replace Mr. Cameron, when the Engineer  
 will be present and be in a position to lay his  
 views before the Members.

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 / Settlement Extension - The Chairman states that a  
 meeting has taken place between the Consuls of  
 Great Britain, Germany, and the United States  
 and the Indian, and that Mr. Gordon has  
 informed him of the results of that meeting.

The Chinese authorities appear to be anxious to  
 make certain stipulations regarding the site of  
 the Canton Cemetery, to which the Consuls agree.

It is also stated that certain of the Consuls  
 for other Powers are raising objections to the  
 manner in which the negotiations are being con-  
 ducted, &c., notably the Consul for France.

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 / Lou and Investment Co - The Chairman reports  
 the result of an interview which he has had  
 with the U.S. Consul General on this subject, from  
 which it appears that the latter is ready to suppress  
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the operations of this Co on its being conclusively shown to be a lottery. A letter from the Council's Legal Adviser is also read, in which he asks to be supplied with certain information which will enable him to apply formally for a summons.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee are then read, in regard to:

✓ Assistant Secretary - The Committee's recommendation with regard to increase of the Assistant Secretary's salary from 1<sup>st</sup> January is approved.

✓ Taxation of Private Vehicles - Some discussion takes place as to the scale of taxes recommended by the Comptroller of that Department, and Mr. Rhoda considers the same to be too high. It is pointed out that the Finance Committee will hereafter make a definite recommendation to the Council on the subject, the consideration of which is still in a preliminary stage. The Secretary is directed to obtain and submit particulars of similar taxation as it obtains in Hong-Kong and Singapore.

The Chairman raises the question whether joint action in the matter of such taxation with the French Council would not be feasible, and advisable, and the point is noted for further consideration.

Beri Beri - A further outbreak of this disease at the Hong-Kong Station has been reported, and the Chairman states the steps which have been taken to disinfect the prison cells and to deal with those convicts who have contracted the disease.

Stud and Sivery Arrangements - The Secretary is directed to call for Reports from the several Departments concerned as to the possibility of establishing a general Municipal Depot where all Municipal Vehicles and Ponies, &c. should be kept. The Council is of opinion that such a step may become necessary if the terms asked by the Horse Bazaar for a new contract are much higher than those of the present agreement. The establishment of such a depot would include Farriers, Harness and Machine Shops under foreign supervision, and the initial outlay for purchase of ponies would be considerable.

- considerable, in addition to the buildings required.
- 1 Shanghai Volunteer Corps - Shooting Committee - Certain correspondence forwarded by the Major Commanding, including reply from Captain Rex, is read. It is decided that Lieutenant Whittall be asked to withdraw the resignation he has handed in with the apology required from him; also to refer to the 3 Officers on the Retired List already consulted, the question as to whether Captain Rex should be permitted to add the rider he suggests to the form of apology, which was sent to him for signature.
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- 1 Police Narratives - A communication from the Captain Superintendent of Police is read, stating that he has received for execution a warrant duly endorsed by the Senior Consul which calls for the arrest of a wealthy native named Yang Tze-ching. As the case is a purely civil one he suggests that the defendant should have been proceeded against by summons in the first instance. It is decided to delay execution of the warrant and to write to the Senior Consul enquiring whether any special reasons exist for the issue of this warrant. In the meantime, the Police are to be instructed to afford the defendant protection if necessary.
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- 1 Breach of Regulations - Police Daily Sheet of the 25<sup>th</sup> is submitted, in which reference is made to a case of breach of Municipal regulations by Mr. H. Sonne. Mr. Hewitt is of opinion that Mr. Sonne should be prosecuted, a view supported by Mr. Pringle. After considerable discussion, in which it is pointed out that the case should not have come before the Council after the instructions which were issued to the Captain Superintendent on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, it is decided to allow the case against Mr. Sonne to drop. The Secretary is directed to write to the Captain Superintendent and enquire why proceedings were not taken, if such were necessary, & without reference to the Council.
- 1 Dingchiao Quarry - Upon the suggestion of Mr. Pringle, the

The Secretary is directed to draw up draft advertisements to be sent to the London Agents, with a view to the engagement of a qualified person of Jewish extraction to take charge of the Agency under a three years agreement. After approval by the Works Committee, this advertisement will be forwarded without delay.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch

Chairman.

J. B. [unclear]  
Secretary.

At the general Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, King's Road, Chelsea, on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1898, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr. M.

J. Welch. (Chairman)  
 St. Anderson.  
 W. A. Hewitt.  
 J. Pringle.  
 Mr. Robert.  
 E. Shillington.  
 A. P. Stokes.  
 Secretary  
 Assistant Secretary.

and the

U. B. [unclear]

J. S. [unclear]  
 R. [unclear]

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Quarto Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Retires



Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports for the past two weeks are submitted.  
General Municipal Rate - Native. - Summary for September quarter is submitted, and ordered to be published.

Departmental Reports. - The following for October are submitted, and ordered to be published.

Summary of License fees.

Inspector of Markets.

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--- " Vehicles.

The Chairman wishes to give expression to the regret felt by the Council at the news of the death of the late Secretary Mr R. F. Thorburn. He alludes to Mr Thorburn's long services to the Municipality and to his unrivaled knowledge of the affairs of the Settlement. He proposes that a memorial tablet be erected in the Chamber to his memory and that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter to his nearest relatives conveying an expression of the sympathy of the Members. Mr Denton seconds the motion which is carried to New. Con.

Police Warrants. - The Chairman says that he has interviewed Mr Butler on this subject, who stated that it has been his practice to stamp all warrants issued by the Mixed Court Magistrate without examination, and he further advised that the Police should verify warrants before execution. Mr Anderson points out the valuable nature of this recommendation, provided it is endorsed by succeeding Senior Constables and suggests that Mr Butler be asked to write a confirmatory letter. Discussion ensuing, it is decided to refer the question to the Watch Committee before further action is taken.

Settlement Extension. - The Vice Chairman gives an account of an interview he has had with A. M. Consul General on this subject and states that he is informed that the Treaty stipulations are of an insignificant character, with the exception of a proposal to admit Chinese representation.

on the Councils. Mr Brown has now been led to realize the strong opposition which such a course would be likely to evoke and accordingly has suggested a compromise, namely, the formation of a Native Board or Committee of an advisory character, whose recommendations on matters pertaining to the Chinese would carry weight with the Council. Mr Stewart considers that such a Board would be of little or no practical value and would probably be, as in Hong Kong, a centre of contention. He advocates the appointment of a Protector of Chinese, who might perhaps be detached from N. B. M. S. Consular Service.

Cameron Case — The Chairman states that Mr Cameron has expressed a wish to have an interview with the Council in regard to his resignation and that he is now in attendance. Mr Welch reads the draft of some remarks which he proposes to make but at Mr Stokes' suggestion it is agreed that it will be best briefly to inform Mr Cameron, should he press for a reason for the Council's action, that it is due to a lack of confidence in him as a Municipal servant. Mr Cameron is then called, and after giving a short résumé of his career while in the Council's service, states that he considers it harsh treatment to be requested to resign without being afforded any specific reason. The Chairman replies in the manner above indicated and Mr Cameron then says that he will forward his resignation — He then withdraws.

Finance Committee Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:

- ✓ Tax Office - Staff — The recommendation under this heading is approved except that it is considered best to give no limit of age in the notification proposed.
- ✓ Deputation of Private Vehicles — The Minute is approved and the Secretary directed to inform the French Council of the terms thereof forthwith. The question of the size and method of adjustment of Chinese plates is to be dealt with by the Works Committee.

The Sanitary Committee Minutes are read:

- ✓ Sanitary Inspector — After some discussion it is decided to instruct Mr Johnstone to carry out the duties of this office on the resignation of Mr Cameron.

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On the proposal of Mr Prentice, seconded by Mr. Hunt it is agreed that he shall draw a salary of £2 16s. per month until Mr Cameron's successor is appointed, this point being a matter for joint discussion by the Watch, and Sanitary Committee, to be held upon the return of the Health Officer from Japan.

1 Volunteers. — Sanitary Committee. — Letter from the Commanding Officer is read, detailing the rejoinders the members of the Committee to the demand for apology. The Commissions of Captain Rox, and Lieutenant Baldy are ordered to be withdrawn and Sergeant Brooks is ordered to be severely reprimanded, the Secretary being directed to communicate with the Commanding Officer accordingly.

1 Lotteries. — Draft letter to the General Council is read dealing with the suppression of the Lottery conducted at Mr W. Houghton's, and approved. On the suggestion of Mr Anderson, it is decided that the word "Lotteries" shall be omitted simultaneously with the word "dogs" the proposed further amendment of By Law XXXIV, to be submitted at the next special meeting of Ratepayers.

1 Seaman Mission Church. — Letter from the legal adviser is submitted, informing the Council how far the transfer of the Trust has progressed. His recommendation to include the name of an American in the new trust is approved and the nomination of the Revd. Hawke Dobb, is agreed to.

1 Rifle Range Land. — The reply of Mr Dallas to the Council's request for his assistance in the forthcoming suit brought by Mr Drummond is read, and the terms for his services, though considered exorbitant, are agreed to. It is resolved when the case is concluded to publish the correspondence in re, and to inform Mr Dallas of the views taken of his actions by the members.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23 Hongkong Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday,  
the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1878, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M<sup>r</sup>. J. Welch, Chairman,  
T. Anderson,  
C. A. Hewitt,  
J. Prudhoe,  
M. Roberts,  
C. Shillins,  
W. P. Stokes,  
Secretary, and the  
Assistant Secretary.

Absent

J. S. Fraser,  
R. Douglas.

The Minutes calling the Meeting is taken and read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Reports — The following Reports  
are submitted:

Chargeman's Office	for September
Health Officer	do do
Engineers Department	do do

Settlement Extension — Mr. Anderson expresses a further  
opinion in regard to the inadvisability of instituting a Chinese  
Advisory Committee, pointing out that bad results have  
been the outcome of similar institutions elsewhere.

Mr. Hewitt alludes to the fact that the proposed  
extension of the French Settlement is likely to include  
the Cemetery Road, which is Municipal property, and  
as the result of his remarks, the Secretary is directed to  
call on the Engineer for a report on the total amount  
which has been expended on the purchase and making  
up of this road.

✓ The late Mr R. J. Thorburn — Letter from Mr J. D. Thorburn is read, thanking the Council for the expression of sympathy conveyed in the resolution adopted at the last meeting, and leaving in the hands of the Council the arrangements for the erection of the proposed tablet to the late Secretary's memory.

585/ The Secretary is directed to apply to the Victorian Institute for the necessary sanction in the matter.

✓ Acceptation of Private Vehicles — The Chairman asks that the publication of the official minute on this subject be postponed as he is of opinion that the matter requires reconsideration. He proposes to submit a further Memorandum in re at the next meeting.

586/ Letter from the Secretary of the French Council is read, suggesting that the question of taxation on private vehicles is one which might with advantage be jointly discussed, and that, if approved, the French Council would appoint delegates to that end. He mentions that the taxation of private journals does not commend itself on the French side. The Secretary is directed to reply that the Council endorses the suggestion of a joint discussion of the subject and recommends that it be dealt with simultaneously with the Wharfedale Bus question now pending.

✓ Railways and Telephone Concessions — Letter from Mr Mc's. Consul General, is read, recommending that the Council should approve that clause in the conditions for tenders which relates to the question of "jurisdiction" suggesting that the matter of arbitration be left for subsequent arrangement; this recommendation is approved. The Secretary is directed to notify applicants accordingly and at the same time to forward to the several Consulates copies of the pamphlet thus amended.

548. 566. Mr White, discussing objections which have been raised to the present conditions of tendering, says that the deposit condition is incompatible with the Council's expressed wish to advertise the scheme in the fullest manner. He considers that the payment of a fee which would cover the costs of production of plans is

is all that should be required from prospective holders.  
The Council endorse this view, which is to be embodied in a regulation.

The question of the free supply of Municipal telephones and fire alarms is raised and the feeling of members is that such a condition will entail an indirect tax on the community and that its revocation is therefore desirable.

In view of possible objections on the part of the French authorities, the Secretary is directed to confer with them and ascertain their views in the matter.

Nov. 20 Committee Minutes are read and with reference thereto:-

✓ Shaw - It is noted that the offer made to Mr Shaw has been refused and that in consequence his resignation will be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> proximo.

✓ Additional Land at Bunting Well Road, Cumber -

Mr Anderson considers that in the future it may be a matter of regret that the Council lost the opportunity of purchasing this land and in deference to his remarks it is decided to offer the owner 50 Sec. per acre.

✓ Setting the King King Ferry - The members desire that before the French Council is approached in this connection a statement be drawn up by the Engineer showing cost of the work and the comparison thereof with the capitulation annual cost of repairing the boats.

The position proffered of the Municipal Authorities is considered a matter which should be considered into before definite proposals are made.

✓ Yule Committee Minutes are read and with reference thereto:-

✓ His Majesty - The Engineer is to be directed to personally inspect and formally report on the safety of the structure now being erected to accommodate the ladies at the unwelcome ceremony. It is also desired to disseminate in the name of the Municipal Council.

✓ Police Warrants - The recommendation of the Committee is amended upon a further discussion by the Council and the original suggestion to accept the Police Council's verbal offer is finally approved. It is understood that the Captain Superintendent has withdrawn his objection to the functioning of the Police in the manner indicated.

Police

Police Expenditure - The Council is informed that a return of comparative details for 1897 & 1898 is in course of preparation and that instructions have been given to the Police to send in a statement showing the stock of clothing, &c in hand. Upon receipt of those documents the question will be re-assumed by the Watch Committee.

Volunteers - Mr Anderson states that in his opinion the Major Commanding's request for publication of the Report correspondence should be granted, and the members agree a note being added to the published minutes to this effect.

Municipal Loans - Repayment on the 31<sup>st</sup> proximo of the Public Loans of 1893, to the extent of £65,000, in accordance with the late Chairman's speech at the last Ratepayers Meeting is approved. Notification is to be made thereunto forthwith.

Local Regulations - Letter from the Senior Consul is read announcing the sanction of the Diplomatic Body to the complete set of new and amended Local Regulations and By-laws and stating that the same in the opinion of the Consular Body may now be enforced.

There publication in the ordinary way is approved. Harbage Duty - Letter from the Chamber of Commerce is read relating the revised Duty tariff with some proposed amendments of minor points which the Secretary is directed to transmit to the Commissioner of Customs for further enquiry before forwarding the tariff to the Smuck Council.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Joseph Welch  
Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23, Kingsway Road, Shantung, on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

M M.

J. Welch. (Chairman),

A. Thurston.

J. Pringle.

M. R. Wade.

E. Shuttleworth.

Secretary and

Assistant Secretary.

Absent.

J. D. Farrow.

E. A. Hewitt.

R. Douglas.

C. P. Stokes.

The Chairman calling the Meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry accounts are signed.

Returns of Prisoners apprehended and Police reports for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report - Electric - for October is submitted.

With reference to the Minutes of last Meeting it is noted, that the offer authorised to be made for the

Land adjoining Bubbling Well Cemetery has been refused by the owner, to whom Building Permit has accordingly been issued.

The Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Sanitary Committee are read and approved. In reference thereto the Secretary is directed to have enquiries made by the Intelligence Officer in regard to the conditions under which the Council may expect to obtain the supply of street labour necessary for carrying out the required work of the Sanitary and Scavenging branches.



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Local Regulations.

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The appointment of a Sanitary Inspector from England on the terms and conditions recommended is approved, and the Health Officer is to be instructed, to draw up a Memorandum of the duties of the post for the information of the City Engineer of Manchester.

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Local Regulations. - Letter from the Senior Consul is read, stating that the enforcement of the new Local Regulations must await the receipt by the Royal Government of the King's reply in regard thereto. It is decided to write to the Senior Consul, pointing out that the new articles having been approved by the Foreign Minister and communicated to the Government, are thereby placed in the same position of validity as the existing Code of 1870, and asking that a representation in this sense be forwarded to the Diplomatic Body with a view to obviating further delay. It is understood that Mr's Consul endorses and will support this course. Mr Anderson raises the question whether an honorarium should be tendered to the Royal Engineer for his services in connection with the preparations of the new Local Regulations. The pro Practise was sketched being opposed thereto, it is decided to defer decision on the point till next meeting, and in the meanwhile the Secretary is directed to ascertain what was done in this respect on the occasion of the revision of 1883.

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Taxation of Private Vehicles.

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Memorandum on Mr Welch on this subject, already circulated to the Members, is considered, but his suggestion of a single tax for carriage-owners as a class does not commend itself to the Members. Some discussion takes place regarding the advisability of reducing the scale of license fees as recommended by the Finance Committee. Mr Anderson proposing that in the case of Carriages of 12, for annum would be sufficiently high; it is eventually decided to publish the scale as originally proposed with a view to eliciting

eliciting public opinion in the matter.  
Motor Cars. — In reply to a letter from Dr Macleod  
 837 it is decided to say that the Council will not oppose  
 the introduction of Motor Cars, under certain restric-  
 tions as to speed. The estimate to supply the  
 necessary power from the Council's Electric Light works  
 at 10 cents per unit is authorized as an experimental  
 measure.

H. B. Mt. Consular Jail. — Letter from H. M.'s office of  
 838 Works submitted, stating that the Jail will be  
 leased to the Council and an agreement drawn up  
 accordingly on the proposed terms. Decided to instruct  
 the Engineer to report formally, after consultation with  
 the Captain Superintendent of Police, as to the nature  
 and estimated cost of the structural alterations  
 required.

Police — Service with the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.  
 Upon a motion from the Chair, wherein are  
 conveyed the opinions of the Major Commanding and the  
 Captain Superintendent of Police, it is decided that in  
 future no members of the Police Force will be permitted  
 to join the S.V.C.; this measure, adopted for the furtherance  
 of the best interests of the Force and its efficiency, will  
 not, however, be applied retrospectively.

— No. — Deputy Superintendents' Salary. Application  
 805 by Captain MacKenzie for an increase of salary is  
 submitted by the Chairman and discussed. As two  
 members of the Select Committee are absent, further  
 consideration of the matter is postponed until a formal  
 recommendation by that Committee shall have been made.

Sanitary — Medical — Report by the Health Officer on the  
 839 results of his recent work in Japan submitted and  
 ordered to be circulated. It appears that he will be  
 in a position to inaugurate the work of the Pasteur  
 Institute next spring.

The Anderson queries the statistics of native  
 death rate as given in the Health Officer's published  
 monthly reports.

Local Authorities. — Letter from the German Consul General  
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is read, stating that he is unable to assist the Council in the suppression of local tolls, there being no provisions in German law which would enable him to do so.

377 / Native Troops in Settlement. - Letter from the Swiss Consul is read enclosing translation of the Troop's reply to the Council's communication of 13<sup>th</sup> October. It is noted that the arrangement asked for by the Council is agreed to.

191 / Marriage Duty. - The members are informed that Mr. Roeder has suggested postponing the final discussion of this question until his return from leave. This course is approved and the Secretary is directed to ask the French Council's consent thereto and to similar postponement of the taxation of private vehicles discussed.

382 / Staid. - Departmental Reports (already circulated) 500 regarding the proposed establishment of a Municipal 2000 Report for staid and living purposes are submitted. 810 It is decided that further careful consideration of the 800 subject will be necessary hereafter and that these Reports afford a valuable source of information for future guidance. In the meanwhile however it will be necessary to renew the agreement with the Horse Bazaar for the ensuing year and the conditions of such renewal will accordingly form the subject of a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

389 / Memorial to late Mr. R. F. Thorburn. - In deference to a suggestion made by the Cathedral Trustees, it is agreed that this memorial shall take the form of a stained glass window in lieu of a tablet. The Secretary is directed to ask Mr. J. D. Thorburn to undertake the selection of the window, through his relatives in England the Engineer supplying the necessary details.

395 / Chairman. - The Acting Chairman alluding to the fact that Mr. Frison will have returned before next meeting, takes the opportunity to thank the members for the support given him during his absence of the Chair. Mr. Chairman, in reply, expresses the Council's appreciation of the courteous manner in which Mr. Frison has fulfilled the duties of the Chair and  
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moves a vote of thanks which, seconded by Mr. Pringle,  
is carried unanimously.

The Meeting then adjourns.

J. D. Wilson  
Chairman

E. S. ...  
Secretary

All the General Meetings of the Council held in the Board,  
Room, No. 23, Queen's Road, Shalghin, on Wednesday,  
the 20th January, 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr.

J. D. Fearon. (Chairman)

J. Anderson

J. Pringle

Mr. Rolfe

E. Shelton

J. Welch

Secretary

and

Assistant Secretary

Absent.

E. A. Hewitt.

R. Dyer

A. P. Stokes

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
the Chairman and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.

Departmental Report. - Inspector of Prisons, for February, is submitted.

✓ Market Committees Minutes are read, and with reference thereto:  
 ✓ Markets — The decision under this heading is modified in so far as it relates to a proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate, the Council considering it best to issue its own proclamation, the matter being a purely Municipal one. It is decided to forward a copy to the Magistrate.

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✓ Collective Staff — Study of Chinese — This recommendation is approved, the amount of Mr. Sambath's remuneration being referred to the Finance Committee.

✓ Police Clothing — The recommendation which affects the position of Sergeant Major Lewis is agreed to, and it is noted that this officer, whose whole time will now be placed at the disposal of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps with your more satisfaction than he appears to do at present. Vide Minutes of Volunteer Supplies Committee now read to the meeting.

✓ Dredging the Yang Kiang Drain — The Secretary states that a letter has been written to the French Council asking for their former agreement to pay half the cost of the usual dredging operations. In reply to Mr. Brulic, he also says that the French regard the filling in of this water way as quite impossible.

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Directions are given that the Engineer shall consult with the French Engineer so that there may be no unnecessary delay in carrying out this work.

✓ Shanghai Volunteer Corps — Shooting Committee — Letter from the Officer Commanding is read, requesting that the petition of the three ex-officers recently dismissed for a hearing before a Special Committee be granted. (After considerable discussion, during which Mr. Anderson alludes (1) to the refusal of previous Councils for many years to grant a Commission to Mr. R. F. (11) to the recent case of breach of Regulations by Mr. Dancy, and (111) to the causes which have led to Mr. Cameron's resignation from the Council's service, it is decided to reply that the Council is unwilling to redress the case. The Council is of opinion in the case of Mr. R. F. that, in consequence of his criticism in the press of the action of his Commanding Officer and of the Council, he should never again be permitted to hold a Commission.)

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Hingchoo Quarry — Letter from H. M. Consul at Hingchoo on the subject of a disturbance, caused by the work of widening the mouth of a creek at the quarry, is read, and the Secretary's draft reply, which states the Assistant Engineer's explanation of the circumstances, is approved.

Boiler — The acceptance by the Works Committee of the tender of the Williamson Telford Co, of Ohio, for the boiler for the new Electric plant to cost gold \$2600. is noted.

Secretary's Disposition — The issue to Mr Cameron of a cheque for six months pay, with house, fuel, and light allowances is authorized.

Mixed Court Warrants — Report by the Police is submitted stating that native runners have again been endeavouring to execute arrests in the Settlements, and this in civil cases. The Members are strongly of opinion that this opportunity is a good one to have a resolution to the Junior Council insisting upon every prisoner being tried at the Mixed Court before being taken into the City. And further representing that the City Magistrate's runners should not be permitted to function in the Foreign Settlements.

Letter — Dispatch from the Senior Council is submitted, and ordered for publication, stating that he has requested the Scribe to issue a proclamation prohibiting the sale of tickets by Chinese subjects.

Local Regulations — The Secretary states that he has been informed by H. M. Consul General that he, Mr Brown, has requested H. M. Minister to mark the revised Code "irrepeal" in order that it may become binding upon British Subjects prior to an Order in Council.

The Meeting then adjourns.

Heard

Chairman

J. Slau  
Secretary

The Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Board  
Room, No. 23 Kings Road, Auckland, on the  
Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1898, at 4.30 p.m.

Present. M. M.

J. S. Scaron. (Chairman,  
F. Anderson.  
E. A. Hewitt.  
K. Dyer.  
J. Prentice.  
H. Kelcey.  
G. S. Holland.  
A. J. Stokes.  
J. Hatch.  
Secretary. and the  
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read.  
The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the  
Chairman and passed for publication.  
Cash statement for the past week is submitted and cheques  
for sundry accounts are signed.  
Reports of Prisoners apprehended, and Police daily reports  
for the past week are submitted.  
General Municipal Rate - Foreign - Summary for  
September quarter is submitted, and ordered to be  
published.  
Departmental Reports - The following for  
November are submitted:

Summary of License fees.  
Matter Officer.  
Financial Statement.  
Inspector of Markets  
— " — " — Vehicles.

Merch Committee Minutes are read, and with reference  
thereto:

✓ Marsden Police Station - The members  
fully approve of the purchase of land recommended,  
and the price is considered reasonable.

✓ Concrete ware Depôts - The engagement of

a foreign owner to superintend the marking of Conventione  
is authorized.

Cemetery - It is noted for the future that the Cemetery  
South of the Aqua Course will be known for municipal  
purposes as the old Cemetery in contradistinction to that  
at the Bubbly Well.

Garbage & Night Soils Contracts - The tenders are laid  
on the table, and that of Sunny Yuen Kee, to collect and  
remove the night soils from the Settlements, making a  
payment of \$3200 per month to the Council is accepted.  
The terms of his tender are read and agreed to, it being  
noted that in the event of the Settlements being extended  
fresh arrangements will have to be made. The Contract  
is to be for one year with the option of a two years renewal  
should the work be done satisfactorily.

It is noted to the Garbage tenders, that of the above  
Sunny Yuen Kee is \$180 more than the lowest, and a  
discussion arises as to the advisability of the same man  
taking up both contracts. In view of a difference of  
opinion on this point it is decided to await the  
proceedings of enquiring as to the standing of the low-  
tender, and to leave the settlement of the Garbage  
contract to the Sanitary Committee for whose information  
the Council will report as soon as possible.

Mr. Anderson desires that a comparison of the figures  
in Mr. Kuo's tender, which includes pay of coolies &c, and  
is therefore not in accordance with the advertisement  
be made with those compiled by the Engineer.

Stamans' Church - Docketing - Letters from the Rev.  
Saml. Holt & Mr. J. D. Scott regarding their acceptance  
of trusteeship and the question as to the date of the land  
now held thereunder are read. As the question raised  
appears to be dependent on the intentions of the original  
testators and as Mr. Leong's advice is to be requested  
to look into the terms of the trust, replies to the above  
letters being deferred.

Native Warrants - Letter from the Senior Council is read  
dealing with the procedure in the matter of the issue of  
these warrants. The letter is ordered to be communicated



to the Committee who recently considered the Revised Medical Code, code for their opinion, it being the Council's opinion that Mr. Dickinson's views on the subject will be of value.

✓ Draining the Grand Junction Drain —

Letter from the French Council is read, stating that they are willing to pay half the cost of the draining operations but would prefer a scheme for filling in the bank in its entirety.

It is decided to reply in terms of the Works Committee's recommendation, and further, to say that if the conditions therein made cannot be fulfilled that the works should be postponed for the present.

✓ Public Gardens —

Letter from Mr. D. Hay is submitted, as also for the appointment as Custodian in the room of the late Mr. G. R. Corner.

The members record their regret at the death of the Secretary and Custodian, and direct that Mr. Hay be informed that the Council does not propose to replace Mr. Corner. A motion is proposed, by the Vice-Chairman that the Council should take steps to obtain the services from Reid of a qualified man to take charge of Public Gardens, Cemeteries, &c., but on the understanding that a recommendation to the same effect will be made by the Garden Committee, decision in the matter is postponed.

✓ Plague Bacillus —

Mr. Welch points out the dangers attached to experiments with this bacillus, and a Memorandum by the Health Officer on the subject is read. The latter views are not unanimously endorsed by the Council, and the question is referred to the Sanitary Board.

✓ Sanitary Inspector —

Application from the Ex-Sanitary Inspector is submitted, for passage home for himself and his family, as promised in a letter from Mr. Charles Hordley, the Chairman of the Works Committee at the time of his original engagement in the Police.

The members are undecided as to whether

Mr. Cameron's subsequent acceptance of a post in another department upon a higher scale of pay should be held to have cancelled this arrangement, and the Secretary is directed to consult the Royal Adviser on the point.

Lock Hospital — It is noted that the Chief Chemist Assistant at the Hospital, — Auguste Ping — wishes to resign. The Health Officer is to be directed to select and report upon a candidate to undertake the duties, the selection of a suitable, and honest man being considered essential.

Markets — In regard to the impending opening of the new Market, the Secretary is instructed to advertise in the Native press that persons desiring to occupy stalls of which not more than 5 will be let to any one individual, should submit their offers to the Municipal Engineer, the same rule applying to the Foreign Market. Steps are to be taken to mark off the various stalls &c. in accordance with the plan for the distribution of tenders.

Mr. Hacking's resignation.

M. J. 1707

Chairman

Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the  
Board Room, No. 23, Kingsway Road, Manchester  
on Wednesday, the 11th December 1898, at 11.30 P.M.

Present - M.M.

- J. S. Fearon. Chairman,
- F. Anderson,
- E. W. Howells,
- R. Dugley,
- J. P. ...
- M. ...
- E. ...
- A. ...
- J. ...
- Secretary and the
- Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the Meeting is taken as read,  
 The Minutes of last Meeting are read, confirmed, signed by  
 the Chairman and passed for publication.  
 Cash statements for the past week is submitted, and cheques  
 for sundry accounts are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police ...  
 reports for the past week are submitted.

Public Gardens - Mr Stokes wishes it understood  
 that the explanation of Mr May was given, that  
 he should be an Honorary member of the Gardens  
 Committee. The members consider that Mr May's name  
 might well be added to the existing Committee, and  
 the Secretary is directed to ascertain unofficially  
 if the suggestion commends itself to the Committee.

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Letter from Mr J. L. ... is read, embodying  
 a proposal that negotiations be entered into with  
 Mr M. Sutton Sons for the engagement of a practical  
 gardener, and it is stated that possibly Mr ...  
 would personally acquaint the firm with the local  
 requirements. It is decided to reply that the  
 Council fully approves the proposal, and requesting  
 that suitable conditions be arranged by which  
 Mr

Mr. Durkell's letter, telegraphing the salary proposed, &c. for a suitable time.

Letter from the Asiatic Society is read, suggesting the engagement of a man who might combine the duties of Inspector Curator and Custodian of their Museums, to which the Secretary is directed to reply that the necessary qualifications for the two posts could not in the Council's opinion be combined in the same individual.

Garbage Contract — The Engineer's report on the structure is read recommending the acceptance of that of Messrs. King Green, the present contractor, to remove the garbage from the Sepals for a monthly payment of £500, and adding that his work during the past year has been satisfactory and that the standing of the lower tenders is not such as to make the acceptance of this tender advisable.

Recommendation approved.

Council Minutes are read and approved, the following being noted:

Mr. Durkell's report — In recommendation of the Chairman as to passing the Officers' account for this matter, a resolution is decided by the Council and the Secretary is directed to record a Standing Order to the effect that no amounts, allowances or over-ordinary notes or bills will in future be made to Members of the Department, travelling on the Council's service.

Mr. Durkell's Minutes are read, and approved, and the following points being noted:

Revenue Estimates — Mr. Durkell states that the Government anticipates a falling off in license fees in the coming year and he reports that in view of the necessary increase in other departments only a necessary minimum of addition be made to the force. Mr. Durkell states that he has been at some pains to compare comparative figures of Police expenses for the past nine years and he has found that for a 60% increase in numbers there has been 100% increase in the cost of staffing. Considerable discussion.

discussion arises in regard to the various heads of accounts, submission and economy in the expenditure, on account of this department, and Mr. Jackson's suggestion the matter is again referred to the Budget Committee who are requested

- (1) To verify to ascertain exactly and in full details the cost per man per annum for clothing
- (2) To have compiled a statement showing all particulars the items debited under the heading "Miscellaneous Charges"
- (3) To find a list of definite questions or means of reply to which the Captain and Deputy Superintendents may afford such reliable information as may lead to some explanation of the excess over the estimates which this year's accounts show

1/ Walter Officer — Letter from this Officer is read, and is for an addition of £500 per annum to his salary and account of the duties which the Pastoral Institute will entitle. Mr. Stokes considers that Dr. Stanley should have raised this point before proceeding to Japan, at the Council's expense to acquire the necessary knowledge of the subject. At the Chairman's suggestion the Secretary is directed to lay the matter before Dr. Graham unless opinion from a professional point of view cannot fail to be of assistance to the Council in settling this matter.

1/ St. Brinade — Letter from the Fiji Department is read, giving cover to one from the O'Connell Mission School Trustees, from which it is gathered that a suitable site for a trust house has been found on the fore shore of the school lot on the Schofield's and that the Council can utilise the same, by payment of a sum of £50 per annum in nominal recognition of the foreshore rights of the trustees.

(It is decided that a letter be written arranging this in terms to be approved by the Legal Adviser.)

1/ the Council & Mr. Murray — Mr. Anderson remarks up the conduct of this case on the Council's side, and states that it did not appear to have been such as to be likely to lead to the best results.

Dredging

Ordering the Gray Flag — The Report by the Engineer  
 states that to achieve the result considered indispensable  
 for the work Committee dredging would have to be done to  
 an average depth of some five feet and that in consequence  
 the estimate is wholly inadequate.

It is agreed to abandon the undertaking for the present &  
 printing receipts of Engineer's report, as proposed filling in  
 of books.

Dept Office — Staff — The applications for the post  
 of Assistant Commr are considered — and Mr. C. J.  
 Allen is associated, as being well qualified — that he shall  
 not begin his new duties until his successor in the  
 Engineer's department shall be convenient with this work,  
 and that he shall study colloquial Chinese.

Alluding them in journals,

J. H. G. M.  
Chairman

J. H. G. M.  
Secretary

At the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 2  
Kiangse Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 1894  
at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Messrs. J. S. Fearon, Chairman,  
F. Anderson  
T. A. McIvor  
R. Inglis  
J. Procter  
H. N'otaki  
W. S. Stokes  
J. Birch  
The Secretary and  
The Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read  
The minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman  
and passed for publication.

Cash Statement for the past week is submitted and cheques for sundry acco.  
are signed.

Return of prisoners apprehended and Police Daily Reports for the past week is  
submitted.

Departmental reports The following are laid on the table :-  
Engineer's for November.  
Electrical Superintendent's do.  
Wharfage dues for October.

Settlement Intrusion. The Chairman informs the meeting of the result of an interview  
which he has had with Mr. Briant on this subject. The fact  
it appears, has now arisen that the British and American  
Councils should meet here on Tuesday afternoon next  
to discuss generally the terms of the intrusion and it has been  
arranged that the Chairman and the Secretary of the Council  
shall also be present. Mr. Fearon observes that whatever  
views may be put forward at the proposed meeting his  
duty will be simply to reiterates the Council's requests,  
originally put forward; any land outside of the line  
named which the Chinese Authorities desire to include  
the intrusion would probably be accepted by the Council  
but without entailing any proportionate reduction of  
area along the line first proposed. The members generally  
express their disinclination to modify the plans forward  
and the Chairman undertakes to attend the meeting with

the fact on this understanding. Mr. Hewitt urges the importance of succeeding to include in the extension the Parking (outside) opposite the French Parliament. The Secretary is directed to have all necessary plans in readiness.

Water Supply Com.

It is noted that the meeting with the French Council's representatives will take place on Friday next, the Commissioners of Customs having undertaken to be present. Discussion takes place as to the revision of the report under the proposed revised Septem and the Secretary is directed to circulate to the members of the Finance Committee copies of the Council's earlier minutes on the subject.

Fire Department.

Annual Prizes. Designs received from the London Agents are submitted and after inspection that bearing the device of a fireman chasing, and instructions are given to order five cups from Gurney Park.

Health Officer

Letter from Dr. Macleod has been circulated on the subject of this officer's demand for extra remuneration on account of his duties connected with the Pastor Institute, and the remarks of members thereon are now read. Messrs. Hulek and Hewitt consider that the annual cost of the Institute will now be such that reference to the Ratepayers should be made to before further steps are taken. This proposition being negatived by the members, and in view of Mr. Storey's suggestion that a second medical employer be appointed to act as Municipal Surgeon, take charge of the Pastor Institute and act for Dr. Stanley when the latter is absent, the whole question is referred to the Watch Committee. The Secretary is directed to ask the Health Officer for an explanation of his attraction in the estimated time required for this work, and of his own views of the allowance now claimed from his original statement of annual expenditure.

The Council vs. Murray

The legal adviser's letter on this case is read and his proposal to demand a rehearing unanimously agreed to. Dissatisfaction with Mr. Dowdall's management of the case is generally expressed and considerable discussion ensues as to the possibility of having another representative in Court in the future. Finally the Secretary is directed to proceed unofficially in the matter with a view to eliciting Mr. Dowdall's own opinion.

Public Lighting.

It is decided to offer the renewal of the contract with the



Offer of Land.

1901

His Company for the business year, without charges.  
 Letter from Messrs Morrison & Gratton is read conveying the offer of 23 mow of land on the Hong Kow Road, outside the settlement boundary, at a price of £2,100 per mow. It is decided to reply that the financial position of the Municipality is not such as to warrant this outlay in the absence of definite need for the land.

Meeting Committee Incident.

1901

Letter from Mr Ren, lately dismissed from the Volunteer Corps, is read, on this subject, but the members are agreed that the only possible reply is that the Council regards this incident as closed.

Volunteers.

1901

Concessions. The following, as recommended by the Major Commanding, are ordered to be issued:—

Major Bruce A. Clarke to be Officer Commanding Artillery and Lieutenant Theo. Ruff to be Lieutenant S. P. A.

St. James's Church Plotting.

1901

Report and plans by the engineers are submitted on the subject of the remaining grave spaces in this cemetery. The legal adviser's opinion on the question of the original trust is not yet received and as the Chairman states that he is desirous of visiting the spot, further consideration of the matter is deferred.

Sanitary Board Minutes are read and approved the following being noted:—

Plague Bacillus.

1901

Mr Wickett again proposes that the superintendent with this bacillus be forbidden in the Municipal Laboratory. Mr Anderson's amendment to the effect that further inquiry be put forward among the local medical men before a decision is arrived at, is however carried by the casting vote of the Chair.

Volunteers.

Uniforms. The question of claiming a refund from those members of the corps who fail to complete their three years' efficiency is discussed and referred to the Warlike Committee.

Secretary.

1901

at the request of the Chairman, the Secretary's Staff having withdrawn, the following resolution is proposed by Mr. Penrice, seconded by Mr. Inglis, and carried:—

"That Mr. Bland's salary as Secretary of the Council be £6. 650 a month and a house, without other allowances".

It is noted that this resolution is not the result of any application having been made by the Secretary.

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The meeting then adjourns.

H. W. R.  
-Chairman.

J. D. S.  
Secretary.

at the General Meeting of the Council held in the Board Room, No. 23 High Road, Shanghai on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1918, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

- Mr. J. S. Frason, Chairman,
- Mr. Anderson,
- Mr. Knowlton,
- Mr. S. J. L. Ho,
- Mr. Brantley,
- Mr. A. J. L. Ho,
- Mr. S. J. L. Ho,
- Mr. S. J. L. Ho,
- Mr. S. J. L. Ho,
- The Secretary, and
- The Assistant Secretary.

The Minutes calling the meeting is taken as read.

The Minutes of last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Case of the Kung for the last time is submitted and charges for study, according to the Plan of the Prisoners announced and Police Dept. Report for the past week are submitted in Chinese Report.

Plague Bacillus The Secretary states that reference of this subject to the local medical men has not yet been made and, in view of a private letter of Dr. Macleod to the Chairman, wherein the existence of a certain risk in the experiment is admitted, the members decide by show of hands to forbid them, and the bacilli now in the laboratory are ordered to be forthwith destroyed.

Saltwater Inclusion The Chairman recounts the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Council of Great Britain, the United States and Germany with the Taotai, at which he was present, as follows: The Taotai opened the colloquy by stating that he is authorized by the Vanching hierarchy to ~~consider~~ <sup>discuss</sup> in addition to the foreign Saltwater <sup>including</sup> portion of the proposed inclusion to permit with salt sea zone, but as the Pootung, Korkon, all land in the Pootung district, Jossfield and other important lands are not included, and as the inclusion of the French hinterland must be subject to arrangement coming to by the Consular Body, he <sup>was</sup> informed that negotiations on such a basis could not be even considered. Eventually the Councils stated that all the land marked in the original plan must be included in the Pootung, and that the French hinterland would be accepted if so desired, with no guarantee however to arrange any details with the French authorities. The Taotai agreed to make his reply, to their demands in two or three days.

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Mr. Franca mentions subsequently from the three Consuls that they would prefer dispatches to be in respect to their interests regarding matters upon which they, and an understanding <sup>that Portugal</sup> if handed over to foreign jurisdiction at any time, will be included in the Foreign Settlements. Letters from the Consul General <sup>is read</sup> <sup>is read</sup> regarding confidentially, a dispatch from the Minister in which it is stated that, the Viceroy having said that the new regulations do not concern him, the desired avowal of the King's opinion there might be obtained by means of a note from the Duke to say that he has approved them. The Chairman in opinion that pressure might be brought to bear upon the Duke by means of the three above mentioned Consuls and he agrees to interview Mr. Brennan in P.E.

New Land Regulations.

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Mazulis.

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Health Officer.

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The Secretary states that all the necessary arrangements have been made for the opening of the Chinese side of the Matohmarket and he reads a report by the Inspector and a proposed notification, giving a scale of fees and other details, which is approved. Communication of the Council's views in regard to an allowance to this office for the Kurium duties, has been made to him, and it is understood that Mr. Stanley is willing to accept such further communication as the Council may think adequate. It is agreed that he shall receive Rs 50 per mensem total from the Malhau. Minutes of the Special Meeting to discuss the division of the proceeds of these dues, when collected under the new scheme, have been circulated and Mr. Anderson explains the reasons which led the Committee to propose the terms now before the meeting. The recommendation is approved.

The Secretary states that the Commissioner will not be willing to take over the present Survey Office staff and, as in some discussion, instructions are given that the Engineer take Mr. Reginald into his Department and make such use of his services as his capabilities admit of.

Light Sail.

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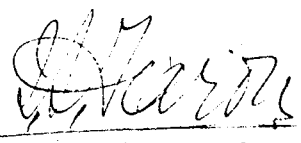
A notification calling attention to the approaching change in system and giving authority for a change to be made in certain instances by the collecting coolies, is approved.

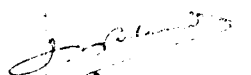
Drainage of the  
Subsiding Hill Road.

The members are informed that a proposal has been given to an opinion that the Residents and property owners on this road would be willing to contribute towards a scheme for its drainage and the Secretary is directed towards enquiries through the Engineer's office, in the matter.

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- Mr Cameron In view of this envelope for his services hours is now under legal advice. Submitted, disallowed.
- <sup>107</sup>  
The Council Room Letter from the legal adviser is read stating that upon the consideration he would now urge appealing to the B'ing Council direct in this case, without attempting to obtain a re-hearing. This action is accordingly, decided upon.
- <sup>108</sup>  
Mar Ket Distee Co. Letter from this officer dealing with the question of his pay and of an assistant at his department is referred to the Finance Committee.
- Seavus's Church Letter from the legal adviser is read stating that in his opinion part or all of the land and building can properly, be sold and the proceeds used for the establishing and maintaining a church for Seavus in a more appropriate position. Decided to defer further consideration of this question pending proposed examination by the Chairman and other members of the property.
- <sup>109</sup>  
Amorston's Station Letter from the engineer is submitted requesting further instructions in regard to the matter of Melhus Road & Moorshead's permit, in the light of the recent decision in the McMurray case. It is considered desirable to obtain the legal adviser's opinion in writing on the point.
- Gael Police report upon the need for an adequate staff, dealing also with the date for taking over the building is referred to the Works Committee.
- <sup>110</sup>  
St. Luke's School The annual accounts letter is submitted.
- The other things then adjourns.

  
Chairman.

  
Secretary.