

REPORT.

The accounts of the "Shanghai Cemetery" and the "Shanghai Seamen's Cemetery" are published for general information.

By the subjoined circular dated June 1st, 1859, it will be seen that an appeal was made to the liberality of the community for funds to put the Shanghai Cemetery into a condition of thorough restoration and repair, which appeal was responded to by subscriptions amounting to Taels 1,000.

Shanghai, 10th January, 1860.

JOHN HOBSON, Treasurer.

SHANGHAI CEMETERY in Account Current with the Rev. JOHN HOBSON, the Treasurer.

Table with columns for date, description, and amounts in Taels, m, and c. Includes entries for 1859, 1860, and 1861.

Audited and found Correct, 11th January, 1861.

JAMES L. MAN.

CIRCULAR.

SHANGHAI CEMETERY.

The Treasurer's accounts with the Shanghai Cemetery from August 1856 to April 1859 are herewith circulated for public inspection.

The Trustees of the Cemetery are unavoidably compelled to appeal to the community for aid. It is generally felt that the Cemetery is not in that state of good order which ought to mark the resting place of the dead.

JOHN HOBSON, Treasurer. H. M. M. GRAY.

Shanghai, 1st June, 1859.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Edward Webb, Taels 100, Russell & Co. 50, W. R. Adamson & Co. 50, Augustine Heard & Co. 50, Gibb, Livingston & Co. 50, J. Whittall 50, Olyphant & Co. 50, Isaac M. Bull & Co. 25, Shaw, Bland & Co. 25, Richard Newby 25, V. P. Jordan 25, Gilman & Co. 25, Geo. Barnett & Co. 25, Lindsay & Co. 25, Reiss & Co. 25, Fletcher & Co. 25, G. W. Courts 25, Wm. Pustau & Co. 25, Birley, Worthington & Co. 25, Holliday Wise & Co. 25, Thorne Brothers & Co. 25, Harkort & Co. 25, Siemsen & Co. 25, Wetmore, Williams & Co. 25, H. N. Lay 25, Smith, Kennedy & Co. 25, Turner & Co. 25, Bower, Hanbury & Co. 25, J. Mackellar, 25, William Hargreaves 25—Total, Taels 1,000.

SEAMEN'S CEMETERY SHANGHAI, in Account Current with the Rev. JOHN HOBSON, the Treasurer.

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Audited and found Correct, 11th January, 1861.

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MINUTES of a Public Meeting for Ignoring Resters of Land within the Limits, held at H. B. M.'s Consulate at Shanghai, on the 2d day of February, 1861.

Present.—T. T. Meadows, Esq., H. B. M.'s Consul; Messrs. Hamilton and Whitlow, (Municipal Councillors); Messrs. Howard, Murray, Brand, Dunanson, Pickwood, Tate, Ashton, Mackellar, Cunningham, Hanbury, Wilson, Reid, Trautmann, Antrabus, Francis, Man, Compton, Cusby, and Di Bridgman.

These Taylor Meadows, Esq., H. B. M.'s Consul, as the Senior Consul present took the Chair.

Mr. Hamilton commenced proceedings by reading the report of the Municipal Council for the year 1860.

REPORT.

The Municipal Council for 1860 have the honor to submit to the Land Renters their report for the past year. They have had to contend with many unusual and unexpected difficulties and to introduce some important changes.

In pursuance of the resolutions of the special Public meeting of the 23rd June, Mr. Pickwood

was appointed Secretary to the Council, and permanent ex officio member of it. His Testimonials are laid upon the Table for the information of those who may not already have seen them.

Roads.—Early last year the Barrier Road, Temple Road, North Gate Street and part of the Consulate Road and Church Street were metalled.

The Council have also laid out the extension westward of Kirk's Avenue to the Barrier Road and of North Gate Street and Rope-walk Road to the Shaloo. They have also availed themselves of the clearance made by the fire in the Maloo to secure space for a 30 foot road from the Maloo to Custom House Road, making a concession in the width of a street of half the length running only to Rope Walk Road thus securing another, though unavoidably crooked, line west of the Temple Road.

has actually been commenced on these roads and the Municipal Council avail themselves of this opportunity publicly to express their thanks for the kind assistance they have from time to time received from the military authorities.

In negotiating for land the Council have steadily kept in mind the principle so strongly urged by some Land Renters on the 23d June viz. That the owners of property should contribute the space required for such purposes.

Long continued rains—the unusual quantity of building going on—and lastly the frosts, have very much broken up the roads. Hard metal has also become extremely scarce and dear.

The great extension of the mileage of roads, and the necessity of constant watchfulness to prevent encroachments have induced the Council to appoint Mr. Waters, who has for a long time borne a high character in the Police, to the office of Inspector of Roads—at a Salary of Tls. 90 per month.

It has lately been impossible to get the granite slabs long enough for repairs either in the settlement or the city; but the matter has not been neglected. Slabs have however at last been secured though at a very high cost.

The Chinese houses in the settlement have been reassessed by Mr. Pickwood showing an increase of over 20 per cent on that made by Mr. Clifton early in the year. The Council have strong reason for believing that a tax on the full amount of rental was generally collected by the former Chinese Interpreter by a system of altering receipts: so that the enhanced assessment will impose no additional burden on the Chinese house holders though the revenue will be largely increased from the many houses of a good class now in course of construction.

The revision of the assessments on Foreign property will be the next work in this department. The numerous houses lately built must considerably increase the revenue from this source.

The Council have devoted much anxious care to this important branch. The flustering and conveying to which the disorders in the country have given rise have had the worst effect on the class from which Police Constables have usually been drawn.

The Council have been in frequent communication with successive Commanding Officers on this subject. Mr. Wm. Ramshotton late Sergeant Major of H. M. 2nd Queen's has been appointed Inspector of Police on the strong recommendation of Colonel Johnson lately here, at a salary at the rate of £350 per annum for the first 6 months, and £400 per annum subsequently on approbation.

A Constable on joining as at present Tls. 30 per month. After six months service if his report sheet show he has been generally a well conducted man and competent in the routine of his duty, extra Tls. 5. After 12 months on continued good conduct and provided he can pass an examination to the satisfaction of the Municipal Council showing him to have a good knowledge of the rules and regulations of the localities in the settlement and such an acquaintance with drill as to enable him to move a party of men from one place to another, further Tls. 5.

This scheme remains in abeyance, in the hands of H. B. M. Consul. This Council can only most strongly urge on their successors to carry out the proposed measure, as soon as the necessary powers can be obtained, as they believe it to be one most essential for the preservation of regularity and good order in the settlement.

This matter has also received careful consideration and the Municipal Council have come to the conclusion that the work presents no great difficulties, but that it will be necessary to secure the services of a surveyor used to such work to superintend it in detail.

The financial position of the public funds is very satisfactory. The Cash Balance actually in hand is only Tls. 1,779:53 against

the 3,589:64, but it will be seen that there are Tls. 13,200 of the taxes of the last half year, which, owing to the press of work arising from the reassessment of Chinese houses, have still to be collected.

The estimated income for 1861, which is probably decidedly less than the amount which will be realised, is amply sufficient to meet the increasing current expenditure, including that required for the projected roads, and to pay off the second instalment of the Bund Loan, but special provision would have to be made for any further expenditure.

Shanghai, 1st February, 1861.

JAMES WHITLOW, Chairman. JAMES WHITLOW, Treasurer. R. R. TYERS.

ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1861.

Table with columns for Income and Expenditure, split into Taels and decs. Includes items like House and Land Taxes, Wharfage dues, Police Force, etc.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, SHANGHAI.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE from 1st January to 31st December, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

Table with columns for Receipts, split into Taels and decs. Includes items like Cash—From former Council, House and Land Taxes, Wharfage Dues, etc.

EXPENDITURE.

Table with columns for Expenditure, split into Taels and decs. Includes items like Police Force, Police Barracks, Roads and Jetties, Petty Expenses, etc.

E. & O. E.

Shanghai, January 31st 1861.

JAMES WHITLOW, Treasurer of Municipal Council.

Audited and found correct, ROBT. REID.

BUND EXTENSION ACCOUNT.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure, split into Taels and decs. Includes items like Paid Wuyongchong on account of his contract, Received per H. B. M. Consul, etc.

E. & O. E.

Shanghai, January 31st, 1861.

JAMES WHITLOW, Treasurer of Municipal Council.

Audited and found correct, ROBT. REID.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, split into Taels and decs. Includes items like Cash Balance, Taxes to be collected for 1860, Police Buildings, Loans on security of Police Buildings, etc.

E. & O. E.

Shanghai, January 31st, 1861.

JAMES WHITLOW, Treasurer of Municipal Council.

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