

## FIRST SESSION

1957

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature, at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara.

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1957.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.  
 Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.  
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education - Mr. B.H. Benn.  
 Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.  
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.  
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.  
 Mr. F. Bowman  
 Mr. B.S. Rai  
 Mr. S.M. Saffee  
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall  
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham  
 Mr. S. Campbell  
 Mr. A.L. Jackson  
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh  
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj  
 Mr. R.C. Tello  
 Mr. R.E. Davis  
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks  
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard  
 Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, Clerk to the Committee and Mr. E.D. Ford, Principal Assistant Secretary (Ag.), Finance Secretariat.

Absent:

Mr. Ajodha Singh - on leave.

AGENDA.

1. Consideration of the Draft Estimates for 1958.

Committee considered and approved of the following Heads of Expenditure:-

<u>HEADS.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
<u>I. GOVERNOR</u> - passed as printed	\$54,414
<u>IA. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT</u> - passed as printed	\$43,755
<u>2. LEGISLATURE.</u>	

- (i) Discussion on this Head was deferred pending consideration of Bill No. 40 of 1957, Executive and Legislative Councils (Remuneration of Members) Bill.

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<u>HEAD.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
(ii) A motion for a recommendation to Executive Council for higher grades of Salary in respect of Personal Emoluments (a) Subhead 5 - Marshal and (b) Subhead 2 - Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, respectively, was <u>not</u> approved.	
(iii) A motion for the deletion of OTHER CHARGES - Subhead 6 - Remuneration for Ministerial Private Secretaries ....\$2,400: was not approved.	
<u>5.- AUDIT</u> - passed as printed	\$151,359
<u>4.- ANALYST</u> - passed as printed	63,420
<u>7.- CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE</u> - was reduced by \$100:- and passed at	77,414
<u>Deleted</u> - Personal Emoluments Subhead (10) - Archivist in training...\$100: in view of appointment of a local officer as Archivist.	
<u>7A - ESTABLISHMENT</u> - passed as printed	168,309
<u>7B - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.</u>	
Consideration of the Head was deferred to enable the Chief Secretary to be present during further discussion.	
<u>HEAD 10 - CUSTOMS AND EXCISE</u> - was passed as printed-603,818	
The Chairman stated that expenditure for purchase of a Land Rover would be reserved pending his being satisfied that it was necessary for the Customs Department to operate its own vehicle.	
<u>14 - FINANCE SECRETARIAT</u> - passed as printed	55,486
<u>14A- FINANCE - STATISTICAL BUREAU</u> - passed as printed.	23,441
<u>15 - FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL</u> - passed as printed	145,329
<u>15A- FINANCE - CENTRAL REGISTRY</u> - passed as printed	24,492
<u>16 - FINANCE LICENCE REVENUE</u> - passed as printed.	65,232
<u>17 - FINANCE - INLAND REVENUE.</u>	
Consideration of this Head was deferred in order that the Commissioner might be present at the discussion.	
<u>35 - PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES</u> - passed as printed - 1,854,402	
<u>39 - POST OFFICE - SAVINGS BANK</u> - passed as printed	54,007

It was announced that the portfolio of Natural Resources would be considered on the following day.

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At 5.00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting to 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12th December, 1957.

Confirmed,

Chairman,  
Finance Committee.

Asst. Clerk of the Legislature,  
Clerk to the Committee.