

SECOND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

FIRST SESSION

1957

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of 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

THURSDAY, 19TH 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. 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. B.S. Rai
 Mr. Ajodha Singh - on leave.

A G E N D A

Consideration of the Draft Estimates (Recurrent) for 1958.

The Honourable Chief Secretary was present during the meeting.

Committee considered the following heads:-

HEAD 36 - POLICE

Subhead 1 - Personal Emoluments - Fixed Establishment.

(2) Commissioner's Personal Allowance .. \$1,440:-

Following a discussion on the payment of a personal allowance of \$1,440:- per annum to the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Burnham moved and Mr. Jai Narine Singh seconded that the item be deleted.

../ The question

The question was put and Committee divided and voted thereon as follows:-

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>DID NOT VOTE</u>
Mr. Burnham	Mr. Tasker	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Jackson	Mr. Hubbard	Mr. Davis
Mr. Jai Narine Singh	Mr. Fredericks	
	Mr. Tello	
	Mr. Gajraj	
	Mr. Ram Karran	
	Mrs. Jagan	
	Mr. Beharry	
	Mr. Benn	
	Dr. Jagan	
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Motion negatived.

EXTRAORDINARY.

I+ m 39. Purchase of Additional Equipment .. \$10,560:-

At the request of the Chairman, this item was reduced by \$1,500:- (intended for purchase of a film projector) and passed at \$9,060:-

HEAD 36 - POLICE was accordingly reduced by \$1,500:- and passed at \$3,497,471:-

HEAD 18 - FIRE PROTECTION .. \$438,537:-

Georgetown
Personal Emoluments, Fixed Establishment.

(1) Chief Fire Officer .. \$6,720:-

(2) Deputy Chief Fire Officer .. \$5,240:-

Following a recommendation by Mr. Burnham for the up-grading of the salaries of the abovementioned posts, the Chief Secretary undertook that Government would consider the matter.

HEAD 18 - FIRE PROTECTION was passed as printed at \$438,537:-

HEAD 20 - INTERIOR .. \$196,269:-

Subhead 5 - Clerical Establishment: \$22,286:-

At the request of the Chairman, the figure "11" which appeared under Establishment - 1957, and 1958, was amended to read "12" in both cases. The provision of \$22,286:- against the item remained the same.

EXTRAORDINARY.

Item 15. Purchase of boats and Engines .. \$4,750:-

Committee decided that this sum, \$4,750:-, should be reserved, pending further consideration as to the necessity

../ for a speedboat

for a speedboat for the District Commissioner at Bartica.

HEAD 20 INTERIOR was passed as printed at \$196,269:-

HEAD 49 - VOLUNTEER FORCE was passed as printed at
\$111,338:-

HEAD 7C - INFORMATION SERVICES \$210,958:-

The Committee was considering this Head when the Chairman, at 6.15 p.m., adjourned the meeting to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 20th December, 1957.

Confirmed,

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.