

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the Fourth Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana at its Fourth Session, 1951-1952, held at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara, on

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1952,

AT 2 P.M.

PRESENT:

The President, His Excellency the Governor Sir Charles Campbell Woolley, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., M.C.  
The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, Mr. J. Gutch, C.M.G., O.B.E.  
" " the Acting Attorney General, Mr. A. C. Brazao  
" " the Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. F. McDavid, C.M.G., C.B.E.  
" " Dr. J. B. Singh, O.B.E. (Demerara-Essequibo)  
" " Dr. J. A. Nicholson (Georgetown North)  
" " T. Lee (Essequibo River)  
" " W. J. Raatgoover (Nominated)  
" " V. Roth, O.B.E. (Nominated)  
" " T. T. Thompson (Nominated)  
" " G. A. C. Farnum, O.B.E. (Nominated)  
" " D. P. Debidin (Eastern Demerara)  
" " J. Fernandes (Georgetown Central)  
" " Dr. G. M. Gonsalves (Eastern Berbice)  
" " Dr. C. Jagan (Central Demerara)  
" " W. O. R. Kendall (New Amsterdam)  
" " A. T. Peters (Western Berbice)  
" " W. A. Pheng (North Western District)  
" " G. H. Smellie (Nominated)  
" " L. A. Luckhoo (Nominated)  
" " W. A. Macnie, C.M.G., O.B.E. (Nominated).

The Clerk read prayers.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, the 21st of December, 1951, as printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the following:-

- ✓ Statements of the Accounts of the Georgetown Mariners' Club for the year 1950.  
(Legislative Council No. 4/1951)  
(M.P. 40/111/6/2).

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer laid on the table the following:-

- (a) Schedule of Provision required during 1951 for Development Plan Services for the quarter ending 30th June, 1951, to be met from surplus balances.

- (b) Schedule of Provision required during 1951 for Development Plan Services for the quarter ending 30th September, 1951, to be met from surplus balances.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

The Attorney General gave notice of the introduction and first reading of the following Bill:-

A BILL intituled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ELECTIONS) ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH.  
(U.P. 262/1/8/5).

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer gave notice of the following motions:-

- (a) That, this Council approves the Schedule of Provision required during 1951 for Development Plan Services for the quarter ending 30th June, 1951, to be met from surplus balances, which has been laid on the table.
- (b) That, this Council approves the Schedule of Provision required during 1951 for Development Plan Services for the quarter ending 30th September, 1951, to be met from surplus balances which has been laid on the table.

ORDER OF THE DAY

BUDGET MOTION

That, this Council approves the Estimates of Expenditure for the service of the Civil Government of the Colony for the year ending 31st December, 1952, to be defrayed from the annual revenue of the year and other resources of the Colony and from loan funds.

Council was resolved into Committee to resume consideration of the 1952 Draft Estimates together with the Report of Finance Committee thereon.

Committee

- III. AGRICULTURE - passed as printed at ... \$855,760.  
IV. ANALYST passed as printed at ... \$ 22,412.  
V. AUDIT - passed as printed at ... \$ 70,878.  
VI. CENTRAL HOUSING AND PLANNING AUTHORITY  
1. Personal Emoluments

Sub-item e. Clerical Establishment

1 Class I Clerk	)	
(ASS. 8 - \$1,800 - \$2,640)	)	
2 Class II Clerks	)	
(ASS. 10 - \$600 - \$1,800 )	)	\$8,051
1 Senior Clerical Assistant	)	
(AS. 7 - \$1,200 - \$1,800 )	)	
2 Clerical Assistants	)	
(AS. 8 - \$600 - \$1,200)	)	

amended to read:-

1. Personal Emoluments  
Sub-item e. Clerical Establishment

1 Class I Clerk	)	
(ASS. 8 - \$1,800 - \$2,640)	)	
1 Class II Clerk	)	
(ASS. 10 - \$600 - \$1,800 )	)	\$7,089
1 Senior Clerical Assistant	)	
(AS. 7 - \$1,200 - \$1,800 )	)	
2 Clerical Assistants	)	
(AS. 8 - \$600 - \$1,200 )	)	

Total of Head \$64,236 as printed reduced  
by \$962 to ... \$63,274.

VII. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
- passed as printed at ... \$141,188.

VIIA. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE -  
PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU

A motion by Mr. Lee for the deletion of the  
Head was discussed.

Thereafter, the Chairman put the question that  
the Head should stand as printed and Committee divided  
and voted as follows:-

For	<u>Against</u>
Mr. Macnie	
Mr. Luckhoo	Dr. Jagan
Mr. Smellie	Mr. Debidin
Mr. Phang	Mr. Lee
Mr. Peters	
Mr. Kendall	
Dr. Gonsalves	
Mr. Fernandes	
Mr. Farnum	
Mr. Thompson	
Mr. Kaatgoover	
Dr. Singh	
The Financial Secretary	
The Attorney General	
The Colonial Secretary	

Motion affirmed.

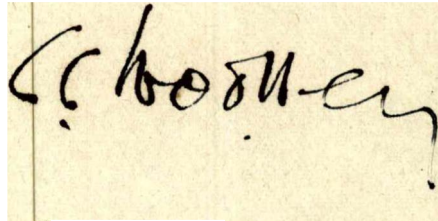
Head passed as printed at ... \$24,631.

It being after the hour of adjournment, Council resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

The President adjourned Council to 2 p.m. the following day.

Confidential,

A rectangular photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on aged, yellowish paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'C. Chohaney'.

President.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
Public Buildings,  
British Guiana.  
10th January, 1952.