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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The Contract for publishing this *Gazette*, entered into on the 24th September, 1853, was terminated on the 30th ultimo; and notice is hereby given, that a *NEW SERIES* of this *Gazette* will be published hereafter, to commence from the 7th instant, under a New Contract, and that

“*THE HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE*”

will, as before, be the only Official Organ for PROCLAMATIONS, NOTIFICATIONS, and PUBLIC PAPERS, of this Government.

By Order,

W. T. MERCER, *Colonial Secretary*.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, 2d July, 1855.

ERRATUM.

In Ordinance No. 11 of 1858, Section XXXI, for “For Violations or Defaults in obedience to,” &c; read “For Violations of or Defaults in obedience to,” &c.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF HONGKONG.

No. 19 of 1858.

TUESDAY, 6th JULY, 1858.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND ALL THE MEMBERS, EXCEPT MR LYALL.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Council being read,—

The Attorney General called the attention of the Council to a Letter which he had received from Mr Cooper Turner, dated the 26th June, to the effect,—that he disapproved of the Petition of the Hongkong Law Society; and that neither by himself, or by Mr Hazeland, nor by any meeting of the said Society, Mr Parsons had been authorized to address the Council on behalf of the Petitioners. Also, a second Letter of the 27th June, stating that he, Mr Turner, would attend upon the Legislative Council personally.

The Governor then read a letter to the Clerk of Councils, of the 5th July, from Mr Hazeland, to the effect,—that he is not a Member of the Hongkong Law Society; that he attended the Sitting of the Council as a Member of the Profession, and that he dissented from the views and opinions as expressed by Mr Parsons.

And also, a letter from Mr F. Woods, of the 2d July, to His Excellency, expressing his indignation at the Statements concerning himself made by Mr Parsons at the last Meeting, and conveying a refutation of the said Statements.

The Attorney General then moved an amendment of the last Minutes, by striking out the following passages:—

1stly. “Messrs Parsons, Stace, and Hazeland, attended the Council on behalf of the Hongkong Law Society,— Mr Parsons acting as their Spokesman:”

2dly. “And, pursuant to motion of the Chief Justice at the last Meeting, the Council proceeded to hear the evidence of the Hongkong Law Society, in support of their Petition;”—

and inserting in their stead, after the words “brought forward for the second reading,”—the following words:—

“The President having enquired whether any Person appeared in support of the Hongkong Law Society's Petition, Messrs Stace, Parsons, and Hazeland presented themselves at the Bar; and Mr Stace informed the President (Mr Hazeland tacitly assenting) that Mr Parsons had been authorized by the Petitioners to address the Council, and produce evidence in support of the said Petition:—

“Whereupon Mr Parsons, being called upon, proceeded to address the Council.”

The Governor put the question,—That the words proposed to be struck out, stand part of the Minutes.

Question put and negatived.

The Governor put the question,—That the words proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.

Question put and passed.

The Minutes of the last Council having been amended, were then approved.

The Chief Justice reported progress of the Proceedings had at the Committee of the Legislative Council, appointed on the 26th June.

The Governor then enquired of Mr Parsons, who was in attendance, whether, having finished his address, he was now prepared to complete the evidence in support of the Petition:

Whereupon Mr Parsons stated that, finding himself disowned by the Hongkong Law Society, he must decline to take any further trouble in the matter.