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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 5 of 1863.

WEDNESDAY, 13TH MAY, 1863.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Acting Governor and all the Members, except the Acting Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Treasurer who were absent from indisposition, and the Surveyor General absent at Canton.

The Council met to-day by special Summons.

Minutes of the Council held on the 26th February last, were read and approved.

Read a first time a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 1 of 1853, and to provide Gaols and Debtors' Wards, and for the due control of Prisoners therein."

Read a first time a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the better assessing and collecting the Police and Lighting Rates within the Colony of Hongkong."

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, the 26th Instant, at noon.

W. T. MERCER,

Acting Governor.

Read and approved this 26th Day of May, 1863.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO, Clerk of Cauncils.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 3 of 1863.

By His Excellency WILLIAM THOMAS MERCER, Esquire, Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, with the Advice of the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

W. T. MERCER.

An Ordinance for Vesting all Estates and Property occupied by or for the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in this Colony in the Lord High Admiral, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, of the said United Kingdom for the time being.

Title.

[26th May, 1863.]

Whereas divers messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments have been at various times purchased for the use of the Naval Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and conveyed to several different persons in trust for Her Majesty and Her Royal Predecessors and Her and their Heirs and Successors, and the same have been placed under the charge of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the said United Kingdom for the time being, and it is ex-

Preamble.