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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF HONGKONG.

No. 6 of 1863.

TUESDAY, 26TH MAY, 1863.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the ACTING GOVERNOR and all the Members, except the COLONIAL TREASURER absent from indisposition.

The Council met to-day pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 13th Instant, were read and approved.

Read Despatch, No. 32 of 27th March last, from His Grace the Secretary of State, announcing that the Address to the Queen conveying the congratulations of the Legislative Council of Hongkong on the Marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had been laid before Her Majesty, and that the Queen was pleased to receive very graciously the expression of loyalty and respect therein contained.

Read Despatch, No. 38 of 6th April last, from His Grace the Secretary of State, signifying the approval of the Bill concerning Naval Property in the Colony, which was read a first time at a Meeting of this Council on the 17th January.

The said Bill was then read a second time, committed, and passed. It bore the following Title: "*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;*" and was numbered "No. 3 of 1863."

The Bill for the registration and regulation of public carriages was laid on the Table; and it was ordered that the same be printed and circulated amongst Members.

The Bill "to repeal Ordinance No. 1 of 1853 and to provide Gaols and Debtors' Wards, and for the due control of Prisoners therein," was read a second time;

And the Council went into Committee upon the said Bill.

Sections 1 to 5 agreed to.

Sections 6, 7, and 8 amended and agreed to.

Section 9 agreed to.

Section 7 recommitted, amended, and agreed to.

Section 10 amended and agreed to.

Section 11 agreed to.

Section 13 renumbered, and made Section 12.

Section 12 amended, and ordered to stand as Section 13.

Section 14 struck out.

Sections 15 and 16 amended, and made Sections 14 and 15.

Section 17 struck out.

Section 18 renumbered, and made Section 16.

The Council having adopted the amendments made in Committee,

The Acting Governor put the Question,—That this Bill as amended do pass, and that the Title be
*“An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 1 of 1853 and to provide Gaols and Debtors’ Wards,
 and for the due control of Prisoners therein.”*

Question put and carried, the Ordinance being numbered “No. 4 of 1863.”

The second reading of the Bill concerning the Police and Lighting Rate Assessment was deferred till the next Meeting.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, the 2nd Proximo, at noon.

W. T. MERCER,
Acting Governor.

Read and approved this 2nd Day of June, 1863.

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

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Bill, now under consideration by the Legislative Council, is published for general information.

By Order,

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

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 2nd June, 1863.

HONGKONG.

ANNO VICESIMO SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. 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.

Title. *An Ordinance to provide for the regulation of Public Vehicles and their Drivers and Bearers within Victoria.*

[January, 1863.]

Preamble. Whereas it is expedient to provide for the regulation of Public Chairs within the City of Victoria and its neighbourhood in this Colony and for that purpose that Public Chairs and the Owners and Bearers of Chairs should be licensed and subject to Rules and Regulations: Be it therefore enacted and ordained by His Excellency the Acting Governor of Hongkong with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

No Vehicle to ply for hire in Victoria, and neighbourhood until License obtained. Penalty for breach. I. No Vehicle shall be allowed to ply for hire or to be hired within the City of Victoria and its neighbourhood unless and until the Owner or one of the Owners thereof shall have obtained a License for the same, which License the Registrar General of this Colony is hereby required to grant subject to such Rules and Regulations as are hereby ordained and authorized. Every Person being Owner or part Owner of a Vehicle or Chair, which shall ply for hire within the limits aforesaid without such License and every Driver or Bearer of such Vehicle or Chair who shall ply for hire without such License as is hereby required shall be subject to a penalty of not exceeding Dollars.

Licenses to be taken out and to be renewed half-yearly and sums payable for licenses ordinary and special. II. Every such License shall be taken out Half-yearly or for the residue of the current Half-year and shall expire on the Thirtieth Day of June and on the Thirty-first Day of December respectively in each Year. Upon the taking out of every such License there shall be paid to the Registrar General for the use of the Public Treasury of this Colony the following Fee:—

For an Ordinary License for a Vehicle drawn by one Horse or more Dollars.

For a Special License for a Vehicle drawn by one Horse or more Dollars.

For an Ordinary License for a Chair Dollars.