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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF HONGKONG.**

No. 7 of 1864.

SATURDAY, 30TH APRIL, 1864.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the GOVERNOR and all the Members, except the COLONIAL TREASURER, absent from indisposition, the AUDITOR GENERAL absent on vacation leave at Shanghai, and the SURVEYOR GENERAL, absent on leave to England.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 16th Instant, were read and approved.

The Bill "to render admissible in certain cases the Depositions of Witnesses who cannot be produced at the Trial," was read a second time, and the Council went into Committee upon the said Bill.

Section 1 agreed to.

Sections 2 and 3, amended and agreed to.

Section 4 agreed to.

Two new Clauses were added, and ordered to stand as Sections 5 and 6.

Preamble amended and agreed to.

Title amended and agreed to.

The Bill having gone through Committee, the Governor put the Question—That this Bill, as amended, do pass, and that the Title be—"An Ordinance to render admissible in certain cases the Depositions of Witnesses who cannot be produced at the Trial, and to make provision for the reception in Evidence of the Statements of the accused."

Question put and carried,—the Ordinance being numbered "No. 6 of 1864."

The Bill "to enable the Governor to appoint Commissioners for preparing a New Edition of the Ordinances of this Colony" was read a second time, and the Council went into Committee upon the said Bill.

Sections 1 and 2 agreed to.

Section 3,—Blank filled up, and agreed to.

Section 4 amended and agreed to.

Sections 5 and 6 agreed to.

Preamble amended and agreed to.

Title amended and agreed to.

The Bill having gone through Committee, the GOVERNOR put the Question—That this Bill, as amended, do pass, and that the Title be—"An Ordinance for compiling a New Edition of the Ordinances of this Colony."

Question put and carried,—the Ordinance being numbered "No. 7 of 1864."

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

HERCULES G. R. ROBINSON,
Governor.

Read and approved, this 15th Day of August, 1864.

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