

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 4 OF 1867.

MONDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1867.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, C.B.
 The Honorable the Chief Justice (JOHN SMALE.)
 The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary (HENRY JOHN BALL.)
 The Honorable the Attorney General (JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.)
 The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer (F. H. A. FORTH.)
 The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.
 The Honorable H. B. GIBB.

ABSENT:

The Honorable the Auditor General (W. H. RENNIE.)
 The Honorable JOHN DENT.

The Council meets this day, at half-past 2 o'clock by Special Summons, no Meeting having taken place on the 4th Instant, to which the Council was adjourned.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 22nd ultimo, are read and confirmed.

The Bill "for better securing the Health of Emigrants in Chinese Passenger Ships" being brought forward for the second reading, The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL moves, with leave of His Excellency The Governor, that Legislation on the subject of Emigration is not advisable, and that consideration of the Bill before the Council be not proceeded with.

The Honorable the Chief Justice seconds the motion.

Debate ensues,—and as it appears that the mover and seconder do not object to the provisions of the Bill whilst Emigration is permitted, but to the permission of any Chinese Emigration from Hongkong, it is suggested by His Excellency that a more suitable mode of conveying their views to Her Majesty's Government would be the transmission of a Memorial setting forth the arguments of those Members who entertained that opinion, as Chinese Emigration had been already made the subject of previous Ordinances, and was dealt with by Imperial Legislation and by Treaties, which the Council could not reach.

The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL and the Honorable The Chief Justice agree in that suggestion, and the motion is accordingly withdrawn.

The Bill is then read a second time, and committed; and certain amendments being agreed to, the Bill is passed, bearing the Title of "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for better securing the Health of Emigrants in Chinese Passenger Ships clearing from Hongkong,*" being "No. 6 of 1867."

The Bill "to amend the Law of Partnership" is read a second time, amended in Committee, and passed, bearing the Title of "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend the Law of Partnership,*" being "No. 7 of 1867."

The Bill "to resume Possession of the Mahomedan Cemetery" is read a second time, committed, and amended; and the same having gone through Committee, is passed, bearing the Title of "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for enabling Her Majesty to resume possession of the Mahomedan Cemetery,*" being "No. 8 of 1867."

The Bill "for checking the Spread of certain Contagious Diseases" is read a second time; and on going into Committee for the consideration of this Bill, it is moved by His Excellency and unanimously agreed to, that a Special Committee be appointed to examine into this Bill, and report thereon to the Council at its next Meeting.

His Excellency then names the Chief Justice, the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Treasurer, and Mr. GIBB, to be Members of the Committee.

His Excellency lays on the Table a Bill "to make further provision for the maintenance of Order and Cleanliness," and explains that except as to omission of one Section, the Bill is virtually the same as Ordinance No. 8 of last Year, and has already received the assent of Her Majesty's Government, except as to the omitted Section, and one or two minor provisions, which His Excellency points out in Sections III, IX and XXI.

The Bill is then read a first time; and the Council agreeing to a suspension of the Standing Orders, the Bill is read a second time, committed and passed, bearing the Title of "*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to make further Provision for the maintenance of Order and Cleanliness within the Colony of Hongkong,*" being "No. 9 of 1867."

His Excellency then adjourns the Council at 5 Minutes to 5 P.M. to Thursday, the 20th Instant, at half-past 3 o'clock.

RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL,
Governor:

Read and confirmed, this 20th Day of June, 1867.

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

HONGKONG.
ANNO TRICESIMO
VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, Knight, C.B.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

No. 6 OF 1867.

Title. *An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for better securing the Health of Emigrants in Chinese Passenger Ships clearing from Hongkong.*

[17th June, 1867.]

Preamble. Whereas it is expedient to make further Provision for better securing the Health of Emigrants in Chinese Passenger Ships clearing from Hongkong: Be it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Short Title. I. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Hongkong Emigration Ordinance 1867."

Interpretation of Terms. II. In the Interpretation of this Ordinance the expression "Chinese Passenger Ship" shall mean every Ship carrying from any Port in the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies more than 20 Passengers being natives of Asia on any voyage of more than Seven Days' duration within the meaning of the "Chinese Passenger Act 1855" as defined by Section III of Ordinance No. 9 of 1856.

Depôts to be provided for the lodgment of Emigrants. III. The Owners or Charterers of every Chinese Passenger Ship shall as soon as such Ship is laid on for the conveyance of Chinese Emigrants provide a Depôt or Depôts in the City of Victoria to be approved of by the Emigration Officer wherein every intending Emigrant by such Ship may lodge as hereinafter provided, and every such Depôt shall be maintained and every Emigrant lodging therein shall be supported at the expense of such Owners or Charterers.

Notice of Ship being laid on as a Chinese Passenger Ship to be given to Emigration Officer. IV. The Owners or Charterers of every Chinese Passenger Ship or if absent from the Colony their respective Agents shall as soon as such Ship is laid on for the conveyance of Chinese Emigrants give notice in writing of the fact to the Emigration Officer specifying in such notice the name destination and probable time of departure of such Ship and the Depôt or Depôts in which the intending Emigrants by such Ship are lodging or intended to be lodged before embarkation.

Emigrants to lodge in Depôt Three clear Days before embarkation. V. Every intending Emigrant in a Chinese Passenger Ship shall unless exempted by the Emigration Officer lodge at the least Three clear Days previously to his embarkation in the Depôt provided by the Owners or Charterers of such Ship with the approval of the Emigration Officer in pursuance of Section III.