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

No. 6 of 1874.

SATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 1874.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.  
 The Honorable the Chief Justice (SIR JOHN SMALE).  
 The Honorable the Colonial Secretary (JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN).  
 The Honorable the Attorney General (JOHN BRAMSTON).  
 The Honorable the Acting Treasurer (CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH).  
 The Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE.  
 The Honorable RICHARD ROWETT.  
 The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.

ABSENT:

The Honorable WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER,—absent on leave.

The Council meets this day at 2 P.M., by Special Summons.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 5th May, are read and confirmed.

Read a first time, a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Merchant Shipping, the Duties of the Harbour Master, the Control and Management of the Waters of the Colony, and the Regulation of Vessels navigating the same.

Read a first time, a Bill to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand Dollars to defray the Charges of the Year 1873.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary reports that the following Votes have been sanctioned by the Finance Committee; namely:—

### *Supreme Court.*

Increase of Salary to Mr. SHARP, Crown Solicitor, from 1st January, 1874, at £250 per annum,.....	} \$ 1,200.00
Increase of Salary to Mr. ROZARIO, Interpreter to the Supreme Court, from 1st January, 1874, at £50 per annum,.....	} \$ 240.00
Increased Provision for interpreting in the Supreme Court, at \$25 per month, .....	} \$ 300.00

### *Medical Department.*

Salary of Interpreter to Inspector of Brothels, at \$15 per month from April, 1874, .....	} \$ 120.00
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### *Works and Buildings.*

Building a Post Office at Shanghai,.....	\$16,000.00
Alterations and Additions to the Western Slaughter House, .....	\$ 900.00
Stores required from England for Repairs to Buildings,.....	\$ 2,500.00
Stores required from England for Water Works, .....	\$12,500.00
Supplementary Vote for maintenance of Water Works, .....	\$ 8,675.00
Repairs to Damages caused by Rain-storm of 9th May,.....	\$ 6,845.10

*Roads, Streets, and Bridges.*

Repairs to Jervois Street, .....\$ 3,000.00

*Gratuities.*

Gratuity to Mr. BARRINGTON, Clerk and Usler of the Supreme Court, on retirement from the Service,.....	}	\$ 300.00
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His Excellency adjourns the Council at 2.30 P.M., till Monday next, the 10th August, at 2.30 P.M.

A. E. KENNEDY,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 10th Day of August, 1874.

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


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

No. 7 OF 1874.

MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1874.

## PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.  
 The Honorable the Chief Justice (SIR JOHN SMALE).  
 The Honorable the Colonial Secretary (JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN).  
 The Honorable the Attorney General (JOHN BRAMSTON).  
 The Honorable the Acting Treasurer (CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH).  
 The Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE.  
 The Honorable RICHARD ROWETT.  
 The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.

## ABSENT:

The Honorable WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER,—absent on leave.

The Council meets this day at 2.30 P.M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 1st of August, are read and confirmed.

The *Supplementary Appropriation Bill* for 1873 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 authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand Dollars to defray the Charges of the Year 1873,*”—being “*No. 4 of 1874.*”

Whilst the Ordinance was passing through Committee, the Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE gave notice, that at the next meeting of the Council he would ask if the second Fire-bell received from England had been erected, and whether the additions proposed to be made some time ago to the Fire Engine Station at the Cross Roads were to be carried out.

The *Merchant Shipping Consolidation Bill* is read a second time, and the Council resolves itself into Committee upon the Clauses of the Bill.

Sections 1 to 11 are discussed, and certain amendments and alterations being agreed to, the further consideration of the Bill in Committee is adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

In the course of revision, it was agreed, at the suggestion of the Honorable the Attorney General, that Section VII of the Bill be referred for examination and report to a Special Committee of the Council.

His Excellency names the Attorney General and Mr. ROWETT to be Members of the Special Committee.

At this stage of the Proceedings, the Acting Treasurer calls the attention of His Excellency to a Report of a Commission appointed in 1869, to inquire into the operation of the “*Harbor and Coasts Ordinance, 1866,*” and suggests that advantage might be taken of the present opportunity, when that Ordinance is being re-enacted, for discussing the modifications which had been proposed.

His Excellency states that he will consider the suggestion of the Honorable Member.