

The following Bills are read a first time:—

Bill to extend Ordinance No. 1 of 1875 to provide means for enforcing good order and discipline in the Police Force employed in the Royal Naval Yard to the other Establishments of the Royal Navy in this Colony.

Bill to amend Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 entitled "An Ordinance for Licensing and Regulating the Sale of Prepared Opium."

The following votes are approved:—

Gratuity of \$840 to Dr. VAN DER HORCK for his services as Acting Superintendent of the Civil Hospital.

Supplementary vote of \$1,500 for Repairs to Buildings.

The Honourable HENRY LOWCOCK, in accordance with notice previously given, moves that the correspondence between the Government and the Supreme Court, the Magistrates and the Police Department, with reference to every case deported or recommended to the Executive for deportation since April, 1877, be laid on the Table.

The Honourable W. KESWICK seconds the motion.

His Excellency said that he had already agreed to lay the correspondence asked for on the Table at the last Meeting, and that it was now in course of being prepared for the printer. He had, in order to make the correspondence complete, added documents of an earlier date than that fixed by the Honourable Member.

In reply to His Honour the Acting Chief Justice, His Excellency states that a Commission to inquire into the operation of Ordinance No. 4 of 1863 would be appointed as soon as circumstances permitted.

His Excellency adjourns the Council *sine die*.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 18th day of January, 1879.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Clerk of Councils.

No. 15.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

Sir JOHN SMALE having returned to the Colony on the 14th instant, His Honour has resumed the duties of Chief Justice, and the following changes of officers have been made:—

Mr. SNOWDEN has resumed his duties as Puisne Judge.

Mr. RUSSELL has resumed his duties as Police Magistrate.

The Honourable J. M. PRICE having resigned the post of Acting Colonial Treasurer, Mr. M. S. TONNOCHY has been provisionally appointed by His Excellency the Governor to fill that office.

Consequent on Mr. PRICE resuming his functions as an unofficial member, Mr. HAYLLAR vacates the temporary seat he filled at the Legislative Council.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1879.

No. 16.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Notice to Mariners, received from the French Consul, is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st January, 1879.

AVIS AUX NAVIGATEURS.

BALISAGE DE LA RIVIÈRE CUA-CAM, (TONQUIN).

Le Gouvernement français fait savoir qu'il a été placé des bouées pour baliser la rivière Cua-Cam (Tonquin) depuis la pointe Do-Son jusqu'à Haiphong.

Ces bouées sont au nombre de neuf: 4 rouges, 1 blanche et 4 noires.