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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 18.

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MAROH, 1886.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.,

Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.)

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)

- the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY.)
- the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)
- the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)
- .. PHINEAS RYRIE.
- WILLIAM KESWICK.
- " THOMAS JACKSON.
- " FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.
- Wong Shing.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 17th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

Votes passed by the Finance Committee.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the following votes passed by the Finance Committee:—

(Finance Committee, 17th February, 1886.)

PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED IN EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES FOR 1886.

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Works and Buildings.

C.S.O. 2582 of 1885, For re-building the retaining wall below the Civil Hospital, damaged by the recent \$8,000.00 \$8,000.00

Miscellaneous Services.

C.S.O. Amount due to the late Contractor for the scavenging of the City during the first 6 days of November, 1885, re-vote,.....

296.00

EXTRAORDINARY WORKS.

C.S.O. For building of a retaining wall to prevent landslips at the rear of Inland Lot 696, East of the Government Civil Hospital, re-vote,.....

945.00

The Colonial Treasurer seconded. Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1886.—READ A SECOND TIME.—COMMITTED AND PASSED.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a second time.

The Attorney General then moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill.

Question—put and passed.

Bill reported without amendment. Bill read a third time and passed.

Adjournment.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. Marsh, Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 10th day of March, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH, Cterto of Councits.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 89.

The following Bills, which were read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, are published for general information.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 10th March, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH, Clerk of Councils.

A BILL

An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Vagrants.

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:-

Application 5 Geo. IV.

- 1. This Ordinance may be cited as The Vagrants. Ordinance, 1886.
- 2. The Act passed in the Fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth chapter Eighty-three entitled: "An Act for the punishment of idle and disorderly persons and rogues and vagabonds in that part of Great Britain called England" shall so far as it is applicable to the circumstances of the Colony is hereby declared to have been in force in the Colony, and the said Act and this Ordinance shall be construed together. Ordinance shall be construed together.

3. Every person playing or betting by way of wagering or gaming in any street, road, highway, or other open and public place, or in any open place to which the public have or are permitted to have access, at or with any table or instrument of coming or any object and taken or other instrument of gaming or any coin, card, token, or other article used as an instrument or means of such wagering or gaming, at any game or pretended game of chance, shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond within the true intent and meaning of the said Act and as such may be convicted and punished under the provisions of that Act or in the discretion of the Magistrate or Justices trying the case in lieu of such punishment by a penalty for the first offence not exceeding \$10, and for the second or any subsequent offence not exceeding \$25.