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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 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 Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)

” the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

” the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

” PHINEAS RYRIE.

” WILLIAM KESWICK.

” THOMAS JACKSON.

” FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

” WONG-SHING.

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY,) on leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 3rd instant, were read and confirmed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following papers, and moved that they be printed and referred to the Finance Committee:—

1. Despatch respecting Direct Telegraphic Communication between Hongkong and Singapore. (No. 12.)
2. Despatch respecting the proposed Loan. (No. 13.)

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the following Bills were read a first time:—

- (a.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Vagrants.*
- (b.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend the Law as to Sales of Land by Public Auction.*
- (c.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the Relief of Widows and Children of Intestates where the personal estate is of small value.*
- (d.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels.*

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 17th day of March, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.