

BILL ENTITLED THE STAMP ORDINANCE, 1886.—The Colonial Treasurer stated that the Report of the Special Committee on this Bill was not yet ready.

BILLS READ A SECOND TIME.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *The Spirits Ordinance*, 1886, was read a second time.

On the motion of the Surveyor General, seconded by the Honourable P. RYRIE, the Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Procurator for the Dominican Missions in the Far East, in Hongkong*, was read a second time.

The Acting Attorney General, and the Surveyor General respectively gave notice that at the next meeting of Council they would move that the Council go into Committee on these Bills.

BILL COMMITTED.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the Relief of Widows and Children of Intestates where the personal estate is of small value*.

Bill reported without amendment.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of this Bill.

BILL IN COMMITTEE.—The Acting Attorney General moved the addition of a clause to the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to Vagrants*.

After deliberation the Acting Attorney General moved that the consideration of the new clause be postponed *sine die*.

Question—put and passed.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDERS OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the other Orders of the Day were postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 14th day of April, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

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#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 128.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint FRANCIS HENRY MAY, Esquire, Passed Cadet, to be Acting Assistant Registrar General, *vice* NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES, Esquire, doing duty as Acting Police Magistrate and Coroner.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 15th April, 1886.

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#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 129.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the 26th instant, being Easter Monday, be observed as a Holiday in the Government Offices.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 16th April, 1886.