

**BILLS COMMITTED.**—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend the Law as to Sales of Land by Public Auction.*

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.

On the motion of the Surveyor General, seconded by the Honourable P. RYRIE, the Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Procurator for the Dominican Missions in the Far East, in Hongkong.*

Bill reported with amendment.

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

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, the Council went into Committee on the Bill entitled *The Loan Ordinance, 1886.*

Bill reported without amendment.

**BILLS READ A THIRD TIME, AND PASSED.**—The Acting Attorney General then moved, and the Colonial Treasurer seconded, that the last mentioned Bill (*The Loan Ordinance, 1886*) be read a third time.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels*, was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

**NOTICE OF NEW BILLS.**—The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the first reading of the following Bills:—

(a.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1 of 1884 entitled The Opium Ordinance, 1884.*

(b.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance for preventing the sale or taking on board Ship of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors, and for punishing persons hovering about Ships for the purpose of selling such Liquors, or of conveying them on board.*

**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 28th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,  
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of April, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 26.

WEDNESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 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.

„ WONG SHING.

### ABSENT:

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

„ THOMAS JACKSON, on leave.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 21st instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF MONEY PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary moved the following Vote passed by the Finance Committee:—

(Finance Committee, 21st April, 1886.)

PAYMENT IN EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES FOR 1886.

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

*Works and Buildings.*

Erection of a mat-shed as a temporary Police Station at the Peak, .....\$ 700.00

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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 *The Opium Ordinance, 1886.*
- (b.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance for preventing the sale or taking on board Ship of Spirituous or Fermented Liquors, and for punishing persons hovering about Ships for the purpose of selling such Liquors, or of conveying them on board.*
- (c.) A Bill entitled *The Vagrancy Ordinance, 1886.*
- (d.) A Bill entitled *The Reformatory Schools Ordinance, 1886.*

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

- (a.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend the Law as to Sales of Land by Public Auction.*
- (b.) A Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the Incorporation of the Procurator, in Hongkong, for the Dominican Missions in the Far East.*

Question put—that these Bills do pass.

Bills passed.

NOTICE OF FIRST READING OF A BILL.—The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the first reading of a Bill entitled *The Harbour Regulations Ordinance, 1886.*

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 Friday, the 30th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,  
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of April, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 145.

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

ARATHOON SETH,  
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 28th April, 1886.

A BILL

ENTITLED

*The Opium Ordinance, 1886.*

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

1. This Ordinance and the Opium Ordinance 1884, hereafter called the principal Ordinance shall be construed together as one Ordinance to be called *The Opium Ordinances 1884 and 1886.*

Construction.

2. In the construction of the above named Ordinances: *Ship* shall include junks, sampans, boat and every kind of vessel used for the conveyance of persons or things.

Definition.

3. The powers given to Inspectors of Police by Section 27 of the principal Ordinance with reference to the searching of ships, and the seizure of opium on board of such ships may also be exercised by any Excise Officer.

Powers of Excise Officer.

4. The powers given to Magistrates by Section 28 of the principal Ordinance to issue search Warrants may be exercised by any Justice of the Peace.

Powers of Justices of the Peace.

5. All proceedings taken under this or the principal Ordinance and all Acts commanded or authorised to be done by such Ordinances may be taken or done as well on Sunday as on other days.

Sunday.