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PROCLAMATION.

[L.S.] W. H. MARSH.

By His Excellency WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer Administering the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Whereas despatches have been received from The Right Honourable EDWARD STANHOPE, M.P., HER MAJESTY'S Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, conveying to me HER MAJESTY'S Gracious Confirmation and Allowance of the following Ordinances, namely:—

No. 22 of 1886, entitled—*The French Mail Steamers Ordinance continuation Ordinance, 1886.*

No. 23 of 1886, entitled—*An Ordinance to make temporary provision for securing the status of German Mail Steamers within the Ports of the Colony of Hongkong.*

Now, therefore, it is hereby Proclaimed that the said Ordinances have been so confirmed and allowed as aforesaid.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GO, SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 8th day of January, 1887.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 9.

FRIDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 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 PHILLIPS, Knt.)

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

„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN, (vice the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (vice the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave).

ABSENT:

The Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING, on leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

PAPER.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following paper:—

Correspondence respecting Deaths in Italian and French Convents, (No. $\frac{43}{6}$.)

QUESTIONS.—Mr. WONG SHING, pursuant to notice, asked:—

Is it still the practice for the Magistrates to send all destitute Chinese found in the Colony by the Police, to the Commandant at Kowloon?

If the practice has ceased, when did it cease, and the reason for it?

The Acting Colonial Secretary replied.

Mr. MAC EWEN, pursuant to notice, asked:—

Whether in view of the probable shortness of the water supply during the present dry season, the Government has made any arrangement which can be carried out on short notice for supplying the inhabitants with water free of charge, and, if so, what is the nature of the arrangement?

The Surveyor General replied.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.—The Surveyor General moved, and the Treasurer seconded, that Mr. CHATER be appointed a Member of the Public Works Committee in the room of Mr. SASSOON, absent on leave.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROMISSORY OATHS ORDINANCE, 1869.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE No. 8 OF 1879.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill, and addressed the Council on the objects and reasons of it.

Captain THOMSETT seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1886.—The Treasurer moved the second reading of this Bill, and addressed the Council on the objects and reasons of it.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1865 TO 1886.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments and the addition of a clause.

The Acting Attorney General moved, and the Acting Colonial Secretary seconded, that the Standing Orders be suspended and the Bill be read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 30 of 1886.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR PRESERVING AN AUTHENTIC RECORD OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE COLONY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported without amendment.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 31 of 1886.

ADJOURNMENT.—On the motion of Mr. RYRIE, seconded by Mr. MAC EWEN, the Council was adjourned to 4 P.M. of Friday, the 7th proximo.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of January, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.