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No. 2.

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 a despatch has 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 Ordinance, namely:—

No. 24 of 1886, entitled—*An Ordinance to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of One hundred and Twenty-three thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-eight Dollars and Eleven Cents to defray the Charges of the Year 1885.*

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

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 20th day of January, 1887.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 11.

FRIDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1887.

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 PHILIPPO, 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.
" JOHN BELL-IRVING.
" ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN, (*vice* the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 7th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary laid upon the table the Report of the Finance Committee, (No. 1 of 1887), on the following votes recommended therein, and moved that the items be passed:—

C.S.O.
1716 of 1886. Telegraph line to connect the Observatory with the Time-Ball Tower,\$300.00
C. O. Desp.
66 of 1886. Increase to Salary of Inspector of Schools,.....\$600.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following papers:—

1. Correspondence respecting the proposal of the Legislative Council for making public the Proceedings of the Finance Committee, (No. $\frac{4}{87}$).
2. The Postmaster General's Report for 1886, (No. $\frac{7}{87}$).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR PROMOTING THE REVISION OF THE STATUTE LAW BY REPEALING CERTAIN ENACTMENTS WHICH HAVE CEASED TO BE IN FORCE OR HAVE BECOME UNNECESSARY.—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 THE LAW RESPECTING DEFAMATORY WORDS AND LIBEL.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1886.—The Treasurer moved that the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the Council go into Committee on this Bill by reading the marginal notes of it only, so far as the clauses which contained no new matter were concerned, the other clauses being read *in extenso*.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Treasurer then gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would move the third reading of this Bill.

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, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

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.

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.) *An Ordinance for the Suppression of the Triad Society and other Secret Societies and for the Punishment of the Members thereof.*
- (b.) *An Ordinance to regulate the carrying and possession of arms.*
- (c.) *An Ordinance for the more effective Prevention of Crimes.*

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Acting Attorney General moved that the other Order of the Day be postponed.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council was then adjourned to Friday, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 21st day of January, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 22.

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

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1887.