

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAW RESPECTING DEFAMATORY WORDS AND LIBEL.—The Acting Attorney General 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 ORDINANCE No. 8 OF 1879.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council resumed consideration, in Committee, of this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

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

BILL ENTITLED THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1887.—On the motion of the Colonial Treasurer, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 1 of 1887.

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 third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 2 of 1887.

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 was then adjourned to Friday, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of January, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 33.

The following Minutes are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1887.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sanitary Board at a meeting held in the Board Room on Saturday, the 22nd January, 1887.

PRESENT :

The Colonial Surgeon, (Acting Chairman).

The Acting Registrar General.

Major T. C. DEMPSTER.

The Honourable A. P. McEWEN.

Dr. P. MANSON, LL.D.

N. J. EDE, Esquire.

HUGH McCALLUM, Esquire, (Secretary).

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General.

Dr. HO KAI.

The Minutes of a Meeting held on the 15th January, 1887, were read and confirmed.

2. A letter (No. $\frac{68}{87}$) from the Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, informing the Board that the Very Revd. G. BURGHIGNOLI had been requested to furnish, when required, information as to the birth-places of children admitted to the Convents, was read.

3. On the motion of Dr. MANSON, seconded by the Honourable A. P. McEWEN, it was resolved,—

1. That, with the view of ascertaining the circumstances under which the disease known as Trismus Nascentium is developed, and the localities and houses in which it is specially prevalent, the Government be requested to cause the Registrar General to ascertain, within a fortnight of the registration of the birth, the condition of each child whose birth is registered in the Colony and report,—

(a.) If the child is alive or dead.

(b.) If the child is dead, the date on which it died, the locality in which it died and the cause of death.

2. That the Government cause the Registrar General to ascertain the streets and houses in which all children who die, within thirty days after birth, are born and die in.

3. That the Government be requested to supply the Board, for a time, with monthly Returns showing the facts ascertained as above.

4. A letter (No. 2888) from the Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, concerning the importation of dead meat from Canton was considered. Resolved;—The Board is of the opinion that it is not desirable to prohibit the importation of dead meat, but considers it very necessary that such importation should be subject to stringent regulations as to inspection on arrival and as to sale in the public markets.

5. A minute by the Secretary regarding the burial of a suspected infectious corpse was read. Resolved;—That in cases where death is suspected to have resulted from an infectious disease, and the relatives of the deceased are too poor to bury the corpse promptly, the Secretary incur such expenditure as is necessary to secure speedy burial.

6. On the motion of the Colonial Surgeon, it was agreed that the weekly Return of Summonses, be in future laid on the table at the Board meetings instead of circulated to Members as at present.

The Board then adjourned till Noon, on Saturday, the 29th January, 1887.

J. M. PRICE,
Chairman.

Read and confirmed, this 29th day of January, 1887.

HUGH McCALLUM,
Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 34.

It is hereby notified that HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, Esquire, C.M.G., Police Magistrate, Coroner, and Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, has returned to the Colony, and resumed the duties of his Offices.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 28th January, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 35.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Friday, the 11th February, 1887:—

1. For painting and colouring Kowloon Point Police Station.
2. For painting and colouring the Clock Tower.

For form of tender apply at this Office.

For specifications and further particulars apply at the Surveyor General's Office.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1887.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 36.

With reference to Government Notification, No. 18, of 15th January, 1887, calling for tenders for the construction of a sewer in Ship Street, it is hereby notified that the date on which the tenders are to be received has been extended until Noon of Friday, the 11th February.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1887.