

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved, that this vote be referred to the Finance Committee.
The Treasurer, seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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

Return of Births and Deaths. (No. $\frac{13}{87}$).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF CRIMES.—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 REGULATE THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF ARMS.—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 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRIAD SOCIETY AND OTHER SECRET SOCIETIES AND FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Progress reported at Clause 13, Clauses 6, 9, 11 and 12 being reserved for further consideration.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 1875.—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.

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

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the other Order of the Day was postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until 3 P.M. to-morrow, to consider the Jury List for 1887.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of March, 1887.

ARATHOON SET
Clerk of Councils

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 17.

SATURDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 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 PHILLIPPO, 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, (*vice* the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave).

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

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

Jury List, 1887.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to consider the Jury List for 1887.

The List was revised, corrected, and the Special Jurors designated in terms of section 4 of Ordinance 24 of 1882.

ADJOURNMENT.—On the motion of Mr. RYRIE the Council was adjourned to Friday, the 4th proximo, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of March, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 80.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday, is published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 5th March, 1887.

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Ordinance empowering the Courts to award Whipping as a further punishment for certain Crimes.

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

1. If any person shall be convicted of a crime who at the time of the Commission thereof shall have been armed with any offensive weapon or instrument, or

Power to award punishment of whipping in cases herein named.
[No. 12 of 1865.]

If any person shall be convicted

(a.) of any felony not punishable with death, committed after two previous convictions for felony, or

7 & 8 Geo. IV,
Ch. 28, sec. 2.

(b.) of any crime under Sections 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 of Ordinance 7 of 1865, or

(c.) of Piracy, or

(d.) of indecent assault.

The Supreme Court may in addition to the punishments awarded for such crimes direct that the offender if a male be once, twice or thrice privately whipped.

2. If any person shall be convicted under Section 27 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1865 of stealing any chattel money or valuable security from the person of any child or woman without violence, the Court or Magistrate before which such person is tried may in addition to the punishment awarded for such crime direct that the offender if a male be once, twice or thrice privately whipped.

Offences against Ord. 7 of 1865, s. 27, to be punished by whipping.

3. In the case of any offender whose age does not exceed sixteen years the number of strokes at each such whipping shall not exceed twelve.

Number of strokes.

In the case of every other male offender convicted under this Ordinance the number of strokes shall not exceed thirty-six at each such whipping.

4. It shall not be lawful to award any sentence of whipping on the back, and every sentence of whipping shall prescribe the number of strokes and shall provide that such whipping shall be inflicted with a rattan on the breech, privately in prison and within six months of the sentence.

Whipping to be inflicted with a rattan and number of strokes to be mentioned in sentence.
[No. 12 of 1865, and No. 3 of 1881, sec. 3.]

5. Provided that nothing in this Ordinance contained shall be construed as limiting the powers now possessed by the Supreme Court to award whipping as an additional punishment for certain crimes.

Present powers of Supreme Court not limited.