

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 18.

FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH, 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.)

„ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING, (*vice* the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave).„ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN, (*vice* the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASOON, on leave).

ABSENT :

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.), by leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 18th and 19th ultimo, respectively, were read and confirmed.

VOTES OF MONEY REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government:—

W. H. MARSH.

C.S.O.
367 of 1887.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$60 being the stipulated increment to the Assistant Warder in the Gaol Hospital, whose salary was \$25 rising to \$35 per month.

Through some misapprehension the increase was not put down in the Colonial Estimates for this year.

Government House, Hongkong, 1st March, 1887.

W. H. MARSH.

C.S.O.
455 of 1887.

The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to re-vote the sum of \$660 being the balance due to the Contractor for the Extension of the Cattle Market at Kennedy Town, for which work a sum of \$10,000 was voted in 1886.

The amount for which the Contractor undertook to perform this work was \$8,133, of which sum only \$7,473 were paid in 1886, leaving a balance of \$660 due, for which it is necessary to ask the Council for a vote, as the provision made for this object last year has lapsed.

Government House, Hongkong, 3rd March, 1887.

The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these votes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES OF MONEY PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the Reports of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, dated the 11th and 18th ultimo, respectively, (Nos. 3 & 5), and moved that the following sums referred to therein be voted, viz.:—

(1.) Expenses in connection with the collection of Village Taxes and Squatters' Licence Fees,.....	\$ 816.00
(2.) Wages of 6 Foremen of Street cleansing,	1,800.00
	\$ 2,616.00

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:—

Annual Weather Report of the Director of the Observatory for 1886. (No. $\frac{14}{7}$).

Report of the Director of the Observatory on Five-Day Means of the Principal Meteorological Elements for 1886. (No. $\frac{5}{7}$).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE EMPOWERING THE COURTS TO AWARD WHIPPING AS A FURTHER PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN 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 FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF CRIMES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill, and explained the objects and reasons of it.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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 resumed consideration in Committee of this Bill.

Bill reported with several 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 BETTER PROTECTION OF YOUNG GIRLS.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Progress reported.

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, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 6 of 1887.

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, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 7 of 1887.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of March, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.