

The Acting Attorney General moved, as an amendment, that a special meeting be held on Wednesday, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M., to consider the Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

Mr. RYRIE addressed the Council.

The Chief Justice addressed the Council.

Mr. WONG SHING addressed the Council.

The Council then divided:—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Captain THOMSETT.	Mr. CHATER.
THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.	Mr. BELL-IRVING.
THE COLONIAL TREASURER.	Mr. MACEWEN.
THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.	Mr. WONG SHING.
THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.	Mr. RYRIE.
THE CHIEF JUSTICE.	

Amendment carried by a majority of one.

The Officer Administering the Government stated that there would be no objection to Counsel appearing.

**BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH TRANSPORTATION AND PENAL SERVITUDE AND TO SUBSTITUTE OTHER PUNISHMENT IN LIEU THEREOF.**—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill, and stated the objects and reasons of it.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

**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 then adjourned until Wednesday, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 30th day of March, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 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, (*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).

There were also in attendance by permission of Council:—

J. J. FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C., } *Barristers-at-Law.*  
W. H. BRERETON, Esquire, }

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 25th instant, were read and confirmed.

**BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BETTER REGULATING OF THE TRADE IN OPIUM.**—Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C., on behalf of the retail dealers in Opium addressed the Council at length on the subject of the Bill as affecting his clients.

Mr. BRERETON, on behalf of the wholesale dealers, also addressed the Council.

Mr. RYRIE then addressed the Council, and moved that the second reading of this Bill be postponed for one Calendar month from the date hereof.

Mr. MAC EWEN seconded the motion, and addressed the Council.

The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council.

The Chief Justice addressed the Council, and moved, as an amendment, that the further debate on the Bill be adjourned to Friday, the 1st proximo, at 3 P.M.

The Treasurer seconded, and addressed the Council.

Mr. CHATER addressed the Council in support of the motion for postponement.

The Council then divided:—

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mr. WONG SHING.	Mr. CHATER.
Captain THOMSETT.	Mr. BELL-IRVING.
THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.	Mr. MAC EWEN.
THE TREASURER.	Mr. RYRIE.
THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.	
THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.	
THE CHIEF JUSTICE.	

Amendment carried by a majority of *three*.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 1st proximo, at 3 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 1st day of April, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 117.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, with the consent of His Excellency the Major-General Commanding, has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant JAMES DOUGLAS ANDERSON, Royal Artillery, to be Adjutant to the Hongkong Volunteers.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st April, 1887.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 118.

The following Return of the quantity of Spirits distilled at the Tin Ün Sauce Factory, at Yaumáti, is published for general information.

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Spirits manufactured during the quarter ended 28th February, 1887,.....121.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd April, 1887.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 119.

The following Returns of Deaths for the week ended the 26th March last are published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd April, 1887.