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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 25.

FRIDAY, 15TH APRIL, 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 Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL), *vice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILIPPO, Knt., on leave.

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).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

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

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 Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, dated the 7th instant, (No. 10), and moved that the sums referred to therein be voted, *viz.*:—

Part cost of reclamation in connection with the erection of a new Western Market, . \$35,000.00	
Market at Hung'hòm,	6,000.00
	<u>\$41,000.00</u>

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ENABLE THE TRUSTEES OF THE RHENISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN LEASEHOLD PROPERTY WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—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 NATURALISATION OF CH'AN KWOK YING.—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 AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO JURORS.—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 AUTHORISING THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION TO CONTINUE INCORPORATED FOR THE FURTHER TERM OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS.—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 CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO VARIOUS LICENCES.—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 CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF THE POLICE FORCE OF THE COLONY.—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 a verbal amendment.

BILL ENTITLED THE FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCE CONTINUATION ORDINANCE, 1887.—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. 12 of 1887.

BILL ENTITLED THE GERMAN MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCE CONTINUATION ORDINANCE, 1887.—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. 13 of 1887.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDERS OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the other Orders of the Day were postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 22nd day of April, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 153.

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, 23rd April, 1887.