

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 35.

FRIDAY, 5TH AUGUST, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM GORDON CAMERON, C.B.

Administering the Government.

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL). *vice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on leave.

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART.)

,, the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD); *vice* the Honourable EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY, on leave.

,, 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 adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 22nd ultimo, were read and confirmed.

QUESTION.—Mr. BELL-IRVING, pursuant to notice, asked:—

On what grounds is it proposed to levy taxes on such institutions as the Race Club, the Cricket Club, the Recreation Club, the Racquet Court, and the Ladies' Recreation Club, most of which have been already specially exempted from taxation by authority of His Excellency's predecessors in the administration of the Government?

The Treasurer replied that no such proposal as seems to be contemplated in the question now before the Council had been made, and that the subject was still under consideration.

His Excellency explained to the Council that this is a matter to be dealt with by the Legislative Council.

Mr. MACEWEN, pursuant to private notice, asked:—What decision had been arrived at with reference to the publicity of the Sanitary Board's proceedings.

His Excellency replied that there is no objection whatever to the proceedings, as far as they relate to matters of public interest, being conducted in public.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Progress was reported at section 19, section 3, sub-sections 4, 9, and 10, and sections 4, 5, 6, and 11 being reserved for further consideration.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 16 OF 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. 23 of 1887.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. G. CAMERON, *Major-General,*
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of August, 1887.

J. M. GUTIERREZ,
Acting Clerk of Councils.