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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

MONDAY, 5^{TH} MARCH, 1888.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.)

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

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY).

the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).

the Surveyor General, (John Macnelle Price).

the Harbour Master, (Henry George Thomsett, R.N.).

PHINEAS RYRIE.

Wong Shing. ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN.

JOHN BELL-IRVING.

·CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 28th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee (No. 20), held on the 28th ultimo, and moved that the following items referred to therein be passed:-

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Treasurer.

c.s.o. Salaries of Collector, Assistant Collector, and Coolie employed in the Treasury for collecting Village Taxes and Squatter's Licence Fees:and 335 of 1888.

> Collector, Assistant Collector, Coolie,

for 12 months,.....

240.00 240.00

588.00

108.00

Registrar General.

Allowance for a Mandarin Teacher for Messrs. MAY and SERCOMBE SMITH, at \$20

Medical.

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Miscellaneous Services.

2043 of 1887. Contribution towards the maintenance of the Royal Naval Seamen's Club,\$ 300 00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

Papers relating to the Importation of Subsidiary Coins. (No. $\frac{5}{88}$).

BILL ENTITLED THE STAMP DUTIES AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Treasurer moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with the addition of a clause.

BILL ENTITLED THE TREES PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

BILL ENTITLED THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Treasurer moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

BILL ENTITLED THE REGULATION OF CHINESE ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 13 of 1888.

Adjournment.—The Council then adjourned to Friday, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of March, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH, Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 131.

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, 28th March, 1888.