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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 3.

THURSDAY, 17TH JANUARY, 1889.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

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

„ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ PHINEAS RYAN.

„ WONG SHUN.

„ JOHN BENDYSHE.

„ BENDYSHE LAYTON, (*vice* the Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MACLEWEN).

ABSENT:

The Honourable CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 10th instant, were read and confirmed.

* NEW MEMBER.—Mr. JAMES HALDANE STEWART LOCKHART, Registrar General, having been provisionally appointed an Official Member, took the usual Oath and his seat at the Council table.

PRAYA RECLAMATION.—His Excellency the Governor informed the Council that he had received a telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies intimating that the Praya Reclamation scheme suggested by Mr. CHATER had been generally approved by the Consulting Engineer in England, and that a despatch on the subject may be expected soon.

KENNEDY ROAD.—His Excellency the Governor informed the Council that intimation had been received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that the Military objections to building on Kennedy Road had, with certain reservations, been removed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE STONE CUTTERS' ISLAND ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE DISEASES, SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, AND MARKETS ORDINANCE, 1887.—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 without amendment.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

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 9 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REFORMATORY SCHOOLS ORDINANCE, 1886.—The Attorney General moved that the Council do resume consideration in Committee of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill reported with the addition of a clause.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 10 of 1889.

INTERPRETATION SCHEME.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, read the following clause in substitution for clause I in Schedule II of the Interpretation scheme laid before the Council at the last meeting :—

“The Governor to appoint 3 Student Interpreters, each to be attached to such Department of the Public Service as to the Governor may seem fit, selection to be made from Residents in the Colony under 16 years of age, who have shown an aptitude for acquiring the Chinese language, and who have distinguished themselves in the higher examinations of any of the Public Schools of the Colony, especially as regards the English Language.”

The Colonial Secretary then moved the following resolution on the subject :—

That the Scheme of Interpretation indicated in the Governor's Message of the 10th January, 1889, and contained in the Minutes of Council confirmed on the 17th January, 1889, be approved by the Council.

Mr. RYRIE seconded.

Question—put and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX.
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of January, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 40.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th ultimo, is published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1889.