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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 12.

FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL, 1889.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX, K.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary (FREDERICK STEWART).

„ the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).

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

„ the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHIN .

„ CATCHICK P^{ER}UL CHATER.

„ JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 18th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee (No. 6), dated the 18th instant, and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz. :—

EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES FOR 1889.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Observatory.

C. O. Desp. 34 of 1889. Increase to salary of the Director for 1 year from 1st January, 1889,\$ 600.00

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Works and Buildings.

C.S.O. 395 of 1889. Verandah for 1st Clerk's Quarters at the Magistracy,\$ 250.00

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following paper, viz. :—

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for 1888. (No. $\frac{8}{89}$).

C. O. Desp.
56 of 1889. SALARIES.—The Governor intimated that, in reply to certain suggestions His Excellency had recently made to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for a general increase to the salaries of the Members of the Civil Service on account of the decrease in the purchasing power of the Dollar, His Lordship had decided that a Commission should be appointed consisting of one or more Un-Official Members of Council, as well as one or more Officials, to enquire and report on the subject. His Excellency therefore proposed to appoint as members of the Commission the Colonial Secretary, and all the Un-Official Members of the Council, and enquired of the Hon. Members present whether they would serve.

The Honourable Members unanimously consented.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 1889, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTE LAW PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

(At this stage, the Honourable the Acting Attorney General, who had been absent by permission, arrived and took his seat.)

BILL ENTITLED THE PRAYA RECLAMATION ORDINANCE, 1889.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Acting 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 16 of 1889.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Governor then adjourned the Council till Thursday, the 2nd proximo, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VŒUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 2nd day of May, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 203.

The following Bill, which was read a first time at a Meeting of the Legislative Council held this day, is published for general information.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Council Chamber, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1889.