

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 6 of 1858.

WEDNESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1858.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND ALL THE MEMBERS, EXCEPT THE SURVEYOR
GENERAL, THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE, AND MR JARDINE.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Council were read and approved.

His Excellency laid on the Table a Letter from His Excellency The Earl of Elgin, on the subject of the extortions of the Hiangshan Mandarins. The Acting Colonial Secretary and the non-official Members will prepare a Minute in compliance with His Lordship's suggestions.

His Excellency laid on the table two Draft Ordinances,—the one "*for Appeals to the Supreme Court,*" and the other "*for extending to this Colony certain Imperial Enactments and certain Rules and Orders of Superior Court,*" both of which having been read a first time, it was Resolved, that the two Draft Ordinances be printed and published in the Government Gazette for general information.

Jury List for 1858, as received on the 22d instant from the Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, was laid on the Table. The name of Wong Ashing, a Chinaman, appearing in the List, a discussion followed, and the name was retained. The Jury List was then read, amended, and a List of Special Jurors drawn out which was unanimously adopted.

His Excellency then laid on the Table a Draft Ordinance "*for regulating Chinese Passenger Ships.*" It was read the first time, and ordered to be printed and published in the *Government Gazette* for general information.

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

By Order of His Excellency The Governor,

J. M. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,
for the Clerk of Councils.