

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 25 OF 1858.

MONDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1858.

## PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR AND ALL THE MEMBERS, EXCEPT THE  
HONOURABLE THE LIEDTENANT-GOVERNOR, AND THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE, ABSENT  
ON LEAVE.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

His Excellency The Governor announced, that he had appointed William Hepburn Rennie, Esquire, Auditor General, to be a Provisional Member of this Council, and that Officer being in attendance, was sworn in, and took his seat accordingly.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 21st October, were read and approved.

The Governor stated that, under instructions from The Secretary of State, to whom the subject had been referred, a Proclamation will soon be issued by His Excellency, regulating the length of Voyages of Steam Vessels carrying Chinese Passengers from Hongkong, to various parts of the World.

The Ordinance for defraying the Supplementary Charges of the Civil Establishments for the Year 1858, was further discussed in Committee, and agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

The Governor put the Question, that the Ordinance do pass, and that the Title be – "*An Ordinance to authorize the application of a Sum not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Pounds, to defray the Supplementary contingent Charges for the Year, 1858.*"

Question put and passed, and the Ordinance was numbered "No. 14 of 1858."

Ordered, that the said Ordinance be published in the next *Government Gazette*.

The Governor put the Question, that the Ordinance for the erection of a Praya in front of the City Victoria, be read a second time; whereupon –

Debate ensuing,

It was agreed that the said Ordinance be read a second time, and committed, on Tuesday, the 16th instant.

His Excellency laid on the Table a *Draft* Ordinance for defraying the charges of the Colonial Government for the Year 1859, - It was read a first time, and ordered to be printed for circulation amongst Members.

It was agreed, that the said Ordinance be read a second time on the 16th instant.

Resolved, that the Council do adjourn to Tuesday, the 16th November, at 12 o'clock precisely.

W. CAINE,

*Acting Governor.*

Read and approved, this 4th Day of December, 1858.

L. D'ALMADA E CASTRO,  
*Clerk of Councils.*