

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 2 OF 1863.

TUESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1863.

## PRESENT:

His Excellency the ACTING GOVERNOR and all the Members, except the Chief Justice from indisposition, and the Colonial Treasurer.

The Council met to-day, pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 17th Instant, were read and approved.

The Acting Governor informed the Council that it had not yet been possible to circulate the Bill for amending Ordinance No. 6 of 1862, and it would therefore not be brought forward until the next meeting.

Read a first time a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance for the registration and regulation of public Carriages within the Colony of Hongkong."

Read a first time a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 8 of 1862, intituled 'An Ordinance to provide for the management of a Post Office for the Colony of Hongkong.' "

The Acting Governor, agreeably to intimation given at the close of last meeting, laid on the Table the following Address of Congratulation to the Queen from the Legislative Council, on the occasion of the approaching Marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

*May it please your Majesty,*

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Acting Governor and Members of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong, venture to offer to your Majesty our humble congratulations, on the approaching Marriage between His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Illustrious Princess whom he has chosen from the Royal House of Denmark—a Marriage which has already received your Most Gracious Majesty's approval and ratification.

From this remote portion of your Majesty's vast Empire we desire to avail ourselves of the opportunity to renew our assurances of attachment to your Majesty's sacred Person; we pray for every blessing on their Royal Highnesses here and hereafter; and we sincerely trust that the union of the august Pair may be the source of increased domestic comfort and happiness to your Most Gracious Majesty.

The above Address being unanimously adopted by the Council, His Excellency undertook to forward it to His Grace the Secretary of State for Presentation to Her Majesty.

The Council adjourned to Friday, the 6th Proximo, at noon.

W. T. MERCER,  
*Acting Governor.*

Read and approved, this 6th Day of February, 1863.

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