

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

NO. 18 OF 1873.

TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1873.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.
The Honorable the Chief Justice (JOHN SMALE).
The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary (CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH).
The Honorable the Attorney General (JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE).
The Honorable the Acting Treasurer (CHARLES MAY).
The Honorable RICHARD ROWETT.
The Honorable WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER.

ABSENT:

The Honorable HENRY JOHN BALL, —on leave.
The Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE.
The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.

The Council meets this day at 2.30 P.M., by special Summons.

This Minutes of the Council held on the 26th August, having been read, —

The Honorable the Attorney General desires that it may be recorded, that the silence of Members of Council is not to be considered as though they assented to the statements in the Protest of the Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE, just read, as they did not accord with his recollection of what had taken place.

The Honorable the Chief Justice expresses his opinion, that this Council neither assents to, or dissents from, the statements in any such Protest.

After which, the Minutes are confirmed.

Read a first time, a Bill *to amend the Chinese Emigrant Ship Ordinance, 1873.*

His Excellency states that this Bill is introduced pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of State, and the Despatch conveying those instructions, (No. 87 of the 7th July) is laid on the Table and read.

The Honorable the Acting Colonial Secretary moves the suspension of the Standing Rules, in order that the Bill may be proceeded with.

Seconded by the Honorable the Attorney General, and carried.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, the Bill is read a second time, committed, and passed, bearing the Title of —“*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to amend the ‘Chinese Emigrant Ship Ordinance, 1873,’*”—being “*No. 10 of 1873.*”

Read a second time, the Bill *to amend the Law of Property in relation to Covenants and Conditions in Leases*, and the Council goes into Committee upon the

Clauses of the Bill, —which are explained by the Honorable the Attorney General.

The Bill having gone through Committee, is adopted by the Council and passed, —bearing the Title of —“*An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the Advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to extend to the Colony certain Provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the 22nd and 23rd Years of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter Thirty-five, to amend the Law of Property in relation to Covenants and Conditions in Leases,*” —being “No. 11 of 1873.”

Read a second time, a Bill *to regulate and define the Practice of Barristers and Attorneys admitted and enrolled by the Supreme Court, and to amend the Law in relation thereto,*—and it is ordered that Discussion thereon in Committee be postponed.

The Honorable the Chief Justice, as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to examine into, and report upon the three Bills—to amend the Constitution and Civil Procedure of the Supreme Court, and to abolish the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, —presents those Bills as amended by the Special Committee, and explains the principal Judicial reforms contemplated by the proposed Legislation.

The Bill as amended, are received.

After which,—His Excellency adjourns the Council at half-past 4 o'clock, till tomorrow at 2.30 P.M.

A E. KENNEDY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 24th Day of September, 1873.

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