

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No. 7 OF 1874.
MONDAY, 10TH August, 1874.

PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor SIR ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.
The Honorable the Chief Justice (SIR JOHN SMALE).
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary (JOHN GARDINER AUSTIN).
The Honorable the Attorney General (JOHN BRAMSTON).
The Honorable the Acting Treasurer (CECIL CLEMENTI SMITH).
The Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE.
The Honorable RICHARD ROWETT.
The Honorable JAMES WHITTALL.

ABSENT:

The Honorable WILLIAM HASTINGS ALEXANDER, - absent on leave.

The Council meets this day at 2.30 P.M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Council held on the 1st of August, are read and confirmed.

The *Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1873* 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 authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand Dollars to defray the Charges of the Year 1873, - being 'No.4 of 1874.'*"

Whilst the Ordinance was passing through Committee, the Honorable PHINEAS RYRIE gave notice, that at the next meeting of the Council he would ask if the second Fire-bell received from England had been erected, and whether the additions proposed to be made some time ago to the Fire Engine Station at the Cross Roads were to be carried out.

The *Merchant Shipping Consolidation Bill* is read a second time, and the Council resolves itself into Committee upon the Clauses of the Bill.

Sections 1 to 11 are discussed, and certain amendments and alterations being agreed to, the further consideration of the Bill in Committee is adjourned until the next meeting of the Council.

In the course of revision, it was agreed, at the suggestion of the Honorable the Attorney General, that Section VII of the Bill be referred for examination and report to a Special Committee of the Council.

His Excellency names the Attorney General and Mr. ROWETT to be Members of the Special Committee.

At this stage of the Proceedings, the Acting Treasurer calls the attention of His Excellency to a Report of a Commission appointed in 1869, to inquire into the operation of the "Harbor and Coasts Ordinance, 1866," and suggests that advantage might be taken of the present opportunity, when that Ordinance is

being re-enacted, for discussing the modifications which had been proposed.

His Excellency states that he will consider the suggestion of the Honorable Member.

His Excellency then adjourns the Council at a quarter past 5 o'clock, till to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

A. E. KENNEDY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 11th Day of August, 1874.

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