

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF HONGKONG.

No.6 OF 1878

SATURDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1878.

## PRESENT:

His Excellency Governor J. POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G.

The Honourable the Acting Chief Justice (FRANCIS SNOWDEN).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary (CHARLES MAY).

The Honourable the Attorney General (GEORGE PHILLIPPO).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Treasurer (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).

The Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE.

The Honourable HENRY LOWCOCK.

The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK.

The Honourable THOMAS CHILD HAYLLAR, Q.C.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting is postponed until the next Meeting.

On the motion of His Excellency the Governor, the Standing Orders are suspended and His Excellency moves the following address on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess ALICE :—

"We the Governor and Legislative Council of Hongkong venture from this distant portion of the Empire to offer to your Majesty our sincere condolence in the affliction your Majesty has sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess ALICE."

The motion is seconded by the Honourable PHINEAS RYRIE, and is carried unanimously.

On the motion of His Excellency the Governor, the Appropriation Bill, 1879, is read a second time, committed; and after one or two alternations and additions, is passed, bearing the Title of "An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to appropriate a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and Seventy-nine thousand Dollars to the public service of the year 1879," being "Ordinance No. 5 of 1878."

The following Bills are read a first time :—

Bill to extend Ordinance No. 1 of 1875 to provide means for enforcing good order and discipline in the Police Force employed in the Royal Naval Yard to the other Establishments of the Royal Navy in this Colony.

Bill to amend Ordinance No. 2 of 1858 entitled "An Ordinance for Licensing and Regulating the Sale of Prepared Opium."

The following votes are approved :—

Gratuity of \$840 to Dr. VAN DER HOBCK for his services as Acting Superintendent of the Civil Hospital.

Supplementary vote of \$1,500 for Repairs to Buildings.

The Honourable HENRY LOWCOCK, in accordance with notice previously given, moves that the correspondence between the Government and the Supreme Court, the Magistrates and the Police Department, with reference to every case deported or recommended to the Executive for deportation since April, 1877, be laid on the Table.

The Honourable W. KESWICK seconds the motion.

His Excellency said that he had already agreed to lay the correspondence asked for on the Table at the last Meeting, and that it was now in course of being prepared for the printer. He had, in order to make the correspondence complete, added documents of an earlier date than that fixed by the Honourable Member.

In reply to His Honour the Acting Chief Justice, His Excellency states that a Commission to inquire into the operation of Ordinance No. 4 of 1863 would be appointed as soon as circumstances permitted.

His Excellency adjourns the Council *sine die*.

J. POPE HENNESSY,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 18th day of January, 1879.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
*Clerk of Councils.*