

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 4.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1882.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY, K.C.M.G.)

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice, (FRANCIS SNOWDEN).

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (MALCOLM STRUAN TONNOCHY).

" the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY).

" the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

" PHINEAS RYRIE.

" NG CHOY.

" FRANCIS BULKELEY JOHNSON.

ABSENT:

The Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK (on leave).

" JOHN MACNEILE PRICE (on leave).

" EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS (on leave).

The Council meets this day by Special Summons.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of Council held on the 9th instant are read.

Mr. JOHNSON enquires whether the Protest he caused to be delivered to the Clerk of Councils has been placed on the Minutes.

The Governor replies that it was received since the last meeting and cannot therefore be entered on the minutes of the last meeting which was held on the 9th instant.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 9th of February 1882, are then confirmed.

By direction of the Governor the Clerk reads the following protest which had been delivered to him on the 13th of February, and His Excellency directs it to be entered on the minutes forthwith:-

To His Excellency SIR JOHN POPE HENNESSY, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong; and to ARATHOON SETH, Esquire, Clerk of Councils.

HONGKONG, 13th February, 1882.

I do hereby protest in writing against the decision of Your Excellency, intimated by you in the letter addressed to me by the Clerk of Councils, dated the 7th instant, and confirmed by you in the Legislative Council of that day, by which decision Your Excellency ruled that a motion of mine, of my intention to move which, at that Council, I had given due notice, and the terms of which I shall presently state in *extenso*, was irregular and out of order.

The motion to which I allude, was as follows :—“That His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Acting Colonial Secretary to lay upon the table copies of letters addressed by me to the Acting Colonial Secretary dated 2nd December, with enclosures, and 7th and 15th December, and of the Acting Colonial Secretary’s

replies dated respectively 5th and 13th December; also that His Excellency will be pleased to lay upon the table copies of a letter addressed by Mr. T. C. HAYLLAR to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated on or about 27th July, 1881, of a covering despatch from His Excellency the Governor about the same date, and a letter from Mr. T. C. HAYLLAR to the Secretary of State, asking permission to withdraw his despatch of 27th July, 1881, and dated 8th September, comprising a series of documents which have been exhibited to members of Council by His Excellency's directions."—I have the honour to be, your most obedient servant,

F. BULKELEY JOHNSON.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S MINUTE ON THE ABOVE PROTEST.

There is a slight inaccuracy or misconception in the latter part of the Protest (about documents being exhibited by my direction), but nevertheless, let it be entered in full on the minutes.

J. POPE HENNESSY.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1882.

His Excellency then proceeds to move the first order of the day, the consideration of the Jury List for 1882, but whilst the Governor is addressing the Council, Mr. JOHNSON rises to call attention to a question of privilege.

His Excellency rules that the Honourable Member is out of order in endeavouring as a question of privilege, to enter into a discussion and quote a text book with reference to a ruling of the Chair on a former occasion some meetings ago.

The Governor in resuming his remarks on the first order of the day invites the opinion of the Council on the point whether the Jury List for 1882 should be considered with closed doors.

It is agreed that it should be considered with closed doors.

The gentlemen of the Press, being the only stranger present, withdraw from the Council Chamber until the Jury List had been dealt with.

The draft Jury List for 1882 is taken into consideration, and the same having been revised and amended, and the Special Jurors having been designated, is finally adopted.

Read a second time the Bill for the naturalization of LAI SHUN-TING.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer informs the Council that Mr. LAI SHUN-TING is not at present a resident in the Colony.

The going into Committee on the Bill is postponed until Mr. LAI SHUN-TING'S return to the Colony.

The following Bills are read a second time:—

An Ordinance for the Naturalization of CHAN TENG CHO.

" " " " 'NG LI HING.

" " " " YAU CHONG PENG.

" " " " CHAN MUN WING.

" " *to amend the Vehicles Ordinance, 1863.*

" " *to amend the Law with reference to Bankers' Books Evidence.*

The foregoing Bills having been committed, approved in Committee and passed, are entitled respectively : —

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of CHAN TENG CHO, being numbered No. 2 of 1882.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice of Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of 'NG LI HING, being numbered No. 3 of 1882.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice of Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of YAU CHONG PENG, being numbered No.4 of 1882.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice of Legislative Council thereof, for the naturalization of CHAN MUN WING, being numbered No.5 of 1882.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of Legislative Council thereof, entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 6 of 1863, (Regulation of Chairs and Vehicles)*, being numbered No.6 of 1882.

An Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of Legislative Council thereof, to amend the Law with reference to Bankers' Books Evidence, being numbered No.7 of 1882.

With reference to the Naturalization Ordinances just passed, at the suggestion of the Acting Colonial Treasurer and Mr. NG CHOY, His Excellency the Governor directs the following particulars to be recorded on the minutes :—

Name.	Age.	Where born.	Present Residence.
Chan Teng Cho,	39	Amoy.	Victoria, Hongkong.
'Ng Li Hing,	47	"	"
Yau Chong Peng,.....	30	"	"
Chan Mun Wing,.....	41	"	"

The second reading of the Bill to amend the Excise Ordinances (Opium) is postponed.

His Excellency adjourns the Council *sine die*.

J. POPE HENNESSY,
Governor.

Read and confirmed this 1st day of March, 1882.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.