

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 8.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1885.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

(SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.)

His Honour the Chief Justice, (SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.)

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ the Registrar General, (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WILLIAM KESWICK.

„ THOMAS JACKSON.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.—The Honourable T. JACKSON gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would ask if it is true that the funds of this Colony are at present being spent upon the construction of a fort at the Liimún Pass, covering the proposed minefield, upon which it is intended to mount old 40-pounder guns, which have been obsolete for nearly twenty-years, and which would prove utterly useless against modern ordinance.

PETITION.—The Honourable W. KESWICK brought up a Petition from the Solicitors of the Colony, praying for legislation to improve the land laws at present in force in Hongkong, and moved, that it be received.

Question—put and passed.

The Honourable W. KESWICK moved that the Petition and draft Bill accompanying it be printed and circulated.

The Honourable T. JACKSON seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BANKERS' BOOKS EVIDENCE ORDINANCE.—READ A THIRD TIME. On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, a Bill entitled *The Bankers' Books Evidence Ordinance*, 1885 was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed.

A BILL TO AMEND ORDINANCE 14 OF 1870.—READ A FIRST TIME. NOTICE OF SECOND READING. On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, a Bill to amend Ordinance 14 of 1870 was read a first time.

The Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move that the Bill be read a second time.

A BILL TO AMEND ORDINANCE 8 OF 1882.—READ A SECOND TIME. NOTICE OF GOING INTO COMMITTEE. On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, a Bill entitled *An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 8 of 1882* was read a second time.

The Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council, he would move that the Council go into Committee on the Bill.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDERS OF THE DAY.—The Attorney General moved the postponement of the other Orders of the day.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 28th day of January, 1885.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Clerk of Councils.