

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NO. 14.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH MARCH, 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 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.

ABSENT:

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

The Council met in pursuance of adjournment.

Minutes read and confirmed.

NOTICE OF QUESTION.—The Honourable WONG SHING gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, he would ask whether an apology or explanation has been received from the French Authorities for the reported outrage committed on board a Coal barge in this Harbour on the 19th February last, while the barge was being employed to supply Coal to the French Man-of-war *Duguay Trouin*.

His Excellency the Governor spoke as follows:—With reference to the question of which the Honourable Gentleman has given notice, I may mention now that the important matter to which he refers has not escaped my attention. A report on the subject was addressed to the Government by the Police, when I caused an official letter to be addressed to the French Consul. That gentleman has replied that he will make enquiry forthwith, and state the result. Accordingly, when the Honourable Gentleman asks the question of which he has given notice at the next meeting of this Council, I shall probably be in a position to afford him further information.

MARRIED WOMEN'S DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY ORDINANCE.—READ A FIRST TIME.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Treasurer, a Bill entitled *The Married Women's Disposition of Property Ordinance*, 1885, was read a first time.

The Attorney General gave notice that, at the next meeting of Council, he would move the second reading of this Bill.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDER OF THE DAY.—The Attorney General moved that the other Order of the Day be postponed.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Council adjourned until Wednesday, the 11th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 11th day of March, 1885.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.