

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 6.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1884.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.)

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

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

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

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ 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.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE.—His Excellency the Governor moved the following Address of Condolence to Her Majesty the QUEEN on the death of the Duke of Albany:—

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Governor and Legislative Council of Hongkong, in Council assembled, desire to offer the expression of our sincere sympathy with the affliction which Your Majesty has suffered through the death of His Royal Highness, Prince LEOPOLD, Duke of Albany.

We assure Your Majesty that the great distance of this Colony from the seat of the Imperial Government, so far from weakening, serves only to lend additional strength and grace to the feelings entertained by the entire community, without distinction of race or creed, of loyal and patriotic attachment to the Throne and to the Mother-country. In common with our fellow-subjects throughout the British Empire, the inhabitants of Hongkong, whom we represent, deplore the sudden and early loss to Your Majesty and to his country, of a Prince, whose personal tastes and character, and whose devotion to Science, Literature and Art, recalled the noble example and career of his Illustrious Father, the late Prince Consort.

Signed on behalf of the

Legislative Council of Hongkong,

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.
(*President of the Council.*)

Legislative Council Chamber, 2nd April, 1884."

The Honourable P. RYRIE seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

VOTES OF MONEY REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Governor:—

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the following sums:—

- C.S.O. 609 of 1884. (1.) Vote of \$480 as Personal Allowance to the Chief Inspector of Police (Mr. HORSPOOL), from 1st January, 1884.
- Accounts. (2.) Vote of \$904.63 for expenses connected with the Public Works Enquiry Commission.
- C.S.O. 501 of 1884. (3.) Vote of \$400 for the purchase of a THOMSONS Automatic Tide-gauge.
- C.S.O. 486 of 1884. (4.) Increase to the Salaries of Inspectors of Brothels.
- C.S.O. 760 of 1884. (5.) Vote of \$712.19 for the difference between the amount voted, and sum to be paid to the Cadet (Mr. SMITH).
- C.S.O. 708 of 1884. (6.) Vote of \$148 for House Rent, and additional Teacher's Allowance to the Cadet (Mr. MAY) at Peking.
- C.S.O. 756 of 1884. (7.) Vote of \$1,000 as a Grant to the PÓLÉUNG-KUK Society in aid of its expenses.

The Governor requests the Council to vote the sum of —200 (Two hundred Pounds Sterling) to be paid during the year 1885, to the Student who may obtain, after competitive examination, the Scholarship proposed to be awarded each alternate year in accordance with the draft regulations which were laid on the Council table on the 28th February last. A further sum of \$380 is also required to be voted for the passage to England of the student who obtains the Scholarship. Although these sums will not be required until next year, and will accordingly be provided in next year's Estimates, the Governor thinks it right to obtain the sanction of the Council at once in order that he may promulgate, for the information of competitors, the subjects in which it is proposed that they should be examined in December next.

NATURALISATION ORDINANCE.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *An Ordinance for the naturalisation of* TSÉUNG SZ-KÁI was committed and passed.

THE MEDICAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE, 1884.—The Attorney General moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled *The Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884*.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill was passed.

SAVINGS BANK ORDINANCE.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Honourable P. RYRIE, the order for the second reading of the Bill entitled *The Savings Bank Ordinance, 1884*, was discharged.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the order for the second reading of the Bill entitled *The Prison Ordinance, 1884*, was discharged.

DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1884.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *The Dangerous Goods Ordinance, Amendment Ordinance, 1884*, was read a second time.

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

PRESERVATION OF BIRDS ORDINANCE, 1870, AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1884.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Bill entitled *The Preservation of Birds Ordinance, 1870, Amendment Ordinance, 1884*, was read a second time.

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

The Colonial Secretary moved the adjournment of the Council until Saturday, the 5th instant, at 3 P.M.

Question—put and passed.

G. F. BOWEN,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 9th day of April, 1884.

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