

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 13.

WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1886.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

(WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.)

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

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART, LL.D.)

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

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER.)

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WILLIAM KESWICK.

„ THOMAS JACKSON.

„ FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON.

„ WONG SHING.

ABSENT:

His Excellency the Governor, (SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.), on leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 13th instant, were read and confirmed.

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

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(1.) The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the following sum:—

C.S.O. 2421 of 1885. For rent of a house in Wyndham Street, to be used as a prison for females, at \$40 per month, \$ 480.00

Government House, Hongkong, 19th January, 1886.

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C.S.O. 14 of 1886. (2.) The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$23,000 for the erection of a Sea-wall and embankment at Tsimshátsui, to prevent the further eating away by the sea of the valuable marine building sites in that locality.

The Government is pledged to undertake this work, and as it is estimated that the reclaimed area, which will be rendered available for sale when the work is completed, will realize a sum of at least \$35,000, the Council will no doubt see no difficulty in voting this extra expenditure.

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C.O. Circular Despatch of 13th Nov., 1885. (3.) The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the small sum of £10.10.0 for an annual subscription to the Strangers' Home for Asiatics, Africans, and South Sea Islanders, say £10.10.0 @ 3/4, ..... = \$ 63.00

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has called attention to this Home, which is situated in West India Dock Road, Limehouse, London, and is represented to have done considerable service to the Colonies in taking charge of natives in distress. The amount contributed annually by some other Colonies is the same as that now asked for.

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The Acting Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILLS COMMITTED.—On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on the following Bills:—

1. A Bill *to empower the Colonial Treasurer to pay otherwise than to Executors or Administrators small Sums due on account of Pay or Allowances to Persons deceased.*

Bill reported with a verbal amendment, and the addition of a clause.

2. A Bill *for the better Apportionment of Rents and other periodical Payments.*

Bill reported with some verbal amendments.

3. A Bill *to amend the Law relating to Larceny and Embezzlement.*

Bill reported with a verbal amendment.

4. A Bill *to amend the Law relating to the Custody of Infants.*

Bill reported without amendment.

5. A Bill *to amend the Law relating to Sales of Reversions.*

Bill reported without amendment.

The Attorney General gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move the third reading of these Bills.

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 then adjourned until Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,  
*Administering the Government.*

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of January, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*