

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 16.

FRIDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HENRY MARSH, C.M.G.,

Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

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

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

„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)

„ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER), by leave.

„ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING, (*vice* the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, on leave).

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN, (*vice* the Honourable THOMAS JACKSON, on leave).

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave).

ABSENT:

The Honourable HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N., by leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 11th instant, were read and confirmed.

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

W. H. MARSH.

C.S.O.
404 of 1887. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$1,800 for the employment of six foremen of Street cleansing.

The Secretary to the Sanitary Board reports that on the 5th November last authority was requested from the Government to employ 6 men as foremen of Street cleansing. This authority was granted till the end of December, and a report on the result of their employment requested. On the 28th December authority was requested to continue the services of the men for the month of January, before the end of which month the report asked for by His Excellency the Acting Governor would be submitted. The authority asked for was granted.

During the six weeks the men were employed in November and December last a very marked improvement was observable in the manner in which the work of surface cleansing was carried out.

The Sanitary Board, at a meeting held on the 11th instant, unanimously resolved that a letter should be addressed to the Government recommending the permanent employment of the six foremen of Street cleansing who were engaged temporarily in November last year.

The subject will be reconsidered, when the new Sanitary Ordinance has passed; and a vote is now asked to pay the salaries of these men up to the end of the present year.

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The Acting Colonial Secretary moved, that this vote be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer, seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the following paper:—

Return of Births and Deaths. (No. $\frac{13}{87}$).

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MORE EFFECTUAL PREVENTION OF CRIMES.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF ARMS.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council resumed consideration in Committee of this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

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

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRIAD SOCIETY AND OTHER SECRET SOCIETIES AND FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Progress reported at Clause 13, Clauses 6, 9, 11 and 12 being reserved for further consideration.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE APPLICATION OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1875.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Council went into Committee on this Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Acting Attorney General gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he would move the third reading of this Bill.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE OTHER ORDER OF THE DAY.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the other Order of the Day was postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until 3 P.M. to-morrow, to consider the Jury List for 1887.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 4th day of March, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.