

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 22.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH MARCH, 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.)

,, the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE.)

,, HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.

,, 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).

There were also in attendance by permission of Council:—

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| J. FRANCIS, Esquire, Q.C., | } | <i>Barristers-at-law:</i> |
| W. H. BRERETON, Esquire, | | |

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 25th instant, were read and confirmed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BETTER REGULATING OF THE TRADE IN OPIUM.—Mr. FRANCIS, Q.C., on behalf of the retail dealers in Opium addressed the Council at length on the subject of the Bill as affecting his clients.

Mr. BRERETON, on behalf of the wholesale dealers, also addressed the Council.

Mr. RYRIE then addressed the Council, and moved that the second reading of this Bill be postponed for one Calendar month from the date hereof.

Mr. MACEWEN seconded the motion, and addressed the Council.

The Acting Attorney General addressed the Council.

The Chief Justice addressed the Council, and moved, as an amendment, that the further debate on the Bill be adjourned to Friday, the 1st proximo, at 3 P.M.

The Treasurer seconded, and addressed the Council.

Mr. CHATER addressed the Council in support of the motion for postponement.

The Council then divided:—

| <i>For</i> | | <i>Against</i> |
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| Mr. WONG SHING. Captain THOMSETT. THE SURVEYOR GENERAL. THE TREASURER. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY. THE CHIEF JUSTICE. | | Mr. CHATER. Mr. BELL-IRVING. Mr. MACEWEN. Mr. RYRIE. |

Amendment carried by a majority of *three*.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 1st proximo, at 3 P.M.

W. H. MARSH,
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 1st day of April, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.