

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL No. 29.

FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM GORDON CAMERON, C.B.,
Administering the Government in the absence of His Excellency SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.
His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL), *vice* His Honour SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on
leave.

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

„ the Acting Attorney General, (EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD.)
„ 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).
„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, (*vice* the Honourable FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, on leave).

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER), on duty.

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

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 6th 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. G. CAMERON.

C.S.O.
948 of 1887. The Officer Administering the Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of \$150 for
the purpose of supplying to the Magistracy a Press for keeping Court Records, similar to one supplied in
1883.

Government House, Hongkong, 13th May, 1887.

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

Captain THOMSETT 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:—

Reclamation of, and building at, Causeway Bay (No. $\frac{27}{87}$).

The Surveyor General moved that the question be referred for the consideration of the Public Works
Committee of the Council, and that all the Members of the Council be invited to take part in it.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

OPIMUM BILL.—The Officer Administering the Government informed the Council that a telegram had come
into his hands stating that the Chinese Government had accepted, as an experiment and on trial, the recent proposals
of a Member of this Council accepted by the Chamber of Commerce in connexion with the Opium Bill now before
the Council, and that the Government was in communication, by telegraph, with the Secretary of State for the
Colonies on the subject.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO JURORS.—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 moved that the Standing Orders be suspended, and the Bill be read a third time.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 18 of 1887.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ENABLE THE TRUSTEES OF THE RHENISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN LEASEHOLD PROPERTY WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 19 of 1887.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALISATION OF CH'AN KWOK YING.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance No. 20 of 1887.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO VARIOUS LICENCES.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed and numbered as Ordinance No. 21 of 1887.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

W. G. CAMERON, *Major-general,*
Administering the Government.

Read and confirmed, this 23rd day of May, 1887.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.