

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 34.

FRIDAY, 22ND JULY, 1887.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM GORDON CAMERON, C.B.,
Administering the Government.

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), *vice* the Honourable EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY, on leave.

,, 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).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 8th July, were read and confirmed.

VOTE OF MONEY PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Acting Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid upon the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, dated the 8th July, 1887, (No. $\frac{14}{87}$), and moved that the following sum referred to therein be voted, viz.:—

C.S.O. To defray the cost of extending and completing Richmond Road beyond Richmond Terrace,
1436 of 1887. and of developing and preparing further building sites in that locality, for auction sale, .. \$5,000.00

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

The Honourable P. RYRIE presented a Petition for the removal of the Public Urinal in front of the Clock Tower, and addressed the Council on the subject.

The Surveyor General replied that in view of the great public convenience which the place referred to is found to be, the Government regrets its inability to accede to the prayer of the Petition, and that the place will always be kept in such a condition as not to be a nuisance.

QUESTION.—EMIGRATION ORDINANCE AND VOYAGES TO AUSTRALIA.—Mr. MACEWEN, pursuant to notice, asked His Excellency the Administrator to appoint a Commission to enquire into the question of the proposed modification of the Emigration Ordinance, about which a correspondence had lately taken place between the Government and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Acting Attorney General replied that it is not necessary to appoint a Commission, as it would not elicit any further information beyond what the Government had already obtained.

QUESTION.—THE TAX ON SALT FISH.—Mr. WONG SHING, pursuant to notice, asked:—

Whether it is the case that a tax has recently been imposed on Salt Fish and other articles of food imported into the Colony?

His Excellency replied that the matter was under consideration.

The Acting Chief Justice addressed the Council on the subject of the Customs Stations.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 16 OF 1887.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, seconded by the Acting Colonial Secretary, this Bill was read a second time.

The Acting Attorney General moved that the Council do go into Committee on this Bill.

The Council went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with an amendment.

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 AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—The Acting Attorney General renewed the motion for the second reading of this Bill.

The Surveyor General seconded.

Mr. RYRIE moved that the second reading of the Bill be postponed.

Mr. BELL-IRVING seconded.

The Acting Attorney General opposed the amendment.

Discussion ensued.

The amendment was then put, and a division taken, which resulted as follows:—

<i>Ayes.</i>		<i>Noes.</i>
Honourable C. P. CHATER.		THE HARBOUR MASTER.
" J. BELL-IRVING.		THE SURVEYOR GENERAL.
" A. P. MACEWEN.		THE COLONIAL TREASURER.
" WONG SHING.		THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL.
" P. RYRIE.		THE ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.
THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE.		

The amendment was therefore lost by a majority of one.

After some discussion, His Excellency put the original motion to the Council, and it was carried without a division.

It was then agreed that the Bill be printed with the proposed amendments and published.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned until Friday, the 5th August, at 4 P.M.

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

Read and confirmed, this 5th day of August, 1887.

J. M. GUTIERREZ,
Acting Clerk of Councils.