

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 7.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1888.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
 (SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.,
 His Honour the Acting Chief Justice (JAMES RUSSELL, C.M.G.), *vice* His Honour SIR
 GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Knt., on leave.
 The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).
 „ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY).
 „ the Colonial Treasurer, (ALFRED LISTER).
 „ HENRY GEORGE THOMSETT, R.N.
 „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
 „ WONG SHING.
 „ ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN.
 „ JOHN BELL-IRVING.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE), by permission.
 „ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, on leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 3rd instant, were read and confirmed.

PAPER.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the following paper:—

Annual Report of the Head Master of the Government Central School for 1887.—(No. 2/88).

BILL ENTITLED THE UNCLAIMED BALANCES ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General explained that this Bill was substituted for the one withdrawn at last meeting, and moved that it be read a first time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF COPIES OF BOOKS PRINTED IN HONGKONG, AND FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SUCH BOOKS.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 10 of 1888.

BILL ENTITLED THE VAGRANCY ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Council then went into Committee on the Bill.

Progress reported.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.—The Attorney General moved that the Council go into Committee on this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. RYRIE moved a postponement, and addressed the Council.

Mr. BELL-IRVING seconded, and addressed the Council.

At the suggestion of His Excellency the Governor, the Colonial Secretary moved that the Council go into Committee in order that the question may be more freely discussed.

Question—put and passed.

Discussion ensued in Committee.

Further consideration of the Bill postponed.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 16th day of February, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.