

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 14.

FRIDAY, 27TH APRIL, 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).

„ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).

„ PHINEAS RYRIE.

„ WONG SHING.

„ ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN.

„ JOHN BELL-IRVING.

„ CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

ABSENT:

The Honourable the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE), by permission.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 18th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Governor:—

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
2530 of 1887.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Five hundred and sixty-five Dollars to defray the cost of new Posts and Rails on the Garrison Parade Ground. Government House, Hongkong, 24th April, 1888.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
703 of 1888.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Seven hundred and twenty Dollars for the salaries of four additional Clerks in the General Post Office, at \$30 per month each, from 1st June to the end of the year.

Government House, Hongkong, 24th April, 1888.

The Colonial Secretary moved that these Minutes be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPERS.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the following papers:—

Report of the Director of the Observatory for 1887. (No. $\frac{9}{88}$).

Correspondence respecting a proposed Lighthouse on Gap Rock. (No. $\frac{10}{88}$).

C.S.O.
964 of 1888.

FIRE BRIGADE.—Read a letter from the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade on the subject of the resolution moved by Mr. MACEWEN at the last Meeting.

BILL ENTITLED THE CORONER'S ABOLITION 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 THE RATING ORDINANCE, 1888.—The Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 15 of 1888.

BILL ENTITLED THE EUROPEAN DISTRICT RESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1888.—On the motion of the Attorney General, this Bill was re-committed.

Bill reported with the addition of a clause.

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

The 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 16 of 1888.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Council then adjourned to Monday, the 7th proximo, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 7th day of May, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

