

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, NO. 19.

MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 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 PHILIPPO, Knt., on leave.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary, (FREDERICK STEWART).

- „ the Attorney General, (EDWARD LOUGHLIN O'MALLEY).
- „ the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
- „ the Surveyor General, (JOHN MACNEILE PRICE).
- „ the Captain Superintendent of Police, (WALTER MEREDITH DEANE).
- „ PHINEAS RYRIE.
- „ WONG SHING.
- „ JOHN BELL-IRVING.
- „ BENDYSHE LAYTON, (*vice* the Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MACEWEN), on leave.

ABSENT:

The Honourable CATCHICK PAUL CHATER, on leave.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 17th instant, were read and confirmed.

VOTE REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minute by His Excellency the Governor:—

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O. 2430 & 2485 of 1888. \$8,500. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Eight thousand Five hundred Dollars, for building a Home for girls rescued under the Ordinance for the protection of women and children.

The house will provide for a certain return in rent from the ground floor, and give sufficient accommodation above for the Home.

Government House, Hongkong, 17th October, 1888.

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

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

VOTES PASSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee, (No. 26), held on the 17th instant, and moved that the following votes referred to therein be passed:—

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES FOR 1888.

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Works and Buildings.

C.S.O. 1211 of 1888.	Building a Lunatic Asylum for Chinese—Estimated cost \$20,000—Required for 1888,	\$7,000.00
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Roads, Streets and Bridges.

C.S.O. 2227 of 1888.	Lower Richmond Road, cost of the extension westward,	\$ 9,850.00
C.S.O. 2269 of 1888.	Repairs to damages caused by the rainstorms during the rainy season of the year,	13,523.29
		<u>\$23,373.29</u>

Miscellaneous Services.

C.S.O. 1938 of 1888.	Honorarium to the Secretary of the Fever Commission,	\$ 400.00
Do.	Payment to shorthand writer in connection with the Fever Commission,	179.25
C.S.O. 1946 of 1888. Desp. No. 126 of 2nd Aug., 1888. and C.S.O. 1866 of 1888.	Cost of a new Submarine telegraph cable, and expenses incurred in laying it between Hongkong and Kaulung,	2,551.92
	Gratuity to the son of the late Mr. D. A. DA COSTA, Senior Marine Officer in the General Post Office,	350.00
		<u>\$ 3,481.17</u>

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

PAPER.—FEVER COMMISSION.—The Colonial Secretary, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the table the Report of the Fever Commission.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 1887.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1889.—The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF JOHN WONG CHŪN *otherwise* WONG YIU SHANG.—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 without amendment.

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 20 of 1888.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF TĀM IU-TS'ŪN *otherwise* TĀM FUK-SIU.—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 without amendment.

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 21 of 1888.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LĪGMĪ *otherwise* LĪ TAI FUNG.—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 without amendment.

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 22 of 1888.

BILL ENTITLED THE EUROPEAN DISTRICT RESERVATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 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 TO AMEND ORDINANCE 9 OF 1876 (GAMBLING).—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 TO AUTHORISE IN CERTAIN CASES JUDICIAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO CAUSES OF FIRE.—The Attorney General moved that the Council resume consideration, in Committee, of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Council went into Committee.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Attorney General moved that the Standing Orders be suspended, and 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 23 of 1888.

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

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 12th day of November, 1888.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils,