

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 10.

FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1889.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR
(SIR G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, K.C.M.G.)

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary (FREDERICK STEWART).
" the Acting Attorney General, (ANDREW JOHN LEACH).
" the Acting Colonial Treasurer, (HENRY ERNEST WODEHOUSE, C.M.G.).
" the Acting Registrar General, (NORMAN GILBERT MITCHELL-INNES).
" PHINEAS RYRIE.
" WONG SHING.
" JOHN BELL-IRVING.
" BENDYSHE LAYTON, (*vice* the Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN).
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 29th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

VOICES 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. 5), dated the 29th ultimo, and moved that the following Votes referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

EXCESS OF THE ESTIMATES FOR 1889.

SERVICES EXCLUSIVE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

Extraordinary Public Works.

Victoria College.

C.S.O. 786 of 1889.	Balance of Contractor's accounts in connection with the buildings,	\$ 5,500.00
C.S.O. 785 of 1889.	Extra works not included in Contract,	8,000.00
		<u>\$13,500.00</u>

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Surveyor General.

C.O. Desp. 221 of 1887.	Personal allowance to the Honourable J. M. PRICE as compensation for undrawn fees on Crown Land sales at \$480 per annum,	\$ 988.39
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The Acting Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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

Report of the Director of the Observatory for 1888. (No. $\frac{6}{89}$).

BILL ENTITLED THE ARMS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting 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 a verbal amendment.

The Acting 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 14 of 1889.

BILL FOR AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Council resumed Committee on the Bill.

Bill reported with amendments.

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

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 18th day of April, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.