

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 11.

THURSDAY, 18TH 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).
" WONG SHING.
" JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.

The Council met pursuant to notice.

NEW MEMBER.—Mr. JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, having been provisionally appointed an Un-official Member in the room of the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING, absent on leave, took the usual Oath and his seat at the Council table.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 12th 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. O. Desp.
34 of 1889.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Six hundred Dollars, being an increase to the salary of the Director of the Observatory, from 1st January, 1889.
Government House, Hongkong, 13th April, 1889.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
895 of 1889.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars, for the construction of a verandah or balcony to the windows on the East front of the First Clerk's quarters at the Magistracy.

Government House, Hongkong, 13th April, 1889.

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

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 Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for 1888. (No. $\frac{7}{89}$).

BILL ENTITLED THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE PRAYA RECLAMATION ORDINANCE, 1889.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Progress reported.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR AMENDING THE LAWS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill.

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 15 of 1889.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Governor then adjourned the Council till Friday, the 26th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 26th day of April, 1889.

ARATHON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.