

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 13.

*THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY, 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.  
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.  
" JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 26th ultimo, were read and confirmed.

C.S.O.  
583 of 1889 VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.—His Excellency addressed the Council on the subject of the recent disbandment of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, and expressed the thanks of Government and of the community for the maintenance of the Brigade and for the valuable services rendered by its late members.

C.O. Desp.  
57 of 1886 FRENCH AND GERMAN MAIL STEAMERS.—His Excellency also informed the Council that the question of the privileges granted to the French and German Mail Steamers was receiving the attention of Her Majesty's Government.

C.O. Desp.  
60 of 1889 NORTH CHINA FAMINE FUND.—His Excellency further intimated that the action of the Council in voting the sum of \$10,000 in January last towards the relief of the sufferers from famine in North China had received the approval of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

BILL ENTITLED THE PASSENGERS RELIEF 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 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 6 OF 1889, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTE LAW PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, 1886.—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 without amendment.

The Acting 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 17 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS ORDINANCE, 1889.—On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Council resumed Committee on this Bill.

Progress reported.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Governor then adjourned the Council till Monday, the 6th instant, at 4 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,  
*Governor.*

Read and confirmed, this 6th day of May, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,  
*Clerk of Councils.*