

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 18.

TUESDAY, 25TH JUNE, 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).
" the Surveyor General, (SAMUEL BROWN).
" PHINEAS RYRIE.
" WONG SHING.
" CATCHICK PAUL CHATER.
" BENDYSHE LAYTON, (*vice* the Honourable ALEXANDER PALMER MAC EWEN).
" JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

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

VOTE 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. 9), dated the 18th ultimo, and moved that the following Vote referred to therein be passed, viz.:—

Gratuity to the father of the late Police Constable STEPHEN FOX, a member of the Fire Brigade,
who was accidentally killed at a fire in November, 1887,.....£100.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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

Report of the Superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department for 1888.
(No. $\frac{11}{89}$).

SEPARATE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.—Mr. LAYTON, pursuant to notice, asked:—

What opinion has been expressed by the Home Government on Mr. Leigh's report on the proposed Separate Drainage System for Hongkong, and will the Government lay on the table the correspondence connected therewith?

The Governor replied.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1879.—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.

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 24 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHINESE EMIGRATION CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1889, AND TO MAKE PROVISION AGAINST CERTAIN EMIGRATION ABUSES.—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.

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 25 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED THE CHINESE EXTRADITION ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the third reading of this Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded.

Mr. RYRIE moved as an amendment that the Bill be re-committed.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. LAYTON suggested a division on the question of the third reading.

Council divided,—

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
MR. CHATER. THE SURVEYOR GENERAL. THE ACTING REGISTRAR GENERAL. THE ACTING COLONIAL TREASURER. THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.	MR. KESWICK. MR. LAYTON. MR. WONG SHING. MR. RYRIE.

Motion for third reading carried by a majority of two.

Bill read a third time.

Question put—that this Bill do pass.

Bill passed, and numbered as Ordinance 26 of 1889.

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

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 20th day of November, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.