

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, No. 19.

WEDNESDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1889.

PRESENT:

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

The Honourable the Acting Colonial Secretary (A. LISTER).
 „ 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).

ABSENT:

The Honourable JAMES JOHNSTONE KESWICK, (*vice* the Honourable JOHN BELL-IRVING).

The Council met pursuant to notice.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on the 25th June last, were read and confirmed.

THE LATE DR. STEWART.—His Excellency the Governor referred to the serious loss the Colony had sustained in the death of Dr. STEWART (Colonial Secretary), and directed an extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject to be read.

C.O. Desp.
194 of 1889. Extract from Despatch read accordingly.

VOTES REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Read the following Minutes by His Excellency the Governor:

(1.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
1359 of 1889. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Eight hundred and Five Dollars for repairing damages caused to the Public Gardens by the rainstorm of the 29th and 30th May last.
Government House, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1889.

(2.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
1516 of 1889. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Five hundred and Five Dollars to provide for certain expenses in connection with the Nursing Staff of Sisters in the Civil Hospital, viz.:—

Rations for 5 Sisters at \$15 each per month, for 5 months,	\$375.00
Wages of a Cook, 5 months,	40.00
Do. of an Amah, 5 months,	30.00
Do. of 2 Coolies, 5 months,	60.00
	<u>\$505.00</u>

Government House, Hongkong, 2nd July, 1889.

(3.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
1988 of 1889. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand Dollars for concreting a portion of the walks in the Public Gardens.

This amount will be taken from the unexpended balance of \$2,500, voted in the Estimates for Tree planting which has become available owing to the failure of the Contractor to complete his agreement.

Government House, Hongkong, 10th October, 1889.

(4.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
1027 of 1889. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of One thousand and Two hundred Dollars as a supplementary vote to defray the cost of desks, bookcases, chairs, &c. for the Masters' rooms and Store-room of Victoria College, omitted from the supplementary vote passed on the 12th April, 1889.
Government House, Hongkong, 14th October, 1889.

(5.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
1785 of 1889. The Governor recommends the Council to vote the sum of Three hundred Dollars as an additional vote for Office Contingencies of the Colonial Treasurer.
The excess is principally caused by expenses incurred in re-numbering houses in the villages.
Government House, Hongkong, 14th October, 1889.

(6.)

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX.

C.S.O.
2269 of 1889. The Government recommends the Council to vote the sum of Sixteen thousand Dollars, as Supplementary votes, being for repairs to Government Buildings \$8,000, and for Road and Street Contingencies \$8,000, it being found necessary to put both roads and buildings into a condition of more permanent repair.

Government House, Hongkong, 14th October, 1889.

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

The Acting Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Question—put and passed.

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

The Colonial Surgeon's Report for 1888. (No. $\frac{12}{89}$).

The Harbour Master's Report for 1888. (No. $\frac{13}{89}$).

Returns of Superior and Subordinate Courts for 1888. (No. $\frac{14}{89}$).

Report on Great Storm of 29th and 30th May, 1889. (No. $\frac{15}{89}$).

Correspondence respecting Special Jurors' Fees. (No. $\frac{16}{89}$).

Correspondence respecting Storm Warnings. (No. $\frac{17}{89}$).

Correspondence respecting the Government Girls' School. (No. $\frac{18}{89}$).

Colonial Secretary's Report on the Blue Book for 1888 (Statistical). (No. $\frac{19}{89}$).

Report on the condition and prospects of Hongkong by His Excellency Sir G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX, Governor, &c.—(No. $\frac{20}{89}$).

SANITARY BYE-LAWS.—By direction of His Excellency the Governor, the following Bye-Laws passed by the Sanitary Board were laid upon the table.

Bye-Laws made under Sub-section 6 of Section 13 of Ordinance No. 24 of 1887.

Bye-Laws made under Sub-sections 13, 14 and 16 of Section 13 to give effect to Section 30 of Ordinance 24 of 1887.

Question put—that these Bye-Laws do pass.

Bye-Laws passed.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORISE THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY SUM OF TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND AND EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS TO DEFRAY THE CHARGES OF THE YEAR 1888.

—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCE CONTINUATION ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The Acting 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 Acting 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 27 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED THE GERMAN MAIL STEAMERS ORDINANCE CONTINUATION ORDINANCE, 1889.— The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The Acting 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 Acting 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 28 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK ORDINANCE.— The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

On the motion of the Acting Attorney General, the Standing Orders were suspended.

The Acting Attorney General then moved that the Bill be read a second time.

The Acting 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 Acting 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 29 of 1889.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES IN RELATION TO PERSONS NATIVES OF OR ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN THE COLONY WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED, OR ACQUITTED ON THE GROUND OF INSANITY, BEFORE COURTS EXERCISING JURISDICTION UNDER THE IMPERIAL FOREIGN JURISDICTION ACTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR THE NATURALIZATION OF LEUNG SHÜ, OTHERWISE LEUNG ün OR LEUNG YUK OR YUK SHANG.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLICE FORCE CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1887.— The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 1862 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS WITHIN THIS COLONY.—The Acting Attorney General moved the first reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

BILL ENTITLED THE VACCINATION ORDINANCE, 1889.—The Acting Attorney General moved the second reading of this Bill.

The Acting Colonial Secretary seconded.

Question—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

ADJOURNMENT.—The Governor then adjourned the Council until Wednesday, the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

G. WILLIAM DES VOEUX,
Governor.

Read and confirmed, this 27th day of November, 1889.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.